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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30am & 10:30am

Mon. - Fri: 8:00am

Confession Times

Saturday: 3:45-4:15 pm, **Sunday:** 6:45-7:15am

Tuesday: 7:30-7:45 am

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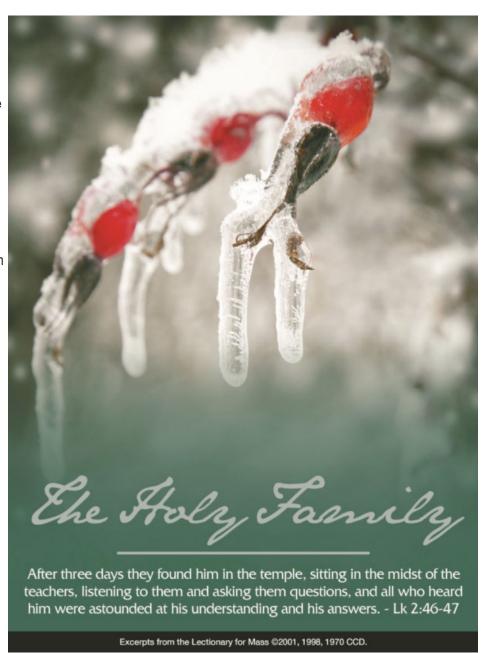
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Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021

7:30am Dale Hellmann Joe Unnerstall 10:30am

Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021

7:30 am Cornelius, Gertrude and Donald Alfermann

10:30 am Larry Tobben

Monday, Dec. 27, 2021

8:00 am Lester Sullentrup

Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021

8:00 am Merrill Schelich

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021

Living and deceased Cornelius 8:00 am

Alfermann Family

Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021

8:00 am Alice Elbert

Friday, Dec. 31, 2021

4:30pm Presiders Intention

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022

4:30pm Arlene Moll

Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022

7:30 am Edna Hinnah 10:30 am Andy Metro

Please note, intentions may be moved due to changes in the Mass Schedule



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers for this weekend are in memory of Lester Sullentrup for this special intention.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are no Altar Flower donations for the following weekend of January 22/23rd and all the weekends in February & March. If you are interested in in altar flowers for one of those weekends please call the parish office.

Please Pray for: Charlotte Heimann, Bernie Hillerman, Dorothy Voss, Adley James Westhoff, Bob Dunker Sr., Jeff Hinnah, Lynn Riegel, Don Frankenberg and the homebound and those in nursing homes.

Prayer request will run for 4 weeks. If you would like your prayer request to run longer please contact the parish office and we will be happy to run your request for another 4 weeks. Thank you!

Please Pray for those Serving our Country:

Jason Brennell, Patrick Feldmann, William Grannemann, Stephen Hern, Austin Mark, Aaron Maune, Dawn Nowak Ricketts, Andrew Schull, Kiah Fuller

Adoration

We hold Eucharistic Adoration every Monday after the 8am Mass until 12 noon. (Adoration is **not** held on holidays that the parish office is closed.)

The Rosary

The rosary is prayed every Tuesday in church at 6pm.

First Friday Anointing of the Sick

On the first Friday of each month we will have Anointing of the Sick at the 8am Mass at St. Gertrude.

Use of Space Info

Parish Center:

Parishioner 750.00 + 300.00 deposit

Non– Parishioner 1,050.00 + 300.00 deposit

Old hall: Must be a parishioner 125.00 + 100.00 deposit

Endowment

This is the link to our St. Gertrude Catholic Church Endowment Fund. https://rcfstl.org/funds/ Page down until you see the endowment fund for St. Gertrude Parish.

St. Vincent DePaul Collection

The SVDP collection is held every third Sunday.

Bulletin Deadline

Articles intended for publication in the parish bulletin need to be submitted to Kristina Unerstall, emailed or in writing, before Monday, 10:00 am at stann.unerstall@yhti.net.

The Sacraments of Marriage & Baptism

Anyone who is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Marriage must schedule with Michelle Gildehaus at least 6 months in advance of their proposed wedding date.

Baptisms are scheduled at St. Gertrude's parish following the completion of our Baptismal Preparation Program. Please call Michelle Gildehaus to schedule a baptism.

Prayer Chain Requests

Needing those extra prayers? Prayer ministers offer requested prayers for the needs and intentions of the parish community. To request prayers, please contact Pat Miller (636) 390-8438 or Irene Hillerman 239-3842 between 10:00 am- 9:00 pm. The prayer ministers will pray daily for each request for four weeks.

Cemetery Clean-up

March 1-15 and September 1-15.

Library

We have a small Library in the Summer Kitchen with books and videos. Feel free to check them out.

Also, you can donate any faith building materials that you have and want to share with others.



Schulte's Bakery 239-2300

From the Pastor's Pen



On behalf of Fr. Bernie and both parish Staffs, I want to thank you for your Christmas cards, cookies and gifts; your generosity is overwhelming! Know that your kindness is much appreciated . . . and shared. I also want to thank everyone who made Christmas Masses so special: Music Ministry: soloists, musicians, and choir; Ministers of the Altar: the lectors, ushers, servers and Eucharistic Ministers, All of these valuable ministries allowed our celebrations to "take on flesh".

This year, since New Year's Day falls on a Saturday, it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

However, since many like to begin the New Year with Mass, the schedule will be:

New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31st:

4:30pm: St. Gertrude

5pm: St. Ann

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1st:

Church Tour: 11am-3pm

4:30pm: St. Gertrude (anticipatory Mass for Sunday, January 2nd)

7pm: St. Ann (anticipatory Mass for Sunday, January 2nd)

Also note: both St. Ann and St. Gertrude Parish Offices will be closed until Tuesday, January 4th! This is so that our hard-working staff can enjoy some much deserved time with their families.

Men, if you're looking for a New Year's Eve resolution, I recommend the Exodus 90 program (contact information in bulletin). I know many men who have participated, but the advertisement says it best:

99% of men report experiencing greater freedom after **Exodus 90**. But what does that mean? What is "freedom"? When we talk about men finding freedom, that means: · Freedom **from** one thing means Freedom **for** another.

Through **Exodus 90**, men find freedom from attachments and worldly comforts that have taken too much hold in their lives. Whether that's alcohol, sweets, sports, work, or smartphones. Men take 90 days to radically detach from these things.

Why? When we detach in a total way, there's only one place left to turn: God. And furthermore — by denying ourselves these luxuries, we're free to say no to them. And we're free to say yes to be the men we're called to be. To be the husbands, fathers, and men for others that we need to be.

Freedom from the world. Freedom to live the Christian life of prayer, sacrifice, and brotherhood. That's the formula of Exodus 90. That's Christ's roadmap for us. And, that's why it works. Exodus 90 starts on January 17th.

Fr. Carl

Catholic Challenge

"In 2013, a priest and five seminarians began meeting for faith formation. As the men talked, they realized that as holy as their desires to enter the priesthood were, they were still men—human and unfree from the base inclinations of the modern world. Having been raised in a society that promotes and even glorifies all sorts of vices, many of these seminarians were bound by addictions to video games. Netflix, alcohol, and even things of a more serious nature. Well, they realized that if this is something they are struggling with then surely the men in their parishes are going to be experiencing the same issues. That is where Exodus90 was born. Last year a couple of men from St. Gertrude's parish took the challenge for 90 days to become better husbands, fathers, sons, and followers of Christ. This year they want to share the freedom that they gained from this experience with others and are reaching out to see if there are other men who are interested in breaking the chains that hold them back from the men God designed them to be. If the Spirit is stirring your heart, please reach out to Tyler Jackson at (314-971-3406 or tgjackson1@gmail.com) for more information."

Educator Lottery Winners

12/20 (\$75) Mike Copeland, Sold by Andrew Koirtyohann

12/21 (\$50) Brittany Krull, Sold by Curt Alferman

12/22 (\$75) Elizabeth Homyk, Sold by self

12/23 (\$50) Niki Pataky, Sold by Will Pataky

12/24 (\$75) Monica Artinger, Sold by Caleb Artinger

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed from Friday. December 24 thru Jan.4th for Christmas.



The staff will be checking emails and voicemails remotely.

If you need immediate help please contact Fr. Carl.

Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Dorothy Voss of our parish who has recently passed away.

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Rollie Dobsch of our parish who has recently passed away.



May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



St. Gertrude and St. Ann Padre Pio Prayer Group



Next meeting on 1/2 after the 7:30am Mass

-Stay very close to the crib of this most beautiful Child, especially during these days of His birth. Model yourselves on the Holy Family and you will have peace, and spiritual and temporal well-being.



2021 Mass Intentions

On October 1 we began adding Mass Intentions to the 2022 calendar. You can call the office or stop in to schedule them.

As a reminder, Thursdays are reserved for the recently deceased and Friday's are for Presider's intentions.

There is a limit of 4 Masses per person and only one of those can be a weekend Mass.



Places to Go ... Breakfasts, Dinners, Parish Festivals & More

1-8-22 - Polar Plunge, come out to celebrate the Feast of Jesus's Baptism, registration at 10am, Plunge is from 10:30 - 11:00am. Ages 10 & up. Pre— register at www.christplunge.com. \$10 a person. Will be held at Veterans Memorial park in Union, MO. All proceeds go to Helping Hands Community Outreach.

2-25-22 - Mark your calendar for St. Ann's Church Drive thru Chicken Dinner. More information to come after the first of the year.

Calendar of Events

Dec. 26 Sun	Rental - OH		
Dec. 27 Mon	K of C Blood Drive - PC		
Dec. 28 Tues	B-ball practice 5:15pm - PC		
Dec. 29 Wed	Archery Practice 6pm - PC		
Dec. 30 Thurs	Quilting 8:30am - HH B-ball Practice 5:30pm - PC		
Dec. 31 Fri	B-ball Practice 3pm - PC		
Jan. 1 Sat			

December 26, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1) During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received - being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.





Collection Report for Dec. 11 & 12				
	WEEKLY			
Adult Envelopes	\$8,123			
Loose Offering	\$210			
Holy Days	\$500			
Electronic Giving (Budget)	\$3,577.00			
Total Weekly Contributions	\$12,410			

Special Collection Report Dec. 11 & 12			
	WEEKLY		
Votives	\$11		
Cemetery Fund	\$100		
Christmas	\$125		
Christmas Flowers	\$394		
Endowment Fund	\$10		
SVDP	\$315		
Seminary	\$110		
School Donation	\$224		

Bulletin via E-Mail

We have the ability to have the parish bulletin sent to your email each week. This is a service our bulletin company LPI offers and we want to make it available to our parishioners. If you would like to receive an email every week containing the church bulletin, please send an email to Kristina Unerstall at stann.unerstall@yhti.net and we will put you on the list. Thank you!

January 1 & 2	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers
4:30pm Mass	Tammy Diener	Karen Beste	Mark Monroig	Curt Alferman & Volunteers
7:30am Mass	Sandi Jett	Matt/Pam Nowak	Volunteers	Mark Dobsch Kevin Dobsch Volunteers
10:30am Mass	Larry Marquart	Andy Knight	Volunteers	Don Hanneken Volunteers
Home Minister		Matt/Pam Nowak Gary Jacquin		



SAVE THE DATE

(tickets available now)

St. Gertrude's Casino Night

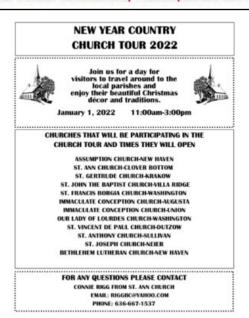
(all proceeds benefit St. Gertrude's School)

APRIL 2, 2022

Looking for a Christmas present or Birthday present to purchase for that someone special? TICKETS will make GREAT gifts for your adult children, parents, and other loved ones. TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW to purchase for holiday giving.

Cost: \$100 includes ticket admission for 2 adults (No one under 21 admitted)

For tickets: contact Vicky Maune (cell 636-357-0303)



Formed Subscription

A generous donor has renewed the FORMED subscription (\$1400) for both St. Ann & St. Gertrude parishes. From bible studies to kid's cartoons, sacramental info to the saints, this is a priceless faith resource for you and your family. Go to formed.org to start your family's journey into the Catholic Faith and beyond.

If you haven't sign up you still can here are the instructions below.

FORMED Sign Up Instructions

Here are the sign up instructions for FORMED that St. Ann & St. Gertrude parishioners can use. There is so much Catholic material in this library. There is something for every age and every moment of your faith journey.

- Visit FORMED.org 1.
- 2. Click Sign Up
- Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner" 3.
- Find **St Gertrude** by parish name, address, 4. or zip code
- 5. Enter your email - and you're in!

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Do you use Amazon to shop? If you do, go to the following link to help support St. Gertrude. Amazon Smile donates a portion of your purchase to our great parish. http://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-0685343

Msgr. Westhoff Council 16213 December Newsletter

Brother Knights,

I pray everyone is staying healthy. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Knight of the Month is Roger Kleekamp. Family of the Month is Evon & Todd Bishop **Upcoming Events**



- •Coats for Kids took in 180 coats great job done Roger Kleekamp if in need contact Roger at 636-744-4311
- •Gun Raffle Contact Dave Bourne at 636-667-1383 for more information
- •March For Life January 21, 2022 if you want to go contact Matt Knowak at 636-667-3706
- Special Olympics Participation by January 31, 2022 to donate contact Grand Knight Mark Monroig
- Cabin Fever BBQ this February is going to be sponsored by Ozark Pool And Spa stop in for some awesome BBQ
- •Corn hole tournament March 5, 2022 contact Nick Jacquin at 314-606-4822 for more information
- •Pro Life BBQ is March 6,2022 volunteers needed to BBQ and sell

Attendance Prize winner Matt Rugge. He donated back to the vocations fund. The fund is at \$ 2,004 Meetings held 1st Wednesday of the Month, 7:00 pm at St. Gertrude's Old Hall. God Bless, Mark Monroig, Grand Knight Phone 636-667-0354

BLOOD DRIVE

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Sponsored by the St Ann and St Gertrude KofC

Masks and appointments required!

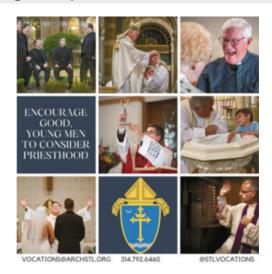
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Monday, December 27 1:30 pm - 6:30 pm St Gertrude Parish Center 6530 State Highway YY

To schedule an appointment, call Steve Freeman at 314.401.5334 or online at www.bloodcenter.org/group Use group code 11049 to schedule online or scan QR code —>





NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 7:00 PM - MIDNIGHT

You are cordially invited to usher in the New Year in a different way this year. On December 31, New Year's Eve, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Francis Borgia Church (310 West Main Street, Washington, MO) at 7:00 PM until midnight. All are invited to spend time in prayer in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. At the beginning of each hour there will be vocal prayer such as the rosary, litany or other group prayer. Silent meditation is offered the remainder of the time. There will always be someone in church adoring the Blessed Sacrament. Socializing is encouraged for the times you are not at prayer. Tables will be set up in the Jesuit Hall Choir Room with snacks and refreshments. People can come and go as they wish. A short prayer will be offered at midnight followed by repose of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a deanery event. All are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors. If you can commit to a specific hour of prayer please contact Deacon Leon at 636-221-1531 or email at: lnoelker@charter.net.

Food Pantry

There is an ongoing need for donations to St. Gertrude's Little Food Pantry. Parishioners of both St. Gertrude and St. Ann churches are invited to join in the mission to maintain the pantry for people in need.

Located on the parking lot between the St. Gertrude rectory and the cemetery, the pantry is free and open to all, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The slogan is: "Take What You Need; Leave What You Can."

All types of non-perishable food, especially protein, are needed. No glass bottles or jars. Personal hygiene items also are needed. Thanks to ALL the parishioners who have been faithfully filling our little food pantry! Your dedication is appreciated. You can put items in the pantry. If it is full, feel free to drop them on the rectory porch and the committee members will distribute them as needed.



The St. Ann/St. Gertrude YOTS group met December 8 for their Christmas party. The day included a full Turkey dinner, fun, games, gifts, and a self-decorating contest. Winners of the contest were Carolyn Roettger, Sandy Roetheli, and Ken Roetheli.





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