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# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

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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.



St. Gertrude

## OFFERTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS

*Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!* It is by the risen Christ that we are given this inauguration into the Kingdom of God. Baptism is the restoration of true life, the life that was lost in sin. When we renew our baptismal promises each year at Easter, The Father, Son and Holy Spirit renews us and transforms us. It is in the Body of Christ that



Christ the King

we are restored. Because Baptism is a unity of faith, hope and love, Baptism is not a solo act. It is by the church nurturing its people in the unity of the Holy Spirit that the Christian grows. The Easter Season encompasses light, hope and resurrection just as the rebirth of nature in the springtime. Thanks be to God for the hope we have because of the death and resurrection of Christ! He is risen and this gives us hope that we serve a living God who not only created but also sustains the whole universe, and who gives us hope for both today and forevermore!

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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)

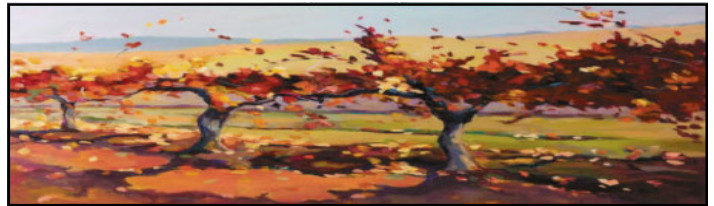
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

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, April 29  
 8:30 AM + James Zuets  
*by Wife, Karen*

Wednesday, May 1  
 8:30 AM Valerie Ziegler  
*by Mom*

Friday, May 3  
 8:30 AM + Moona Cancino  
*by Isabelle Ziegler*

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 4  
 4:00 PM + Martin and Clara Lege  
*by Michele and Don*

Sunday, May 5  
 8:00 AM + Angela and Frank Marino  
*by Dennis Marino*

10:30 AM + Susan Cuffia  
*by Joyce and Jim Cuffia*

Sanctuary Lamp  
 In Memory of : James Zuets  
*by Wife, Karen*

Memorial Candle  
 In Memory of : Paul Petrarca  
*by Children*

### FIRST COMMUNION



Congratulations to Mila Kraus, Justin Flemm, Ava Pepler, Brooke Soxman and Taylor Willis who celebrated their First Communion on Saturday, April 20, 2024. May you always fill the warmth and comfort of the Lord's love with you everyday.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 20 & 21

Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,024.00
Loose	\$ 448.00
Restoration	\$ 431.00
Utility/Energy	\$ 60.00
Votives	\$ 110.00
Easter	\$ 5.00

2024 DLA TARGET	DLA TO DATE	AMOUNT OVER
\$ 46,274.00	\$50,136.00	\$3,862.00

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 4 & 5	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Saturday 4:00 PM	Gerri Michela	Sue Iagnemma	Anthony
Sunday 8:00 AM	Linda Ambrose	Tammie Amendola	Art
Sunday 10:30 AM	Margaret Summerville	Crystal Dellemonache	Dom

From the Pastor –

The following information was announced at all Masses at Saint Gertrude's last weekend, April 20/21:

The Festa Italiana di Vandergrift has now dissolved their committee. In doing so, they have made a gift to Saint Gertrude Parish, through the Diocesan Lenten Appeal (DLA), in the amount of \$34,181.15. Now that the parish has reached the diocesan goal for the DLA, the entire amount of the Festa's donation will be returned to the parish and applied to the case statement which, as a reminder, is to help offset the cost of replacing the flooring in the church. I want to again extend a sincere thank you to Director Jim Putignano and the entire Festa Committee for their generosity and in considering Saint Gertrude Parish for this wonderful gift. Thank you as well to all who initiated, worked at, and offered their time, talent and treasure to the Festa over the years. May God continue to bless you all.

## Christ the King Parish

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEULE

Tuesday, April 30

8:30 AM + Aleda Favero  
*by Family*

Thursday, May 2

8:30 AM + Mary Hoffer  
*by Hoffer Family*

Saturday, May 4

8:30 AM + Vonnie Ferretti  
*by Ed & Barb Troilo*

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:30 PM + Ludwig and Helen Huska  
*by Daughter, Kate Bartoe*

Sunday, May 5

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



*Please pray for the soul of the recently deceased  
**Donald L. Erb**  
May the consolation of the Lord be with his family.*

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 4 & 5	Hospitality	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5:30 PM	Jack Canzano	Kathleen Uncapher	Chris Vigna
Sunday 9:30 AM	Andy Balbo	Margie Stull	Kathy Daugherty



### WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 20 & 21

Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,093.25
Monthly	\$ 775.00
Loose	\$ 413.00
Votives	\$ 62.00
Cemetery	\$ 18.00
Easter	\$ 100.00
Ascension	\$ 30.00
Mother's Day	\$ 40.00
Father's Day	\$ 20.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 20.00

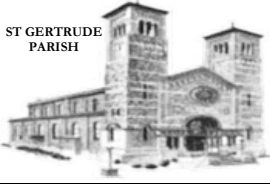
2024 DLA TARGET	DLA TO DATE	AMOUNT OVER
\$42,725.00	\$ 48,819.00	\$6,094.00



### FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to Cecelia Hengelbrok, Lincoln Sikora, and Cade Nowikowski who celebrated their First Communion on Sunday, April 21, 2024. May the good Lord bless you with everlasting peace, faith, and joy."





# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Christ the King Church (CTK) Assumption Hall (AH) Picnic Grounds (PG) St. Gertrude Church (SG) St. Gertrude Church Hall (CH) St. Gertrude Parish Center (SGPC) St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell (SMM)			1 Mass 8:30 AM  Youth Group 6:30 PM (SMM)	2	3 Mass 8:30 AM	4 Confession 3:15 PM Mass 4:00 PM  <b>** Knights of Columbus                      Annual Baby Bottle                      Campaign</b>
5 Mass 8:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM  <b>** Knights of                      Columbus Annual                      Baby Bottle                      Campaign</b>	6 Mass 8:30 AM  Men's Club Meeting 6:30 PM (CH)	7  CDA Meeting 6:00 PM (CH)	8 Mass 8:30 AM  Youth Group 6:30 PM (SMM)	9	10 Mass 8:30 AM	11 Confession 3:15 PM Mass 4:00 PM
12 Mass 8:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM	13 Mass 8:30 AM	14	15 Mass 8:30 AM  Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting 6:00 PM (AH)  Last Session Youth Group 6:30 PM (SMM)	16 Mobile Market Food Distribution 11 AM - Noon   Spaghetti Dinner <b>4:00 - 6:30 PM</b> (CH)	17 Mass 8:30 AM	18 Confession 3:15 PM Mass 4:00 PM
19 Mass 8:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM	20 Mass 8:30 AM	21	22 Mass 8:30 AM  Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 PM AH/PG	23	24 Mass 8:30 AM	25 Confession 3:15 PM Mass 4:00 PM (SG) Mass 5:30 PM (CTK) Fr. Romuald Duchene's Masses of Thanksgiving with Reception to follow the 5:30 PM Mass (AH)
26 Mass 8:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM	27 Mass 8:30 AM	28	29 Mass 8:30 AM	30	31 Mass 8:30 AM	<b>**Please return baby                      bottles by                      Sunday, May 26.</b>

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Baby Bottle Campaign for the Origins (formerly Try-Life) Center starting the weekend of May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Please take a baby bottle from either the crate or one of the Knights, fill it with your generous contribution, and return it by the end of the month to a collection crate in the back of the Church.



“The kerygma is the foundational experience of encounter with God through Christ’s death and resurrection.”

— Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, 213

### Weekend Retreat

*Presented by Diocesan Office of Faith, Family, and Discipleship*

**Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**

**Friday, May 17**

11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

**Saturday, May 18**

9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

**Sunday, May 19**

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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## MASS ON THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

On Wednesday, May 1, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate Mass at 11:45 AM at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral as part of the dedication of the Diocese of Greensburg to the protection and guardianship of Saint Joseph. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Diocese You Tube Channel, Facebook page and on the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Facebook page. In his Pastoral Letter, “Donum Veritatis: The Gift of Truth”, Bishop Kulick dedicated the Diocese of Greensburg to the patronage of Saint Joseph for the Eucharistic Revival Year of Mission in 2024, the Jubilee Year of 2025, and the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Greensburg in 2026. The faithful from around the Diocese are invited to participate in the May 1<sup>st</sup> Mass.



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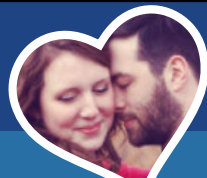
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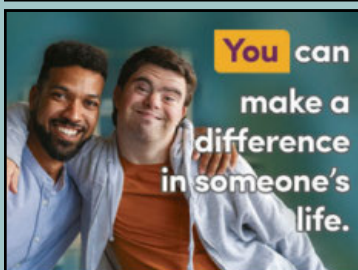
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