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FEBRUARY 4, 2024

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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Parish Council Mission Statement ~ We, the partnered parish communities of St. Gertrude and Christ the King, are faith-filled Catholics who have been called by our Baptism and empowered by the Good News of Jesus Christ to be Church for all. Although made up of multicultural faith communities we are ever united by our common faith.

We are committed to "building up the Body of Christ" through Word, Worship, Evangelization, Leadership, Service, Stewardship, and Fellowship. Dedicated to deepening our love of Christ and one another, together we strive to become a living reflection of Christ for our region.

We willingly accept our obligation to be the "Light of the World" for others and in that spirit we promise to use our resources to practice gospel justice, to heal divisive wounds among God's people and to join with all people of good will in addressing the spiritual and physical needs of all.

OFFERTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS



St. Gertrude

During this period of Ordinary Time leading up to the Lenten Season, our schedules and activities calm somewhat allowing time for us to reflect on our relationship with Jesus Christ. The moment we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, we become a Disciple. Discipleship is being a follower of Christ ourselves, but



Christ the King

also the process of someone helping someone else apply and obey God's Holy Word and share the good news in order to grow as Jesus' method of making disciples was focused on relationships and action.

Being a Disciple also means being a good steward of your time, talent and treasure. Stewardship is the way we look at the world when we become a disciple of Jesus Christ and recognize that all we have and all that we are is a gift from God. Discipleship and stewardship both beautifully intertwine with each other because together they help you live a life that is a reflection of Jesus. You are invited to consider your own calling as a disciple and steward of Christ as this is a very important part of pursuing Christ in all that you do.

Parish Office

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Monday to Friday.....9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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Mass Times**Monday**

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

Tuesday

8:30AM.....Christ the King

Wednesday

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

Thursday

8:30 AM.....Christ the King

Friday

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude
9:00 AM – 10:00AM (Holy Hour)

Saturday

8:30 AM.....Christ the King
9:00 AM – 10:00AM (Holy Hour)
4:00 PM.....St. Gertrude
5:30 PM.....Christ the King

Sunday

8:00 AM.....St. Gertrude
9:30 AM.....Christ the King
10:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:15 PM-3:45 PM.....St. Gertrude

Saturday, 9:00 AM.....Christ the King
(or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the anticipated date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Must have a Baptism Preparation Class.
Must be scheduled in advance.

All bulletin submissions must be and turned into the parish office by Tuesday, 12:00 noon.

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MATTERS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT INFORMATION

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS
OF OUR PARISHES.**



St. Gertrude Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 5

St. Agatha

8:30 AM + Amelia Corcette
by Mitch Abraham

Wednesday, February 7

8:30 AM + Angela and Frank Marino
by Dennis Marino

Friday, February 9

8:30 AM + Josephine DiBiasio
by Anita Gervasi

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, February 10

4:00 PM + William "Mickey" Rowe
by Family

Sunday, February 11

8:00 AM + Margie Shannon
by Barbara Hoffer

10:30 AM + Frank Kolenchak
by Teresita Kolenchak



Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory Of: Robert and Genevieve
Foreman
by The Foreman Family



Memorial Candle
In Memory Of: Nick and Flora Civitillo
by The Hollingers

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 10 & 11	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Saturday 4:00 PM	Sheila Tilson	Gail Lightner	Nick Pityk
Sunday 8:00 AM	Stephanie Enciso	Christine Lamanna	Anthony
Sunday 10:30 AM	Gerri Michela	Merissa Foster	Dom

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 27 & January 28

Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,163.00
Loose	\$ 394.00
Restoration	\$ 91.00
Utility/Energy	\$ 57.00
Votives	\$ 157.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 5.00
Eastern European Collection	\$ 5.00

MEN'S CLUB

The St. Gertrude's Men's Club will have a meeting on Monday, February 5th at 6:30 PM in the church hall. Please bring your sold Valentines Day raffle tickets to the meeting.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Gertrude Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a ZOOM meeting at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 7th. Information to access the meeting will be forwarded to members.



SPAGHETTI DINNER

The next spaghetti dinner will be held on February 15th from 4-7 PM in the church hall. Hope to see you there!



The Open Your Heart to a Senior program is looking for kind hearts to help your older neighbors. We need drivers to get your neighbors to their doctor appointments, shoppers to make sure your neighbors have groceries, listeners to make a phone call and say "hello" to someone alone, and friends to visit with someone who is lonely. An hour or two of your time multiplies when you share it with your neighbor in need. Contact us at 724-205-6282 or OYHS@wfspa.org to learn more about how to connect with the older adults in your community.

Christ the King Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEULE

Tuesday, February 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions

8:30 AM + Marie Kowalczyk
by Johnny and Dolores Lucjak

Thursday, February 8

St. Jerome Emiliani

8:30 AM + Elizabeth Ravotta
by Jerry and Carolyn Halgas

Saturday, February 10

St. Scholastica

8:30 AM + Francisco Curci
by Sandy Buccì

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:30 PM + Lillian Kovalcik
by Kim Foust and Family

Sunday, February 11

9:30 AM For the Living and Deceased
Members of Christ the King and
St. Gertrude Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 10 & 11	Hospitality	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5:30 PM	Jack Canzano	Linda Fedorchak	Pam Pativa
Sunday 9:30 AM	John Lucjak	Kathleen Uncapher	Carol Ferretti

2024 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE

Mark your calendar and plan to join in a Diocese of Greensburg pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., Saturday, Sept. 21, led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. This will be the first Diocesan pilgrimage to our magnificent National Shrine since 2006, and is sure to be a very holy and special experience. Further information on the itinerary, transportation options and cost will be announced soon.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 27 & January 28

Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,031.00
Monthly	\$ 580.00
Loose	\$ 316.00
Votives	\$ 117.00
Utilities	\$ 75.00
Cemetery	\$ 165.00
Accent	\$ 23.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 15.00
Eastern European Collection	\$ 5.00

DISCIPLESHP

These are challenging times. But Faith—following Jesus Christ as His disciples—these thoughts and ideas must be found in our lives and urge future vitality and energy in our hearts and minds. We do have a future ahead of us—and we must move with Faith from within. As Pope St. Leo the Great said in one of his sermons:

“Christian, recognize your dignity and now that you share in God’s own nature, do not return to your former base condition by sinning. Remember who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Never forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of the Kingdom of God.” (CCC #1691)





Mass Intentions are available for **March** at both parishes.
Please call the church office at (724-845-8191) if you would like to schedule a Mass.



FAITH FORMATION (GRADES K - 5)

Classes will be **SUNDAY** evenings for Kindergarten through Fifth Grades from 6:00-7:30 PM at St. Gertrude Parish Center.

YOUTH MINISTRY (GRADES 6-12)

Grades 6-12 will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM at Saint Margaret Mary Church.

On Wednesday, January 24th, the youth group talked about Virtue. What virtue is, how to cultivate virtue in our lives and why virtue is important for our life with Jesus. We focused on the Theological virtues of faith, hope and charity. The kids were asked to write a letter to someone in their life who has modeled virtue!



CDA

The next scheduled meeting will be held in St. Gertrude's church hall on Tuesday, February 6th. Please plan to attend.

CEMETERY NEWS

CHRISTMAS DECORATION REMOVAL

ST. GERTRUDE CEMETERY

ST. CATHERINE CEMETERY

If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove the decorations by Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

Anything left in the cemetery past February 14th, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded by cemetery staff. Thank you for your cooperation.



SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE CONCERT SERIES

The latest event on the *Saint Vincent College Concert Series* will feature **An Evening of Music for Trombone and Piano** featuring award-winning trombonist and composer Dr. Sean Durkin performing standards by Johann Sebastian Bach, Antonio Vivaldi, Gabriel Fauré, and Alexandre Guilmant. Dr. Durkin will be joined by J. Christopher Pardini on piano and organ.

Friday, February 9 at 7:00 PM in the Mary, Mother of Wisdom Chapel (located in the Robert S. Carey Student Center). Admission is free.

SUPPORT UKRAINIAN REFUGEE FUND

Support is needed for the Ukrainian Refugee Fund administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, which provides assistance to individuals and families who have been forced to leave their homelands because of war. Visit ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/ to donate. More than 100 families are on a waiting list to resettle in Western Pennsylvania.

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for Lenten Evenings of Reflection

Tuesday, February 20 – 6:00 PM

Saint Bartholomew Parish, Crabtree

Topic: *"Believe in the Gospel"*

Tuesday, February 27 – 6:00 PM

Holy Family Parish, West Newton

Topic: *"This is My Beloved Son"*

Monday, March 4 – 6:00 PM

Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent

Topic: *"Stop Making My Father's House
a Marketplace"*

Monday, March 11 – 6:00 PM

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Fairchance

Topic: *"Everyone Who Believes in Him
May Have Eternal Life"*

Wednesday, March 20 – 6:00 PM

Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City

Topic: *"We Would Like To See Jesus"*

Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 16 – 6:30 PM

Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Connellsville

Intention: For the Homebound and Infirm

Wednesday, February 21 – 5:15 PM

Saint Cecilia Parish, Whitney

Intention: For Peace in the World

Friday, March 1 – 5:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg

Intention: For Vocations

Friday, March 8 – 7:00 PM

Church of the Resurrection Parish,
Heilwood Site

Intention: For the Deceased

Friday, March 15 – 2:00 PM

Saint Sebastian Regional Catholic School,
Belle Vernon

Intention: For the Youth

Friday, March 22 – 8:00 PM

Saint Lawrence Parish, Cadogan

*Intention: For the Intentions of
the Faithful*



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Prayer comes from the heart. It goes beyond our minds and takes place in the deepest recesses of our souls. It's something that changes us from within because it's an encounter with the living God living within us. It involves a complete surrender of our entire self to God.

One of the most important parts of prayer is humility. Let's start with that to understand the disposition we must achieve.

Humility as the Foundation of Prayer

Humility is simply knowing and expressing the truth about ourselves and about God. And the truth is that we are sinners in need of God's mercy. But when we know this, and humbly beg for mercy, God lavishes it upon us.

For example, imagine that someone hurt you deeply through their own fault. Now imagine if they came and somewhat arrogantly said, "Well, I'm sorry you were offended by this, I hope you'll get over it." That's not much of a healing apology. But if they were to come to you in tears saying, "I am truly sorry; I have sinned against you and hurt you through my own fault. Please forgive me. I am truly sorry." In this case, the opportunity for you to forgive and show mercy is much greater.

God hears our prayers when we humble ourselves before Him and beg for mercy. In fact, He is anxious to forgive and heal us. He wants to be reconciled with us. This starting point and foundation of prayer will then lead to so much more. But without this humility as a foundation, it will be hard to move deeper.

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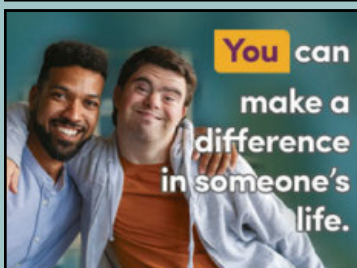
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