

IT IS LIKE A MUSTARD
SEED THAT, WHEN IT IS
SOWN IN THE GROUND...
IT SPRINGS UP AND
BECOMES THE
LARGEST OF
PLANTS.
MARK 4:31-32



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JUNE 16, 2024

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, June 17, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 8 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Kehoe Family by The Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, June 18, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Don Beimesche by Bob & Carol Connors
- 8 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 11:30 a.m. † Anne & Bob Siebert by The Family

Wednesday, June 19, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Art Fischer by The Dollenmayer Family
- 8 a.m. Monica Wenstrup & Family by WWP Group
- 11:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena

Thursday, June 20, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 8 a.m. † Michael Keefe by Bill & Penny Cunningham
- 11:30 a.m. Wei Sun Can by Christy Kellner & Family

Friday, June 21, St. Aloysius Gonzaga (M)

- 7 a.m. † Fred Little by John Bush Family
- 8 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 11:30 a.m. † Edward Brockman by John & Joy Belperio

Saturday, June 22, Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More (M)

- 8 a.m. † Nancy Simon by Pat & Terry Baute
- 11:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 4:30 p.m. † Mary Bartel by Sal & Teri Forlini

Sunday, June 23, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. † Robert Muccino by Marian Clark
- 6 p.m. Jo & Paul LeSaint by The Wenzel Family

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

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243
(513) 561-5954 | stgertrude.org
parishoffice@stgertrude.org

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.

DRINKING WITH DOMINICANS

Join us this summer for
another insightful
four-week speaker series!

July 11, 18 & 25; August 1
7-8:30 p.m.

Oakley Kitchen

3715 Madison Road

Visit stgertrude.org/dwd2024
for more details.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

Events at St. Gertrude Church

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Seton Route is traveling through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and stopping at St. Gertrude Church on the way to the National Eucharistic Congress! We invite you to join us for the following events.

Evening Prayer Vigil for Our Nation

July 3 | 5:30-9 p.m. | Church

Mass with the Pilgrims

July 4 | 8 a.m. | Church

Mass & Procession with the Pilgrims

July 5 | 8 a.m. | Church



Learn more at stgertrude.org/nep

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





IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

As I am sure all of you are aware, for months the issue of immigration policy has been on the forefront of the political and social discussion in our country in a way that it hasn't been at any point in recent memory. The separate but closely-related topics of border protection, political and religious persecution of minorities, the living conditions inside detention centers, high-profile crimes committed by illegal immigrants after crossing the border, the fracturing of immigrant families, DACA, similarities and differences in legal versus illegal immigration, and related topics have been put in the blender of broadcast (and social) media, and the resulting mess has brought little clarity but great angst to many people in our nation. Giving a comprehensive analysis from a Catholic perspective of the current situation in our country would be impossible, even if I devoted every bulletin letter for the next month only to this issue.

So let me instead reflect a bit on how the Church approaches matters of this type where political and moral factors intersect. It is not the place of the Vatican, the pope, or the national bishops' conference to dictate particular legislation to any given nation. Far less is it the place of the Church to endorse any political party or any particular politician or official. Rather, the role of the Church is to articulate fundamental moral principles that govern our common life together as human beings and—when necessary—point out when current (or proposed) legislation/policies clearly violate those fundamental principles. To take one concrete example, back in 2018 the U.S. bishops issued a statement saying, “Families are the foundational element of our society and they must be able to stay together. While protecting our borders is important, we can and must do better as a government, and as a society, to find other ways to ensure that safety. Separating babies from their mothers is not the answer and is immoral.”

A few months ago, our own Archbishop Dennis Schnurr issued a letter to the people of the archdiocese on this topic as well. Early on in his letter, he stated quite clearly the extent of the problem. “Our nation has a broken immigration system. Our nation's migration and border policies fail us. For decades, the U.S. Catholic bishops have urged Congress and administrations of both parties to revamp immigration law and processes in a way that restores order and promotes human dignity.”

The chaotic situation at our southern border over the last months (indeed, for years) shows a marked lack of order and is laced with countless examples of the violation of human dignity. I would think—at least, I would hope—that every Catholic would agree that both of those goals articulated by the archbishop ought to be a large part of any revision to our nation's immigration policy.

In that letter, the archbishop also highlighted how Catholic

charities here at the local level work with immigrants, emphasizing “we do not aid or assist in any unauthorized entry into the United States” but that we do “provide legal refugee resettlement.” His letter also makes clear that humanitarian assistance is provided “to anyone who comes through our doors” and noted that in cases where unaccompanied minors are placed by the federal government in our area, we provide case management “to ensure that they are safe and free from exploitation and human trafficking.”

We did run the full text of the archbishop's letter in the bulletin a few months ago, but for anyone who may have missed it, I encourage you to read it on the archdiocese's web page at ccswoh.org/archbishops-schnurrs-letter-regarding-immigrants-refugees/.

Finally, I would like to refocus the entire question by sharing an important teaching from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians: “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Phil 3:20).

“Our citizenship is in heaven . . .” This is the only citizenship that truly matters. Notice he doesn't say, “*Someday* our citizenship will be in heaven,” but he says (right now, in the present tense) “our citizenship **is** in heaven.” May all of us, in our lives at this very moment, speak and act in such a way that it is clear to all that the citizenship we value above all others is that of heaven. If we do that, then we will be doing our part to help our nation—and the immigrants who flock to our borders.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



WELCOME, FATHER CYRIL STOLA, O.P.

This Tuesday, June 18, newly ordained Father Cyril Stola, O.P., will be arriving to help out at St. Gertrude this summer. Father Cyril grew up outside Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, a small town in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He entered the Dominican

Novitiate at St. Gertrude in 2017 after graduating from New York University with a degree in economics. Father Cyril professed solemn vows in 2022 and was ordained a priest on May 25, 2024. Father Cyril has Polish, Cuban, and Slovak heritage, and he enjoys reading theology books (he is a Dominican, after all).

Father Cyril will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving next Sunday, June 23, at 10 a.m. and will be giving first priestly blessings after Mass. All are invited to attend, congratulate Father Cyril, and welcome him to St. Gertrude for the summer!

St. Gertrude School IS HIRING!

St. Gertrude School is growing, and we have some exciting positions for the 2024-2025 school year:

- K-6 Librarian (part-time)
- K-8 Music Teacher (full-time)
- Director of Alumni Relations (part-time) - **NEW position!**
- Coordinator of Outdoor Learning & STEM (part-time) - **NEW position!**

Visit bit.ly/sgsemployment or scan the QR code to view all open positions and apply.



SGS SUMMER HOURS

- June 17-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. The front entrance will be closed through June 28. 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!



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!



SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL FUND!

There's still time to give to our 2024 Annual Fund. All funds will 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.





MEET OUR VOLUNTEER:

NANCY LUCAS

Every so often, the St. Gertrude Church bulletin features an interview with one of our dedicated volunteers. This month, we're highlighting Nancy Lucas, a St. Gertrude parishioner and member of the Fun Bunch leadership team.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: Can you tell us a little bit about what Fun Bunch is and what a typical meeting looks like?

Nancy Lucas: Fun Bunch is a group for parishioners who are 55 years old and older who gather for fellowship, food, and fun. We meet the third Tuesday of each month September through May from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. Every gathering begins with prayer and is followed by a potluck lunch where everyone comes together to enjoy the company of other parishioners. The parish graciously provides the main dish, and the group members show off their culinary delights by signing up, through SignUpGenius, to bring a side dish, dessert, or beverage. The fun continues after lunch with an engaging speaker or a fun activity.

SGB: How long have you been a parishioner, and are you involved in other ministries?

Nancy: I became a member of the St. Gertrude family when my family moved into the area in 1964. I have many fond memories as a child at the church. As a young adult, I moved out of the area, but my heart

was always with my family at St. Gertrude. I returned to my heart's home at St. Gertrude, and became a member again in 2014. I show my devotion to God by staying active in the church and my community by being involved in Helping Hands, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Ladies of Charity, Dominican Laity, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and Prayer Ministry for the Dying.

SGB: Why do you think the Fun Bunch is important to the St. Gertrude Parish community?

Nancy: Many individuals over the age of 55 find it hard to make new friends, leaving them to feel somewhat cut off from the world around them. But it doesn't have to be this way. This group shakes things up and offers parish members over the age of 55 a chance to expand their friend circle by connecting with others who have a common love for God. Many group members find themselves more engaged in life and having more fun than ever with the new friends they make at the Fun Bunch gatherings.

SGB: Who was your favorite speaker or what was your favorite presentation from this past year?

Nancy: There never is a dull moment at Fun Bunch gatherings! I enjoyed every moment of the fun activities and the captivating speeches of our guest speakers. My favorite speaker was Father Alobaidi, O.P.—a dynamic speaker who actively engaged everyone with his profound knowledge about our Catholic faith. My favorite activity was the roaring laughter of 1950-1970 trivia.

Summer
BIBLE STUDY

Our visiting summer deacon, Brother Gregory Santy, O.P., is offering a 6-week Bible study to all parishioners. The study will examine the biblical novellas of Tobit, Judith, and Esther. Visit bit.ly/summer24study or scan the QR code to register. BYOB (bring your own Bible)!

Tuesdays | 7-8:30 p.m.
June 25–August 6
St. Dominic Lobby

CHILDREN & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

OPENS TUESDAY, JUNE 18 | 9 AM

It's time to sign up your children for the following Faith Formation programs for 2024-2025:

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Age 3 - Grade 3)
- Sacrament Formation: First Reconciliation & First Communion (Typically Grade 2)
- Family Faith (Grades 4-6)
- Confirmation (Grades 7-8)

Visit stgertrude.org/childrenandyouth or scan the QR code to view the Children & Youth Faith Formation handbook with details about all these programs—and to register online this Tuesday!

CAMPUS RENOVATIONS

Parish & School Offices Lobby: The front entrance to the parish and school offices will be closed for renovations through June 28. Both offices will remain open:

- If you need to stop by the parish office, please call the parish at (513) 561-5954 or email parishoffice@stgertrude.org. There is now a drop box mounted to the left of the main office entrance where you can place Mass stipends, offertory envelopes, etc. at any time.
- The school office will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and closed on Friday. If you need to contact the school office, please call (513) 561-8020, ext. 101, or email office@stgertrudesch.org.

Parish Center Kitchen & Bathrooms: This coming week, work will begin on the Parish Center kitchen and bathrooms. These areas will be off limits and not accessible. If you need to use the restroom while in the Parish Center, you can use the bathrooms in the lower level. To get there, go to the Parish Center main entrance. There is a white door on the left side. Go through the door, down the steps, and follow the hallway around. The bathrooms will be on the right side. If you need a handicap accessible bathroom, please use the restroom in the main entrance of the church.

NEW! ST. GERTRUDE COMMUNITY CHOIR

All singers (high school age and older) are cordially invited to join the newly-formed St. Gertrude Community Choir this summer for an inaugural performance of Mozart's *Solemn Vespers of the Confessor* with professional chamber orchestra and soloists, directed by Dr. Christopher Holman. Chorus rehearsals will be August 5, 6, 7, and 8 from 7 to 9 p.m., with a chorus-orchestra rehearsal on August 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. All rehearsals will be in the Parish Center. The performance will be on August 10 at 7 p.m., at St. Gertrude Church. Dues are \$50, which purely covers the cost of the orchestra and the professional soloists. Scores will be provided, and may be purchased for \$10 after the performance. If you would like to join the Community Choir or have any questions about this project, please contact Dr. Holman at cholman@stgertrude.org.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Mark & Jennifer Angeli	Edwin Messer	Thomas & Kelly Rudd
Javier & Sally Hernandez	Rafael Ortiz III	Thomas Sharpshair
Kaitlyn Hutchinson	John & Allison Reder	Kathryn Voto

BAPTISM

Saturday, May 25, 2024



Child: Maria Katalin Bruns
Parents: William & Brittany Bruns
Priest: Father Matthew Montag

Sunday, May 26, 2024



Child: Maximilian Dennis Blanford
Parents: Justin & Jennifer Blanford

MASS & FIRST PRIESTLY BLESSINGS

Brother Christopher Daniel, O.P. is back—but this time as Father Christopher!

Newly ordained Father Christopher will be here this Sunday, June 16, to celebrate 10 a.m. Mass and give first priestly blessings. Please join us for this special event and to congratulate Father Christopher! Reception immediately following Mass.



**JUNE 16
10 A.M.**

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Tina Bascom, 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, Dick Jilek, 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:

† Andrew Joseph Goad, grandson of Nancy DeBrunner

ROSARY SOCIAL ON JUNE 18

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 cordially invites you to a rosary social on Tuesday, June 18, at 7 p.m. After praying the rosary together in the church, head over to the Parish Center to hear parishioner Fred Thomas give a presentation on soon-to-be-canonized Blessed Carlo Acutis. Fred will discuss Blessed Carlo's life, some of his works, and the miracles recognized through his intercession for his canonization. Refreshments will be provided. Fred Thomas is a professed member of the Dominican Laity Our Lady of Peace Fraternity and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

44TH ANNUAL TREASURE MART NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS

Do you have kids home from college, or are you downsizing and finding you have too much stuff? The Ladies of Charity will gladly accept your donations! On Saturday, July 13, the Ladies of Charity will hold its 44th Annual Treasure Mart from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donation drop-off times at the gym will be 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:** Advance storage for donations is not available. No furniture items, please. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your support and your donations!

SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

Annually, Knights of Columbus councils embark on a profound journey, escorting the Silver Roses from Canada to Mexico. This pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity for prayer, focusing on respect for life, spiritual rejuvenation of the three nations along the route, and the dissemination of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year, Archbishop Elder Council #1195 will be hosting a Silver Rose. We invite you to join us on Monday, June 24, at 7 p.m. in the church for the rosary and a prayer service, followed by a fellowship and refreshments. Our music director, Christopher Holman, Ph.D., will provide music. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Marcello at grandknight@elderkofc.org.

CREATED: THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT FOR TEENS

All 6th-8th graders and high school students are invited to CREATED, a free summer 2024 Theology of the Body retreat for teens! Fully endorsed by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the retreat takes place on July 24, 25, and 26 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, Ohio. These three days of fun activities, engaging speakers, food, music, and reflection are designed to inspire, equip, and encourage teens in a world that has made it increasingly difficult for them to understand the truth about their identity, their masculinity, and femininity, and their unique call to love. Register at supportpcplus.org/chastity-education-program. If you have any questions, please contact Geneva Ulmer at gulmer@pcplus.org or (513) 493-4547.

14TH ANNUAL ART SHOW AND SALE

Mark your calendars for the 14th Annual Shrine Art Show & Sale, June 21–July 6, 2024, at Maria Stein Shrine! Over 80 pieces will be displayed on the third floor in the Upper Room. See thought-provoking works of art from talented artists, including many available for purchase. While you're there, cast your vote for your favorite piece for the People's Choice Award. For more information, contact Diana Russell at d.russell@mariasteinshrine.org or call (419) 925-4532.

BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING

Learning, planning, and being prepared is part of life. Gate of Heaven Cemetery is here to help you understand Church teachings so that planning end-of-life decisions can be made with peace of mind. Attend a complimentary pre-planning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Tuesday, June 25, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300.

LOVING LIFE 5K

Come out to enjoy the sunshine and support Elizabeth's New Life Center at their 3rd Annual Loving Life 5K! The event will be held on Saturday, July 13, at the Englewood Metropark (West Park Entrance, Lawwill Shelter, 100 E National Road, Englewood, OH 45322). Race sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m., and the race starts at 8:15 a.m. All finishers will receive a medal. Bring along your family, friends, and pets! The 5K route is along the paved walking paths in the park and is stroller- and walker-friendly. Registration is \$40 per person and includes a T-shirt if registered before June 30. To register visit enclife/loving-life-5k/. If you have any questions, please call Lori Ernest at (937) 226-7414.

NATIONAL NOVENA FOR NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Eucharistic Rosary Congresses invites you to join others around the country July 8-16 for nine days of prayer, imploring our Eucharistic Lord and Our Lady for the fruitfulness of the National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21 in Indianapolis, IN. Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3y0TN0B> to sign up for an hour of adoration and to pray the rosary in a church near you.

OUR EUCHARISTIC MISSION IN A POLARIZED WORLD

Based off his book *The Church's Mission in a Polarized World*, Father Aaron Wessman, Glenmary Home Missioners, will kick off his six-part series on polarization in the United States and how the healing presence of Christ in the Eucharist can help us overcome and mend the political divides between us. There will be one presentation each month from May through October. The second session will be this Thursday, June 20, at 7 p.m. at Bellarmine Chapel. (You can also join virtually at zoom.us/j/99177580089 | Meeting ID: 991 7758 0089 | Dial in: 312 626 6799). For more information, contact Jillian Foster at jfoster@catholicaoc.org.



**ASK AN EXPERT—
HAVING A FAMILY IN THE
WORLD, NOT OF IT**

BY KATIE SCIBA, NATIONAL
SPEAKER AND CATHOLIC PRESS
AWARD-WINNING COLUMNIST

Q: It's very difficult to raise children in our present culture. How do we as a family live in the world, yet remain detached from what secular society prizes?

A: There's nothing mainstream about the Christian life. Our culture indulges in sexuality, gluttony, moral relativism and self-servitude, without giving much of a glance to its own inherent dignity and worth. Society loves stuff and uses people instead of the other way around, and success is often gauged by dollars over contentment and peace.

Christ gives us a different map, though. By His life He showed us how to love and respect souls, including our own. His sacrificial love defines morality, and He served others ahead of Himself. He beckoned people to live with a hopeful love for God, letting go of attachments that distract us from the imperishable crown of Heaven.

St. Therese famously said, "The world is thy ship, not thy home." We're bound for Heaven to be united with our Creator, but as long as we're here we can fortify our families to be more godly than worldly, and the way to do that is to go against the flow.

THE WHOLE FAMILY GOES TO MASS

Are your babies teething and you're wiped out? Are your kids on the fence about the faith? Is your beloved falling away? *Take your family to Mass.* My friends, whatever weighs on you, go put yourself in front of the only One Who can bear it and enable you to do so.

"My 14-year-old daughter isn't so sure about being Catholic," a fellow parishioner told me recently. "What am I supposed to do, make her go?" YES. Here's why: 1) There is so much grace for us when we're simply in the physical presence of God, especially for doubting teens who, for one reason or another, don't want to be there. 2) Our emotions aren't reliable guides for behavior, but they reveal important information about ourselves. Why doesn't your son or daughter want to go? Losing interest in Mass is common among Catholics, especially once we lose sight of the intense miracle that it is. Refresh your knowledge by reading *The Lamb's Supper* by Dr. Scott Hahn. If your children disagree with a given Church teaching, do a deep dive to understand the depth of reason and love behind it.

Encourage and make room for their questions as well as your own. As people committed to vocations, parenting or careers, we know that fluctuating emotions can't be the determining factor for letting something fall to the wayside.

EASY DOES IT WITH THE PHONES

A commercial for Gabb Wireless said it best: "I'm not about to give my son access to the Internet, and I'm not about to give the creeps on the Internet access to my son." My children weren't born with discipline built-in. Their sense of boundaries, prudence and mental health is under construction, so handing them a device can be dangerous, not only to their peace of mind but to their souls. Phones are a Pandora's box of videos, social media, texting and games all designed to get our consistent attention. When it comes to kids and online activity, less is best.

Because parents are our kids' primary educators, we have to be the face of discipline for them, and that includes not only how much they use any kind of device, but also exemplifying moderate phone use AND living well. Get them outside or start a new book read aloud, which is as beneficial for our older kids as it is for the little ones. Teach them how to engage in real, connected conversation and problem solving. If they need a way to get in touch, check out safe devices from companies like Gabb or Pinwheel. Real life happens when we look up from the tiny screens we carry in our pockets.

Jesus Christ is the embodiment of living in the world, yet remaining detached from what secular society prizes. Receive the grace to do the same by being in and receiving His presence at Mass. When struggle comes your way and questions befall your soul, don't let go of the very thing that will keep your hope alive. Ask Jesus for the courage to trust Him and experience the deep, abiding joy of authentic Christian living.



Katie Sciba is a national speaker and Catholic Press Award-winning columnist. Katie has been married for 15 years and is blessed with six children.

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Monday, June 17	Tuesday, June 18	Wednesday, June 19	Thursday, June 20	Friday, June 21	Saturday, June 22	Sunday, June 23
Alpha 6:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Rosary Makers 3 p.m. St. Joseph Room			Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Mass of Thanksgiving, Father Cyril Stola, O.P. 10 a.m. Reception Following
Boosters Meeting 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				Jr. High YM Slip 'N Slide Kickball Game 3 p.m. PC Front Lawn
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	K of C Rosary & Social 7 p.m. Church & St. Dominic Lobby					
K of C Executive Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall						

ST GERTRUDE BOOSTERS
Red, White & Bulldog Bash
FRIDAY JULY 5, 2024
 Food & Drinks • DJ • Half-Court Shot
REGISTER TODAY
 SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

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
6/19/24

BULLETIN
6/30/24

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!

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.

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for June 9**

Collection	\$	41,162
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Surplus	\$	4,162

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	2,043,157
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,876,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	167,157



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.

Parish Staff

Father John Paul Walker, O.P., pastor
 Father Joachim Kenney, O.P., parochial vicar
 Father Luke VanBerkum, O.P., parochial vicar

Dominican Friars in Residence

Father John Langlois, O.P., prior
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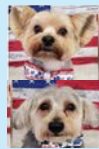
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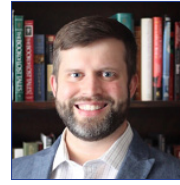


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