

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ APRIL 27, 2008 - EASTER V

Today is the Fifth Sunday after Easter. Confessions will be heard before or during all Masses for those who cannot come at regularly scheduled times. Early Vespers and Benediction are at 1:10 PM.

✠ THIS WEEK

Today we begin a full week of prayer. Won't you take a day or two to pray with us, and for yourself and your intentions?

Tomorrow we have the first of our Rogation Days. Process with our school children at 11:00 AM on Monday and Wednesday. We have an evening observance at 5:45 on Tuesday.

On Wednesday we celebrate the feast of the Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick, and great St. Catherine of Siena, who is invoked against cancer. First Vespers of the Ascension are at 2:30 PM.

Thursday is the Holy Day, First Friday and First Saturday come next, along with Ss. Philip and James, the Finding of the Holy Cross, and the veneration of the relic of the True Cross.

✠ ROGATION DAYS

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week we observe the Rogation Days. Each year the Church gathers up all of her needs and petitions and solemnly presents them to Our Lord so that He Himself will take them to the Father when He goes home to heaven on Ascension Thursday. This is the idea of the Rogation, or Asking Days. The Rogation Days Processions are a beautiful part of the Church's liturgy and draw down much needed grace upon ourselves, our Church and our country. On **Monday and Wednesday** join our school children at 11:00 AM.

On **Tuesday, April 29th**, we are having a Parish Rogation Evening beginning at 5:45 PM with the Rogation Procession and Litany of the Saints, followed by Mass at 6:30 PM. We all have needs and petitions. Come and present them to Our Lord through the hands of His Mother - He can't refuse her!

✠ ASCENSION THURSDAY - HOLY DAY

All Catholics are bound to attend

Holy Mass under pain of mortal sin on this *Holy Day of Obligation*. Masses are at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 5:45 PM.

✠ MAY DEVOTIONS

On Ascension Thursday we open Mary's Month of May with Our Lady's Litany and Benediction, the traditional May Devotions, after the 5:45 PM Mass. On school days, our students gather (and adults *are* welcome) for the May Devotions daily at 3:10 PM. *Parents picking up school children, why not come a bit early and join us?*

✠ FIRST FRIDAY

The intention for the All Night Adoration is in honor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, and in reparation to her Son.

10:45 AM - Confessions

11:25 AM - High Mass

5:15 PM - Rosary & Confessions

5:45 PM - Low Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart Novena.

ADORATION CONTINUES ALL NIGHT

6:45 PM - Parish Potluck Supper

7:30 PM - (N.B. new time!) Parish Rosary & Holy Hour

✠ FIRST SATURDAY

6:30 AM Low Mass, Blessing of Palm Crosses, Confessions

7:10 AM Rosary & First Sat. Devotions

7:40 AM Benediction & Confessions

8:00 AM High Mass Blessing with the relic of the True Cross, and Confessions

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

May Crowning, by exception, the first Sunday of May - (May 4th) is after the 9:00 AM high Mass. All First Communicants should attend and they may wear their First Communion outfits. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available after the morning Masses, at communion rail. *Set your missal:* Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension; Vidi Aquam; 2nd Col Com. of St. Monica; 3rd Col Com. of the Octave of the Ascension; Preface of the Ascension; Proper Communicantes. Vespers, May Devotions, and Benediction at 4:45 PM.

Collection Report

Sunday, April 20.....\$4482.00

✠ POETRY CORNER

THE CHILDREN

The children bring us laughter, and the children bring us tears;
They string our joys, like jewels bright, upon the thread of years;
They bring the bitterest cares we know, their mothers' sharpest pain,
Then smile our world to loveliness, the sunshine after rain.

The children make us what we are; the childless king is spurned;
The children send us to the hills where glories may be earned;
For them we pledge our lives to strife, for them do mothers fade,
And count in new-born loveliness their sacrifice repaid.

The children bring us back to God; in eyes that dance and shine
Men read from day to day the proof of love and power divine;
For them are fathers brave and good and mothers fair and true,
For them is every cherished dream and every deed we do.

For children are the furnace fires of life kept blazing high;
For children on the battle fields are soldiers pleased to die;
In every place where humans toil, and every dream and plan,
The laughter of the children shapes the destiny of man.

-Edgar Guest

Ushers

MAY 1 2008

7:30 AM John Wiesman, Joe Andreotta
9:00 AM Dale Wilker, Jim Gebel, Bernie Brueggemann, Mark Lotarski
5:45 PM John Seyfried, Jim Kolenich, Kent Maki, Kirby Bischel

MAY 4, 2008

7:30 AM John Wiesman, Kent Maki, Jim Kolenich, Joe Andreotta
9:00 AM Dale Wilker Richard Smith Jim Gebel, Bernie Brueggemann
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Will Weigand
5:45 PM John Seyfried

Servers

APRIL 28 - MAY 4, 2008

•MON 4/28 5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney
•TUE 4/29 5:45 PM LOW: MC: R. Vanderyt; TH: C. Ritze; ACS: G. Wnek, T. Simpson; Cross: G. Keaveney
•WED 4/30 5:00 PM LOW: M. Dirksen
•THU 5/1 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson, Sr.
5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney, J. Bayer, C. Ritze, J. Soli
•FRI 5/2 5:45 PM : G. Keaveney, J. Bayer, C. Ritze, J. Soli
•SAT 5/3 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson, Jr.
8:00 AM HIGH: M. Briggs, G. Keaveney
•SUN 5/4 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: R. Vanderyt & Jos. Lotarski ; TH: D. Poepelman; ACS: B. Lotarski, T. Simpson; TORCH: P. Duff, S. Phillips, A. Richesson, J. Simpson, Banner: T. Kunkel; Cross: R. Hill
11:30 AM LOW: J. Soli, G. Wnek
4:45 PM Vespers & Bene. & May Dev: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

*Thank you for your generosity!
Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!*

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

UPCOMING EVENTS

The *Day of Recollection* for all children being Confirmed on the Vigil of Pentecost will be on **Thursday, May 8th** from 9:00 AM to 3:25 PM. Attendance is mandatory for all child confirmands. Please provide a sack lunch for your child.

First *Fatima Rosary Procession* **Tuesday, May 13th**, at 7:00 PM.

MOTHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th. Envelopes can be found in the pews or in the vestibule for the *Mother's Day Mass Remembrance*. What better way to remember your mother, grandmother, or any special mother but at Holy Mass. Simply fill out the envelope and return it to us before Mother's Day.

ATTENTION: ADULT CONFIRMANDS

Preparation for Confirmation booklets are available in the gift shop. Please be sure to stop in and purchase your copy.

LUMEN CHRISTI

For the next fortnight the Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for:

A SPECIAL INTENTION
KENT MAKI

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...



One must wonder what sort of irrational emotionalism goes so far to overlook, if not attempted to justify, the offenses given to the Most Holy Trinity when the man who believes himself to be, albeit falsely, the Vicar of Christ on earth *stood up and received* with warmth, equanimity and respect the symbols of five false religions, each which is loathed by God: *Talmudic Judaism, Mohammedanism, Jainism, Hinduism, and Buddhism*. A true Vicar of Christ stands up for no one. No one. For any reason. At any time, no less to touch with his own priestly hands a *menorah*, a *copy of the Koran* (a book that blasphemes Our Lord and His Most Blessed Mother and calls for the death of infidels), a *metallic cube* of significance to the Jainist devil-worshippers, a *brass incense burner with the word "Om"* on it that is cherished by the Hindus, and a *bronze bell that is sounded to lead the Buddhists to worship their devils*. No Catholic in his right mind would dare to show any respect or honor these symbols, no less a pope who believes himself to be the Successor of St. Peter on earth.

—Dr. Thomas Droleskey

www.christorchaos.com/AskingOurLadytoRepairtheDamage.html

A MEDITATION ON PEACE

Take courage then! We desire peace above all things – that is to say, the Peace of God, not that peace which the world, since it can give it, can also take away; not that peace which depends on the harmony of nature with nature, but of nature with grace.

Yet, so long as the world is divided in allegiance; so long as the world, or a country, or a family, or even an individual soul bases itself on natural principles divorced from divine, so long to that world, that country, that family, and that human heart will the supernatural religion of Catholicism bring not peace, but a sword. And it will do so up to the end, up to the final world-shattering catastrophe of Armageddon itself.

"I come," cries the Rider on the White horse, "to bring peace indeed, but a peace of which the world cannot even dream; a peace built upon the eternal foundations of God Himself, not upon the shifting sands of human agreement. And until that Vision dawns there must be war; until God's Peace descends indeed and is accepted, till then my garments must be splashed in blood and from my mouth comes forth not peace, but a two-edged sword."

—Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson

✠ THE SECRET OF SANCTITY

During one of his retreat conferences Cardinal Mercier offered to his hearers the following secret of sanctity:

"Every day, for five minutes, restrain your imagination and close your eyes and ears to all earthly impressions so as to be able to withdraw into the sanctuary of your baptized soul, the temple of the Holy Ghost. Then address the Holy Spirit in these terms:

O Holy Spirit! Soul of my soul, I adore Thee.

Enlighten, guide, strengthen and console me.

Tell me what I should do.

Command me to do it.

I promise to be submissive in everything that

Thou shalt ask of me.

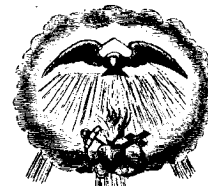
I promise to accept whatever thou permittest to befall me.

Only show me what is Thy will!

"If you do this, your life will pass in contentment and peace. You will have abundant consolation even amidst troubles, for you will receive grace in proportion to your trials and strength in proportion to your burdens, until the day when you will reach the gates of heaven weighted with the precious merits. This submission to the Holy Spirit is THE SECRET OF SANCTITY."



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Johns on the baptism of their daughter Raissa Anne last Saturday.



✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	4/28/08	ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, C ROGATION DAY & LESSER LITANIES St. Vitalis, M / <i>St. Louis De Montfort, C</i> Rogation Procession & Litany of the Saints 11:00 AM High Mass <i>Gerard McGovern (Janet Gaye)</i> 5:00 PM Low Mass <i>Special intention for my friends (GPK)</i>
TUES	4/29/08	ST. PETER MARTYR ROGATION DAY & LESSER LITANIES <i>St. Joseph Cottolengo, C</i> 11:25 AM High Mass <i>Special intention (H. O. & Becky Hinton)</i> 5:45 PM Rogation Procession & Litany of the Saints 6:30 PM High Mass <i>Dominic Wnek & Daniel Bischel (B. Simpson)</i> 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (approximate time)
WED	4/30/08	VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION ROGATION DAY & LESSER LITANIES ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, V <i>Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick</i> 11:00 AM Rogation Procession & Litany of the Saints 11:25 AM High Mass <i>Special intention - deceased (Joan Fey)</i> 2:30 PM First Vespers of the Ascension 5:00 PM Low Mass <i>In honor of St. Catherine for a special intention.</i>
THUR	5/1/08	ASCENSION OF OUR LORD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION-FIRST THURSDAY 6:30 AM Low Mass † <i>Paul Plowman-27th anniversary April 4 (Tom & Stella Simpson)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass † <i>Rita Brueggemann (George & Lorraine Wising)</i> 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>Rita Ritze (Chris Ritze)</i> May Devotions & Benediction follow Mass 7:00 PM Compline <i>Boys' Schola</i>
FRI	5/2/08	STS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APP FIRST FRIDAY / ST. ATHANASIUS, BPCD; WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION / OPENING OF THE NOVENA TO THE HOLY GHOST 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass <i>Special intention-conversion (Kirby & Jean Bischel)</i> 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>For the intentions of the Chris Ritze family (Joan Landry)</i> Exposition & Novena 6:45 PM Parish Potluck Supper 7:30 PM (N. B. NEW TIME) Parish Rosary & First Friday Holy Hour ADORATION CONTINUES ALL NIGHT
SAT	5/3/08	FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS FIRST SATURDAY / PENTECOST NOVENA II SS. ALEXANDER & COMP. MM 6:30 AM Low Mass <i>Natalie Brown (Susan Brown)</i> Blessing of Palm Crosses & Confessions follow Mass 7:10 AM Rosary & First Saturday / May Devotions 7:40 AM Benediction 8:00 AM High Mass <i>Poor Souls in Purgatory (Duff Family)</i> Blessing with the relic of the True Cross & Confessions follow Mass

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Thanks for all of the last minute "huffe and shuffle" to make our Jog-a-thon a success. Thanks to all who supported this important fund raiser. A full report follows in next Sunday's bulletin.



Thank you again for your persevering charity towards the priests' house project. It is a pleasure being here on the grounds, and such a convenience. Much work, of course, remains to be done, but as usual, a little bit at a time...

The Gift Shop at long last got hooked up to our heating and cooling system, and a new ceiling to boot. Thanks to our workers, for those improvements, and Connie Wozny and her Sunday crew. Stop in when it's ready, and see the improvements.

May I ask our ladies and girls (what with summer coming) please always to wear a modest dress to church (and not shorts or slacks), even if you're picking up or dropping off something quickly? A little thing, but it makes a great statement.

Father Cekada and I are both here all week for these busy days, which see St. Joseph's April Easter month give way to Mary's sweet month of May. We'll be setting up our May Altar this week. Shouldn't you?

God bless you!

—Bishop Dolan

✠ DID YOU KNOW?

The faithful who on the *Rogation Days* devoutly assist at the sacred ceremony proper to those days in churches or public oratories are granted and indulgence of 10 years. A plenary indulgence may be gained under the usual conditions of confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the Church.

The faithful who *during the month of May* take part in public exercises in honor the the Blessed Virgin Mary may gain an indulgence of 7 years on any day of the month or a plenary indulgence if they assist at the exercises on at least ten days, and moreover go to confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the Church.

✠ THE CALENDAR CONT.

SUN	5/4/08	SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION / ST. MONICA, W; PENTECOST NOVENA III 7:30 AM Low Mass <i>With gratitude for Katie Bischak (Regina Gilliam)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass † <i>Catherine & Alexander Wozny (CKW & MAW)</i> May Procession & Crowning follow Mass 11:30 AM Low Mass † <i>Rita Brueggemann (Patton Family)</i> 4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions, & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>For the People of St. Gertrude the Great</i>
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ST. BADEMUS

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Have you ever stayed up all night? Maybe cramming for an exam or by drinking endless cups of strong coffee. Or perhaps pacing the floor with a sick child. Or maybe suffering the tortures of insomnia. But have you ever spent an entire night in prayer?

St. Bademus was a wealthy Persian who founded a monastery on his estates. He practiced various penances and, like many other saints, it is said he watched whole nights in prayer.

Praying all night isn't easy. Maybe that's why only saints are inclined to try it. Long about 3 A. M., circadian rhythms take over, your eyes grow impossibly heavy, and even the floor begins to look mighty comfy. Doubts about the wisdom of getting exhausted begin to surface, and the temptation to give up becomes almost impossibly strong.

At that point, it's sort of like hitting a wall when running. You can give up or you can push through. If you do persist, you may find something incredible happening. As your natural barriers erode, God comes leaping into your emptiness. You may feel God's presence in a way you've never experienced before. It may be subtle—an enhanced awareness—or it may be more dramatic—a definite sense of being enveloped in God's love. Even if you don't think anything is occurring, it is. God will reward the sacrifice you made of your sleep by blessing you in ways you never have considered.

Am I a morning person or a night person? When is it easiest for me to pray?

THE NEXT TIME I'M AWAKE AT NIGHT I WILL USE THAT TIME TO PRAY.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

Our Lady of Fatima implores us to pray the Rosary
The Most Holy Rosary is the KEY to our salvation

Please join us to pray for our
Families, Church, and Country

TUESDAY EVENING

MAY 13, 2008

After the 5:45 p.m. Mass, approximately 7:00 PM; Starting in the
First Watch parking lot, corner of Union Center and Floer Dr.

THE MAY CROWNING OF OUR
HEAVENLY MOTHER
WILL BE ON SUNDAY MAY 4TH
AT THE 9 AM MASS

Rosary Confraternity members
please pick up a Confraternity
medal and sit on Our Lady's side
in the reserved pews.