

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **OCTOBER 3, 2009 • ROSARY SUNDAY**  
✠ **PENTECOST XIX • ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX** • Today is the Feast of The Most Holy Rosary and the first Sunday of the month. There are no Catechism classes.

The Rosary Confraternity will lead the outdoor procession after the 9:00 AM Mass. The **Annual Rosary Confraternity Communion Breakfast** follows the Mass and procession.

The Blessing of Religious Articles follows all Low Masses. Roses will be blessed after the 9:00 and 11:30 AM Masses. Rosaries will be blessed with all indulgences at all Masses. The Second Collection is for our Seminary and Mission Support. The "Alter Christus" Box receives your alms for the sanctification and support of our priests.

**Vespers and Benediction and October Devotions** are at **4:30 P.M.** Please note the special time and be sure that at least five or six of you attend upon Our Lord and Our Lady.

### ✠ THIS WEEK

The most Christ-like of all Saints, **Francis of Assisi** starts off our work week on **Monday**. Give your boys a boost towards being Christ-like, and have them play with the **Knights of the Sacred Heart** at **4 P.M.**, rather than expose them to the bad influence of worldly sports. St. Francis was a worldly player, but got converted. This **afternoon** we start the school **Rosary** at **3:10 P.M.** for October. **Tuesday's Benedictine St. Placid** was almost drowned once as a boy, but was saved by prompt obedience. Silent **St. Bruno** on **Wednesday** lived the truth that the world turns, but the Cross remains unmoved. You could even come to afternoon **Rosary** and **Benediction**, and receive **Holy Communion (2:45 P.M.)**. The **Holy Rosary** is honored on its actual feast **Thursday**. Come on **Friday** and hear about **Mother and Mystic St. Bridget**, who gives us the 15 Prayers of the Passion. The Rosary (5:15 P.M.) meditates the Passion, the Mass represents it. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** is at **5:00 P.M.**, with **Novena and Benediction** at **5:45 P.M.**, and **Mass**

at approximately **6:00 P.M.** Would anyone say the **Rosary** with us on **Saturdays in October?** We'll know at **8:45 A.M.** next Saturday. Rosary Confraternity members, if your last name starts with A through H, please come this week. (It would be fine if anyone came, even if your name starts with Z.)

### ✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Please support our Columbus Day Bake Sale, and drop off goodies this Saturday or Sunday, and do plan to purchase something next Sunday after Mass. Sunday classes are as usual at 10:40 A.M.

**Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XX, commemoration of St. Francis Borgia, and Our Lady and All the Saints, Trinity Preface.

Rosary with Benediction is at 5:15 P.M.

### ✠ OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The **October Devotions** (Rosary, Litany and Prayer to St. Joseph) are recited **every school day at 3:10 P.M.** Every **Wednesday** the **Rosary** is recited **before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed at 2:45 P.M.**, with **Benediction and Holy Communion** at approximately **3:15 P.M.** Come join our children in prayer! The Rosary is also recited, **before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed on Friday** afternoon at **5:15 P.M.**, followed by **Mass at 6:00 P.M.** Saturday's Rosary is at 8:45 A.M. Sunday the Rosary is prayed at 7:10 and 11:10 A.M., and (approx) 5:15 P.M.

### ✠ UPCOMING EVENTS

Fatima Rosary Candlelight Closing Procession: Wednesday, October 13th, at 7:10 P.M.

All Saints Day Procession and Presentation: Before and After the 9 A.M. Mass on Sunday November 7th.

Forty Hours Devotion, Solemnity of St. Gertrude the Great, celebrating Thirty Years "under roof": November 19 - 21st.

### Collection Report

Sunday September 26th .....\$3,013.00

## ✠ POETRY CORNER

### My Beads

*Sweet, blessed beads! I would not part  
With one of you for richest gem  
That gleams in kingly diadem;  
Ye know the history of my heart.*

*For I have told you every grief  
In all the days of twenty years,  
And I have moistened you with  
tears,  
And in your decades found relief.*

*Ab! time has fled, and friends have  
failed  
And joys have died; but in my  
needs  
Ye were my friends, my blessed  
beads!  
And ye consoled me when I wailed.*

*For many and many a time, in grief,  
My weary fingers wandered round  
Thy circled chain, and always  
found  
In some Hail Mary sweet relief.*

*How many a story you might tell  
Of inner life, to all unknown;  
I trusted you and you alone,  
But ah! ye keep my secrets well.*

*Ye are the only chain I wear –  
A sign that I am but the slave,  
In life, in death, beyond the grave,  
Of Jesus and His Mother fair.*

—Fr. Abram Ryan

### Servers

OCTOBER 4 - OCTOBER 10, 2010

•TUE 10/5 5:00 PM LOW: J. Gunsher  
•FRI 10/8 6:00 PM LOW: Simpsons, J. Gunsher  
•SAT 10/9 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons  
8:30 AM LOW: M. Briggs  
•SUN 10/10 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann  
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: R. Hill  
TH: F. Puglielli (Training S. Lawrence)  
ACs: L. Arlinghaus, A. Richesson  
TORCH: J. Lacy, J. Simpson, A. Wanke, N. Puglielli  
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. McClorey  
4:30 PM VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: G. Miller  
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

### Ushers

OCTOBER 10, 2010

7:30 AM Scott Pepiot, Volunteer, Volunteer  
9:00 AM Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand, Paul Puglielli  
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer  
5:45 PM John Seyfried

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

## ✠ THE CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>10/4/10</b>	<b>ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, C</b>
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> The people of St. Gertrude the Great <i>(Rebecca Stump)</i>
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>Rosary Devotions</b>
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Knights of the Sacred Heart</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Poor Souls - Gratitude - St. Gertrude's Staff and Priests Thank you all <i>(DJR)</i>
<b>TUES</b>	<b>10/5/10</b>	<b>ST PLACID &amp; COMP, MM</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Tom Kamphaus <i>(G.C.C.C.)</i>
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Friend out of work <i>(H.O. Hinton)</i>
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>Rosary Devotions</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Tom Kamphaus <i>(Hampton Family)</i>
<b>WED</b>	<b>10/6/10</b>	<b>ST BRUNO, C</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Julia Puglielli <i>(Paul Puglielli)</i>
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Tom and family <i>(Steve Hammoor family)</i>
	<b>2:45 PM</b>	<b>Exposition, Rosary Devotions, Distribution of Holy Communion</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Thanks to St. Joseph, The Worker, for project completion <i>(S. &amp; C. Niehaus)</i>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>THURS</b>	<b>10/7/10</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY ROSARY FIRST THURSDAY ST MARK, PC &amp; COMP, MM</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Tom Kamphaus <i>(Janet &amp; Thomas Nienaber)</i>
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> The Sanctification of Priests <i>(Alter Christus)</i>
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>Rosary Devotions</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Of Our Lady Refuge of Sinners <i>(J.C. Seyfried)</i>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>10/8/10</b>	<b>ST BRIDGET, W</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Tom Kamphaus <i>(Janet &amp; Thomas Nienaber)</i>
	<b>10:45 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Bischak Grandparents <i>(Katie Bischak)</i>
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>Rosary Devotions</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Rosary Devotions</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction</b>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Mary Rose Uhlenbrock <b>Confessions</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>10/9/10</b>	<b>ST JOHN LEONARD, C ST DENIS, BP &amp; COMP, MM</b>
	<b>7:15 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Honor of St. Catherine of Sienna <i>(Tom &amp; Stella Simpson)</i>
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sermon and Low Mass</b> †Teresa Childers 1st Anniversary of death <i>(J.C.F.)</i>
	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>Rosary Devotions, Confessions</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>10/10/10</b>	<b>PENTECOST XX ST FRANCIS BORGIA, C</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Doris Ritze <i>(Mary &amp; Joe Kunkel Family)</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Becky & John Ellis <i>(Richard &amp; Elizabeth Smith)</i>
	<b>10:40 AM</b>	<b>Catechism and Adult Education Classes</b>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Tom Kamphaus <i>(Patton Family)</i>
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Rosary Devotions and Benediction</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude

## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

A Blessed Rosary Sunday to you all, and especially our St. Gertrude Rosarians. I hasten to thank Gloria and Richard Zbilicki who helped organize things this year, as well as our own Pat Kolb with daughter Susan Ackley for the delicious breakfast. Thanks too, for the helpers who sold and arranged roses, set up Helfta Hall, and tidied up afterwards. A very sincere thanks to our guest speaker, Fr. Ercoli.



Speaking of the Rosary and thanks...We all have so much to be thankful for. Won't you publicly praise Jesus and Mary, and join us "off and on" for the October Rosary Devotions? Let us make October truly the month of the Rosary, at church as well as at home. See you again this afternoon, or during the week?

October ends with the feast of Christ the King, and I thank Eldon and his helpers for the beautiful shrine for the latest member of our outdoor statue family at St. Gertrude, the statue of Christ the King. It came to us from the old St. Clare, needing repair (thanks Jim!) and a safe home. May it inspire us all to strive for the Kingship of Christ in all things.

We did a week of special prayers at Mass for rain, and were rewarded (again) with a gentle rain, this one of several hours. We are still terribly dry going into Autumn. Please pray for rain, as also for all of our needs.

Fred Hauserman, oldest member of St. Gertrude the Great, turned 102 the other week. Our congratulations and prayers go to this good soul, who shows us all a fine example of perseverance. At his age, he is a shut-in, but always welcomes the priests who comes to bring him Our Lord in Holy Communion. Please do keep him and all of our shut-in, in your prayers.

Our Michaelmas celebration included not only a Solemn High Mass to honor and thank the Prince of the Heavenly Host, but also Solemn Vespers sung with the school children in honor of the great Archangel. Don't forget the month of the Angels, with its own indulgenced devotions. The prayers we say to angels always return to us with blessings attached.

Fr. Hecquard, our newest priest, wrote recently to give us the news from our brethren in Rennes, France. They have purchased a house outside of town to house the boarding boys of the school, some of the clergy, and a considerable menagerie: 19 sheep, 2 pigs, and a cat. They are all comfortably installed in the country. Fr. Hecquard finds himself quite busy, and probably won't be able to visit us here in the short term.

Hasn't September, with its lingering Summer and sweet memories of vacation, just slipped away? The nights grow cooler, and longer, and soon Winter will come for its stay. The days pass quickly, but don't let a single day pass without a Rosary prayed for our dear land, these thirty days which lead up to All Souls. Prayers through the Poor Souls are doubly efficacious. Help them and they will help you.

God bless you, and may Mary reign as Queen of your home, and of your dinner table. —Bishop Dolan

**One with the Life of Christ**

The greatness of the rosary lies in its power to help us walk in the footsteps of Jesus. It draws us into eternal moments in the life of Christ. In each mystery we gaze, as through a window, to contemplate with Mary the life and mysteries of her Son. As at all her great shrines, Mary is never concerned to draw her children to herself but to her Son. We recite the Hail Marys and gaze on Jesus who allows us to be with him at each moment from the Annunciation to the crowning of His mother as Queen. The rosary, like the cycle of the liturgical year, follows Jesus from the events of His young life - the Joyful mysteries; through His Passion and death - the Sorrowful mysteries; culminating in His glorious resurrection, Pentecost, and the final glorification of Mary - "a woman clothed with the sun" (Apoc 12:1). For simplicity and depth it would be hard to imagine a more perfect prayer. As we finger the beads and recite the Hail Marys, the words of Scripture pass before our mind, and we drink from "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (Jn 4:14) and "our hearts burning within us." (Lk 24:32).

**A Great Sword**

Some years ago, I called on a friend of mine. His wife told me that he was in the den. What she didn't tell me was that he was with his ten-year-old son teaching him how to pray the rosary. I would be willing to bet that that little boy will never forget how to pray the rosary as long as he lives. Sadly, there are so many today who do not know how to say this wonderful prayer. Dare we hope that Father Peyton's great slogan could be heard once again, and that families might begin to pray the rosary once more. The poor, young and old, saints and sinners, find in it a way of praying that is simple and yet profound. Our Blessed Mother loves this prayer. Padre Pio said that "the rosary is like a great sword that Mary puts into the hands of her children to defend

themselves against the evil one." Very many people, including myself, have found this to be true. Our Blessed Mother does help us in moments of spiritual combat. The powers of darkness fear her and flee from her presence.

**Mind at Rest**

Everyone has a personal approach to this prayer. I like to say it in a quiet place on my own. I keep a rosary in my right-hand pocket and I pray it as I stand in line or wait for planes or trains or whatever it may be. Families should pray it in the home with an image of Mary, a lighted candle, and with each member being asked to do his or her part. German-speaking peoples have the custom of adding a phrase after the name of "Jesus" in the first half of the Hail Mary. This phrase helps to keep in mind the theme of each decade; for example, "...thy womb, Jesus, to whom you, Mary, gave birth...", "...thy womb, Jesus, who was crucified for us..." or "...thy womb, Jesus, who crowned you Virgin Mary in Heaven..." Personally, I have found this an extremely helpful way of keeping my mind at rest while meditating on each mystery. And, of course, the rosary has a definite therapeutic effect. When you find prayer difficult, the rosary will help you; it will pray for you; it will quiet your distracted mind or troubled soul and bring you to calmness and serenity. In fact, according to a study in the British Journal, reciting the rosary could improve your cardiovascular well-being. Seemingly it has the effect of synchronizing respiratory and cardiac rhythms - which, as everyone knows, could only be good for you.

—Fr. Kevin J. Scallon, C.M.

***Pope Pius XII has decreed that members of a family who recite five decades of the Rosary each day in the week may gain three (and in some weeks, even four) plenary indulgences in that week.***

**Queen of Peace**

**Bright Queen of heavenly hosts, wilt thou neglect**

**A poor weak child of earth? When foes bestir**

**Their rage and might, and life seems dismal, wrecked**

**And doomed, how canst thou, Mother, still demur,**

**And my tears of grief to happy smiles prefer?**

**Dost thou with love thy saints alone enfold**

**Who high in heaven are decked with gems and gold?**

**What erring thoughts are these? How wild I prate!**

**A little pain, slight mixture of alloy, Unnerves me quite. A cross of smallest weight,**

**A plaything, for loving souls the merest toy,**

**For me too heavy seems for peace and joy.**

**Bear with me, Mother mine. More love I crave;**

**With this my soul will e'er be calm and brave.**

—Fr. John Rauscher

**Invocations**

***Holy Mother, pierce me through; In my heart each wound renew, Of my Saviour crucified.***

*An indulgence of 500 days. A plenary indulgence under the usual conditions if prayed devoutly every day for a month.*



***Bring up your children well for God, and God will settle their future a hundred thousand times better than you can do it.***

—Blessed Charles de Foucauld

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# G E R T R U D I A N

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*Dedicated to helping you know your church better.*

*Remember that love follows knowledge...*

*and then comes service.*

Things you should know about Saint Gertrude the Great church...

**D***id You Know...?* The sanctuary lamp centered high above the main altar is lighted almost constantly. When is it not, you ask? Here's a partial answer. During a Pontifical Mass to avoid any possible disrespect to Our Lord because of the large amount of activity going on around the altar, the Blessed Sacrament is reserved at a side altar and a temporary sanctuary lamp is placed on a small stand. Do you know other times the main sanctuary light is extinguished? Send an e-mail.

The source of this work of art is currently being researched by GERTRUDIIAN staff.

A special 14-day 100% beeswax and olive oil candle is used in the sanctuary lamp. Other church candles contain 51% beeswax. The candle is replaced before it burns out. Because of the high cost, a stub (the part left over) is often used as a temporary side altar sanctuary light.

Because you dear readers are itching to find out, a question of outstanding significance will now be answered: How does one replace that candle when it is 15 feet up in the air? Read carefully.

In back of church there is a room off the work sacristy that has stairs (that really do creak) leading up to a dimly lighted attic, upstairs, or storeroom (names used by various people to describe this forsaken place). In the attic is a hand crank attached to pulleys, "chains" and such, used to slowly lower and then raise the

sanctuary lamp. Imagine Edgar Allan Poe's *The Pit and the Pendulum*. This procedure is problematic since one cannot see the lamp moving while operating the crank. Normally done by a man this job has been successfully accomplished by a few heroic women. It is best done by two (or more) people equipped with walkie-talkies (or smartphones). Ask Katie the sacristan or Gloria her assistant to show you the crank in the attic. How pleased they will be. They really like doing this sort of thing... probably because it breaks up their work day.



**Katie replacing the candle.**

There are two typographical or grammatical errors in this issue of the *GERTRUDIAN*... find them. Five dollars cash will be awarded to the first person who e-mails the correct answers. If requested, the money will be sent instead to the winner's favorite charity in his name.

The *GERTRUDIAN* has just learned that when the lamp is lowered the candle cannot be replaced by a Napoleon-sized person without the aide of a

step stool or even a short ladder for those with a severe perpendicular distance problem.

A long-standing tradition at SGG needs some help. As mentioned earlier, the fortnight sanctuary candles are expensive due to their size and purity. For a donation of \$25 the sanctuary lamp will burn two weeks for your intention. Lumen Christi Fund envelopes are available in the outer vestibule immediately to your left upon entering the church from the parking lot. Your intention will appear in the weekly church bulletin similar to Mass intention announcements. Make this a very special memorial for your deceased loved one. Please help revive this worthwhile tradition. If the LCF envelopes are temporarily depleted simply use your own... remembering your name, your intention, and your \$25 😊.

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ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

**Autumn  
Bake Sale**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2010**

Please bring your baked goods  
to Helfta Hall on either:

**Saturday, October 9th  
or  
Sunday, October 10th**

*Proceeds help defray start of the  
school year expenses.*

*Thank you for your support and generosity!*