As you go, make this proclamation:

# THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.' Matthew 10:7

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JUNE 18, 2023

GERTRUDE

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## MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

#### Monday, June 19, Weekday

7 a.m.	Father's Day Novena
8 a.m.	† Joyce Moore by Barb Franklin
11:30 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

#### Tuesday, June 20, Weekday

7 a.m.	† Peggy Kindt by Paul D. Kindt
8 a.m.	Father's Day Novena
11:30 a.m.	† Robert Joseph Witsken by The Runk Family

#### Wednesday, June 21, St. Aloysius Gonzaga (M)

- 7 a.m. † John Bentley by Susan Brokaw
  - 8 a.m. † Jon Sieve by Bill & Penny Cunningham
- 11:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena

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

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7 a.m.	Father's Day Novena
8 a.m.	† Mary Lehn by Pat & Al Riesenberg
11:30 a.m.	† Betty Schommer by Jo Anne Nordloh

#### Friday, June 23, Weekday

7 a.m.	† Tim Petric by The Dell'Aira Family
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- 8 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 11:30 a.m. † Robert Muccino by Marian Clark

#### Saturday, June 24, The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (S)

8 a.m.	† Carmen Martinez Vasquez & Agustin Reyes
	by The Henderson Family
11:30 a.m.	Father's Day Novena
4:30 p.m.	† Bob & Anne Siebert by The Family

#### Sunday, June 25, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

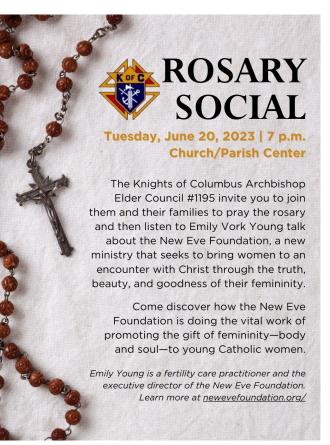
8 a.m.	† Marjorie A	. McCarthy b	y Molly	& Bruce	Vollmei

- 10 a.m. † Dr. Theodore Stoner, Jr. by The Moran Family
- 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 6 p.m. Father's Day Novena

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.



## YOU'RE INVITED **Screening & Vision Casting** The Triumph of the Heart: The Passion of St. Kolbe The Triumph of the Heart is a feature length film-in-the-making about the triumph of St. Maximilian Kolbe and his companions. Join us to watch the 18-minute proof of concept short film and the opportunity to discuss the content with the film director. Wine and cheese will be provided. RSVP at bit.ly/saintkolbe. Thursday, June 29, 2023 7-8 p.m. St. Gertrude Parish Center 6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243 Hosted by Cristina Genung kolbespassion.org



## FATHERHOOD & CORPUS **CHRISTI FOLLOW-UP!**

As our nation celebrates Father's Day this weekend, it is a good opportunity to reflect upon the gift of the paternal vocation in the Church. We see this most obviously and most clearly in those men who are husbands and fathers and living this vocation in the midst of family life. In

living the vocation of fatherhood, a man is called to cherish his wife and to lead, guide, provide for, and protect his family. In doing so, fathers imitate the goodness of God the Father, whose fatherly care over all of us is present at every moment. But just as all women have a fundamentally maternal vocation, so too do all men have a fundamentally paternal vocation. And so, I am thankful for all the men of the parish—across the entire age spectrum-who so generously share your paternal gifts with our parish community.

I also find myself thankful today for the gift of my brother priests. Those of us ordained to the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ are called to live a very unique and special manifestation of spiritual fatherhood in the Church. Every day, I find myself in awe of the goodness, dedication, and selflessness of the priests in our Dominican community. Their tireless service on behalf of our parishioners and the wider people of God inspires me every day. And in my own life, I can say that it has been such a grace and joy to serve as the spiritual father of our parish over the last year, and I look forward to doing so for many years to come.

My final note on this Father's Day will end in a similar way as my Mother's Day letter ended, by recognizing that, for some, Father's Day brings along with it more sadness than joy, for a variety of reasons. For those who have lost their fathers, for those who never knew their fathers, for those whose fathers failed in their task, or who for any other reason have heavy hearts this day, please know of my prayers. And for any who have been hurt by one of the priests of the Church, whose conduct was a far cry from that of a true spiritual father, I am so sorry for whatever happened and promise that, in a very special way this day, I will be praying for you.

As we celebrate Father's Day today, may we all draw nearer to God, the Father of Mercies, and allow his love to transform us into the likeness of his Son, Jesus Christ.

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI – WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORIES!!!**

Last Sunday's Corpus Christi Mass and procession were such a time of grace. In the hours after the procession concluded, I began hearing stories from people of things they witnessed or experienced along the way. I found myself so inspired by what I was hearing that I wanted to be able to share some of these stories with the whole parish. I would like to invite everyone who participated to visit bit.ly/processionstory and take a few moments to share anything you would like to about the procession-something you experienced yourself, something a family member (especially a child) said to you, a scene you witnessed along the

way as you were walking, or any other thoughts or reflections about the day. I plan to compile these reflections and share some of them with the parish in the weeks ahead. Thank you! God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walder, O.S.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



## Manor House Early Bird Tickets on sale July 1! **TICKET PRICES\*** \$300/couple (regular \$350) \$150/single (regular \$175) \$1,100/table of 8 (regular \$1,400 \*Prices increase September 1! Must be 21 to attend.

stgertrude.org/centennial

## PRAYER FROM **ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT**



#### A Prayer of Thanksgiving

I give you thanks, O Lord, that you have created me after your own image, that you have borne me all my life-notwithstanding my sins-with such long-suffering mercy, that you have rescued me from so many dangers,

and surrounded me with innumerable blessings. Amen.

**COVER IMAGE:** Symbolic fresco of the Twelve Apostles (Chiesa di San Dalmazzo, Turin, Italy), Reffo (1914) Photo shutterstock.com/g/sedmak

## SCHOOL NEWS

# We Are HIRING!

Do you have a desire to help our students gather in faith, guide in truth, and grow in excellence? Please visit stgertrudesch.org/employment to apply for one of our current open positions.

#### **Full-Time**

- Third Grade Teacher
- Grades 6-8 Science Teacher

#### **Part-Time**

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Teacher
- School Health Associate
- After School Program Supervisor

## SHARE YOUR TALENT!

Is there a skill or talent that you have developed that you would like to share with our students? If so, please let Mr. Travis Johnson, our assistant principal, know. We are looking for more parent assistance and involvement with our junior high enrichment program next year. The enrichment program offers unique, extracurricular opportunities for our 6th-8th graders to explore and learn new things outside of the regular instruction time. Recently offered enrichments include art, chess, creative writing, gardening, Finance & Investing 101, and robotics. We are open to other enrichment ideas and would even welcome a couple of parents working together. Email tjohnson@ stgertrudesch.org for more information or to share your idea.

## **ART ENRICHMENT HELP WANTED**

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the art enrichment for junior high next year. If you have a background in art or a passion for art, please contact Ms. Amy Pugliano, our art teacher, at apugliano@stgertrudesch.org or Mr. Travis Johnson at tjohnson@ stgertrudesch.org.

## **SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

For the week of June 19, 2023, the school office will be open Monday–Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and closed on Friday.

## What Parents Are Saying

"Strong Catholic identity, loving teachers and staff, and the religious community on campus make St. Gertrude School a unique and special place. Programs like Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Junior Achievement, and Power of the Pen ensure that our children are getting a well-rounded education that prepares them for high school while fostering their Catholic faith. Our goal is to get our kids to heaven, and St. Gertrude School supports us in that goal. We absolutely love St. Gertrude School and are blessed to be able to send our children here."

-Jenni Mason, St. Gertrude School Parent

## Discover the Dominican Tradition

St. Gertrude School is a K-8 Catholic school that fosters excellence in each student through exceptional Catholic academic development and faith formation. Led by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia for over 85 years, our school is a place where learning and communion flourish and children build a lasting relationship with God, form treasured friendships with each other, and graduate ready to meet the challenges of high school and beyond.

## NOW ENROLLING FOR 2023-2024!

(513) 561-8020 | <u>stgertrudesch.org</u> @stgertrudeschool



**GATHER IN FAITH** 



**GUIDE IN TRUTH** 



GROW IN EXCELLENCE

## **EVANGELIZATION**



#### MEET THE TEAM:

FATHER LUKE MARY VANBERKUM, O.P. Every so often, the St. Gertrude Bulletin features an interview with a member of St. Gertrude Church's staff. This weekend, we're highlighting Father Luke Mary VanBerkum, our new parochial vicar, who arrived at St. Gertrude Parish at the end of May.

**St. Gertrude Bulletin:** Hi, Father Luke! Would you please tell us a little bit about yourself?

**Father Luke VanBerkum:** I am the second of seven children, two boys then five girls. I enjoy being part of a large family, especially because a lot of my sisters like to bake! I am from just outside Detroit, MI, but don't worry, I'm not a University of Michigan fan—I went to the University of Notre Dame.

After college, I immediately entered the Order of Preachers at St. Gertrude. Most recently, I have spent the past six years studying in Washington, DC, at our House of Studies. I just completed a

degree called the Licentiate of Sacred Theology, which is roughly equivalent to a master's degree. I wrote my thesis on the *virtue* of penance. Penance, I found out, is not just for Lent but is supposed to



be a virtue. I was also blessed to have spent three years in a vibrant Hispanic parish, learning Spanish and becoming comfortable doing basic priestly ministry in Spanish. (I also came to love tacos and pupusas.)

**SGB:** What drew you to the priesthood and the Order of Preachers specifically?

Father Luke: Simply put, Jesus. He has to be at the beginning of any vocation. In high school, I learned some important components of having a prayer life, but it was not until college that I had to make the choice for myself to put this prayer life into action. Thanks be to God that my dorm had a chapel and offered daily Mass, and that there was daily confession on campus. These habitual encounters with our Lord—prayer, Mass, confession—made me realize that I wanted to live with Jesus—literally, with him in the Blessed Sacrament in my own house. Religious life makes such a desire a reality. I loved learning about the life of St. Dominic, who prayed all night long in the chapel and who spent his days preaching. Prayer and preaching: it's a great combo!

Concretely, I met the Order of Preachers through my older brother, Father Anthony. When I came to St. Gertrude Church for his simple profession of vows, I did not know what a Dominican was. I figured I should find out since my brother was now a Dominican. That's how I learned about St. Dominic and desired to live a life like his as I try to follow the Lord.



**SGB:** What are you most looking forward to about being assigned to St. Gertrude Church?

**Father Luke:** I look forward to leading the Become Catholic (RCIA) program. George Weigel said in his recent talk that the Easter Vigil is the measure of how a parish is doing in spreading the Gospel. Do we welcome people into our community and help them encounter Jesus? It's a community effort. Our team will walk with those seeking Christ, and we need you to invite someone you know to check out the program. And if you're reading this and are not Catholic, I invite you to meet with me and be with us this September!

#### SGB: What do you enjoy most about being a priest?

**Father Luke:** Celebrating Mass. God, in his wonderful providence, has chosen me, as unworthy as I am, to be the one in whose hands bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus. There is an endless mystery here, an invitation to dive into Christ for the rest of my life. There is a certain excitement in thinking about all that the Lord has in store.

#### SGB: What do you like to do for fun?

**Father Luke:** Soccer, running, and hiking. Soccer was our go-to sport in seminary. I started running in high school and ever since it has been a great way to get outside and clear the mind. I have enjoyed hiking and camping since being in Boy Scouts. When I moved to DC and was introduced to the Appalachian Mountains, my love for the

outdoors grew immensely.

One of my favorite hiking memories comes from a trip with some of my Dominican brothers. We hiked "The Priest," a mountain that is part of the Appalachian Trail. It was a grueling beginning to our trip, and then it rained when we got to our campsite. But that evening was the most beautiful sunset I have ever seen. Because our God is a loving Father who delights in his children, I knew that he had prepared that sunset for us from all eternity.



## **PARISH NEWS**

### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

St. Gertrude Church will be conducting a nonpartisan voter registration drive after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25, and July 1-2. As our bishops remind us, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (Faithful Citizenship, no. 13). We urge you to register and vote in the upcoming Ohio special election on August 8. After all Masses on the aforementioned weekends, there will be tables outside (or in the parish center in case of rain) where you can register. If you are not registered to vote or have recently moved, please take time to register.

Issue 1 is on the ballot for the August 8 special election. It asks voters if Ohio should "require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment."

Because Issue 1 does not contain any moral content, the Ohio bishops do not take an official position on it. However, Archbishop Schnurr offers the following for your consideration:

"Issue 1 will increase the threshold required for any proposed amendment to the Constitution of Ohio from a simple majority vote to at least a 60 percent majority vote in order to pass. Therefore, a "yes" vote on Issue 1 will make it more difficult to pass any future amendment to the Constitution of Ohio, including this November's ballot initiative seeking an abortion rights constitutional amendment that expands and enshrines abortion at the expense of protections of preborn children and women. A "no" vote on Issue 1 will maintain the current threshold, making it easier to pass an amendment to Ohio's constitution, including the one coming this November on the abortion expansion amendment."

## SILVER ROSE **PRAYER SERVICE & ROSARY** MONDAY, JUNE 26 | 7 P.M. **ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH** Columbus Archbishop Elder Council for a special Silver Rose prayer service (led by Father John Paul) and rosary for respect for life, spiritual renewal, and the advancement of the message of

Our Lady of Guadalupe. Refreshments will be provided in the Parish Center after the service.

For more information about the significance of the Silver Rose, please visit bit.ly/kocsilverrose. If you have questions about the prayer service, please contact Pete Marcello at grandknight@elderkofc.org



## BAPTISM

Sunday, June 4, 2023



Child: Silas Deckard Boese Parents: Jessica & Robert Boese



Child 1: Cecilia Mae Beyersdorfer Child 2: Genevieve Spahr Beyersdorfer Parents: Caroline & Josef Beyersdorfer

### LET US PRAY

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

#### THE SICK:

Simon Berry, Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Lynn Fedele, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Elsa Hall, Jane Hazelton, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Diane Kosobud, Ed and Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Michael Stoll, Judy Sullivan, Debbie Van Hise, Brigitte Vielhauer and Kerry Walden

#### 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: † All Our Beloved Dead

Join the Knights of



## Wondering what to do with all your gently used "treasures"? Donate them!

The Ladies of Charity Annual Treasure Mart is just four weeks away! Donations can be dropped off at the parish gym Tuesday, July 11 -Thursday, July 13, between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. and Friday, July 14, between 9 .m. and 12 p.m.

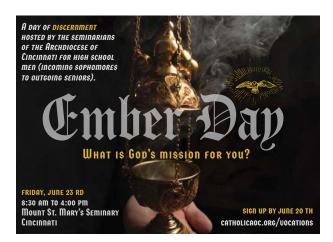
All proceeds go directly to programs that help the poor, and unsold items are donated to Hope Emergency or St. Vincent De Paul.

Many volunteers are needed to help with setup, moving large items, and cleanup! If you have questions or would like to help, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you!

SATURDAY, JULY 15 | 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M. ST. GERTRUDE PARISH GYM 6543 Miami Ave., Madeira

## **ARE YOU PREPARED?**

Come to a preplanning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (St. Peter's Chapel, 11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249) on Tuesday, June 20, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. The seminar is no more than 90 minutes and can be helpful in communicating your wishes to loved ones, reducing stress for your family and friends, saving money, and more. Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300, and let us know how many family and friends will be coming with you, what parish you are from, and which seminar you plan to attend.



## **COME & SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND**

Have you considered being a missionary priest or brother? Glenmary Home Missioners is hosting a Come and See discernment weekend July 7-9, 2023. This will be an opportunity for young men ages 16-20 to meet Glenmary missioners, learn about the mission needs, spend time in prayer, and meet others who are discerning their call. The retreat will take place at Glenmary's headquarters in Fairfield, Ohio. Contact Brother David Henley, vocation director at Glenmary, at vocations@glenmary.org or (513) 881-7411 to reserve you space or for more information.

## SUMMER IGNATIAN WEEKEND RETREAT

All men and women are invited to the Jesuit Spiritual Center the weekend of July 7-9, 2023, as we explore the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The weekend will be a time of prayer and contemplation as we seek to know Jesus more deeply and intimately. Father David Watson, SJ, will offer a series of presentations, reflections on Scripture, and various methods of prayer to help you draw closer to our loving God. The retreat will include Mass, Reconciliation, adoration, praying the Stations of the Cross and the rosary, spiritual direction, and time for private reflection. The cost is \$310, which includes a private room and meals during your stay at the Spiritual Center. For more information or to register, please call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10, or visit jesuitspiritualcenter.com/ summerretreat.

## ONE-DAY BUS TRIP TO MARIA STEIN SHRINE OF THE HOLY RELICS

On Friday, August 11, you have the opportunity to make a one-day pilgrimage to Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein, Ohio. While there is much to see, the highlight of the trip will be the 7:30 p.m. outdoor Mass celebrated by Father Robert K. Muhlenkamp, parochial vicar at Family of Parishes Northwest-2. The evening will end with a rosary procession immediately following Mass; the bus will return shortly after midnight. The cost is \$40 and includes a round-trip bus ride, bottled water and snacks on the bus, buffet dinner and tips for the bus driver and food servers. Seating is limited to the first 50 pilgrims who provide their contact information and \$40 fee to John Mcacabe, bus trip co-coordinator. Please contact John at (513) 543-1170 to sign up!

## **"BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION" ADVANCE NOTICE**

Hope Emergency Center (an agency in Lynchburg, Ohio, that aids the poor in Adams, Brown, Clinton, Highland, and surrounding counties) contacted the Ladies of Charity to express their sincere appreciation for the ongoing generosity of the parishioners of St. Gertrude Church. The Center has asked that this year's August "back to school" collection—which historically focused on pens, pencils, backpacks, etc.—be focused instead on this year's greatest needs: sports bras (all sizes), underwear, women's personal protection products (pads and tampons), and toothpaste. This information is being provided in advance in case you plan to take advantage of Ohio's Sales Tax Holiday when the State announces this year's date. Please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 with any questions. Your donations are so very much appreciated.

### ASK A THEOLOGIAN



### ASK A THEOLOGIAN— PROPHETS AND THE WORD OF GOD

MATTHEW C. GENUNG, SSD, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

**Q:** During Scripture study, I have frequently read that the prophets spoke for God to improve the behavior of the

people of the Old Testament and not to foretell the future. Yet in studying the New Testament, Jesus and St. Paul frequently mention that actions/teachings fulfill the words of the prophets. I am confused, this seems contradictory. Can you help me understand what I am missing?

A: The Old Testament prophets were called and sent by God to his people in order that God's people would hear his voice, know his will, and adhere to it. According to Deuteronomy, Moses said: "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kindred; that is the one to whom you shall listen" (Deuteronomy 18:15). The prophets heard the divine voice in various wayssometimes in visions, sometimes an interior word-and were given tasks, always according to particular historical situations. Amos, for example, was a farmer living in the Southern Kingdom of Judah when he was given a prophetic message to report to King Jeroboam II of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. This took place during the 8th century BC regarding Israel's breach of the covenant with God, given in order to convince them to repent and to return to that covenant lest they face destruction from their enemies. They did not heed his warning, and the Northern Kingdom was destroyed by the Assyrian army in 722 BC. This prophetic book speaks to us as well, even though the historical referents in the book no longer apply to our situation.

Isaiah was similarly called during the 8th century BC to deliver a prophetic message to Ahaz, the Davidic king of Judah. God wanted Ahaz to remain faithful to him in the face of threats from other nations rather than to make political alliances to secure his monarchical rule. In the course of his prophetic preaching, to verify the message, Isaiah told Ahaz to ask God for a sign. Ahaz refused, and so Isaiah

the man anointed by the God of Jacob, the hero of Israel's songs: The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: When one rules over people in righteousness when he rules in the fear of God, he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning. like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth." of some free the senses must sight with Good

communicated the divine sign: "Listen, house of David! Is it not enough that you weary human beings? Must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel" (Isaiah 7:13-14).

These are two examples to show that indeed the prophets did speak for God in order to improve the conduct of the people of Israel. But they do speak of future events which would come to pass if the divine word is not heeded. This is not the type of prognosticating that we think of with fortune tellers, but is rather speaking the truth which will come to pass consequent on adherence or disobedience to the divine will. In the case of the sign given by Isaiah to Ahaz, the Davidic king, it directly related to the failure of the Davidic line consequent on Ahaz' infidelity to God. The line of David would fail because of Ahaz, whose offspring would lose the Davidic throne. This was fulfilled through Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon in 586 BC with the fall of Jerusalem and deposition of the Davidic king Jehoiachin, whose sons would never again reign. However, this prophetic word was fulfilled in another way at a much later time with the birth of Jesus, son of David, by the virgin Mary (Matthew 2:23). Isaiah himself was delivering a divine message to Ahaz for an immediate historical situation, but this prophetic word carried a meaning which went beyond that situation, a meaning which was incomprehensible and unfulfilled for almost eight centuries.

The Church distinguishes between a literal meaning of the text, which is the meaning intended by the human author (Isaiah in this case), and the spiritual meaning, which is ascertained when that same text is read in light of the mystery of Jesus Christ and the Church. Isaiah did not intend to tell Ahaz about Mary, but through Isaiah, God told the Church about not only Mary but also the mystery of his faithfulness to his promise to David, that his descendent (Jesus) would reign on his throne forever (2 Samuel 7:12-13). The literal and the spiritual meanings in the prophetic word are not contradictory but are complementary, and this is because the Holy Spirit, outside of time, broke into human history and spoke his word to us through the prophets. God reveals the full meaning of his prophetic word only in the light of the mystery of his incarnate Son and his Church.

Matthew C. Genung holds a bachelor of science from Boston College, a baccalaureate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University, and both a licentiate and doctorate in sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. Dr. Genung is associate professor and Ruth J. and Robert A. Conway Foundation chair in Biblical Studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. He, his wife Cristina, and their five children are parishioners at St. Gertrude Parish.

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.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, June 19	Tuesday, June 20	Wednesday, June 21	Thursday, June 22	Friday, June 23	Saturday, June 24	Sunday, June 25
<b>Boosters Meeting</b> 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	CGS Summer Session 1: Level I & II 9 a.m. & 1 p.m. Atrium I & II	CGS Summer Session 1: Level I & II 9 a.m. & 1 p.m. Atrium I & II	CGS Summer Session 1: Level I & II 9 a.m. & 1 p.m. Atrium I & II	CGS Summer Session 1: Level I & II 9 a.m. & 1 p.m. Atrium I & II	<b>Catholic Men's</b> <b>Fellowship</b> 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Voter Registration</b> <i>After All Masses</i> Outside Church
<b>Healing Rosary</b> 7 p.m. Rosary Garden	Catechism in a Year Discussion Group 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Rosary Makers 3 p.m. St. Joseph Room	JHYM & L'alto: HS Going Deeper – Bible Study After 11:30 a.m. Mass Parish Center		<b>Voter Registration</b> <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Outside Church	Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m.
K of C Executive Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall	JHYM: Summer Sessions 6:30 p.m. Parish Center	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church				<b>NFP Class</b> 1 p.m. St. Joseph Room
	<b>Boy Scouts</b> 7 <i>p.m.</i> School Cafeteria					Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
	K of C Rosary & Social 7 p.m. Church & St. Dominic Lobby					Family Faith: Minute to Win It Challenge (Child-Only) 1:30 p.m. Parish Center
		-				<b>L'alto: HS</b> Summer Nights 7 p.m. Parish Center

## **CORPUS CHRISTI THANK-YOU**

On behalf of the entire parish, I would like to extend my profound thanks to those involved in planning the incredible Corpus Christi procession last weekend. First and foremost, I would like to recognize two members of our parish pastoral council, Stephen Babcock and Phil Motz, who spearheaded the entire planning process from beginning to end. I would also like to thank the St. Anne's Guild (especially Kate Podsiadly) for organizing the efforts of our flower girls, Matt Young for arranging for the purchase and preparation of the rose petals, Ben Hoffman for coordinating the altar servers, Doug Postler for organizing the ushers, Dr. Holman and the Parish Choir for providing such beautiful music during the Mass itself and during the procession, and Jim Pappalardo for preparing the ice cream social. Last but not least, I am thankful to Father Joachim, Father Luke, and Brother Christopher for their involvement in multiple facets of the event (including trying to figure out how to waterproof our canopy less than 24 hours before the procession was due to start!). An event of this magnitude would not have been possible without all of these volunteers and more. Finally, a special word of thanks to Madeira City Manager Michael Norton-Smith and the entire Madeira Police Department, especially Chief Schaefer and Lieutenant Roy who assisted greatly with the planning. It was an amazing event, everyone. *We'll be doing it again next year . . . mark your calendars now!* 

## **OFFERING**

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report			
Collection for June 11			
Collection	\$	29,793	
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500	
Weekly Deficit	\$	(6,707)	
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)			
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,894,030	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,852,000	
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	42,030	



## PARISH DIRECTORY

#### Parish Staff

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