

Glory

TO
THE FATHER,
THE SON,
AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT;

— Rv 1:8 —



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY | MAY 26, 2024

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, May 27, Weekday

8 a.m. † For those who died in service to our country

Tuesday, May 28, Weekday

7 a.m. Sue & Jack Green & Family by Mary Alice & Steve Watson

8 a.m. † Don Beimesche by Pete & Donna Marcello

11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Wednesday, May 29, Weekday

7 a.m. Micheline Finley by Paul & Eileen Ramstetter

8 a.m. † Kelly Kehoe & Deceased Members of the Kehoe Family
by The Kehoe Family

11:30 a.m. † Gary Crigler by Dr. & Mrs. Dante Raneses & Family

Thursday, May 30, Weekday

7 a.m. † Dan Riehle by Ruben & Leticia Cabrera

8 a.m. Gianna Bailey by Mom & Dad

11:30 a.m. Jo & Paul LeSaint by The Wenzel Family

Friday, May 31, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)

7 a.m. † Quentin Kasson by Eddy & Ellen Pappalardo

8 a.m. † Mark Crouch by Bill & Penny Cunningham

11:30 a.m. † Mary Bartel by Jim & AnnaMaria Spurgin

Saturday, June 1, St. Justin Martyr (M)

8 a.m. † Marilyn Sorrentino by Kevin & Anne Lynch

11:30 a.m. † Megan Clark Johnson by St. Gertrude School

4:30 p.m. † Catherine Donohue
by The 6th Grade SGS Volleyball Teams

Sunday, June 2,

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (S)

8 a.m. † Pat Shannon by Knights of Columbus

10 a.m. For the Dominican Friars Serving at St. Gertrude Church

12 p.m. The Donors of the St. Gertrude School Annual Fund
by St. Gertrude School

6 p.m. People of St. Gertrude

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m.,
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Parish Information

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Church Hours

Every day: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Join us on **Sunday, June 2**, for 10 a.m. Mass and our second annual Corpus Christi procession down Miami Avenue to downtown Madeira. Busses will be available to bring everyone back to the gym for an ice cream social.



MASS
10 a.m. | Church
EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION
After Mass | Miami Avenue
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Following Procession | Gym

Flower Girls for Corpus Christi Procession

All girls age 6 and up are invited to participate in our Corpus Christi procession by spreading flower petals along the route. The girls should wear a white (or light-colored) dress and bring a basket for the flower petals (which will be provided by the church). Parents will be chaperoning and helping to fill/refill the girls' baskets as they process. Please contact Michelle Dushensky, director of communications, at mdushensky@stgertrude.org if your daughter would like to participate.

PRE-PLANNING SEMINARS

Presented by Gate of Heaven Cemetery

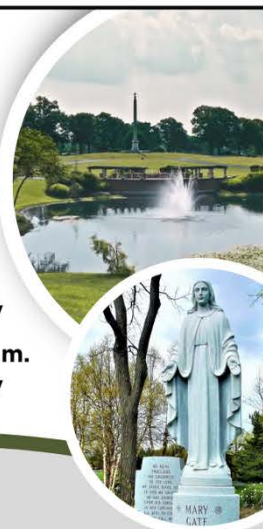
Sunday, June 9 | 11:15 a.m.

After 10 a.m. Mass

St. Gertrude Parish Center Lobby

Wednesday, June 12 | 6:30 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Center Lobby



Why Pre-Plan?

Just as we plan for weddings, birthday parties, and vacations, planning for our funeral and cemetery arrangements should be a priority—and Gate of Heaven Cemetery is here to help. Join us for one of these pre-planning seminars to understand the importance of pre-planning and to get the tools and resources you need to begin making your end-of-life arrangements.



Communicate Your Wishes



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Experience Peace of Mind



THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER

With schools everywhere wrapping up for the year and Memorial Day weekend upon us, it definitely feels like we have officially begun summer. I am sure many of you are like me: looking forward to warm weather, lots of sunburn (err . . . sun), time to relax with family and friends, and all of the many other things that often make up our warmest season of the year.

Around the parish, there are a few things happening the first half of the summer that all of us can be looking forward to as well. First and foremost is our Corpus Christi procession next weekend. Once again, we'll be processing down Miami Avenue right through the heart of Madeira. Please see the insert in today's bulletin with information about the procession.

For the women of the parish, early June will see our first ever parish "Ladies Bunco Night." This is sure to be a night of fun, laughter, meeting new people, and growing existing friendships. From what I hear, Bunco is very fun, easy to learn, and a game that allows a lot of socializing while playing. Especially if you are a newer woman to the parish and haven't yet met a lot of people, this is a great chance to make some new friends. It's also a chance, ladies, to kick up your feet, relax, and let the men of the parish do all of the work for an evening. (Because that happens . . . all the time, right?)

This summer will also see a return of the ever-popular Drinking with Dominicans. This series of talks on Thursday evenings at Oakley Kitchen will kick off on July 11 and run four consecutive weeks. In addition, our summer deacon, Brother Gregory, will be leading a Bible study over the summer. More information about both of these things will be appearing soon.

Speaking of our summer deacon, I am thrilled to announce that Brother Gregory Santy, O.P., will be with us this summer, assisting in a variety of ministries in the parish. He will be arriving this coming Friday, May 31, and I'm sure you will all join me in giving him a warm welcome. I'll conclude this letter by sharing a short introduction he wrote for all of you in advance of his arrival.

I was born and raised in Syracuse, NY, with my parents and one younger sister, and lived not too far—just a few blocks—from my grandparents and most of my cousins as well. I first thought about being a priest in fourth grade, when I began altar serving, and it persisted throughout high school as I became a parish sacristan and was influenced by the example of my holy, elderly pastor. And so, after studying physics for two years at LeMoyné College, I entered seminary formation for the Diocese of Syracuse and was sent to study philosophy at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. That was where I met the Dominican Friars and, long story short, I entered the novitiate here at St. Gertrude in 2018 after finishing my studies at CUA. I was blessed to have made Solemn Profession this January and was just ordained a deacon in March. I'm really looking forward to being back at St. Gertrude this summer, not as a novice this time, but helping around the parish as a deacon!

— Brother Gregory Santy, O.P.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Fr. John Paul Walker, O.P.

JESUS IS HERE

JOIN THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE | JULY 1 - 8

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is traveling through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati! Join the pilgrims on their journey as they accompany Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

JesusIsHere2024.org

As we get into July, there will be a host of special events. With the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage passing through Madeira (and the pilgrims staying here July 3 and 4), there will be a couple of special events at St. Gertrude that weekend, including a major Eucharistic event in the church during the late afternoon and early evening of July 3 and a (smaller) Eucharistic procession the morning of July 5. That day (July 5) is also the day of the St. Gertrude Boosters Half-Court Shot competition . . . the perfect opportunity to show off your athletic prowess at making half-court shots, win yourself some money, and earn the admiration of friends and foes alike.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



“On one occasion I was reflecting on the Holy Trinity, on the essence of God. I absolutely wanted to know and fathom who God is. In an instant my spirit was caught up into what seemed to be the next world. I saw an inaccessible light, and in this light what appeared like three sources of light which I could not understand. And out of that light came words in the form of lightning which encircled heaven and earth. Not understanding anything, I was very sad. Suddenly . . . came our dearly beloved Savior, unutterably beautiful with His shining Wounds. And from this light came a voice which said, **“Who God is in His Essence, no one will fathom, neither the mind of Angels nor of man.”** Jesus said to me, **“Get to know God by contemplating His attributes.”** (Diary, #30)

CANDLE MASS



CANDLE MASS LUNCHEON FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE MOMS



8TH GRADE AWARDS



8TH GRADE GRADUATION



8TH GRADE PTO AND BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to our St. Gertrude sponsored scholarship winners! We are very proud of these students and all our graduates!

- Asher Sargent – St. Dominic Award (PTO Sponsored)
- Gianna Corgiat – St. Gertrude Award (PTO Sponsored)
- Nick Gruber & Adelynn Woodward – Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Athletic Scholarship (Booster Sponsored)

SGS SUMMER HOURS

- May 28-June 7: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- June 10-August 9: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (closed Fridays)
- August 12-16: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- August 19: Resume normal school office hours of Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Please Note: The school's front lobby is being renovated this summer. Work will include replacement of floor tiles, painting, and refurnishing. From June 10-28, the front entrance will be closed. Please email office@stgertrudesch.org or call (513) 561-8020, ext. 1001, to communicate with Maddie Woebkenberg if you need assistance during this time.

Did You Graduate from SGS?

WE WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH!



SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL FUND!

This year, our parish school is raising funds to support growth of our Outdoor Curriculum, launch an alumni relations initiative, and add safety upgrades and enhancements for our playground. Please consider giving to help provide our students with the best in teaching and learning! Scan the QR code to support the Annual Fund.



ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2024-2025

Catholic education is affordable to every family in the state of Ohio, thanks to the EdChoice Scholarship Expansion. Scan the QR code to learn more about our amazing parish school!





ALPHA—OUR NEW FRONT PORCH

BY SEAN ATER, ST. GERTRUDE PARISHIONER AND DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

I have a confession to make. As a person whose job it is to help Catholic parishes evangelize and form disciples, I have serious envy for the big nondenominational churches in our city. These churches have Sunday services that are so welcoming and attractive. They are casual. They have upbeat music. They have coffee! From an evangelization perspective, it just seems so easy to invite a friend, neighbor, or coworker to a Sunday service.

We do not have that luxury as Catholics. The Mass is for the initiated. Our Become Catholic RCIA Program provides in-depth formation to prepare adults to fully participate in the Mass. Full participation in the Mass is the end of a journey of conversion, not the beginning.

A good analogy for how a Catholic parish can evangelize is the experience of inviting someone to your home. The dinner table is a place of intimacy, a place for family and friends to build deep communion with one another. It would be difficult to invite someone who has little trust in you—or little motivation to get to know you—into the intimate experience of a shared meal. This is the purpose of the front porch. The front porch is a bridge from the outside to the inside. It is a safer place to meet someone who might still be wary of the “inside.” Every parish needs a “front porch” ministry. A good front porch ministry offers a safe and inviting place for those on the outside to get to know members of the family.

I am excited that St. Gertrude Parish is launching Alpha which, in my opinion, is the best front porch evangelization ministry available to the Church. Alpha is a parish tool for evangelization where everyone is welcome. Alpha is a program that creates a space where you can be excited to invite someone to have a conversation with Jesus.

Those who participate in Alpha will be invited into a life-changing encounter with Jesus. As the name implies, Alpha is only the first step. After Alpha, participants can be invited into a life of discipleship in the Catholic Church.

I know of one pastor in our archdiocese who launched Alpha in his parish with the following challenge:

- Invite one person to Alpha.
- Attend with that person.

The fruit of this challenge was not just the hundreds of parishioners who attended Alpha with the person they invited; it was that they had the largest RCIA class they had ever had. It wasn’t even close.

Alpha may not be for you. There is someone in your life, though, who *does* need Alpha. Close your eyes. Ask the Holy Spirit to put one name on your heart. This could be a friend, a neighbor, a family

member, a colleague, or even a spouse. It could be your hairdresser or your mailman. God has put someone in your life who he wants you to evangelize. Let’s take up the challenge. Be bold. Invite this person to Alpha. Offer to attend with this person. God could use your simple invitation to change someone’s life with the gift of the Catholic faith.

Sean Ater is the director of the Center for the New Evangelization with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Sean, his wife Sarah, and their six children have been members of St. Gertrude Parish since 2018.

Curious about faith?

Join us for Alpha, a series of group conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

You’re invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It’s free, and there’s no pressure to come back.



Learn more

**Mondays beginning June 3
6:30-8:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center**



OMEGA

A New Program for Adults

Are you looking for a spark in your relationship with Christ? Are you seeking to grow in your Catholic faith, spiritually and intellectually?

Join Omega this fall, a new adult faith formation opportunity to help you grow in your personal relationship with God, deepen your knowledge of the faith, and be formed to live out your calling to be a missionary disciple.

LEARN MORE AND LET US KNOW YOU’RE INTERESTED!



CAMPUS CLOSURES FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The Mother of Mercy Adoration chapel will be closed through Monday, May 27, and will reopen on Tuesday, May 28, at 7:30 a.m. Both the church and school offices will be closed on Monday.

GIFT OF LIFE LAYETTE - LAST CALL

There is a Gift of Life Pack ‘n Play outside the Holy Family Chapel (behind the pews on the side with the Mary altar) to collect new baby items for moms and babies in need served by Old St. Mary’s Pregnancy Center in Over-the-Rhine. There is need of boys’ shorts and shirts in toddler sizes 2T, 3T, and 4T and girls’ summer outfits in size 5T only. **Diapers in sizes 4 or larger only; please no newborn or sizes 1, 2, or 3 diapers or wipes at this time.** Baby shampoo/bath wash and lotion are also needed. A lot of sippy cups have been requested as well. Thank you for your support!



SPIRITUAL RENEWAL FOR PREGNANT MOMS & FAMILY BLESSING

All pregnant women are invited to a special morning of renewal on Saturday, June 1. Join us from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Center for prayer, a meditation on the Annunciation, and silence. Then attend 11:30 a.m. Mass in the church with your husband and children, during which there will be a four-part blessing—first over the baby, second over mom, third over dad, and fourth over the whole family.

LADIES BUNCO NIGHT

Bring your mothers, daughters (16+), and friends. No Bunco experience necessary.

SATURDAY
June 8, 2024

7-10 P.M.

ST. GERTRUDE GYM
6543 Miami Ave., Madeira

\$25 per person
includes heavy appetizers,
drinks (alcohol included),
and dessert

*If you have questions, contact
Susie Bentley at (630) 677-1197.*

Scan to sign up!

CONTRIBUTE TO THE BOOSTERS GYM PROJECT

St. Gertrude Boosters has launched its “Built by Bulldogs” fundraising campaign to support the replacement of the gym floor and upgrade other components of the gym that need replacing/updating now and for years to come. We invite you to join us in this effort! Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/bulldogsgym to donate now.



BAPTISM

Sunday, May 5, 2024



Child: Beau Thomas Breitenbach
Parents: Joseph & Kelsey Breitenbach



Child: Andrew John Leslie
Parents: Burton & Julie Leslie

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Linda Burke, Vicki Calonge, Dan DeBow, Triset Defonseka, Beth Egbers, Lisa Ely, Octavio Flores-Resendiz, Ron Freudenberg, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Elsa Hall, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Diane Kosobud, Robert Lantz, Ed and Karen Larkin, Ted Leugers, Mimi Leverone, Kevin Lewis, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Elaine O’Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Judy Sullivan, Brigitte Vielhauer, Kerry Walden, and Viktor & Mary Wilhelmy

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores, Jr., Cole Foster, Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, Dominic Lloyd, Seth McGann, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, Ian Tester, and Gus Voto

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

† Dennis Kehoe, brother of Patrick Kehoe
† Richard Vallett, husband of Sandra

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY FIELD MASS

Join us for a day of remembrance and prayer on the sacred ground of Gate of Heaven Cemetery at the Annual Memorial Day Field Mass on Monday, May 27. The event will open with a presentation at 10:30 a.m., followed by Mass at 11 a.m. and a patriotic rosary in Section 28 (Veterans Garden) at 2 p.m. Please bring folding chairs. Light refreshments will be provided after Mass. For more information, please visit gateofheaven.org or call (513) 489-0300.

44TH ANNUAL TREASURE MART: JULY 13, 9 A.M.-2 P.M.

The Ladies of Charity 44th Annual Treasure Mart will be here before you know it! You can drop off your donations in the gym Tuesday, July 9, through Thursday, July 11, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, July 12, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. PLEASE NOTE: We cannot accept items prior to these dates due to lack of storage. More details to follow. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your support!

NATIVITIES FOR BREAD

The Ladies of Charity are looking for Nativity sets, individual Nativity pieces, stars, and Nativity crèches for its Nativities for Bread program. All profits from the program go directly to help charities around our surrounding area. If you have anything that you would like to donate, please contact Mary Lou Doran at (513) 543-3696. Thank you!

LOOKING FOR CATHOLIC FAMILY TO HOST EXCHANGE STUDENT

This summer, four exchange students from the tiny island of Kiribati will be participating in Millennium Challenge Corporation's (MCC) \$29.1 million Kiribati Threshold Program. Each of these students won highly recognized US scholarships in order to become exchange students and comes from a large Catholic family—some have never lived in a home with indoor plumbing or air conditioning. Extra care is being taken to place these students with Catholic families in Madeira and, if placed here, they will attend Madeira High School. If you are interested in hosting one of these students or learning more about the Kiribati and the Kiribati Threshold Program, please contact Ariana Towe at (281) 253-1313.

THE SURRENDER INITIATIVE

Stella Maris Family of Parishes, in partnership with Glenmary Home Missioners, will host a special event called The Surrender Initiative on Friday, June 7, at St. Thomas More Church in Withamsville, Ohio. The Surrender Initiative Mass focuses on prayer and intercession for loved ones who have left the Church. Sacred music and Reconciliation will begin at 6 p.m., with Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7 p.m. Incense will be used. A reception will follow. All are welcome to pray for those no longer practicing their Catholic faith. Visit stellamarisfamily.org/the-surrender-initiative for more details.

BLOOD DRIVE

**Friday, June 7, 2024
9-11 a.m. | 12:15-3 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Gym**



To schedule your appointment, visit hoxworth.org/groups/stgertrude, scan the QR code, or call Hoxworth at (513) 451-0910. Walk-ins welcome, but appointments suggested. If you cannot donate on this date, you can donate anytime using the St. Gertrude Church group code SEQ during registration.

**Every donor receives a
Hoxworth floppy hat!**



*Hosted by Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder
Council #1195 and St. Gertrude Parish*



All high school men (incoming sophomores to outgoing seniors) are invited to one of two Ember Days, hosted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati seminarians. Ember Day is a day of discernment and includes Mass, adoration, discussions, speakers, food, sports, and games. The Ember Days will be held on Friday, June 7, at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology and Saturday, June 8, at Sacred Heart, McCartyville. For more information and to register, please visit catholicaoc.org/vocations.

DARE TO CARE DASH

The 30th annual St. Vincent de Paul 5k Run & Fitness Walk will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church (5890 Buckwheat Rd., Milford). This family-friendly event will include a flyover by the Warbirds (weather dependent), a sanctioned timed run, door prizes, and awards. Pre-registration is \$25 for adults, \$12 for children (under 18), and \$12 for just a T-shirt. Race day registration is \$30 for adults, \$15 for children, and \$15 for a T-shirt. Scan the QR code or visit daretocaredash.org to register. All proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.





ASK AN EXPERT— CHRISTIAN UNITY TODAY

BY MR. NATHAN SMITH, ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH PARISHIONER, DIRECTOR OF ECUMENISM FOR GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS, AND CONSULTANT FOR THE USCCB

Q: Vatican II encouraged ecumenism, but it's difficult to see any progress in the recent decades. Is ecumenism still happening today and, if so, what does it look like?

A: In his encyclical, *Ut Unum Sint*, Pope St. John Paul II noted that, “At the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church committed herself *irrevocably* to following the path of the ecumenical venture...” (*UUS* 3). Since then, much theological work has been done to repair the divides that separate Christians. For ecclesial communities of the West, the publication of the *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification* (1999) tackled the central theological question of the Reformation and found deeper agreement between the Catholic Church and those Protestant communities who signed onto it. In the East, many church dividing issues, such as the role of the pope or the procession of the Holy Spirit, have been addressed, and deeper unity has been found. The fruit of this work has led to conversations—and the real possibility—of a shared Easter date between the Catholic Church and many Orthodox churches. These are all positive developments made possible by the ecumenical movement.

At the same time, Christianity has seen an enormous growth worldwide with much of this coming in the form of Pentecostalism and in the Southern Hemisphere. In fact, 700 million of the world's Christians now identify as Pentecostal or Evangelical, leaving some sociologists to state that if you ask, “Who is a Christian today?” you must think first of a Pentecostal, African woman. These groups bring a very different understanding of Christian unity and the Church, which raises complex questions. Along with this, questions, particularly around anthropology, have arisen for many Protestant groups, further complicating ecumenical efforts. Do these changes leave us with insurmountable obstacles regarding what Christian unity might look like?



In response, some within the ecumenical movement, including the Catholic Church, have begun to emphasize the role of testimony and the centrality of Christ within one's life. Recently, I was asked to serve as a delegate with the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity at the Global Christian Forum 4th Global Gathering. The Global Christian Forum brings together Christians to share their faith story within small group settings. The Global Gathering saw 240 delegates from 60 different countries attend their event in Accra, Ghana, this past spring. Central to this event were times of prayer, fellowship, and testimony. Personally, I shared a table with a Pentecostal from Moscow, a pastor of an African Instituted Church, an Anglican theologian, an American Evangelical, the president of a large Pentecostal university, a South African college student, and the Methodist Bishop of Accra. Leaders from the World Council of Churches, the World Evangelical Alliance, Pentecostal World Fellowship, the Orthodox Church, and the Catholic Church were all present, hearing one another's stories and sharing their own. In this experience, it was clear that the desire for unity began to grow, even if many of the questions remained unanswered.



The ecumenical movement has seen much fruit, including greater theological agreement on central topics such as salvation, the Eucharist, and Baptism. Still, there is much that divides those who call on the name of Christ. With new questions, perhaps the Lord, in his providence, is inviting us to center on the person of Christ as found within the lived experience of other Christians, in their reading of the Scriptures and living out the faith, and to allow Christ to further shape our desires for unity, which may even influence the way we engage these questions of division. The Council's Decree on Ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, notes, “There can be no ecumenism worthy of the name without a change of heart” (*UR* 7). At this time Christianity is in need of this “change of heart,” a desire for unity. Perhaps it is within the sharing of faith stories that this desire will grow and, by God's grace, deeper communion may be experienced with Christ and with all who call on him.

Mr. Nathan Smith is a St. Gertrude Church parishioner, the director of Ecumenism for Glenmary Home Missioners, and a consultant for the USCCB. He and his wife have one son and live in Loveland.

Have a question about faith, life, theology, the Church, or something else? Submit your question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican friars, brothers, or sisters; experts; or theologians to answer in an upcoming bulletin.

Monday, May 27	Tuesday, May 28	Wednesday, May 29	Thursday, May 30	Friday, May 31	Saturday, June 1	Sunday, June 2
Adoration Chapel Closed	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	Altar Server Training 7 p.m. Church	True Devotion to Mary Consecration 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Respect Life Meeting 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Rosary Sales After the 8, 10 & 12 Masses Outside Church or St. Dominic Lobby
Parish Office Closed	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby		Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room		Spiritual Renewal for Pregnant Moms 10:30 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Corpus Christi Procession Following 10 a.m. Mass
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria				Pregnant Moms & Family Blessings At 11:30 a.m. Mass Church	Corpus Christi Ice Cream Social Following Procession Gym



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Contact Tyler Castrucci at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org or Father Luke VanBerkum at fluke@stgertrude.org to learn more about our Become Catholic (RCIA) program and get your questions answered.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE
5/29/24

BULLETIN
6/9/24

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to bulletin@stgertrude.org.

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE PARISH?

We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find paper copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office. We look forward to meeting you!

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for May 19**

Collection	\$	43,387
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Surplus	\$	6,387
Second Collection – St. Gertrude School: \$2,598		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,935,696
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,765,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	170,696

STAY INFORMED ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES

Want to get more involved in pro-life ministry or simply want to be more *in the know*? Email stgertrudeprolife@gmail.com to be added to the St. Gertrude Respect Life Ministry email list.



SUPPORT FOR MISCARRIAGE

Have you experienced a miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven's Gain Ministries is here to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of families experiencing pregnancy loss. Call Heaven's Gain at (513) 607-6083 for support, or visit HeavensGain.org for more information.

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 Father Joachim Kenney, O.P., parochial vicar
 Father Luke VanBerkum, O.P., parochial vicar

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St. Gertrude School – (513) 561-8020

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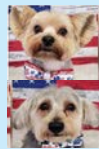
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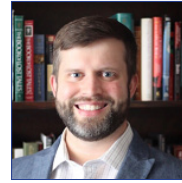


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