

# Ascension

OF THE LORD



ST. GERTRUDE  
CHURCH

May 29, 2022



## MASSSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

### Monday, May 30, Memorial Day

8 a.m. † FOR ALL VETERANS: Living & Deceased

### Tuesday, May 31, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)

7 a.m. Mary & Jack Teller & Family by Nicole Best

8 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. John P. Barnes & Family by Tricia Speicher

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

### Wednesday, June 1, St. Justin (M)

7 a.m. † Jacqueline Keller by Dominican Sisters

8 a.m. † John Broerman by Sherry Schuler

11:30 a.m. † Clyde Dorn by Cincinnati Oblate Chapter of St. Meinrad

### Thursday, June 2, Easter Weekday

7 a.m. † Judas Iscariot by Brian Zappia

8 a.m. † Megan Clark Johnson by Jenny & John Ward

11:30 a.m. † David Jennison by Jennison Family

### Friday, June 3, St. Charles Lwanga & Companions (M)

7 a.m. † Anne Siebert by Don & Nancy Beimesche

8 a.m. † The Deceased Members of the Cremons Family  
by John & Jan Cremons

11:30 a.m. † Albert Silber by Tom & Sue Briskin

### Saturday, June 4, Easter Weekday

8 a.m. † Mary Saul by The Stuntebeck Family

11:30 a.m. Tom Costello by Dan Mott & Krista Centers

4:30 p.m. † Lillian Rentrop by The Hartung Family

### Sunday, June 5, Pentacost Sunday (S)

8 a.m. † Margie Noble by The Noble Family

10 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family

12 p.m. Kevin & Anne Lynch by Jim & AnnaMaria Spurgin

6 p.m. People of St. Gertrude

**There will be no Confessions on Monday, May 30.**

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

## Parish Information

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243  
(513) 561-5954 | [www.stgertrude.org](http://www.stgertrude.org)

### Parish Office Hours

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

### School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

### Church Hours

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



## CHAPEL CLOSURE

The Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel will be closed Memorial Day Weekend (Friday, May 27–Monday, May 30). The chapel will reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31.

## MEMORIAL DAY MASS & PARISH CLOSURES

All are invited to join us on Monday, May 30, at 8 a.m. for our Memorial Day Mass. Please note, this will be the only Mass offered at St. Gertrude, and the church will be closed after the liturgy for the remainder of the day. The parish office will also be closed.



**Monday, May 30, 2022**

## MEMORIAL DAY

Today we remember, honor, and pray for all those who gave their lives in service to our country. May their souls rest in peace.



## A CATHOLIC REFLECTION ON PATRIOTISM & MEMORIAL DAY

This coming Monday, our nation celebrates Memorial Day, a national holiday where we remember all those members of our armed forces who have died in service to our country. In many cities and towns throughout our nation, the holiday will be celebrated with festive events like parades, outdoor concerts, and town picnics. Some locales may also celebrate in more somber fashion, with prayer or remembrance ceremonies for the fallen. Across the country, both municipalities and individuals will proudly fly the American flag to mark the occasion.

The celebration of Memorial Day is just one of several patriotic holidays we will commemorate during the coming months, with Flag Day (June 14) and Independence Day (July 4) soon to follow.

In light of these celebrations, I think it's important to reflect upon what our faith teaches us about patriotism. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "The love and service of one's country follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity" (CCC, 2239). Pope Leo XIII wrote a beautiful encyclical called *Sapientiae Christianae* ("On Christians as Citizens") in which he exhorted believers to love both their earthly homeland and their heavenly one. He notes that natural law "enjoins us to love devotedly, and to defend the country in which we had birth and in which we were brought up," observing even that "every good citizen hesitates not to face death for his native land." And on Memorial Day, we remember in a very special way those who indeed did not hesitate to face death for the sake of our country and the freedoms we hold so dear.

St. Thomas Aquinas also speaks about patriotism, situating it as an aspect of the virtue of piety (and thus falling under the larger umbrella of the virtue of justice): "Man is a debtor chiefly to his parents and his country, after God. Wherefore just as it belongs to religion to give worship to God, so it belongs to piety, in the second place, to show reverence to one's parents and one's country" (*Summa Theologica*, II-II, 101).

Additionally, Aquinas, Pope Leo XIII, and the teachings of the Church all make clear that such "love of country" needs to be rational and reasoned; an overly exaggerated, unbalanced, or irrational devotion to country is not compatible with our Catholic faith. Often such exaggerated love of country goes by the name "nationalism," though different authors will mean very different things by that word. The main point is that all of us have a duty to love our country, and to do so in a way that is properly ordered within the wider framework of the demands of Christian charity and justice.

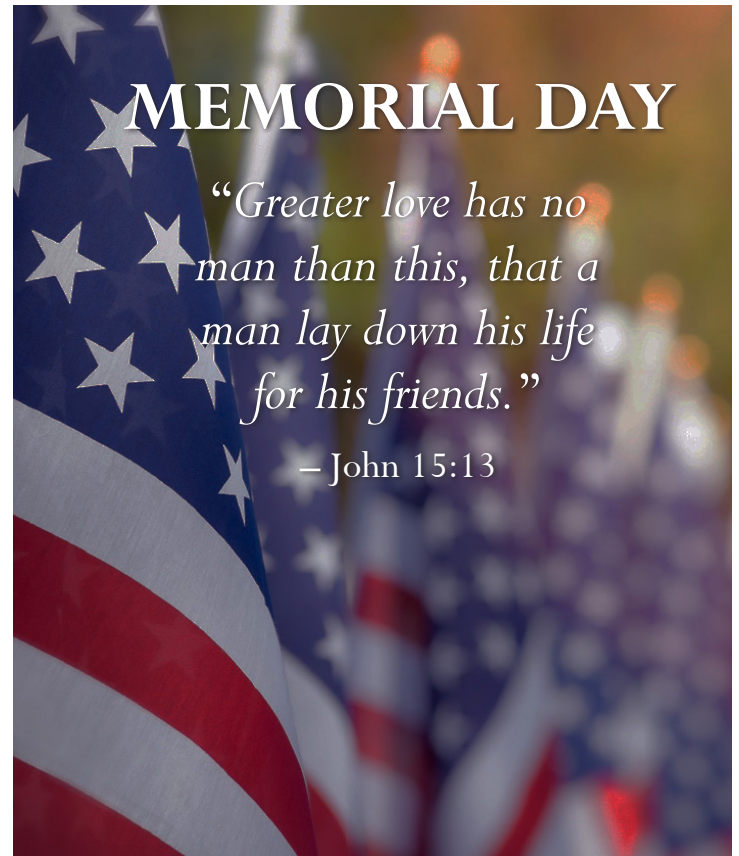
So this weekend, as you fly that flag or attend that parade, know you are doing a good and holy thing. And most of all, please take some time to pray for those men and women who have died for the sake of our country . . . praying that they be freed from any stain of sin and

ushered quickly into their final, heavenly homeland—for they made the ultimate sacrifice for their earthly one.

God bless,

*Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.*

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



## THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



"My impression is that the Rosary is of the greatest value not only according to the words of Our Lady of Fatima, but according to the effects of the Rosary one sees throughout history. My impression is that Our Lady wanted to give ordinary people, who might not know how to pray, this simple method of getting closer to God."

— Sister Lucia, one of the seers of Fatima

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### CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2022

Congratulations to St. Gertrude School's eighth graders, who graduated on Tuesday, May 17! We are proud of everything they have achieved during their time at SGS and wish them God's blessings as they prepare for high school. Here are a few pictures from the eighth grade awards night on Monday, May 16, graduation, and graduation celebration.



### WE HAVE OPEN POSITIONS!

St. Gertrude School is hiring the following positions for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Music teacher
- Latin teacher

Please visit [stgertrude.org/employment](https://stgertrude.org/employment) to view the full job descriptions and to apply.

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of May 30, 2022, the school office will be closed on Monday, May 30, and open Tuesday–Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

### 2021-2022 ANNUAL FUND

Thank you to everyone who has generously given to the 2021-2022 St. Gertrude School Annual Fund since we first announced the fund last November. We are happy to share that we have raised \$52,426 (209.7 percent) of our \$25,000 goal. That being said, only 18.65 percent of our school families have participated. Imagine what we could do together if 100 percent of our school community families participated.

**Why Give:** The Annual Fund fills the gap between what we receive through tuition and subsidy, making it possible for us to provide the best tools for teaching and learning. In other words, when you give to the Annual Fund, you are making an investment in—and strengthening—the Catholic education of your child and all students here at St. Gertrude School. This year, we will be using the funds for ongoing school-wide programming, professional development for our teachers and faculty, and curriculum enhancements.

If you have not yet contributed to the 2021-2022 Annual Fund, please consider participating. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference and is greatly appreciated.

The Annual Fund will end on Thursday, June 30, 2022. You can make your gift online at [stgertrude.onlinegiving.org](https://stgertrude.onlinegiving.org) or via check or credit card using the 2021-2022 Annual Fund form found at [stgertrude.org/news/annualfund21-22](https://stgertrude.org/news/annualfund21-22). Thank you for your support and generosity—you are critical to the success of our school.

## NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



Apply at [stgertrudesch.org/apply](https://stgertrudesch.org/apply)

6543 Miami Ave.  
Madeira, OH 45243  
(513) 562-8020



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## SUMMER 2022 | CHILDREN & YOUTH OFFERINGS



### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Children are invited to spend an extended time in the atrium this summer where they'll encounter rich catechesis and have time for personal work and reflection.

- Level 1 (ages 3-6)
  - June 27-30 | 9-11:30 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.
- Level 2 (ages 6-9)
  - August 2-5 | 9-11:30 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.

*The cost is \$20/child. Spots are limited and filling up quickly. Please email [kristen@stgertrude.org](mailto:kristen@stgertrude.org) to join the wait list.*

### L'alto: Junior High

Summer is the perfect time for hanging with friends, playing games, and outdoor excursions. That's why we're offering three fun events for all the 7th and 8th graders of the parish.

- July 17 | 7-8:30 p.m. - Summer Youth Night
- July 21 | 11 a.m.-5 p.m. - Kayak Trip (registration required)
- July 31 | 7-8:30 p.m. - Summer Youth Night

Youth nights are open to all junior high students. Register for the Kayak Trip at [buytickets.at/stgertrude](https://buytickets.at/stgertrude).



### L'alto: High School

Kick back with friends this summer and enjoy four exciting events that you don't want to miss.

- July 10 | 7-8:30 p.m. - Summer Youth Night
- July 14 | 11 a.m.-5 p.m. - Kayak Trip (registration required)
- July 24 | 7-8:30 p.m. - Summer Youth Night
- August 7 | 7-8:30 p.m. - Summer Youth Night

Youth nights are open to all high schoolers. Register for the Kayak Trip at [buytickets.at/stgertrude](https://buytickets.at/stgertrude).

Learn about each ministry at [stgertrude.org/childrenandyouth](https://stgertrude.org/childrenandyouth).





### FATHERS DAY NOVENA

Remember your father, grandfather, uncles, and friends in a special way this year by enrolling them in the Father's Day Novena that will be offered here at St. Gertrude Church. This novena, consisting of nine Masses, begins on Father's Day, June 19, and ends June 27. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church and at the parish office.

### ONLINE GIVING TRANSITION DEADLINE

As you know, our parish is transitioning to a fully integrated giving platform, called OnlineGiving.org, at the end of the month. This is a reminder to **please follow the simple steps at [stgertrude.org/give](http://stgertrude.org/give) to cancel your current recurring gift on our current giving platform and set up your new recurring gift on [OnlineGiving.org](http://OnlineGiving.org) by this Tuesday, May 31**, so that we can begin closing out our current online giving platform in June. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Emma Golias at [egolias@stgertrude.org](mailto:egolias@stgertrude.org) or (513) 561-5954, ext. 2103. Thank you for your support of St. Gertrude Church and cooperation in this transition.



Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples . . . and now through us. If you or a family you know needs assistance, you may leave a message on the Society of St. Vincent de Paul voicemail line, (513) 562-5954, ext. 2112, so that together we can help those who are suffering. Let us show that we are his disciples through our love! God bless you!

### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS®

Did you know that you can earn money for St. Gertrude Church just by shopping at Kroger? It's easy when you enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. To get started, sign up with your Kroger Plus Card at [kroger.com/communityrewards](http://kroger.com/communityrewards). Search for "St. Gertrude Church" or use our unique ID# BN609. Thank you for your support.

### BAPTISM



**Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

Child: Miriam Elizabeth Greve

Parents: Emma & Jacob

Priest: Father Jacob Lindle

### THANK YOU TO CATHERINE FISHLOCK

As the St. Gertrude Parish children's choir season comes to an end, Catherine Fishlock has announced that she will be stepping down as the children's choir director. Catherine has been running the children's choir for over ten years, and we are very grateful for her leadership, knowledge and gift of music, and all she has done to serve the parish in this capacity. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the best.



### FORMED - GROW IN YOUR FAITH

Are you looking for engaging entertainment that supports a Catholic lifestyle? Do you desire to read books, listen to talks, and dive into other great resources from leading Catholic experts that will help you understand your faith? FORMED has all that and more—and you have **free 24/7 access!** Visit [stgertrude.org/formed](http://stgertrude.org/formed) to register for your free FORMED account.



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### LET US PRAY

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

##### THE SICK:

Scott Boone, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Glenn Grismere, Hummel Family, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Diane Kosobud, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Valker, and Brigitte Vielhauer

##### THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

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

##### THE RECENTLY DECEASED



## HUNGER WALK

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is participating in the 19th Annual Hunger Walk this year on Monday, May 30. Please join us in being a champion in this fight against hunger by joining our team or supporting our efforts with a tax-deductible donation. Please visit [tinyurl.com/49zstfzb](http://tinyurl.com/49zstfzb) for more information, to join our team, or make your donation.

## MADEIRA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Join the City of Madeira at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 30, for its Memorial Day Parade. All are invited to walk in the parade—a solemn walk to remember our fallen heroes who gave their lives to defend our country's freedoms. If you plan on participating, please meet at the Madeira Middle School parking lot on Miami Avenue between 9 and 9:15 a.m. The parade will travel north on Miami Avenue, west on Dawson Road, and end with a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at McDonald Commons Park. Participants are invited to carry pictures of loved ones, friends, or acquaintances who paid the ultimate price. Veterans are encouraged to wear their uniforms so that they might be recognized and thanked for their service to our country.

## ROSES FOR MARY ROSARY PROCESSION

On Saturday, June 11, at 1 p.m., Roses for Mary is holding a rosary procession at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center. Attendees are encouraged (but not required) to bring roses for each intention they wish to pray for during the rosary. At the end of the procession, everyone will lay their roses—their intentions—at the foot of the Blessed Mother statue. There will also be a raffle in which you could win a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary! After the rosary procession, we will head to Humble Monk Brewery (1641 Blue Rock St., Cincinnati, OH 45223) for fellowship. For more information about the event, visit [rosesformary.org](http://rosesformary.org) or contact us at [support@rosesformary.org](mailto:support@rosesformary.org) or (330) 635-5828. We hope you'll come pray with us!



## NATIVITIES FOR BREAD

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

## WEEKEND RETREAT WITH FATHER MICHAEL GRAHAM, S.J.


Join Father Michael Graham, S.J., former president of Xavier University, the weekend of July 8–10, 2022, for a silent Ignatian retreat modeled on The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. During this retreat open to men and women, Father Graham will offer a series of presentations, reflections on Scripture, and methods of how to grow closer to our loving God. Retreat includes Mass, Reconciliation, adoration, Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary, spiritual direction, and time for private reflection. The cost is \$275/person and includes a private room and meals at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. For more information and to register, please visit [jesuitspiritualcenter.com/graham](http://jesuitspiritualcenter.com/graham) or call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10.

## PILGRIMAGE TO MARIA STEIN SHRINE OF THE HOLY RELICS

Did you know that Maria Stein Shrine of Holy Relics in Maria Stein, OH, is home to one of the largest collections of relics in the United States? See relics of the saints and the true cross on a prayerful pilgrimage to the Maria Stein Shrine on Friday, August 12, sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima Blue Army – Cincinnati Chapter. The cost is \$40 and includes round-trip bus transportation, a self-directed tour of the shrine, dinner, and an outdoor Mass and rosary procession. Spots are limited and will be given to the first 52 pilgrims who contact John McCabe, trip co-coordinator, at (513) 543-1170, providing their contact information and trip payment. For more information about the pilgrimage, please contact John. For more information about the shrine, please visit [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org).

## CREATED TO BELIEVE: CALLED TO MOTHERHOOD

Do you want to grow in who you are as a woman, wife, and mother? Do you desire strong friendships with other moms? Grow closer to God while meeting other moms at St. Gertrude Parish by joining Created to Believe: Called to Motherhood. As part of this Catholic small group for mothers of young children, you will develop lasting friendships, learn about the beautiful teachings of the Catholic Church, grow in your Catholic faith, and enrich your vocation as a wife and mother! Small groups begin in September 2022 and meet through May 2023. To register, visit [canafamilyinstitute.com/join-group](http://canafamilyinstitute.com/join-group).

<p><b>Visit the Relics of St. Bernadette</b></p> <p><b>June 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>SAINT BERNADETTE CHURCH</b>  <b>1479 Locust Lake Rd</b>  <b>Amelia, OH • 45102</b></p>	<p><b>For more information, visit:</b>  <a href="http://stbameliaparish.org/relic-tour">stbameliaparish.org/relic-tour</a></p>  <p><b>Questions?</b>  <b>Call (513) 753-5566 ext. 101</b>  <b>or email</b>  <b><a href="mailto:admin@stbameliaparish.org">admin@stbameliaparish.org</a></b></p>
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## ASK A PRIEST—JESUS' ASCENSION AND OUR HEAVENLY DESTINY

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

**Q:** What's the importance of celebrating the Ascension of Jesus?

**A:** The Ascension of Jesus is so important that in places where it's not a holy day of obligation (falling on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter), the feast is automatically moved onto the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This is the case in Cincinnati and much of the United States. But why the fuss, one way or another?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that Jesus' priestly action on behalf of the world *is completed* in his return to the Father in heaven. The Church bases this teaching in Hebrews 9:24: "For Christ has entered not into a sanctuary made with hands . . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." Jesus' mission is complete when he returns to his heavenly Father, this time as a human being. The Son of God not only saved us from self-inflicted eternal death but also raised us to such heights! The Catechism says: "[In heaven] Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he 'always lives to make intercession' for 'those who draw near to God through him.'"<sup>1</sup>

Like a good father, God isn't content with his children just "staying out of trouble." He has much higher hopes for each one of us. Recall the puzzling encounter between the risen Jesus and St. Mary Magdalene on the first Easter Sunday:

*Jesus: Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?*

*Mary: Sir, if you carried him [i.e. the body of Jesus] away, tell me where you have laid him.*

*Jesus: Mary.*

*Mary: Rabboni!*

*Jesus: Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father; but go and tell my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.*

Like a loving father, Jesus offers Mary consolation in her moment of great sorrow. This faithful woman was chosen as the first witness to the Resurrection. But human consolation was not enough. Jesus conveyed a challenge to Mary and, with it, an even greater hope: "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father." Salvation is about more than defying separation from those we loved on earth; it is about the promise of a life with Jesus and his Father that is yet to be had.

Isn't Jesus' ascension back to his Father unnecessary and a bit cruel? Wouldn't it be better for him to have stayed on Earth forever? To these important questions, I offer a simple thought: Isn't the process of growing up "unnecessary and a bit cruel?" And yet, who of us having survived the trials of being a teenager would deny the importance of making the journey to become an adult.

The risen Jesus offers us a glimpse of what it is to be, so to speak, a full adult human being *and* member of the Church. God has more in store for us than mere survival: he wants us to live forever with him as his beloved children. No longer sad or fearful. No longer weak or even mortal. The Church prays a prayer of hope and wonder for each of us on the great solemnity of the Ascension:

*Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, [Jesus] ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where He, our Head and Founder, has gone before.*<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), no. 662.

<sup>2</sup> Preface I of the Ascension of the Lord, Roman Missal.

*Have a question? Submit it to [bulletin@stgertrude.org](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org) for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!*





## THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, May 30	Tuesday, May 31	Wednesday, June 1	Thursday, June 2	Friday, June 3	Saturday, June 4	Sunday, June 5
Adoration Chapel Closed	True Devotion to Mary 12 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Adult Choir 7 p.m. PC Music Room	Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	CGS Level I Catechist Formation 8 a.m. Atrium II	CGS Level I Catechist Formation 8 a.m. Atrium II	Rosary Sales After 8, 10 & 12 Masses PC St. Dominic Lobby
Parish Office Closed	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church	K of C Business Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall		Regina Veritatis First Saturday Meeting 10:30 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level I Catechist Formation 9:30 a.m. Atrium II
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden					First Saturday Prayer Service 12 p.m. Church	Become Catholic 11:30 a.m. PC St. Joseph Room
						Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church

### SAVE THE DATE

Knights of Columbus Elder Council #1195

# BLOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, June 4, 2022**  
**8 a.m.-3:15 p.m.**

**Hoxworth Neighborhood  
Donor Center**

9780 Kenwood Rd., Blue Ash, OH

**Every donor receives a  
Hoxworth 3-in-1 tumbler!**

To schedule your appointment, please  
visit [hoxworth.org/groups/stgertrude](http://hoxworth.org/groups/stgertrude), or  
call (513) 451-0910. Appointment are  
preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

If you are unable to donate blood on  
June 4, you can donate anytime using  
the St. Gertrude group code  
"SEQ" during registration.



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## OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish  
Weekly Collection and Budget Report  
Collection for May 22

Collection	\$	35,875
Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Weekly Surplus	\$	581

2nd Collection – Catholic Education: \$2,308

**Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2022)**

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,780,559
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,698,524
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	82,035

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN  
6/12/22

MATERIALS DUE  
6/1/22

Please submit your Mass announcements and  
bulletin articles to [bulletin@stgertrude.org](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org)  
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## Parish Staff

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 Father John Mark Solitario, O.P., parochial vicar  
 Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., parochial vicar

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Father John Langlois, O.P., prior  
 Father George Schommer, O.P., subprior  
 Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.  
 Father John Corbett, O.P.  
 Father Michael Mary Dosch, O.P., novice master

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## Corporal Works of Mercy

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 (for all pregnancy needs) (513) 321-3100  
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 St. Vincent De Paul Society -  
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