

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, July 19, Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Susan Kalhorn/Anne & David Hoffmann

8:00 a.m. Donna Marcello/Nancy Lucas

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

Tuesday, July 20, Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Lillian Claire Rentrop/St. Gertrude

School Faculty & Staff

8:00 a.m. †Michael Bell/Bill & Kathy Watkins 11:30 a.m. †Ethel Harding/Dolores Brandstetter

Wednesday, July 21, Weekday

7:00 a.m. †Mark Johnson/Sheila & Christopher Cole 8:00 a.m. †Margaret Mary E. Reilly/Tricia Speicher 11:30 a.m. †David Sammons/Men's Fellowship

Thursday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene (F)

7:00 a.m. The Dominican Friars at

St. Gertrude/Anonymous

8:00 a.m. †Keith Noble/The Arling Family

11:30 a.m. †Ann Lukey/Judie Taphorn

Friday, July 23, Weekday

7:00 a.m. Owen Lobes/The Norris Family

8:00 a.m. †Silvio Miranda/Antoniela Saglimbeni

11:30 a.m. †Mary Lou Brockman/Lynne & Dave Whang

Saturday, July 24, Weekday

8:00 a.m. †Margaretha Thung/Novilia Suhendra 11:30 a.m. The Patch Family/Jim & AnnaMaria Spurgin

July 24-25, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Bob Dickert/Jeanne Johantges

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

People of St. Gertrude

†LaVern E. Graham/Philip & Denise Motz

†Harold Noble/The Noble Family

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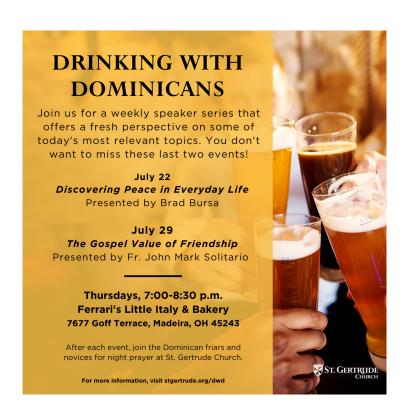
Join us for the next session of Into the Breach:

> Saturday, July 24 7:30-9:00 a.m. School cafeteria



Please visit <u>stgertrude.org/intothebreach</u> for more information and to register for this FREE video series.







THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD

The responsorial Psalm for Mass this weekend is Psalm 23—a favorite for many people. "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside

restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul." These beginning verses are a source of consolation for our lives. Whatever our circumstances, however busy we may be, and whenever we are in need, the Lord is the shepherd of our souls who will bring us rest and refreshment. How does he do this? In my experience, he asks us to slow down or even to stop. When we lose our recollection that the Lord is near, that his Divine Providence is working in our lives, that his grace is abundant and sufficient to assist us in our lives, we become self-reliant and isolate ourselves from this intimate relationship that sustains us. Fear, worry, and anxiety increase in our lives if we remain apart from him.

We all know that there is a myriad of challenges in our culture, our government, and our church. Many are living like sheep without a shepherd (to allude to the Gospel reading for today). The challenges impact our families, our schools, our workplaces, and our parish. What are we to do? With confidence, we turn to Jesus and learn from him. The Gospel reading tells us today that Jesus began to teach the people many things. No doubt, he was speaking directly into the challenges, questions, and experiences of their lives. No doubt that he was offering a message of grace and hope. No doubt that he was proclaiming the love and mercy of the Father and inviting everyone to live in the Kingdom of God.

Our personal prayer time every day is an encounter with Jesus who desires to shepherd our souls if we will allow him to do so. He speaks to us through the sacred Scriptures and through the Holy Spirit who dwells in our hearts. He receives our burdens and concerns if we are willing to surrender them to him. Yes, the rest and refreshment for our souls is found and retained if we remain close to Him and follow His lead. We will want for nothing.

Please welcome Fr. Jordan Kelly, O.P. to our parish. Fr. Jordan arrives this weekend to begin his assignment as parochial vicar. He is an experienced priest and an excellent musician. I am happy to welcome him onto the pastoral team. He will provide an introduction of himself in an upcoming bulletin.

Please remember our six Dominican novices in your prayers. They are on retreat this week in preparation for their first profession of religious vows on August 15.

Drinking with Dominicans—the summer series at Ferrari's Restaurant—has been a great success. Over sixty people have attended each week for food, drinks, fellowship, and learning about our Catholic faith. There's still time to participate before the end of the summer.



Over sixty-five men participated in the initial meeting of the Into the Breach series. The format includes prayer, formation, and discussion. All men are welcome to join the upcoming meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. All materials are provided.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



I made my hour of adoration... I offered it for the conversion of hardened sinners, especially for those who have lost hope in God's mercy. I was reflecting on how much God has suffered and on how great was the love He had shown for us, and on the

fact that we still do not believe that God loves us so much. O Jesus, who can understand this? What suffering it is for our Savior! How can He convince us of His love if even His death cannot convince us? I called upon the whole of heaven to join me in making amends to the Lord for the ingratitude of certain souls. (Diary, #319)

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NEXT FAMILY FUN GATHERING: JULY 22!

We invite all of our St. Gertrude School students and families to join us for our next summer gathering.

When: Thursday, July 22, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Where: Julifs Park – 8429 Clough Pike, Cincinnati

Packed with playgrounds, water features, basketball and sand volleyball courts, and a beautiful walking trail, this park is a favorite for kids of all ages. Pack a lunch and bring your swimsuit, sunscreen, basketball or volleyball, and bike or scooter for an afternoon of fun in the sun! We will meet at the benches surrounding the water features. (There is no cost to attend the gathering.)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Gertrude School is looking for a . . .

- full-time **junior high science teacher** (grades 6-8)
- part-time (17 hours/week, 2:30-6:00 p.m.) **coordinator** for our After School Care program
- full-time **physical education teacher** (grades K-8)

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

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FIRST THINGS FIRST
BY: WALTER PLUMMER, DIRECTOR
OF YOUTH FORMATION

I can remember it like it was yesterday. The countertop in front of me, still with a few crumbs from last night's dinner prep, has five things on it:

two coffee mugs, a carafe of coffee, my phone, and a box of cereal. The breakfast table behind me has more cereal (but in a bowl), a spoon, and a gigantic book I've been working my way through for the past seven months. Slowly. Like, really slowly.

I get about fifteen to thirty minutes to make some headway in this book every day or two, and that's only if I'm really intentional about it. But it's so good. It's full of insights about our culture today and how we got here, full of history and philosophical nuggets that leave me seeing the world in a new way, in a deeper way, full of truths that have helped me and healed me. It's a good book. (To be clear, it's not *the* Good Book. Just *a* good book.)

So there I am, about to tuck into one of my favorite books and one of my favorite meals—yes, cereal in the morning is one of my favorite meals. (Panini sandwiches are up there, too. And nachos. Also, yes, nachos are a meal, not just an appetizer.)—when it hits me: My wife has been awake four times through the night with our youngest, my kids will be up in thirty minutes, and I've got to leave for ministry in about thirty-two minutes. So now it's decision time.

Do I sit down and spend a delightful thirty minutes with this good (again, not Good) book? Or . . . do I start to ask the



question, "What do my wife and children need from me during the next thirty minutes?" Because on the one hand, this book is widening my horizons, deepening my questions, and . . . and I've only got this little window of time, so I should take what I can get. But on the other hand, I can see how the extra fifteen minutes of kid-free work could save my wife two hours of work with our little "helpers." What do I do?

Spoiler alert: This actually was yesterday. And the day before that. And the day before that. And it probably happened the day you're reading this, too. This is an everyday moment in my house. And maybe it's an everyday moment in yours, too—this choice between two really good things that's not so much about the things themselves but our reasons for and circumstances around the choice.

Also, spoiler alert: I don't have the answer yet. But what I do have are the words of St. Paul, "If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing." And the words of St. Augustine, "Once for all, then, a short precept is given thee: Love, and do what thou wilt: whether thou hold thy peace, through love hold thy peace; whether thou cry out, through love cry out; whether thou correct, through love correct; whether thou spare, through love do thou spare: let the root of love be within, of this root can nothing spring but what is good" (A Letter

to John of Parthos).

So instead of an answer, I am left with a question: Do I choose this thing because in it I am choosing love, choosing to will the good of another? Do I do this for the praise and glory of my God, to be a helpmate to my wife and a good father to my children? Do I offer myself as a gift, obeying the most fundamental law of faith, and possibly of humanity as a whole, that it is only when we lose our lives that we find them? Or am I trying to accumulate treasures for my own benefit, to be wise in my own eyes, to build myself up so that others would see me and say, "Whoa. This guy." It's a hard question, for me at least.

But maybe the question is the answer. Or at least it's the first step in getting there. And maybe, just maybe, you and I are also left with a promise that when we put first things first, there might even be a few minutes for a good book (or the laundry) thrown in besides.

2021 ANNIVERSARY MASS

Married couples from our parish who are celebrating significant anniversaries (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, or 75) this year are invited to attend the 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Gertrude on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Fr. George Schommer, O.P., our pastor, will bestow an anniversary blessing to honor these couples.

Reserved seating will be available for you and your family members. If you are planning to attend our parish anniversary Mass, please contact Brad Bursa at (513) 561-5954 or <u>bbursa@stgertrude.org</u> no later than August 15, 2021 to register.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS



John & Janet Cremons
Robert & Jennifer Deye
Justin & Christine Ellsworth
Donald Harley
Christian & Kelly James
Walter & Abigail Plummer
Patrick & Natalie Quinn
Maryl Smith
Ray Smith
Matthew & Emily Young





NEW DATE:

Saturday, July 31, 2021 9:00 a.m. St. Gertrude Church

Due to inclement weather on June 19, we had to postpone our Walk to Remember.

Whether you registered for the original walk or you would like to sign up, please visit stgertrude.org/news/walktoremember for updated information.

We look forward to seeing you there!

ST. GERTRUDE

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK:

Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Marguerite Crema, Kylee Dawson, Triset Defonseka, Clyde Dorn, Jean Ellert, Kathy Elsbernd, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Matt Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Hummel Family, Megan Johnson, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Mike Kennedy, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp. Janice Koncius, Kevin Lewis, Sandra Munyon, Elaine O'Connell, Gerry Patterson, Christina Rettig, Jane Sansalone, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Saul, Mary Valker, and Bill Van Hise

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THE RECENTLY DECEASED William Murphy



A SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for your prayers and help with the St. Vincent de Paul food drive on June 26 and 27! Our SVDP conference is able to send \$1,275.00 to Resurrection Parish's SVDP to buy uniforms for children who can't afford them at Romero Academy Resurrection. We also delivered three boxes of food to Resurrection's food pantry and the remaining twelve boxes of food to the school. Resurrection's principal was very thankful and said this aid will be of great assistance, providing food for children who rely on the school for breakfast and lunch during the July and August summer break.



WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated next Sunday, July 25. "In order to increase the devotion of the faithful and for the salvation of souls," Pope Francis is granting plenary indulgences to grandparents, the elderly, and the faithful who, "motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity," participate under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer. The plenary indulgence will be granted to the faithful who devote adequate time to actually or virtually visiting the elderly who are in need or are sick, abandoned, or disabled. For more information, visit stgertrude.org/news/world-day-of-grandarents-and-the-elderly.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

Are you ready to showcase your homemade craft 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 16 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 or Donna Marcello at (513) 677-1531 for more information.



ASK A DEACON -ST. MARY MAGDALENE

BY: BR. DAMIAN MARIE DAY, O.P.

Q: I heard that Pope Francis made St. Mary Magdalene's celebration (July 22) a feast day a few years ago. Why did he do that, and what is her unique significance?

A: The Church has different levels of celebrations—optional memorials, obligatory memorials, feasts, and solemnities. In 2016, Pope Francis bumped St. Mary Magdalene from an obligatory memorial to a feast. This means more "smells and bells" for her—the Gloria is said, and there are more unique prayers.

Not a lot of saints get actual feasts, but all of the apostles do. The decision to jazz up Mary Magdalene's celebration comes from the recognition of her apostolic vocation. St. Thomas Aquinas called her "an apostle to the apostles." The liturgy now takes up this title, saying that Christ "honored her with the office of being an apostle to the Apostles."

What does it mean to call Mary Magdalene an apostle? The Gospel of Mark describes the vocation of an apostle: Jesus "appointed twelve whom he also named apostles that they might be with him and he might send them forth to preach" (Mk 3:14). Two qualities stand out: the apostle is 1) chosen to be with Jesus and 2) sent by him to preach. Jesus sends the apostles to preach what they have witnessed with Him. While only twelve men are chosen to be apostles—the first bishops—in the strict sense, there are other ways of participating in the apostolic mission. Of these, Mary Magdalene has a preeminence.

She is an apostle because the Lord chose her to be with Him at His resurrection, the first witness that Christ is risen. Jesus then commissions her, telling her "go to my brothers and tell them" (Jn 20:17). She is the first to announce, "I have seen the Lord" (Jn 20:18). Since the Twelve will be the primary evangelizers of the world, Mary Magdalene's role is both unique and exalted. She evangelizes the evangelizers, she preaches to the preachers.

Mary Magdalene's role as the first preacher of the resurrection has always endeared her to the Dominicans, the Order of Preachers. Her day was already celebrated as a feast in the Dominicans' calendar—we were ahead of the game on that one.

But the Dominican connection has another interesting twist, which sheds light on how we can all imitate this great saint. According to an ancient tradition, Mary Magdalene fled the Holy Land and moved to what is now Provence, a region of southwestern France. There she continued the commission the Lord gave her at the empty tomb. Her preaching of Jesus Christ converted the first Christians in the area. In the 13th century, the Dominicans took over management of the cliffside cave she lived in and her tomb. I was able to visit there a few years ago. One really experiences her presence—she is still preaching even now!

The feast of Mary Magdalene reminds us that we are all called—not just bishops, priests, and deacons—to be with Jesus and to preach of Him. Like Mary Magdalene, our Lord calls us to friendship with Him and frees us from our sins. He then sends us out to witness to what we have seen—the mercy of the Risen Christ. St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us!

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!



Noli me Tangere, Fra Angelico

¹ Thomas Aquinas, Commentary on the Gospel of John, Ch. 20, L. 3, n. 2519.

² Preface for the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene.

Monday, July 19	Tuesday, July 20	Wednesday, July 21	Thursday, July 22	Friday, July 23	Saturday, July 24	Sunday, July 25
SportsLeader 6:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Gym	Rosary Makers 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.			Into the Breach 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	
Volleyball Coaches' Meeting 6:30 p.m. Gym		L'Alto: HS Summer '21 6:30 p.m. School Playground				
Booster Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.		Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church				
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace						

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit stgertrude.org/covid 19.

We began a new fiscal year on July 1, 2021. That means that we have a new annual offertory budget, and our year-to-date numbers started back at zero. Based on the collections from Sunday, July 4 and 11, we're off to a great start!

OFFERING

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Rosary Garden

(weather permitting)

Weekly Budget

Fiscal YTD Actual

Fiscal YTD Surplus

Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby Healing Rosary

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report

Collection for July 4

Collection	\$	36,235				
Weekly Surplus	\$	941				
Collection for July 11						
Weekly Budget		35,294				
Collection	\$	48,325				
Weekly Surplus		13,031				
Fiscal Year-To-Date						
(for year ending June 30, 2022)						
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	70.588				

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