

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, June 28, St. Irenaeus (M)

7:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena

8:00 a.m. Patricia Sammons/Rick Sammons

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

Tuesday, June 29, SS. Peter & Paul (S)

7:00 a.m. Rev. William Holt, O.P./Judy Bayer & Family

8:00 a.m. †Mary Ann Stevenson/Al Stevenson 11:30 a.m. †Tim Ney/Mary & Terry Smithers

Wednesday, June 30, Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Dorothy Eisenhauer/The Lohr Family

8:00 a.m. †John & Rosemary Retzler/Elaine & Jeff Parker

11:30 a.m. †Barbara Dougherty/Mary Jo Linduff

Thursday, July 1, Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Fernand Zagame/Carlos Martino

8:00 a.m. †Jose Enriquez/The Kuhlman Family

11:30 a.m. †Jose Licea/Mary Beth & Gertrude Stuntebeck

Friday, July 2, Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Catherine Preston/The Beinke Family 8:00 a.m. †Scott Braun/Marie & Andy Juergens 11:30 a.m. †Dorothy Arozarena/Laura Ringenbach

Saturday, July 3, St. Thomas (F)

8:00 a.m. †Tim Petric/Mary Petric

11:30 a.m. †Shirley Runck/The Tartaron Family

July 3-4, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

†Terry Scales/Peter Bertoli

Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

People of St. Gertrude

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†Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer/

The Schirmer Family

†Janet Brown/Fred Bowling

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, June 29, 2021, 7:30pm





CELEBRATION OF 200 YEARS!

Last Saturday, June 19, marked the 200-year anniversary of the founding of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This incredible milestone is a celebration of not only 200 years of history and beauty but

also of you — faith-filled people who have made the archdiocese and St. Gertrude Church what they are today. Thank you for all that you do for our parish and larger community.

In commemoration of the bicentennial, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr has decreed "that the faithful of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati who devoutly pray to God, asking Him to satisfy the needs of our local Church and graciously bless all the members thereof, especially with an outpouring of the gifts of unity and charity, may gain a partial indulgence, the usual conditions being satisfied, during the time period of June 19, 2021, through June 18, 2022."



"An indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment due for sins already forgiven as far as their guilt is concerned. This remission the faithful with the proper dispositions and under certain determined conditions acquire through the intervention of the Church which, as minister of the Redemption, authoritatively dispenses and applies the treasury of the satisfaction won by Christ and the Saints" (Enchiridion of Indulgences, Norms #1). This means that if you pray throughout the next year for the needs of the archdiocese and for all members of our local Church, especially for an increase in charity and unity, part of the temporal punishment for your forgiven sins will be remitted. When you pray for this intention, you must also have a contrite heart (be remorseful for any sins you have committed) and the desire to receive the partial indulgence. Moreover, this (or any) partial indulgence can be received more than once a day. God is so merciful!

Archbishop Schnurr has given each parish in the archdiocese a framed certificate of the decree (see picture) to display in their church buildings. You can find our certificate on the table by the side entrance near the Holy Family Chapel. I pray that many of you will take advantage of this special — and undeserved — partial indulgence during this celebratory year.

Praying for the needs of the archdiocese and members of the local Church is important in this time of pastoral planning for the future of the archdiocese. The Beacons of Light process



is ongoing and will impact every parish, including our own. We need the help of God's grace to discern the way forward so that every parish will radiate Christ within our parishes and communities. Stay informed by signing up for the free monthly Beacons Update at www.catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light. Thank you.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

COVER IMAGE: Bronzino, Agnolo, Raising of the Daughter of Jairus, 1571-72

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Gertrude School is looking for a...

- full-time first grade teacher
- full-time science teacher (grades 6-8)
- part-time (17 hours/week, 2:30-6:00 p.m.) assistant care provider for our After School Care program

For more information and to view the job postings, please visit https://www.stgertrude.org/employment.html.

SGS is also in need of a part-time receptionist. If you are or someone you know is interested, please submit a cover letter, a résumé, and contact information for three references to info@stgertrudesch.org.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

School office hours for the week of June 27 are 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

SUMMER GATHERINGS

We have enjoyed staying connected with our students and school community through our fun summer gatherings. Here is a picture from our first get-together on June 10 at Summit Park.

Join us for our next – and last – gathering this month on Tuesday, June 29, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Home of the Brave Park in Loveland. Check out our Facebook page for more information.





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(TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION: IF I COULD JUST SPEAK CHICKEN

BY BRAD BURSA

She was vicious, and insidiously so. Her beady eyes were dark, seething, and from her mouth came muffled growls,

increasing in intensity until they reached a shrill cry. Anger seemed to erupt from some place deep inside, until her little body could not contain it and she would snap, lashing out with all the force she could muster.

She despised the latest arrival and was dead set on maintaining her place in the pecking order, even if it meant killing off the weak. And, the newest one was weak, sickly even. She was an easy target.

At first, the outbursts toward the new hen were subtle. The vicious one would survey the surroundings, as if to ensure that none of the others were watching. She'd get a look in her eyes, as if possessed by some inner rage. And, spying her envy's target scratching in the dirt across the run, she'd stroll towards her, innocently at first, before speeding up and lashing out with a ferocious peck on the back of the head. She was dirty, yet unashamed. Blindsiding her unwitting rival, she wanted the kill shot.

After a few days of such knavery, she somehow convinced other members of her brood to join in the effort. Now, they approached as a pack, like velociraptors, singling out the weak one and unleashing a series of blows from beak to back.

Beyond blows, they reduced her with emotional torture. They ostracized her. She became *the* outcast — not allowed in the coop, not allowed near the food, not allowed in the nesting box. She had been banished to the netherworld. (Throughout this time, I wondered why the new chicken never fought back. She was such a...well...chicken.)

Their behavior was brutal, and it had all been initiated by

some demon chicken I'd inherited. She looked so innocent at first, in fact, that my children named her "Cotton." However, any soft sides of her personality had worn thin, revealing a cold, hard heart. Now, she just wanted to destroy my new chicken — physically, emotionally, socially, or all of the above.

For hours I watched them. I could anticipate the angry bird's



outbursts. I watched her gather accomplices. I would try to intervene by snapping my fingers, clapping my hands, stomping my feet, and even making a clicking or clucking noise with my mouth. When all of these failed, I would shout something at them in English. Despite my efforts, they did not listen, they did not understand, and they did not change their destructive ways.

"If only I were a chicken," I thought [read: said] to myself. "Then, I could speak to them in a way they could understand and I could show them a new way. I could show them how to be proper chickens."

Then again, they'd probably try to kill me too.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch...

I'm pleased to let all of you know that, with Cindy Wurzelbacher's help and strong recommendation, I have been able to fill her vacancy on our team. Late last week, Mary Beth Dickert accepted the position of coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Gertrude Church. I'm happy to pass along an introductory note from Mary Beth to our good parishioners:



Hello everyone! Some of you may know or remember me, and others may recognize the last name and realize that I am Megan Dickert's sister. In either case, I look forward to connecting with you as I begin serving as the coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. St. Gertrude Parish and School were

very formative in my childhood and high school years, and it is a joy to return here to serve the children and families of the parish. It was through the youth ministry program and retreats that I grew in my relationship with God and desired to spend my life in service to the Church. I studied theology and catechetics at Franciscan University of Steubenville, and upon graduation I entered the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. My time of discernment, formation, and in the apostolate of teaching were a tremendous blessing. I am grateful for those years, but returned home last summer, confident that the Lord would lead me in this new part of my journey. I enjoyed volunteering in the Atrium during this past year, and believed it was the voice of the Good Shepherd guiding me back to St. Gertrude. I see God's providential hand at work throughout my life, and am glad to join the Evangelization team to accompany you and your children on your own journey of faith!

Mary Beth joined the team on Monday, June 21.

On the fourth Sunday of each month, we'll feature stories and tips for trying to live the faith in the ordinariness of life. We're not exactly sure what happened this month...

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER EVENTS



We invite all high schoolers (including incoming freshmen and outgoing seniors) to our L'alto: High School summer events. (L'alto: High School is the new name of our high school youth ministry program.) Each event will begin with a short Bible study (a

reflection on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday), followed by outdoor games. You don't need to come to Bible study in order to play games — but, why not? Bring your friends, and join us for some summer fun! No registration required, but you will need to complete a <u>permission form</u> in order to participate.

When: June 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28

- 6:30-7:00 p.m. Bible study
- 7:00-8:30 p.m. Games

Where: St. Gertrude School lower lot by the playground (school gym if it rains)

If you have any questions, please contact Walter Plummer, director of youth formation, at <u>wplummer@stgertrude.org</u> or (513) 561-8369.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK:

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THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Denny Schone – son of Dennis Schone

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHANT CAMP

Want something a little different for your kids to do this summer? St. Gertrude's music program will be holding a three-day camp for children ages 5 to 13 to teach kids how to read and sing the distinctive music of our faith: Gregorian chant. There will also be an art session each day during which the children will create and paint examples of letters inspired by ancient illuminated music manuscripts.

When: July 8-10, 2021

- Morning session (5- to 7-year-olds): 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- Afternoon session (8- to 13-year-olds): 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Where: St. Gertrude Parish Center

Cost: First child \$50.00. Each additional child \$25.00. (Cost covers art supplies, music handouts, and snacks. Camp is limited to 40 children. To reserve your spot, visit stgertrude.org/news. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Fishlock at musicdirector@stgerturde.org.

BAPTISM



Child: Lyndon Joseph Doerger Parents: Jonathan & Kara Doerger



Child: Benjamin Paul Shifflet Parents: Maria & Joshua Shifflet



Child: Marion Carlin Johnston Parents: Katherine & Todd Johnston



Treasure Mart

Saturday, July 17, 2021

On Saturday, July 17, the Ladies of Charity will hold their Annual Treasure Mart from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the St. Gertrude Gym. We gladly accept most items! All proceeds go directly to programs that help the poor. Unsold items are donated to Hope Emergency or St. Vincent de Paul. Donations can be dropped off at the parish gym beginning Tuesday, July 13-Thursday, July 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. On Friday, July 16th donations will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED – both men and women – to help with setup, moving large items, and cleanup. General questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Furniture, call Patti McKie Atkins at (513) 505-0151, or Monica Walker at (434) 282-4963. Thank you for your support!

ORGAN DONOR NEEDED

A parishioner's brother is in need of a kidney transplant. If you are or someone you know is interested in being an organ donor for this man, please contact Barb at (513) 315-4251. Thank you!

2ND ANNUAL SVDP FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY JUNE 26 & SUNDAY JUNE 27



Join us in helping our local neighbors in need, as well as our twin parish, Resurrection of Our Lord, in Price Hill. Items needed include canned protein sources (such as tuna, chicken,

hearty soups, canned meatballs and spaghetti), peanut butter, canned vegetables, cereal, kid-friendly fruit and veggie pouches, and macaroni and cheese. Cash donations are also welcome.

For your convenience, there are two drop off locations:

- Saturday (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) Drive-thru at Miami Avenue circular drive. Drive into the circle, and stay in your car. Volunteers will remove food from your car, and/or accept cash donations.
- Sunday (before and after 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Mass) Drop off your items in the food barrel located outside the church in the walkway near the sacristy door. A volunteer will be at the barrel to help.

Thank you for your generosity!





ASK A PRIEST WHY "DRINKING WITH DOMINICANS" THIS JULY?

BY FR. JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: Can I enjoy a pint with some of the friars this summer?

A: This is a "canned" question, if I may turn this week's column into a bubbly and irresistible response. With families enjoying much-anticipated vacations and parish programming taking a less intensive pace, the St. Gertrude Evangelization team would like to offer a way for our parishioners to connect for faith and fellowship this July.

All are most welcome to join us for one or more of our five Drinking with Dominicans evening events next month at Ferrari's Little Italy & Bakery. (For more information, see the ad below and visit stgertrude.org/dwd.)

What makes sipping a beverage and enjoying some authentic Italian food with the brothers so worthwhile? In case the answer is not self-evident, let me list some reasons:

◆ On Sunday, August 8, we celebrate the eighth centenary of the heavenly birthday of St. Dominic, the founder of the

- Order of Preachers (August 6, 1221, to be precise). In a Dominican-led parish, there should certainly be some build-up to this anniversary!
- ♣ Pope Francis has praised St. Dominic for the charism (special grace) of preaching that he and his followers have ushered into the Church for the benefit of all. This deserves some deeper thought and discussion.
- ♣ By joining a weekly "pub night" with an interesting theological/spiritual talk, we'd like to help parishioners and our other friends see and experience the ways in which the grace of St. Dominic can be theirs, too. Don't think you're a parishioner or friend of the Dominicans by sheer chance!

It's time to book the babysitter! We look forward to seeing you on one, several, or all the Thursday evenings in July. Each topic will stand on its own rather than build upon another.

At the end of each evening, we invite you to come to St. Gertrude church for sung night prayer at 9:00 p.m. This is completely optional.

So come, have a drink that will nourish your body and spirit.

Ask a Priest will be a regular format for our Holy Teaching section in the coming months. Submit your own question to <u>parishoffice@stgertrude.org</u> for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!

DRINKING WITH DOMINICANS

Join us for a weekly speaker series that offers a fresh perspective on some of today's most relevant topics. Invite your friends, grab a drink, and get ready for five nights of exploring today's culture through the lens of the Dominicans.

July 1 Social Media and Your Soul

July 8 Rejected but Not Dejected

July 15
Divine Drinking

July 22
Discovering Peace in Everyday Life

July 29
The Gospel Value of Friendship

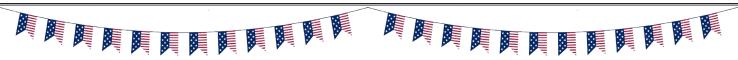
Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Ferrari's Little Italy & Bakery
7677 Goff Terrace, Madeira, OH
45243

At the end of each event, we invite you to join us and the Dominican friars and novices for night prayer at St. Gertrude Church.

For more information, visit stgertrude.org/dwd



Monday, June 28	Tuesday, June 29	Wednesday, June 30	Thursday, July 1	Friday, July 2	Saturday, July 3	Sunday, July 4
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Rosary Garden (weather permitting) or Church	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	L'Alto HS Summer '21 6:30 p.m. School Playground	Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. Parish Center Music Room	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed
	Dominican Rite Mass 7:30 p.m. Church	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church				Rosary Sales 8:00 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby



NOTE: The City of Madeira will hold its Fourth of July Parade on Saturday, July 3, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The parade is on Miami Avenue. If you are attending the 4:30 p.m. Mass, please plan accordingly.

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit stgertrude.org/covid19.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



Once, when I was suffering greatly, I left my work and escaped to Jesus and asked Him to give me His strength. After a very short prayer, I returned to my work filled with enthusiasm and joy. Then, one of the sisters said to me, "You must have many consolations today, Sister; you look so radiant." I tried to explain to her that when we suffer much we have a great chance to show God that we love Him; but when we suffer little we have less occasion to show God our love; and when we do not suffer at all, our love is then neither great nor pure. By the grace of God,

we can attain a point where suffering will become a delight for us, for love can work such things in pure souls. (Diary, #303)

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report Collection for June 20

 Weekly Budget
 \$ 38,235

 Collection
 \$ 31,281

 Weekly Deficit
 \$ (6,954)

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2021)

Fiscal YTD Budget \$ 1,991,765 Fiscal YTD Actual \$ 1,933,603 Fiscal YTD Deficit \$ (58,162)

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BULLETIN 7/11/21 MATERIALS DUE 6/30/21

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