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Church Hours
Daily, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.
Parish Office Hours
M-F, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
School Office Hours
M-F, 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.



WELCOME

Welcome to St. Gertrude Parish—it is good that you are here!

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, you have been here many times and want to become a parishioner, or you have questions about the Catholic faith and want to learn more, the information on this page is a great place to start.

We look forward to getting to know you and accompanying you on your faith journey.

BECOME A PARISHIONER

Ready to join our vibrant parish of missionary disciples?

Register as a parishioner at stgertrude.org/register. Paper copies of the registration form are also available in the parish office.



MISSION

Who We Are

We are a Roman Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati that is shaped and enlivened by the charism of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans). We teach and preach the Truth, reverently celebrate the liturgy and sacraments, and gather as a community so that all may encounter Jesus here.

VISION

Who We Aspire to Be

To be a community of disciples united in our Eucharistic Lord and sent to transform the world in the light of the Gospel.

CORE VALUES

What We Cultivate

Reverence, Humility, Magnanimity, Generosity, Intentionality



Been away for a while or curious about Catholicism?

WE WOULD LOVE TO WALK WITH YOU.

To connect with us, get your questions answered, and learn about returning to the Church or becoming Catholic, scan the QR code or contact our director of evangelization, Tyler Castrucci, at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.





TRANSITIONING FROM SUMMER TO FALL (INCLUDING A REQUEST FROM THE PASTOR)

The past two weeks have been busy ones indeed! On the solemnity of the Assumption of

Our Lady, we had the joy of celebrating the first profession of vows for our nine Dominican novices who were with us this past year. This past Wednesday was the first day of school for students attending St. Gertrude School; other local schools recently started up as well. And this Saturday evening is our annual parish picnic, a celebration of parish life featuring food, games, face painting for the children, and lots of fellowship with each other. For those reading this letter sometime before Saturday, I do hope you are able to come and share in the joy of this event with your fellow parishioners. These three events, which usually all fall within about a week of each other, collectively mark the end of summer and the beginning of fall for our St. Gertrude Parish community. And with that transition, we are also seeing some “goings and comings” among those who serve at the parish. With the summer ending, that means the time has come for our two “summer help” clergy to return to Washington, D.C., to continue their studies. Having Father Titus and our deacon Brother Raphael with us was truly a joy. I hope you agree that their ministry and presence at our parish these past few months was truly a great gift to our parish community. And at the same time, I can say without any doubt that the witness of faith, joy, and love that the two of them experienced from our parishioners made a profound impact upon them. Both of them were effusive in the way they spoke about the impact being here at St. Gertrude had on them. So I would like to thank all of you—our amazing parishioners—for embracing them the way you did this past summer.

This is also a time of year when we tend to see an increase in new faces in the parish. Last month alone, we had 21 new households (a total of 48 people) register as parishioners! And just in the past week or two, I have personally met several families who are newly-arrived and just joined the parish. So during the weeks ahead, as your pastor, **I am asking every single member of the parish** to keep your eyes open for new faces, and if you see someone you don't recognize, go out of your way to say hello and introduce yourself. It is my hope that every first-time visitor to our parish experiences a warm welcome, not only from our priests and parish staff, but also—especially—from all of you. And I have to say, very few things warm my pastor's heart more than seeing new individuals or families being embraced and warmly welcomed when they first come to St. Gertrude Parish.

Oh, one final thing: If you have not yet filled out the parish 2025 Census & Survey that you received via email, *please* do so! Having accurate information about who is “here” is extremely important for our pastoral planning moving forward. And to everyone who has already filled out the form, thank you. (For those who don't use email, paper versions of the form will be available in September.)

The beginning of fall is an exciting time around St. Gertrude Parish. May our hearts be fully open to the graces the Lord surely will be showering upon us during the weeks and months ahead.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



2025 PARISH CENSUS & SURVEY

On August 7, we emailed all parishioners our parish 2025 Census & Survey. Thank you to everyone who has already participated—you will help us update our records and make decisions based on parishioner feedback. If you are a registered parishioner and did not receive an email about the survey and census, contact the parish office at parishoffice@stgertrude.org or (513) 561-5954.

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



“Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!”

- St. Padre Pio

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH – NEW BRANDING!

Notice anything different about the bulletin? After many months of working with a design agency to give the St. Gertrude Parish brand a refresh, we are excited to unveil our new parish logo, gold color (which replaces the “old” gold), and fonts. You will find these changes incorporated into the St. Gertrude Parish website (stgertrude.org), which we also redesigned to reflect our vibrant, reverent, Dominican parish and for an improved user experience. As with any new website launch, there are bound to be a few hiccups. We ask for your patience as we work to address any issues that arise. Look for new St. Gertrude Parish branded gear in the coming months!

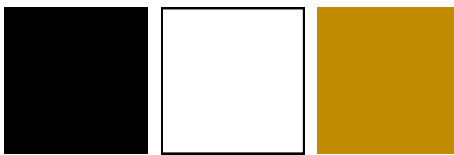
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Secondary Logo



Color Palette



Fonts

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Lato

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

All boys in grades four and up who want to become altar servers (or who are currently altar servers and want a refresher) are invited to our next altar server training this Friday, August 29, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the church.

BAPTISMS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025



Child: Eloise Ivonne Strope
Parents: Andrea & Matthew Strope

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025



Child: Philomena Grace Altimonte
Parents: Anthony & Anne Altimonte



Let Us
PRAY

THE SICK

Johnny Burns, Vicki Calonge, John Castrucci, Triset Defonseka, Diana Doll, Lisa Ely, Octavio Flores-Resendiz, Ron Freudenberg, Will Freudenberg, Dick Gelhaus, Goad Family, Elsa Hall, Hummel Family, Steve Kaimer, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Robert Lantz, Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Joseph Nanista, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gert Patterson, Romualdo & Maria Pelle, Heather Pfeiffer, Paula Scalo, Pegge Schuermann, Nancy Silvers, Judy Sullivan

THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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, Seth McGann, 2nd Lt. Miles Mayer, PFC Charles Mayer, John Murdock Jr., John Oscar, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, Michael Stein, Ian Tester, Jack Thornton, and Gus Voto

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

† Ann Marie Holewski
† Thomas Hemak, husband of Sandra



TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY STUDY

Join us in studying St. Louis de Montfort's spiritual classic, *True Devotion to Mary*. Biweekly meetings will be on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the St. Gertrude Parish Center lobby from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., beginning Tuesday, August 26, and continuing through May 2026. Consecration to Jesus through Mary will be on May 30, 2026. During the meeting, participants will watch a video presentation of the book. For more information, visit stgertrude.org/tdm. To receive email updates, please contact Anne Collins at stgertrudetdm@gmail.com.



NEXT DOMINICAN RITE MASS—FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Please join us on Friday, September 5, at 7 p.m. for a low Mass in memory of the deceased familiars and benefactors of the Order of Preachers. There won't be any music for this Mass. Here is the Dominican Rite schedule for the rest of 2025 (all Masses are at 7 p.m.):

- October 7 | Solemn High Mass in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary
 - November 13 | Low Mass for the Deceased Brothers and Sisters of the Order of Preachers
- To learn more about the Dominican Rite, visit stgertrude.org/dominicanrite.



CANA FAMILY FOR FATHERS

Do you have what it takes to lead your family in faith? This fall, join other men for Reigning in Life: Becoming Provider, a Catholic small group for husbands and fathers. The group meets twice per month between October and April. Sessions include a reflection on a Gospel passage and Church teachings, followed by a conversation on two to three principles that are directly relevant to being a husband and father, and concludes with a resolution to implement. Use discount code GERTRUDE25 to get \$30 off registration. If you have questions, contact Tyler Castrucci, at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.



CANA FAMILY FOR MOTHERS

A new Cana Called to Motherhood group is forming for 2025-2026! We meet twice per month from September through May to reflect on the Gospel, the *Catechism*, and Pope St. John Paul II's writings on the dignity of women. We also share stories and advice on how to raise faith-filled children and be better wives and mothers. Visit canafamilyinstitute.com or scan the QR code to learn more and sign up. Use discount code GERTRUDE25 to receive \$30 off registration! If you have any questions, please contact Anita at cana@stgertrude.org.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE NEEDS TWO BABYSITTERS

Do you love children? Do you want to give back to others? Serve as a child care provider so moms with young kids can attend our Walking with Purpose Bible study. We are in need of two babysitters on Mondays from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. between Labor Day and Easter. Must be high-school-age or older. The position pays \$15/hour or an hour of community service each week. If you or someone you know is interested, please email Martha at wwp.st.gertrude@gmail.com for more details.

This WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

7 p.m. | Healing Rosary (Church)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

12:30 p.m. | *True Devotion to Mary* Study (St. Dominic Lobby)

8:30 p.m. | Surrender Initiative Reception (St. Dominic Lobby)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

6:30 p.m. | Building a Eucharistic Marriage (St. Dominic Lobby)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

3 p.m. | Altar Server Training (Church)

CAMPUS CLOSURES FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

The Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel will be closed Friday, August 29, through Monday, September 1, and will reopen on Tuesday, September 2, at 7:30 a.m. The parish and school offices will also be closed on Monday.

LADIES OF CHARITY LIFE FORWARD COLLECTION

The weekend of September 6–7, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot collecting items for Life Forward before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.). Since 1984, Life Forward has supported women and their families in making life-affirming decisions regarding pregnancy. Most frequently collected items include Enfamil Infant Formula (yellow label) and Enfamil Gentlease Formula (purple label); diapers size 1–4; wipes (hypoallergenic/fragrance free); sleepers size preemie–6 months (unisex); and pack ‘n plays. If you have any questions about Life Forward or Ladies of Charity, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

AUGUST IS MAKE-A-WILL MONTH!

 **MyCatholicWill**

BECOME A EUCHARISTIC GUARDIAN

Eucharistic guardians are people who sign up and commit to a weekly one-hour slot in our Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel. The chapel is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Wednesday overnight. We need at least two people signed up for every hour, and there are many spots available. To learn more or sign up for an hour, visit stgertrude.org/adoration or scan the QR code.



MISCARRIAGE KIT BOX

Are you or someone you know facing a first trimester miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven's Gain Ministries has provided our parish with a box of free miscarriage kits to support your physical and emotional needs during your tragic loss. The box is located in the landscape bed to the left of the circle drive in front of the church. If you have questions about the kit, call Heaven's Gain at (513) 888-4200. Learn more about Heaven's Gain's services at heavensgain.org/. We also encourage you to contact one of our parish priests so we can help you along your grieving journey.



CREATE YOUR WILL FOR FREE

As a Catholic, your faith is your most valuable asset—the way you live it out in your everyday life will have a lasting impact on future generations. Thanks to St. Gertrude Parish's partnership with MyCatholicWill.com, you can now pass on your Legacy of Faith and plant seeds for the next generation of Catholics in an incredible way. Scan the QR code or visit MyCatholicWill.com/StGertrude to start writing your will for free today! Use referral code STGERTRUDE.





OMEGA: A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Reza Akhtar, Parishioner and Past Omega Participant

Catholicism is known for repetition. The form of the Mass is essentially the same at every

celebration, with the variable parts repeating on a three-year cycle. When we pray the rosary, we recite the Hail Mary at least 50 times. Why all this repetition? Two reasons come to mind. The first is that, because God is radically transcendent, we can never attain union with him solely by our own efforts, so there is never a point past which our striving is pointless. The second is that, every time we pray or receive the sacraments—assuming we do so intentionally and with the correct disposition—we are transformed, however subtly, by our encounter with God. The communicant who receives the Eucharist twice is the same person each time, but her experience of it the second time is not the same as the first. On both counts, therefore, there is a perennial freshness in our encounter with God.

It may not be as obvious, but the same is true of our intellectual formation. Every time we read sacred Scripture, we are touched by Christ, the living Word. St. Gertrude Parish's Become Catholic program may be the first place in which people learn about Catholic doctrine and spirituality, but it certainly shouldn't be the last. This is because all the truths of our faith point to the mystery at its center: the mystery of the Triune God. We will never be able to comprehend that mystery, but we can still grow in our understanding of it. Thus, even after Baptism and Confirmation, we continue to meditate on the mystery from a variety of angles. We read, participate in the sacraments, and pray devotions, over and over again. Repeat, repeat, repeat—but never in exactly the same way.

Omega is an ideal setting for confirmed Catholics to plumb this central mystery in pursuit of a deeper understanding of the faith and to be formed for mission. Last year's Omega group was remarkably diverse in age, formation, and state in life. Some had recently become Catholic; others were lifelong Catholics. Still others were somewhere in between. Our goal for the year was to grow in our personal relationships with the Lord while reading Frank Sheed's *To Know Christ Jesus*, which weaves together all four Gospels to present the life of Jesus in a narrative format. Omega sessions typically began with a brief prayer, followed by lectio divina on a passage from Scripture covered by the previous reading assignment. Those were followed by a "lesson" in which we would delve more deeply

into some of the themes from the reading. We would then share our thoughts on various questions, first with those at our tables and later with the full group. There was plenty of opportunity throughout for participation and sharing of personal experience.

I cannot stress enough that there is a place for everybody at Omega. You do not need to be a theology nerd to participate, although you're more than welcome if you are! Indeed, the program is ordered toward intellectual and spiritual growth. Don't seize up at the mention of reading assignments, either. Even if you don't manage to finish every one of the readings on time or don't understand everything, you should come nonetheless: not everything in Omega is about the reading. Finally, don't feel discouraged if you started Omega last year but stopped going to meetings sometime in the middle of the program. You'll be welcome back, and we hope that you'll keep attending.

What did I take away from Omega last year? Arguably, the most valuable thing was the perspective offered by the group leaders and by my fellow participants. One can read Scripture—or Sheed's book—on one's own, but there is much to be gained by going through the process with others. An added benefit is that I got to know a few people who attend different Masses, or in some cases, a different parish. I hope each one of you will consider becoming a part of this highly edifying program at our parish.

Try Omega!

**DO YOU FEEL STUCK IN YOUR FAITH JOURNEY?
ARE YOU WANTING MORE?**

What You Will Learn

Through readings, talks, discussions, and group prayer, you will deepen your knowledge of the faith, grow in personal prayer, and be guided in crafting a rule of life.

When & Where

September 2025-May 2026
1st and 3rd Mondays | 7-8:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude School Cafeteria

Visit bit.ly/2025omega or scan the
QR code to sign up.



Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph

2025-2026 Novitiate Class

Welcome to the new novices! These 10 men will spend the next year in formation here at St. Gertrude Priory. Please introduce yourself when you see them at Mass and around campus, and keep them in your prayers.



Brother Tyler



Brother Paul



Brother Matthew



Brother Hyacinth



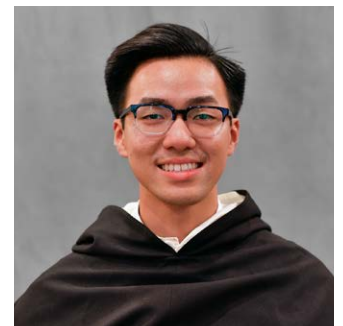
Brother Amadeo



Brother Joshua



Brother Maximilian



Brother Ignatius



Brother Wyatt



Brother Gabriel

Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph

2024-2025 Novitiate Class

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 novitiate class for completing their first year of formation and making their first profession of vows on August 15!

Please keep these brothers in your prayers as they begin their formal seminary education and formation at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C.



Brother John David



Brother Nathaniel



Brother Cyprian



Brother Pier Giorgio



Brother Sean



Brother Mannes




Brother Simeon



Brother Joshua



Brother Seth





The Surrender Initiative

A special Mass to pray for those who are no longer practicing their Catholic faith.

Tuesday, August 26
Vigil of the feast of St. Monica
St. Gertrude Church

6:30 p.m. Reconciliation | **7:30 p.m. Mass**
Reception to follow in the Parish Center

Sponsored by  **St. Gertrude PARISH**  **GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS**



Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women.

Walking with Purpose is a program that meets women right where they are, hands them a cup of coffee, and transforms their hearts—and **we invite you to join us for one of our three Bible studies beginning this fall!**

Visit bit.ly/wwp2025 or scan the QR code to learn more and register by **August 29, 2025!**



walking with purpose

www.walkingwithpurpose.com

ROOTED

Family Baptism Formation

Interested in having your baby or child baptized? Join us for Rooted, our new Baptism program. You will meet other couples, learn about Baptism, and get helpful tips for cultivating the domestic Church in your home.

Who Is This For?
Parents seeking to have their first child baptized at St. Gertrude Parish or who have not had a child baptized here in the past five years.

When Does It Start?
The first program is **Sunday, September 7**. Sessions are typically on the first Sunday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is included.

Questions?
Contact our director of evangelization, Tyler Castrucci, at (513) 561-5954, ext. 2108, or tcastrucci@stgertrude.org.

Scan the QR code, visit bit.ly/baptismformation, or call the parish office at (513) 561-5954 to sign up.



Do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith?

INVITE HIM OR HER TO BECOME CATHOLIC.

COME & SEE DINNER

Monday, September 8 | 7-8:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish Center

Inquirers will enjoy an evening of food, drink, and fellowship with other adults who are interested in Catholicism and to discover what our Become Catholic program is all about.

Visit bit.ly/comeandsee2025 or scan the QR code to RSVP.



2025-2026 SACRED MUSIC SERIES OPENER!



BACH'S MASS IN G MAJOR

Friday, September 12 | 7 p.m.
St. Gertrude Church

A radiant expression of glorious praise! Performed by St. Gertrude Parish's Capella and an orchestra of virtuoso specialists from all over the United States. Featuring Bach's *Concerto for Oboe and Violin in C Minor*, BWV 1060R, with dazzling solo writing performed by baroque oboist Kristin Olson and baroque violinist Zachary Carrettin.

Get your tickets today! Visit bit.ly/bachtickets or scan the QR code. Tickets also available at the door.





Save the Date!

LADIES BUNCO NIGHT

All ladies (16+) are invited to this fun event! Bring your mothers, daughters, and friends. No Bunco experience necessary.

 **SATURDAY**
September 13, 2025 | 6-10 p.m.

 **ST. GERTRUDE PARISH GYM**
6543 Miami Ave., Madeira

Visit bit.ly/ladiesbunco2025 or scan the QR code to sign up!



ANNUAL FATHER/SON EVENT

#UNBREAKABLE 3.0

All dads and their sons (K-8th grade) are invited for an epic afternoon of Fowling, guest speakers, a pizza lunch, and having fun while spending quality time together! Why? To encourage dads to be in their sons' lives—always!

SAVE THE DATE
September 27, 2025
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Fowling Warehouse
2940 Highland Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45212
\$20/person



 Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/2025unbreakable to register.

SIGN UP EARLY BEFORE IT SELLS OUT!

Hosted by the St. Gertrude Parish Boosters and the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195.



BOURBON & BOOKS KICKOFF EVENT

October 2025 | Date and Time TBD
St. Gertrude Parish Center

Are you looking to develop community with other men of the parish? Do you have an existing group of friends with whom you want to grow?

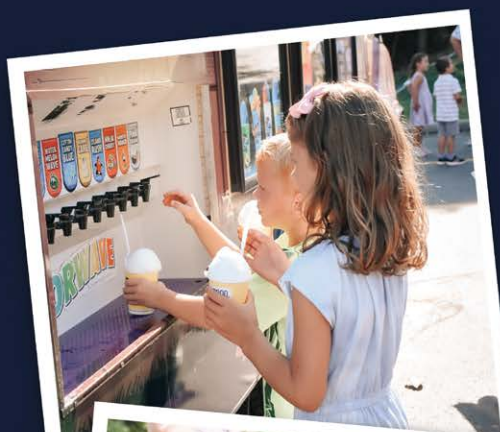
All men are invited to join us for good bourbon, great conversation, and an opportunity to learn about this ministry.

Visit stgertrude.org/bourbonandbooks or scan the QR code to learn more.



UNDER MARY'S MANTLE

Welcoming the *Start* of School



On Saturday, August 16, we welcomed the youngest Bulldogs at our kindergarten social. It was heartwarming to see timid faces quickly brighten as new friendships began to form, friendships that will carry them through their years at St. Gertrude School.

As educators, we are entrusted with a beautiful responsibility. Time and again, when families tour our school, they share the same observation: the love our teachers have, not only for their mission but also for their students, is palpable. This love is a direct reflection of the faith our faculty and staff live out daily.

This year, our school theme is centered around Mary's mantle. In the vision recalled by Blessed Cecilia Cesarini, St. Dominic saw Our Lady stretch out her mantle over him and his brethren, gathering them close beneath her care. What a profoundly maternal image. Just as a mother is the heart of the home, Our Blessed Mother is the heart of our school. Her mantle is not only a place of protection, but also a place of instant peace and tender connection, where fear gives way to trust, and trust allows her children to flourish.

In this same spirit, St. Gertrude School becomes an extension of each child's home. Here, under Mary's watchful eye, our students are welcomed without fear, embraced in love, and nurtured to grow not only in knowledge, but also in wisdom, virtue, and faith. May this new school year be blessed, and may every child find a home beneath Mary's mantle.

INVEST IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Support Catholic education at St. Gertrude School through a gift to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Catholic Education Foundation, a certified Scholarship Granting Organization.

Your contribution directly benefits our students and qualifies for a dollar-for-dollar Ohio state tax credit, effectively reducing your state tax liability while supporting families pursuing a rigorous, faith-rooted education. To ensure your gift supports St. Gertrude School families, please designate our school when giving online or by check.



NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

All are invited to a prayer service on Saturday, September 13, at 9 a.m. at Gate of Heaven Cemetery's Baby Garden section 28 (near the bell tower) for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. This service is to honor the memory of more than 63 million innocent lives lost to abortion and those who continue to feel the impact of this profound loss. **Father John Paul Walker, O.P., will be one of the speakers at the service.** Please bring a folding chair or blanket and an umbrella for your comfort. For more information about this national event, please visit nationaldayofremembrance.org.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE SILENT RETREAT

All Catholics ages 18 and older are invited to a silent retreat August 29-30 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. The retreat includes Mass; confession; adoration; the rosary; quiet time to walk, reflect, and pray; retreat talks, and more. Cost is \$125 for single occupancy, \$200 for double occupancy, and \$75 for commuters. Breakfast and lunch provided. To register, visit bit.ly/2025HopeRetreat or call or text Teresa Vint at (937) 475-2338 by August 22.

SEEKING VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS

Pregnancy Center Plus is looking for volunteers to share their skills with our client community on a monthly basis. Do you have a teachable skill that you can share? Do you work in finance? Are you a trained health professional who knows about infant sleep, nutrition, or breastfeeding? Are you an artist? If you are a "people person" who would love to share your knowledge with a small group in a casual atmosphere, then this might be the opportunity for you! Contact Melissa Neidhard at mneidhard@pcplus.org for details.

STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you want to enrich your marriage and return to that newlywed feeling? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) is a time for you and your spouse to rediscover one another and strengthen your marriage. The next WWME Weekend experiences in Ohio are September 19-21 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood and November 7-9 at Maria Stein Renewal Center in Maria Stein. Sign up at esharing.org/applyWeekend.php. If you have questions or need more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464 or application@esharing.org, or visit esharing.org.

ROOKIE RUGBY

All boys and girls age 3-grade 8 are invited to join Rookie Rugby for the fall session. Rookie Rugby is designed to introduce boys and girls of all skill levels to the game in a safe, fun, and engaging environment. Participants learn teamwork, develop physical fitness, and gain confidence through the fast-paced world of rugby. The session begins September 2 and runs through October 7, meeting once a week on Tuesdays. For more information and to register, visit <https://rookierugbyohio.sportngin.com/register/form/325292412>.



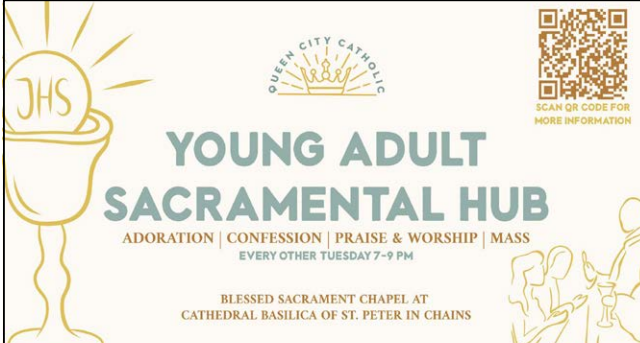
Peace of Mind Through Planning with Faith
PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

Gate of Heaven's family service advisors are ready to assist you in planning arrangements. Personalize your arrangements, honoring your needs with dignity and respect while giving your family the greatest gift—peace of mind. Learn more and RSVP at (513) 489-0300 or gateofheaven.org.

Tuesday, August 26 | 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m.
Gate of Heaven Administration Building
11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249

CASEY ON THE MOUND

Join Catholics from across the archdiocese as Archbishop Casey throws the first pitch before the Cincinnati Reds take on the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday, August 30, at Great American Ballpark. Archbishop Casey's pitch will be at 6:25 p.m., and the game begins at 6:40 p.m. There will also be a celebration of archdiocesan Catholic schools, as Catholic school principals from all 87 grade schools and 24 high schools are recognized on the field at 6:20 p.m. Visit gofevo.com/event/Archdiocesecincinnati2 to purchase discounted game tickets. For each discounted ticket bought through the website, \$5 will be donated to the archdiocese's Catholic Education Foundation (CEF).



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Monday, August 25 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Sheila Clanton by The Bailey Family
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Bill Wiebe by Bill & Gindy Schneller
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Tuesday, August 26 | Weekday

7 a.m. | Mass – † Ted & Marian Scherpenberg by Sue & Jeff Normand
 8 a.m. | Mass – † William Weibe by The Blum Family
 10 a.m. | Moms & Littles Holy Hour
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Bob Gerwin by Naomi Gerwin
 4 p.m. | Confessions
 6:30 p.m. | Confessions
 7:30 p.m. | Surrender Initiative Mass

Wednesday, August 27 | St. Monica (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – † Victor Dosch by Monica Walker
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Charlie Bordes by John & Jenny Ward
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – Finnigan Francis Speicher by Tricia Speicher
 4 p.m. | Confessions
 7:30 p.m. | Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday, August 28 | St. Augustine (F)

7 a.m. | Mass – Beth Steur by The Wood Family
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Kim Caswell by The Caswell Family
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Ray Clark & Megan Clark Johnson
 by The Stuebbe Family
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Friday, August 29 | The Passion of St. John the Baptist (M)

7 a.m. | Mass – The Travis & Kirsten Johnson Family
 by Dominican Sisters, St. Gertrude Convent
 8 a.m. | Mass – † Ted Leugers by Ruth & Paul Leugers
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Joseph A. Kuhn by RoseMarie Cameron
 4 p.m. | Confessions

Saturday, August 30 | Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

8 a.m. | Mass – Joe & Theresa Heyob
 11:30 a.m. | Mass – † Gerry Patterson by Gertrude Patterson
 3:30 p.m. | Confessions
 4:30 p.m. | Mass – † Sean Connelly by The Family

Sunday, August 31 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. | Mass – † Mary Dunphy by St. Gertrude Parish
 10 a.m. | Mass – † Linda Walsh by Marian Clark
 12 p.m. | Mass – The People of St. Gertrude Parish
 6 p.m. | Mass – † Fae Miller by The Runk Family



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Prayers for the Sick or Deceased

Each week, our bulletin lists the names of individuals who are sick or recently deceased so that our entire parish community may pray for them. Simply contact the parish office to add yourself or a family member to this list.

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Bulletin: September 7
Materials Due: August 27

Please submit your bulletin information and Mass
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Friday, August 15, 2025 (The Assumption)	
Collection	\$8,191
Sunday, August 17, 2025	
Collection	\$47,852
Weekly Budget	\$47,059
Weekly Surplus	\$793
Second Collection – St. Gertrude School	\$3,218
Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Year Ending June 30, 2026	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$292,785
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$329,412
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$36,627)

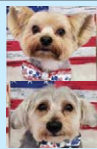


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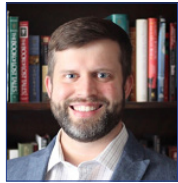


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