

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, Sep	tember 6, Labor Day, Weekday	Sej	
8:00 a.m.	For All Who Labor		
Tuesday, Sep	tember 7, Weekday		
7:00 a.m.	†Lucy Ann Greene/Pat & Don Schoo	Su	
8:00 a.m.	†Charles & Cecilia Lemming/Donna & Dave Kallgren		
11:30 a.m.	Benefactors & Familiars of the		
	Order of Friars Preachers		
Wednesday, S	September 8,		
The Nativity	of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)		
7:00 a.m.	†Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer/The Schirmer Family	Co	
8:00 a.m.	†Robert Schaengold/Charlotte Schaengold	4:0	
11:30 a.m.	†Barbara Dugan/Cindy Dunaway	Th	
Thursday, Se	ptember 9, St. Peter Claver (M)	it b	
7:00 a.m.	†Susan Archdeacon/Mary Lee Simmons		
8:00 a.m.	†Norman Clair/Maureen & Dan Teller		
11:30 a.m.	†Mariamma Alexander/Benny Alexander		
Friday, Septe	mber 10, Weekday		
7:00 a.m.	Kristin Stoll/Mike & Beth Stoll		
8:00 a.m.	†Jim Gaede/Doug & Robin Postler		
11:30 a.m.	†Rosemarie O'Sullivan/Ray & Marylyn Clark		
Saturday, Sej	otember 11, Weekday		
8:00 a.m.	†Maria Lee/The Isaacs Family		
11:30 a.m.	†Marianne Nichwitz/Nancy DeBrunner		
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BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18 Genesis to Jesus Bible Study

WHEN: Saturdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
WHERE: St. Gertrude School Cafeteria
COST: \$25/person (includes materials)

For more information and to register, visit stgertrude.org/genesistojesus

ST. GERTRUDE

September 11-12, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

⁺Jane Thole/John & Mary Jo Eimermacher Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. People of St. Gertrude

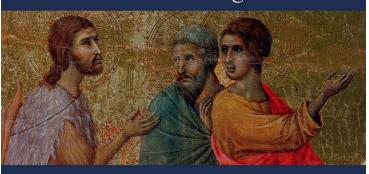
†Ann Fabe/Classmates at St. Ursula †Tim Petric/Mary Petric †Jeff Morgan/Jane Wright

Confessions will be heard in the church Tuesday-Friday at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 3:30 p.m. There will be no confessions on Monday, September 6, due to it being Labor Day.

Parish Office Info

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243 (513) 561-5954 | www.stgertrude.org Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. School Office Hours Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Church Hours Every day: 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Do You Know Someone Who Is Interested in Becoming Catholic?



Invite them to join you at our Come & See event, so they can discover what our Become Catholic program (formerly RCIA) is all about.

> COME & SEE Monday, September 13, 2021 7:00 p.m. Parish Center Lobby

For more information, visit stgertrude.org/become-catholic.

ST. GERTRUDE



THE IMPORTANCE OF WORK

As we observe this Labor Day weekend, we can take the opportunity to recall the laborer/carpenter—St. Joseph. We are amid a Year of St. Joseph, which will end on December 8, 2021. It is a wonderful opportunity to increase our knowledge of

and love for St. Joseph "to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal" (*Patris Corde*). The Vatican News website offers this summary regarding St. Joseph and work:

"A carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family," St. Joseph also teaches us "the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour." This aspect of Joseph's character provides Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favour of work, which has become "a burning social issue" even in countries with a certain level of well-being. "There is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron," the Pope writes.

Work, he says, "is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion." Those who work, he explains, "are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us." Pope Francis encourages everyone "to rediscover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new 'normal' from which no one is excluded"(6).

We are all aware of the current social challenges we face as a nation regarding employment. Employers are hiring, looking for laborers, while social assistance programs are expanding to meet the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Perhaps we could seek the intercession of St. Joseph under his title of St. Joseph the Worker to help our nation find a way forward that is just and charitable toward all.

The Labor Day holiday can be an occasion to give thanks to God for the gift of our own work and the social and economic achievements of American workers. May



God who has given success to the work of our hands help us to fulfill our responsibilities in our families and our community. St. Joseph, pray for us.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Immersion

A Retreat for Parents Seeking Baptism for Their Children

> The greatest gift you can give your child in preparation for their Baptism is a recommitment to your own baptismal promises.

Next retreat:

Sunday, September 19 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. St. Gertrude Parish Center Lobby

Please visit stgertrude.org/immersion for more information and to sign up.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



I heard a strong and clear inner voice saying, "Everything that you say about My goodness is true; language has no adequate expression to extol My goodness." These words were so filled with power and so clear that I would give my life in declaring they came from God... This light

gave me a glimpse of the truth that all my efforts to bring souls to know the mercy of the Lord are very pleasing to God. From this springs such great joy in my soul that I do not know whether it could be any greater in heaven. Oh, if souls would only be willing to listen, at least a little, to the voice of conscience and the voice – that is, the inspirations – of the Holy Spirit! I say "at least a little," because once we open ourselves to the influence of the Holy Spirit, He Himself will fulfill what is lacking in us. (*Diary*, #359)

COVER IMAGE: Healing of the deaf mute man. Artist unknown. Public domain.

MEET THE TEAM

Several new faces have joined our St. Gertrude School faculty this year. To help you get to know them better, we're going to take the opportunity to introduce them in the bulletin over the next few weeks.

Benson Spurling, Physical Education Teacher



After 35 years as a head swim coach, Mr. Benson Spurling has joined St. Gertrude School as our physical education teacher and is very excited to get back into teaching. Mr. Spurling, a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, swam for four years while earning a bachelor of business administration at Eastern Kentucky University. During his lengthy coaching career, he not only completed a master's degree in physical education and health education at Xavier University but also coached

two swimmers who medaled in the London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Mr. Spurling taught at both St. Bernadette School and Cincinnati Christian School before turning to coaching full-time. Mr. Spurling and his wife Shelli just celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary and have two children, Andrew and Lisa, who both swam for and graduated from Ohio State University.

Cheri Hauer, Receptionist



Cheri Hauer recently joined St. Gertrude School as our other part-time receptionist. Mrs. Hauer grew up on the west side of town at St. Martin of Tours Parish where she met her husband, Bill. They have three grown children, one of which is Mrs. Cara Beinke (who has worked here at SGS in our After Care Program). Mrs. Hauer and her husband are thrilled to welcome their first two grandchildren coming soon—one in September 2021, and the other

in February 2022! Mrs. Hauer previously worked for 24 years as the administrative assistant at Central Montessori Academy, and she is very excited to be a part of the SGS family!

SAVE THE DATE

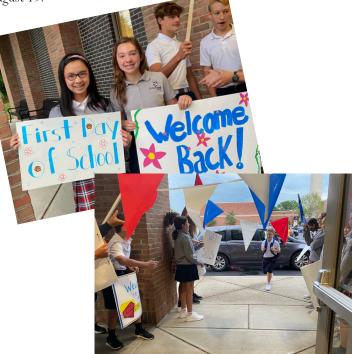
All SGS families with children currently enrolled in the school are invited to join us on Friday, September 17, for a movie night! We will be watching *How to Train Your Dragon* outside on the school playground (behind the school where the kids have recess). Plan to arrive around 7:00 p.m. to get your spot, but the movie won't start until the sun goes down. Grab some chairs, a blanket, and your favorite snacks, and get ready for a fun evening!

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

School office hours for the week of September 5 are 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR IS UNDERWAY!

Here are a couple fun pictures from the first day of school, Thursday, August 19.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Junior High Social Studies Teacher – St. Gertrude School is looking for a full-time, professional junior high (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) social studies teacher. Candidate will be required to obtain a valid Ohio License, fingerprints, a background check, and SafeParish current with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati prior to starting the position. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references to Sister Maria Christi Greve, O.P., principal, at smchristi@stgertrudesch.org. Catholic Candidate: Required

After School Program Assistant Care Provider – St. Gertrude School is looking for an assistant care provider for its After School Program. This position is part-time (approximately 15 hours a week) from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Candidate will be required to obtain fingerprints, a background check, and SafeParish current with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati prior to starting the position. Candidate will assist with crafts, games, etc., as well as supervision and general care of students. We ask that the candidate is at least 18 years of age. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references to info@stgertrudesch.org. Catholic Candidate: Preferred

St. Gertrude School is a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. It is led by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia and offers academic excellence in the Dominican tradition.

EVANGELIZATION



MEET THE TEAM: MICHELLE DUSHENSKY

Each month, the St. Gertrude Bulletin will feature an interview with a member of the Evangelization team at the church. This month, we're highlighting Michelle Dushensky, communications coordinator

St. Gertrude Bulletin: Are you from the area, Michelle?

Michelle: I am not. I was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and lived in the Twin Cities until I was 10 years old. Three days before Christmas in 1996, my family moved to Algonquin, Illinois, a northwest suburb of Chicago. Aside from the four years I spent away at college, I lived in the Chicago suburbs until I moved to northern Kentucky in January 2015 for a job. My husband, George, and I currently live in Hebron, Kentucky, but are actively house hunting in Cincinnati neighborhoods.

SGB: Can you tell us a bit about your family?

Michelle: My husband, a native of Albany, New York, also moved to northern Kentucky in 2015 for a job. Turns out, it was a job at the same nonprofit organization I was working for. We got married on December 8, 2018—the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Looking back now, we both agree that God brought us to the Cincinnati area not for work but to find each other. We are excited to see what God has in store for us.



I am also blessed to have grown up in a very close knit Catholic family, so I would be remiss if I didn't share a little bit about my parents and siblings. My parents, Jeff and Maribeth, are in the process of selling my childhood house in Algonquin. (We're keeping our fingers crossed that they relocate to the Cincinnati area!) I am the oldest of five—four girls and a boy. My brother, Scott, is just 15 months younger than me and currently living in Algonquin. My sister Brittany and her husband, Teran, got married this past April and live in Nashville, Tennessee. My sister Shannon and her husband, Nick (an officer in the Marine Corp), got married in May 2020 and are expecting a baby boy—their first and the first grandchild—in January 2022. My youngest sister, McKayla, is a D1 volleyball player

and currently getting her master's degree in sports management from the University of Connecticut while setting for the volleyball team. (UCONN plays Xavier at the Cintas Center on October 30. Go, Huskies!)



SGB: What led you to pursue a career in communications?

Michelle: My passion for writing, editing, and communications developed when I was just a little girl, partly because I excelled in reading and English classes, and partly because I loved moving hearts and minds through the written word. With a desire to be a TV news anchor, I attended the University of Missouri to pursue a bachelor of journalism with an emphasis in broadcast (radio and TV). I ended up graduating with a bachelor of journalism with an emphasis in strategic communications (advertising) and a minor in psychology.

Words are powerful. And while having good grammar, proper punctuation, and an ability to convey an idea eloquently are all important, communication is so much more than sentence structure, periods, and an extensive vocabulary. Good communication involves empathy—understanding who your audience is, what their needs are, and how you can meet them in their needs and inspire them. I think that is what led me to pursue a career in communications. I desire to help people live their best life—to help them encounter Jesus—and God has given me the ability to do that through the gift of writing and communicating with others.

SGB: Why is your position considered part of the parish's Evangelization Team?

Michelle: Our mission at St. Gertrude is to encounter Jesus Christ and to help others encounter him. By offering faith formation programs (like Family Faith, CGS, and Revitalize), sacramental preparation (like Immersion and marriage prep), and speaker series (like Drinking with Dominicans and Illuminate), the Evangelization team aims to do just that. Of course, people need to know about the offerings and feel compelled to sign up. That's where I come in. Among many other responsibilities, my job is to utilize a variety of communication platforms to spread the word about things going on at the parish so as to help people encounter Christ and feel at home at St. Gertrude.

SGB: What is your hope for communications at St. Gertrude?

Michelle: I hope that all of our communications at St. Gertrude whether an email, a blurb in the bulletin, a social media post, a post-Mass announcement, or an ad for a program—are consistent, transparent, informative, welcoming, and professional.

SGB: What do you like to do for fun?

Michelle: From playing cards and board games to going on walks and just doing life together, I love to spend time with my husband, family, and friends. I also enjoy working out (running, swimming, barre, Pietra Fitness, weight training), being outside, and staying active—I have a hard time sitting still. I thoroughly delight in being a wife, serving others, and taking care of things around the house (baking, cooking, cleaning, cutting the grass, etc.) I also love learning new things, reading, going to daily Mass, and visiting Jesus in adoration.

PARISH NEWS

COMMUNION TO THE SICK RESUMES

As we move out of the pandemic, St. Gertrude Church will be resuming our Communion to the Sick ministry. All current members, as well as those who are interested in bringing the Eucharist to the sick who are homebound or in health care facilities, are invited to a training session on Saturday, September 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. The training session will be followed by 11:30 a.m. Mass in the church, during which all returning and new volunteers will be commissioned to bring the Blessed Sacrament to those in need. Please contact Judy Hartmann at jhartma2002@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending the training or have any questions.

GOLF BALL DROP WINNER

Congratulations to Connie Jordan who had the winning golf ball number (206) at our Golf Ball Drop on Saturday, August 21. Connie was awarded the grand prize of \$1,000 cash. Thank you to everyone who purchased golf balls to support St. Gertrude Church. For fun pictures and highlights from our Golf Ball drop, please visit stgertrude.org/news/golfballdrop2021.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

The Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel will be closed this Saturday, September 4, through Monday, September 6. On Labor Day, there will be one Mass at 8:00 a.m., but no confessions.

CGS PARENT ORIENTATION REMINDER

Is your child enrolled in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd? We invite you to come to a parent orientation in the atrium to learn more about this unique method of teaching that your son or daughter will experience this year. Parent orientations will be held **next Sunday**, **September 12, at 9:05 a.m. and 11:05 a.m.** (following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses) and on **Tuesday**, **September 14, at 7:00 p.m.** Meet in the lower level of the school in the Fish Lobby.

SAVE THE DATE

Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will impact every parish in the archdiocese, including St. Gertrude. The plan will result in all parishes being grouped into "Families" under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at www. BeaconsAOC.org. You're invited to offer your thoughts at one of the comment sessions at St. Gertrude:

- Monday, October 4, at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input for this important initiative which will shape the future of our parish and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

HAVE YOU LOST A LOVED ONE?

Mourning the loss of a loved one is never easy. To comfort you in your sorrow, St. Gertrude offers Seasons of Hope, a unique, adult support group for the bereaved. This free program, rooted in Catholic tradition, conveys God's consolation through Scripture, prayer, reflection, faith sharing, and fellowship. We welcome anyone who has suffered a loss, whether it be recent or years ago. Please visit www.stgertrude.org/ seasonsofhope for more details, including meeting dates and locations and registration information.

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, Peter Fox, 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, Kim McClung, Sandra Munyon, Elaine O'Connell, Gerry Patterson, Jane Sansalone, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Saul, Mary Valker, Bill Van Hise, and Brigitte Vielhauer

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Samuel C. Bascom, Patrick Burke, Cole and Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Kolbe Roberts, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

THE RECENTLY DECEASED Bill Malarick, husband of Bonnie

BAPTISM



Sunday, Augusts 22 Child: Penelope Marie Paolello Parents: Kathleen & Anthony Paolello





LADIES OF CHARITY SHARING VAN

Next weekend, the Ladies of Charity will be collecting at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses, except 6:00 p.m. The collection will

benefit Bethany House, an agency which empowers homeless and at-risk families with solutions to achieve housing stability and longterm self-sufficiency. Immediate needs include household items to fill the Exit Basket each family receives as they start a new life in more stable housing. For a list of items, please visit stgertrude.org/news/ bethanyhouse. Thank you for your generous support. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

LADIES OF CHARITY MEETING

The Ladies of Charity will hold an organizational meeting on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Joseph Room at the Parish Center. We invite any woman who is at least 18 years old and a practicing Catholic to come to find out what we're all about—and join the organization if you feel called. The Ladies of Charity provides much-needed love, support, and financial assistance to so many families. If you need more information, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

CALL FOR CRAFTERS

The Ladies of Charity are looking for crafters or businesses for our annual Craft and Gift Show. If you have a special craft, business, or specialty product you would love to showcase in our craft fair on October 16, 2021, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 or Donna Marcello at (513) 677-1531 for more information. We hope to see you there!

FOOD FOR ALL

Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located to serve local families. Due to Covid-19, our pantries are now drive-thru. We could use your help! If you are interested in serving or donating, please contact April Hoak, Food for All coordinator, at ahoak@ccswoh.org or (513) 672-3720. Learn more at https://www.ccswoh.org/programs/food-for-all/.

PCW SEEKS ULTRASOUND TECHNICIAN

Pregnancy Center West, a Catholic, pro-life crisis pregnancy center located in West Price Hill, is seeking an ultrasound technician (UT). The UT provides non-medical-grade ultrasound scans on women seeking an abortion, with the goal to show them the life in their womb and thus, to choose life! Medical background preferred. Training will be provided on PCW's ultrasound machine. Those interested should email their cover letter, resume, and hourly rate expectations to Bill Schinkal, PCW board president, at bill@pc-west.org.

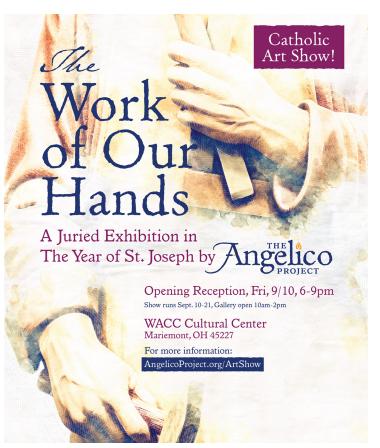
ORGAN DONOR NEEDED

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!

SAINTS' RELICS DISPLAY

There is a display of saints' relics coming to three parishes in the Cincinnati area in early September. From St. Gertrude the Great and St. Dominic to Pope St. John Paul II and St. Therese of Lisieux, the display includes over 150 relics of beloved saints. For more information, visit www.treasuresofthechurch.com, where you will find a brief video on the presentations.

Tuesday, September 7 | 6:30 p.m. St. Ignatius of Loyola Church 5222 North Bend Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45247 Wednesday, September 8 | 6:30 p.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe Church 5720 Hamilton Mason Road Liberty Township, Ohio 45011 Thursday, September 9 | 6:30 p.m. St. Cecilia Church 3105 Madison Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45209





THE LITURGY: PRAYING, BELIEVING, LIVING

BY FATHER JORDAN KELLY, O.P. Part 1 in an 8-part series

Why a Director of Liturgy?

Among the responsibilities as a parochial vicar to which Father George has asked me to attend, the greatest—next to saying

Mass and hearing confessions—is to serve our parish community as the director of liturgy. The purpose of the task of being the director of liturgy is to help us deepen and develop, to internalize the external, and to bind us ever more closely in one mind and heart in our journey to the eternal wedding banquet the liturgy prefigures before our eyes, and whose vision it sustains in our hearts.

What Does the Title of This Series Mean?

In the fifth century, a disciple of St. Augustine, Prosper of Aquitane, wrote these words: *"legem credendi lex statuat supplicandi,"* meaning "the Church believes as she prays." As time has gone on, Prosper's words have been redacted to *lex orandi, lex credendi,* meaning, "the law of prayer becomes the law of belief." But what about the last part of the title, "living"? Just as St. James tells us that "faith without works is meaningless" (James 2:14-26), so too, our life of prayer must be shown in the way we live day in and day out. If by our sharing in the Eucharist, our devotional prayers, and our works of penance, our lives are not continually growing in charity, our sharing in the Eucharist is, at best, stunted; and, at its worst, meaningless. Experiencing the joining of heaven to earth through the liturgy, our lives should be deeply changed. If our lives are not changed by our regular participation at Mass, something is missing.

Looking at the Way We Live

In his book, *Sacred Signs,* Monsignor Romano Guardini writes, "... it strikes me that the right and fruitful method is to start off in the

simplest way with the elements of the higher liturgical forms having been constructed. These signs are real symbols that should be fanned into life . . ."

Let's consider the most basic signs and symbols that fill our liturgies and mark our Catholic lives.

The Sign of the Cross

How many times a day—how many times within Mass—do we make the Sign of the Cross? What is the importance of the Sign of the Cross? The Sign of the Cross is:

- a. creedal That is, it proclaims what we believe. Guardini teaches that the sign of the Cross is the sign of the universe and the sign of our redemption.
- b. exorsistic Making the Sign of the Cross proclaims the presence of the Godhead in our lives; that, in baptism, we have been claimed for Christ, and because of the power of the cross and the power of the Holy Name of Jesus, the devil is pushed away.

How do you make the Sign of the Cross? Is it hurried and without thought? Is it small and cramped and made with no thought? Instead of doing an action that looks like it doesn't mean much, make the Sign of the Cross that moves from forehead to breast, and shoulder to shoulder. Allow it to embrace all of you and all that you think and do throughout the day.

So, a very simple beginning to our discussion about praying, believing, and living. Next week we will look at more of the ways we are already living the liturgy and may not be aware of it.

Do you have questions about the liturgy? Submit your question to <u>parishoffice@stgertrude.org</u>, and I will answer them in this column.

The Liturgy: Praying, Believing, Living is an 8-part series by Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., that will be featured in our bulletin over the next few months. The series strives to deepen our understanding of the liturgy and strengthen our unity as a community who worships God in Spirit and in Truth.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, September 6	Tuesday, September 7	Wednesday, September 8	Thursday, September 9	Friday, September 10	Saturday, September 11	Sunday, September 12
Adoration Chapel Closed	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Ressurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. Parish Center Music Room	Cub Scout Join Night 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	L'alto: Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Gym	Into the Breach 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Coffee & Donuts After 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses Gathering Space
Parish Office Closed		Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Parish Center Lobby			LOC Planning Meeting 10:00 a.m. Parish Center Lobby	LOC Bethany House Collection After 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses Sharing Van
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Rosary Garden (weather permitting)		Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church			LOC Bethany House Collection After 4:30 p.m. Mass Sharing Van	Little Flower Library Open 9:00-11:30 a.m.
For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit stgertrude.org/covid19. Catechesis Shepherd Parent Orientation 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Lower Fish Lobby We invite all men to join us for the next Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church						
BREACH	School Cafeteria 3:00 p.m. Parish Center			School Small Group Reveal 3:00 p.m.		
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Collection for August 2	9	
Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Collection	\$	27,535
Weekly Deficit	\$	(7,759)
Fiscal Year-To-Date		
(for year ending June 30, 2	022)	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	317,646
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	302,006
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(15,640)
2nd Collection: \$5,659 Fifth Sunday		



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Corporal Works of Mercy

Helping Hands - Nancy Lucas	stgerthh@gmail.com
Knights of Columbus – Phil Motz	(513) 444-5072
Ladies of Charity - Jean Wilkinson	(513) 498-5085
Parish Health Ministry - Jeanne Palcic	(513) 317-4123
Pregnancy Center East (for all pregnar	ncy needs) (513) 321-3100
Soup Kitchen – Andy Cordier sou	ipkitchen@stgertrude.org
St. Vincent De Paul Society -	
Jim Spurgin	(513) 561-5954, ext 2112
Visitation of the Sick - Judy Hartmann	(513) 984-8003

Vocations Directors

Archdiocese of Cincinnati - Fr. Dan Schm	itmeyer (513) 421-3131
Dominican Friars -	
Fr. Jacob Bertrand Janczyk, O.P.	DominicanFriars.org
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Eucharistic Adoration	adoration@stgertrude.org
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Pastoral Council - Jill Woods	(513) 235-6827
Prayer Ministry for the Dying - Pat C	Collins (513) 265-1897
Regina Veritatis Prayer & Healing -	
Nealy Mechley	(513) 505-1740
Respect Life - Debbie Graham	(513)984-4766
Rosary Making - Larry Ball	(513) 831-8572
Unbound Ministry – Nealy Mechley	(513)505-1740

Liturgical Ministries

Adult Choir – Catherine Fishlock	(513) 561-5954
Contemporary Music Ensemble - Paul Kir	ndt (513) 697-9208
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communi	on (513) 561-5954
Lectors -	(513) 561-5954, ext 1123
Resurrection Choir - Marty Cunningham	(513) 891-4226
The St. Anne and the Child Mary Guild -	
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Youth Choir - Catherine Fishlock	(513) 561-5954

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Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary	y —
Brian Zappia	(513) 791-7299
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Holy Family Prayer Group - Malissa Fi	rohlich (513) 519-5197
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Athletic Boosters - Rob Gruber	(513) 256-2566
Boy Scouts - Robert Dinga	(612) 616-8242
Cub Scouts - Chris De Brunner	(513) 379-1010
Garden Club - Susan Brokaw	(513) 702-6877
Lenten Fish Fry - Rob Mancini	(513) 520-6360
Little Flower Library – Susan Santos	(513) 504-0205
Parish Coffee - Mark Findley	(513) 417-9227



