



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JULY 16, 2023



## MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

### Monday, July 17, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Julia Huesing by Her Children
- 8 a.m. † Irena Andrejev by John & Jenny Ward
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

### Tuesday, July 18, St. Camillus de Lellis

- 7 a.m. † Sister Mary deLellis, SND by Tricia Speicher
- 8 a.m. † Albertus Schuster by Amber Dawson
- 11:30 a.m. † Joe Silvers by Pat & Don Schoo

### Wednesday, July 19, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Jack & Sarah Murray by The Murray Family
- 8 a.m. Steve & Debbie Henderson by Alan Henderson
- 11:30 a.m. Donna Marcello by Nancy Lucas

### Thursday, July 20, St. Apollinaris

- 7 a.m. † Emmanuel Miklos by The Bailey Family
- 8 a.m. † Mary Teller by Finnegan Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Megan Clark Johnson by Ray & Marylyn Clark

### Friday, July 21, St. Lawrence of Brindisi

- 7 a.m. † Ann Nolte by The Tribbe Family
- 8 a.m. † Patsy Scalo by The Wainscott Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Clyde Dorn by The Dorn Family

### Saturday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene

- 8 a.m. † Keith Noble by The Noble Family
- 11:30 a.m. John Spilker by Lisa & James Bertke
- 4:30 p.m. James Henderson by The Henderson Family

### Sunday, July 23, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Donald Joseph Conlin by Kevin & Anne Lynch
- 10 a.m. † Edward & Margaret Schlueter by David & Peggy Schlueter
- 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 6 p.m. † Olive & Joseph Rajaratnam by Shirly Ramenaden

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

## Parish Information

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Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Church Hours

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

## DRINKING WITH DOMINICANS

Life's Little Problems and Practical Solutions

July 6, 2023

Who Makes the First Move?  
Deepen Your Relationship with God  
Brother Christopher Daniel, O.P.

July 13, 2023

Too Busy to Pray?  
Tips for Making Time for What Matters Most  
Father Luke Mary VanBerkum, O.P.

July 20, 2023

Flying Off the Handle?  
How to Be Patient Amid Life's Frustrations  
Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

July 27, 2023

Analysis Paralysis?  
Master the Art of Choosing Wisely  
Father Brendan Baran, O.P.

7-8:30 p.m.

Oakley Kitchen

3715 Madison Road, Cincinnati

Come as early as 6 p.m. to grab dinner!

[stgertrude.org/dwd2023](http://stgertrude.org/dwd2023)



## SAVE THE DATE

## ST. GERTRUDE PARISH CENTENNIAL PICNIC

One hundred years is a big deal, so **we're celebrating with a pig roast catered by Vonderhaar's!** (We will also have a special menu for children.) Picnic highlights include kids activities, the 1960s Top 40s band Deja Vu, and the opportunity to purchase our centennial book! Stay tuned for more details.

**Saturday, August 19**

**5:30 p.m.**

(following 4:30pm Mass)

**Church Parking Lot**

(in front of the school)





## A PROPHETIC VOICE, 55 YEARS LATER

It was 55 years ago this month that Pope Paul VI, in the midst of almost unprecedented media fanfare, issued his encyclical *Human Vitae*, on the topic of artificial birth control. In the weeks and months leading up to the release of the document, nearly every “expert” that was interviewed by newspapers and TV news shows professed a virtual certainty that the pope’s encyclical would reverse the constant teaching of the Church on the immorality of artificial birth control and give an official “green light” to Catholic couples who wished to avail themselves to such measures. Instead, the encyclical reaffirmed the traditional teaching of the Church. The outrage over this decision led to a firestorm of protests from both within and outside the Church and a level of dissent internally, the likes of which have rarely (if ever) been seen in the history of Catholicism.

That there would be protests was not a surprise to Pope Paul VI; he wrote toward the end of the encyclical, “It is to be anticipated that perhaps not everyone will easily accept this particular teaching. There is too much clamorous outcry against the voice of the Church, and this is intensified by modern means of communication. But it comes as no surprise to the Church that she, no less than her divine Founder, is destined to be a ‘sign of contradiction.’ (Lk 2:34). She does not, because of this, evade the duty imposed on her of proclaiming humbly but firmly the entire moral law, both natural and evangelical” (18).

Pope Paul VI was a prophet. Beyond the immorality of contraceptive acts in themselves and the impact on the individuals resorting to such means, he also predicted that widespread contraception would have a devastating impact on our culture as a whole. In *Human Vitae* he predicts that widespread use of artificial contraception would result in increased marital infidelity, an attitude (on the part of many men) to reduce women to nothing more than instruments for the satisfaction of their own desires, governments imposing contraception as a means of “resolving problems” affecting whole countries, and a general lowering of moral standards. Many people mocked Paul VI in 1968 for asserting such things. Over 50 years later, can anyone argue that **all four** of those predictions have not come to pass? Infidelity rates in marriage have increased dramatically, to the point that we have become so numb to infidelity that some couples readily accept it (or, even more shockingly, choose it) as a part of married life. The objectification of women (seen especially today in the explosion of internet pornography) is absolutely out of control. Over the last decades, the United Nations and many first-world nations (the United States most of all) have regularly linked food and economic aid to third-world countries with the demand that those countries impose the spread of contraceptives and even have conducted forced sterilization campaigns. And as for the general lowering of moral standards . . . simply look around. Those who are old enough to remember life in the 1950s versus life today can testify to how radically our society has lost its moral compass.

Were all of the present ills purely a result of birth control? Of course

not. But we would be fools to deny it was one of the contributing factors. The “contraceptive mentality,” which widespread birth control fuels, damages our basic understanding of humanity. The most beautiful, most precious, most unique gift in the entire world is the gift of a new human life, a baby. Rather than viewing a baby as a gift of infinite worth and value, the contraceptive mentality sends a very different message: a baby, a new human life, is a burden, an imposition, a hardship. In short, instead of a gift, a new life is seen as an enemy—an enemy of my comfort, an enemy of my independence, an enemy of my plans for my life.

A society that sees babies as enemies is a society that has no future. Pope Paul VI saw that. May we wake up and see that too . . . before it is too late.

God bless,

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

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

**P.S.** At all the Masses next weekend (July 22-23), parishioners who are part of our parish’s Natural Family Planning (NFP) ministry will be giving short witness talks sharing about the beauty and grace to be found in NFP. Natural Family Planning, which gives couples the tools to more deeply understand and communicate with each other about the natural cycles of fertility, offers a morally good way to delay or space pregnancy (when there is a serious need to do so) and can also be a huge help to couples struggling with infertility who long for the gift of a child. I encourage everyone to listen with open hearts to their testimonies and stop by their information table after Mass to take some materials to learn more about this beautiful gift we’ve been given.

## PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



### Prayer during Adoration

O most loving Father, I offer you this your beloved Son as a sacrifice of unceasing praise and as a perpetual sacrifice of propitiation for all our sins. Look, I pray, on the face of your Christ, and remember that most abundant reparation he made to you for our sins on the cross, and have mercy on us. Amen.

**COVER IMAGE:** *Parable of the Sower*, stained glass window from Canterbury Cathedral. Photo by Father Lawrence Lew, O.P. Photo used with permission.

## EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EXPANDING!

As you may have heard in the news, the recent state budget signed earlier this month by Gov. Mike DeWine includes substantial increases to the EdChoice Scholarship Program. From what we are being told, these changes uphold, strengthen, and seek to expand educational liberties for parents as the original and primary educators of their children. We await final details in the coming weeks from the Ohio Department of Education. **For now, we can confidently say that these changes will positively impact all St. Gertrude School families and, we hope, will open the door to many of our St. Gertrude families who desire an authentic Catholic and uniquely Dominican education for their children.** Stay tuned for additional special announcements and communication on changes to the EdChoice Scholarship Program and how these changes may benefit you.



### MEET OUR NEW PRINCIPAL: SISTER MARY AGNES GREIFFENDORF, O.P.

A native of southwest Michigan, Sister Mary Agnes entered the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1997. She has taught in Catholic elementary and secondary schools and served in numerous administrative positions including president of Aquinas College in Nashville, Tennessee; principal of St. Pius V School in Providence, Rhode Island; director of Bethany Retreat House in Dickson, Tennessee; associate director of Faith Formation at St. James Catholic Church in Elizabethtown, Kentucky; and assistant director of development for St. Cecilia Congregation. As director of education and coordinator of New Evangelization Initiatives for her religious congregation, she supported the work of her sisters in their teaching and leadership in over 50 educational institutions of all levels in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Europe. Most recently, she served as the founding director of the Institute for the Transformation of Catholic Education at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Sister Mary Agnes holds a bachelor's degree in teacher education from Aquinas College in Nashville, a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Notre Dame, a master's degree in theology from Providence College, and a Ph.D. in Catholic educational leadership from The Catholic University of America. She served on the board of directors for the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) from 2015 to 2022 and is currently a consultant to the Committee on Catholic Education of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Sister Mary Agnes taught second grade at St. Gertrude School from 2004 to 2007 and is thrilled to be back. She is here during the summer, so please take a moment to introduce yourself!

## What Parents Are Saying

*"The Catholic faith formation at St. Gertrude School (SGS) is the best in the city. . . . Not only does SGS prepare students academically for high school and beyond, but also the faculty teaches students to surround their lives with God and our Catholic faith. I have two children who have graduated from SGS. Both received academic scholarships for high school and are flourishing. They were definitely well prepared for the rigors of high school. Lots of schools can teach math and science, but SGS goes beyond and prepares children for the difficulties that life can hold."*

-Kelly Woodward, St. Gertrude School Parent

## OFFICE HOURS

For the week of July 17, the school office will be open Monday–Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and closed on Friday.



## 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.

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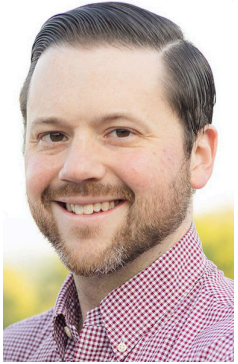


**GUIDE IN TRUTH**



**GROW IN  
EXCELLENCE**





## **(TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION: THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT A CHEESEBURGER**

BY TYLER CASTRUCCI, COORDINATOR OF ADULT EVANGELIZATION

Burger King, the famous “home of the Whopper,” recently fell from the number two fast-food burger chain, to number three. Apparently, years of settling for second place behind McDonald’s was acceptable, but being

usurped by Wendy’s and demoted to third caused an existential crisis in the C-suite. It was time to rebrand. According to the marketing firm in charge of helping Burger King reclaim its rightful spot as the proud second fiddle to McDonald’s, the goal of the rebrand is to “make the brand feel less synthetic and artificial and more real, craveable, and tasty.” Mmm, I’m hungry already! All for the low low cost of \$400 million dollars over two years, Burger King is betting that this new marketing campaign will return the company to its roots and increase sales by conjuring up nostalgia for a bygone era of carefree summer nights with juicy Whoppers, crispy fries, and ice cold Coke. Now I’m really hungry!

Time will tell if Burger King’s strategy will work or not, but clearly marketing matters. The product you are selling could be the greatest thing since sliced bread, but it won’t matter if people don’t know about it. This is why it seems so strange that Jesus only reveals the meaning of his parables to the Twelve. The Good News that God sent his only begotten Son to save us from sin so that we might live with him forever is the most important message conceivable . . . so where’s the \$400 million ad campaign?! The Apostles themselves are wondering this same thing in today’s Gospel when they ask, “Why do you speak to them (the crowd) in parables?” The answer is that Jesus is not selling a product or trying to increase his second-quarter profits. The kingdom of God is not a cheeseburger; it is the free gift of grace for those willing to accept it. Jesus reveals the meaning of the parable to the Twelve not so that they become some sort of elite class of privileged intellectuals, but so that they might increase their faith in him and thus be equipped to go out into the world and make disciples of others.

It was not clever marketing and branding that led to the rise of Christianity in the early years of the Church. Rather, it was the passionate and authentic witness of disciples who had truly encountered the risen Jesus. Many people are familiar with the quote that has been dubiously attributed to St. Francis of Assisi to “preach the Gospel at all times. Use words when necessary.” Sadly, this has led many people to think that they don’t ever need to talk about their faith. Nothing could be further from the truth! The Apostles simply could not keep themselves from preaching the Good News of Christ. St. Paul speaks to this compulsion when he says, “Woe to me if I

do not preach the Gospel!” (1 Corinthians 9:16). By virtue of our Baptism, we are made partakers of this mission to make disciples and offered the grace to accomplish it. Evangelization, then, is not reserved to the clergy, or a particular group of especially zealous individuals; rather, it is the basic requirement for all Christians. Jesus is the sower of the seed, but we are called to participate in that work.

Here’s my challenge (to myself included): Will you invite one person whom you know that is far from the Church in some manner to some event happening in our parish in the next month? This could be a group you’re involved in (a Bible study, prayer group, Holy Hour, etc.), or a special event (Drinking with Dominicans, Parish Picnic, etc.). The goal is to simply extend the invitation to come and see what life is like as a follower of Jesus here at St. Gertrude. While there may be some who have “ears but do not hear” and “eyes but do not see,” we nevertheless must make Christ known.



**LOGO  
1969**



**LOGO  
1999**



**LOGO  
TODAY**



### CENTENNIAL BOOKS ON SALE

Our stunning centennial book, *St. Gertrude Church: The First 100 Years*, is for everyone who calls St. Gertrude Parish home. Get your copy for just \$35 at The Catholic Shop (7015 Miami Ave.), in the parish office, or before or after any Mass the weekend of July 22-23. Check, cash, and credit cards accepted.

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Dustin & Becky Clark	Nathaniel & Rachel Norman
Tate & Lahdan Hilgfort	Martin & Mary Mullaney
Tarcisio Moreira & Renata Guerra	Augustin Sharpshair
Ken & JoAnne Lacey	

### BAPTISM

Sunday, July 2, 2023



Child: Jude Matulaitis Krol | Parents: Julianne & Alexander Krol



Child: Christopher John Morgan | Parents: Maddy & Nick Morgan



Child: Hayden James Pittsley | Parents: Morgan & Nick Pittsley



Child: Olivia James Smith | Parents: Kaitlin & Matt Smith

### CALLING ALL SMALL BUSINESSES AND VENDORS!

On Saturday, October 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Gertrude Parish and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be co-hosting the event, Gift of Our Fertility: A Workshop for Moms and Daughters. We are looking for small businesses and vendors geared toward mothers and girls (ages 10-13) to have booths at the event for moms and daughters to check out, shop, and learn more. If you would like to apply for a FREE table, please contact [nfp@stgertrude.org](mailto:nfp@stgertrude.org). Spots are limited. Application deadline is September 1. Scan the QR code to learn more about the event.



### INTRO TO FERTILITY CLASS

Join us for a free, virtual Introduction to NFP course on Tuesday, July 25, from 6 to 7 p.m. This introductory class, taught by registered nurse/certified Marquette Method instructor Jenna Bernardo, covers male and female reproductive anatomy and different Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods and discusses the benefits of NFP for individuals and their spouses. Whether you are a single woman charting for health, an engaged couple preparing for marriage (continued education needed for pre-cana), a married couple seeking a refresher, or someone considering NFP for the first time, this class provides a no-risk option for valuable information. Completing the class offers the opportunity for a discounted Marquette Method education. To RSVP or learn more, please email [nfp@stgertrude.com](mailto:nfp@stgertrude.com).

### 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





## KNIGHTS ROSARY SOCIAL

Join the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 and their families on Tuesday, July 18, at 7 p.m. in the church to pray the rosary. After the rosary, Honor Flight Tri-State director Cheryl

Popp and author Peter Bronsor will speak about how the Honor Flights got started, why these trips are offered to veterans, and how they find veterans to fly to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials. The presentation will be in the Parish Center, and refreshments will be provided.

**St. Joseph Fundraiser Dinner**

An Evening of Dinner and Music at the Maria Stein Shrine

**July 20th 2023**

Cost: \$30

Dinner and Concert in the Upper Room

5:30 pm Cocktails and Music  
6:30 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm St. Joseph Fund Update  
7:45 pm Stringed Quartet - Lima Symphony  
Minster Singing Quartet

Register online at [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org)

## BEING PREPARED IS EVERYTHING

Come to a preplanning seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Tuesday, July 25, 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](mailto: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. The seminar will be in the St. Peter's Chapel (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249).



## CREATED - TEEN RETREAT

Register your teen for *Created*, a free Theology of the Body summer retreat for teens! There will be games, reflection, and discussion as we dive into what it means to be human and how we are called to love. This Catholic retreat will be held at the beautiful Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. Hurry, space is limited.

## EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES CONFERENCE

You're invited to a Eucharistic Miracles Conference at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood this August 11th-13th. Learn about the many Eucharistic miracles around the world. Discover what the Church teaches about this precious gift and why it is pivotal to your spiritual journey. Hear speakers Fr. Leo Patalinghug, Fr. Ryan Ruiz, Fr. Ethan Moore, Fr. Rob Jack and more. Music by The Vigil Project. Learn, pray, adore, and ignite your faith! Register at [hostofmiracles.org](http://hostofmiracles.org) or by scanning the QR code.



## CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

Are you ready to showcase your homemade crafts or your small business products? The St. Gertrude Ladies of Charity Craft and Gift Show is looking for you! Showcase your items in this special event on October 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 or Donna Marcello at (513) 677-1531 for more information.

## GET PAID TO HELP DEFEND LIFE IN OHIO

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America is now hiring full-time and part-time pro-life field representatives. Help defeat the Ohio abortion ballot initiative and promote a culture of life in Ohio. Field representatives go to targeted doors in their community to conduct a simple survey on pro-life issues with voters. Field representatives' starting pay is \$15/hour with \$0.30/mile expense reimbursement for their travels. Hours are flexible (up to 40 hours per week). Must be 16 or older, able to abide by strict daily reporting requirements, and committed to our pro-life mission. To apply, contact Katie Froman at (847) 922-5913 or [katie@sbalistfield.org](mailto:katie@sbalistfield.org).





### ASK AN EXPERT – AN OB/GYN'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE PROPOSED OHIO AMENDMENT

ANGELA BEALE MARTIN, MD, PARISHIONER

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This question covers the proposed amendment on abortion that is on the ballot for the November election,

which is different from the proposed amendment for the special election on August 8.

**Q: What is important for Ohioans to know about The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety amendment that is on the ballot for the November election, and what is at stake for doctors?**

**A:** A decade into my career as an OB/GYN, I still carry with me some of the most important advice I've ever been given: to live what you are passionate about—all the way out to your fingertips. I think of this advice as I help women through labor and emergency surgery, simply hold their hands during times of grief, care for mothers and their babies—and consider the serious implications of the proposed Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety amendment.

This extreme amendment to the Ohio Constitution is gravely concerning. It includes broad language that would take away the right of parents to be made aware when their child is undergoing an abortion and protects an abuser who facilitates an abortion for his under-age victim. It also includes language so vague that it could allow an unborn child to be killed throughout all nine months of pregnancy, right up to the moment of birth and well after the child has a heartbeat and can feel pain.

Second and third trimester abortions are often not discussed, but it's important to understand what they involve. Such procedures can include injecting a vial of digoxin and potassium into a preborn baby's heart to make it stop beating or using sharp instruments to pull the baby out of the womb. These late-term abortions are at odds with everything I've trained for, with every skill my fingertips perform daily.

All doctors take an oath to do no harm. As an OB/GYN, my patient is not only the woman whose dignity I can see by meeting her eye-to-eye but also the unseen baby in her womb. That baby, too, is my patient. That baby has his or her own purpose and will have his or her own passions and fingertips. If I—or any doctor—use my fingertips to stop that baby's heart from beating or painfully tear that baby apart (which abortions do), where has that baby's dignity gone?

This proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution could force me and other doctors to perform an abortion

even if we don't agree with doing so, sacrificing our conscience rights to abortion access.

As an OB/GYN, I have a responsibility to care for both mothers and their babies. The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety amendment would not only compel me to act against this reality, but also remove the existing health protections for abortion, which risks the well-being and safety of both patients. Many of the commonsense health protections that our state currently has in place for women and children could be eliminated because the amendment forbids any law that “directly or indirectly” would “burden” reproductive decisions.

Since the amendment doesn't define what is and isn't considered a “burden,” basic health protections would also be discarded, such as ensuring that a woman seeking an abortion is screened and counseled by a licensed doctor who can transfer her into a local hospital if something goes wrong.

The amendment's title, The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety, is a misnomer. Any amendment that eliminates current health and safety standards for women cannot simultaneously guarantee to protect women's health and safety in the future.

Ultimately, this amendment threatens the quality of care for mothers and their babies in Ohio. Every day, I strive to use my fingertips to provide love, quality care, and compassion to my patients and their preborn children, and I will be using those same fingertips in November when I vote on the proposed amendment.

*Dr. Angela Beale Martin is a board-certified OB/GYN who lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. She and her husband, Jonathan, and their children are parishioners of St. Gertrude Church.*

*Adapted from the original op-ed published in the Cincinnati Enquirer on Sunday, July 2, 2023.*



Monday, July 17	Tuesday, July 18	Wednesday, July 19	Thursday, July 20	Friday, July 21	Saturday, July 22	Sunday, July 23
Healing Rosary 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 <i>After 11:30 a.m. Mass</i> Parish Center	Walking with Purpose Potluck Gathering 6 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	100th Anniversary Book Sales <i>After all Masses</i> St. Dominic Lobby
K of C Executive Meeting 7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall	St. Gertrude Football Rosary Rally 5:45 p.m. Church	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	Drinking with Dominicans 7 p.m. Oakley Kitchen		100th Anniversary Book Sales <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> St. Dominic Lobby	Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m.
	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Gym					Father Benedict Croell's Silver Jubilee Mass <i>10 a.m. with reception following</i>
	K of C Rosary & Social 7 p.m. Church & St. Dominic Lobby					Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church

## St. Gertrude Parish CENTENNIAL GALA

**Looking for ways to promote your business? Become a Centennial Gala sponsor!**

Visit [bit.ly/2023GalaSponsor](https://bit.ly/2023GalaSponsor) or scan the QR code below to learn what is included with each sponsorship level. If you have questions, please contact Beth Pavloff at [pavloffdogs@yahoo.com](mailto:pavloffdogs@yahoo.com).

We greatly appreciate your support—this milestone celebration would not be possible without you!



**Family Faith:  
Summer Edition –  
Wood Shop  
Catapult**  
1:30 p.m.  
Parish Center

## OFFERING

### St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report Collection for July 9

Collection	\$	30,439
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	(\$	6,561)

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	70,121
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	74,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	3,879)

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN  
7/30/23

MATERIALS DUE  
7/19/23

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## Parish Staff

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

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Father John Langlois, O.P., prior  
 Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.  
 Father John Corbett, O.P.  
 Father Michael Mary Dosch, O.P., novice master  
 Father Darren Pierre, O.P.

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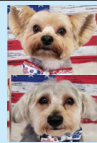
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