
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JANUARY 9, 2011 • THE HOLY FAMILY •

¶Blessing of Religious

Articles: First Sunday of the month after all Masses, at communion rail.

¶Blessing of Expectant

Mothers: Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

¶**Rosary Chain:** To request prayers for your special intentions or needs, or to assist in the Rosary Chain, please call the office.

¶**Baptisms:** Saturday morning by appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsor (only one sponsor is required) must be practicing Roman Catholics who do not belong to the Novus Ordo Religion. Novus Ordo and non-practicing Catholics may not serve as sponsors. The Church will provide a sponsor in case of necessity. The Churaching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony. Please make arrangements through the church office.

¶Mass Intentions:

Individual Mass intentions as well as Purgatorian Society enrollments are available in the vestibule, and may be given in with the collection or at the office.



¶**Dress Code:** Ladies—Please wear a modest dress and a head-covering. No tight fitting, low-cut, short, slit, or sleeveless dresses. No pants or shorts. Men & Boys—Please wear a shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes. No T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans or Sports logo jackets.

¶New at St. Gertrude's?

Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules observed here for the reception of Holy Communion. There is also a Visitor's Card to fill out if you want more information on St. Gertrude's or on the traditional Latin Mass. A free information packet on the traditional Latin Mass is available to newcomers. Stop by the Social Hall after Mass for refreshments.

¶Catholic Books & Religious

Articles: A fine selection is available in the Gift Shop after the Masses on Sunday.

¶**Registration:** Please complete a card at the Gift Shop or phone the church. Collection envelopes will be mailed.

..And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was subject to them..

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ JANUARY 9, 2011 • THE HOLY FAMILY • SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY • OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY •

Happy Feast Day of the Holy Family. Our **Special Second Collection**, for the training of new priests, will be taken up after Holy Communion today. Our new priest, Fr. Fliess will bestow his first priestly blessing after the morning Masses. Sunday classes resume at 10:40 AM. Holy Family Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

✠ THIS WEEK

Most of this week is given over to the contemplation of Epiphany, Christ manifested as God to all the world. If you're at all interested in the occasional afternoon Mass, please let Bishop Dolan know if you would prefer it at 4 or 5 PM. As it is, we do have a 4 PM Mass most Wednesdays now. **Friday's St. Hilary** marks our return to the cycle of saints after Christmas. Our American feast of **Our Lady of Prompt Succor** comes on Our Lady's day, Saturday. Hang on to Christmas one more week with us as we keep the beautiful Solemn Octave of Epiphany.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY:

Morning classes, and **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** are offered, and afternoon Vespers with Benediction.

Set your missal: Epiphany II, commemoration of St. Marcellus and Our Lady at Christmastide, Preface of the Trinity.

✠ ST ANTHONY'S BREAD

Write out your promise to St. Anthony and keep it, perhaps under a statue. When your prayer is heard (it will be) bring the promised "bread" for the poor to St. Anthony's box.

✠ PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember to keep all of our sick and shut in in your prayers.

Ernie has moved from upstate New York to his daughter's home in Philadelphia, but faces a long recovery.

Betty Joliffe of Circleville is near death, as is our mission founder Jackie Neubauer, in Saybrook, Illinois.

Mary Safrey, Gloria Zbilicki's mother was hospitalized with pneumonia.

Please continue to storm heaven for Christ the King Abbey to stay Catholic, and for the Fr. Abbot Leonard Giardina, near death.

Our sympathy and prayers go to old timer Ray Bruns of the Dayton area at the death in December of his father Carl: May he rest in peace.

✠ POETRY CORNER

A Legend of the Holy Family



They sat them down among the hollyhocks,
That rear their blossom crowns above the wall,
A mother and her boy. "These flowers tall,"
Quothe she, "Our people call St. Joseph's staffs.
These lilies, reaching for the bursting rose
Above them blowing, are the Virgin's hands."
They both in silence gazed from staff to rose,
From rose to lily, then the lovely three
They placed together. "Mother," said the boy,
"We have with us the Holy Family!"



She answered not, but gazed beyond the tiles
Of waving scarlet on the snowy walls
Upon a vastness of unchanging blue.
"She thinks of father," thought the boy, when, lo!
The lifeless azure lived, and far away
Dark specks appeared, and nearing, larger grew,
Until with joyous, merry twittering
They hovered, circling o'er the crimson roof,
And with their phantom shadow moistened it –
A host of swallows! Fluttering together,
One by one, they perched upon its wavy crest,
Like soldiers side by side, or more like those
At church, in snowy robes and capes of black,
A chanting choir of Dominicans.



The boy picked up a broken tile, her hand
His fingers touched. "My son," she whispered low,
"Harm not the birds, the sweetest voice of God,
Much less these swallows, heaven's mellow lutes.
A lovely legend runs among our own
About our Lord and them. Long years ago,
When Herod ordered every infant slain,
The Holy Two left Bethlehem with Him,
The One Divine. When o'er the burning sands
They staggered, drowning in the desert heat,
Without a shade of palm or cloud, a flock
Of singing swallows suddenly appeared,
And, flitting close, they formed a canopy
Above the three."



And ere she spoke again,
The swallows flung themselves upon the air,
And soaring o'er the tiles, a flying mantle
Wet them with their shadows, then like smoke
Dissolved away, and left them dry again.

—Fray Angelico Chavez, O.F.M.

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	1/10/11	RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE 11:20 AM Low Mass Fr. Abbot Leonard Giardina <i>(The Prell Family)</i>
TUES	1/11/11	WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST HYGINUS, PM 10:30 AM Baptism Lindsay Soli 11:20 AM High Mass †Charles & Elinor Richardson <i>(M/M Mark Lotarski & Family)</i> 5:00 PM Low Mass All deceased for whom we are bound or for whom we should pray <i>(Patrick Omlor)</i>
WED	1/12/11	WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST BENET BISCOP, AB 11:20 AM High Mass Andrew Prell - Happy Birthday <i>(Mom & Dad)</i> 4:00 PM Low Mass Ernie Nellenbach <i>(Shirle Downing)</i> 6:30 PM Choir Practice
THURS	1/13/11	OCTAVE DAY OF THE EPIPHANY 8:00 AM Low Mass †Tom Kamphaus <i>(May Jean)</i> 11:20 AM High Mass Alter Christus 5:00 PM Low Mass Our thanks to all of our Cooks <i>(The Fathers)</i>
FRI	1/14/11	ST HILARY, BPCD ST FELIX, PRM 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass Merry Christmas Victor & Grandma Ritze <i>(Bobby & Aubrey Uhlenbrock)</i> 5:15 PM Rosary and Confessions 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena III 5:45 PM Low Mass Personal Intentions <i>(Theresa Simpson)</i> Novena, Benediction, Confessions
SAT	1/15/11	ST PAUL, FIRST HERMIT ST MAURUS, AB OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls - Our Lady's Choice <i>(J. Seyfried)</i> 8:00 AM Sermon and Low Mass Poor Souls in Honor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor
SUN	1/16/11	EPIPHANY II 7:30 AM Low Mass Mom & Dad - Merry Christmas <i>(Brueggemann Kids)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass †John Kolb <i>(Mrs. Kolb)</i> 10:40 AM Sunday Classes 11:30 AM Low Mass Merry Christmas Joan Fey <i>(Bobby & Aubrey Uhlenbrock)</i> 4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude



✠ BISHOPS CORNER

I write this column on Epiphany itself, after a beautiful morning Mass sung by our school children, and a very nice brunch with everyone to celebrate "Little Christmas". The day is overcast and perhaps portends snow. We shall see. We managed to get in a story or two for the little ones, who also chanted Vespers and got Our Lord's Benediction. A truly blessed day!



Still to come as I write is our Friday Night Appreciation Dinner, following one of **Fr. Fliess'** first Solemn Masses. Fr. Fliess replaced **Fr. Palma** at **Our Lady of the Sun in Phoenix** for Christmas: quite an assignment for a newborn priest, but I believe he did very well. **Bishop Sanborn's** priests and nuns are serving this parish now, begun years ago by **Fr. LeBlanc**. Controversies and divisions have taken their toll on its attendance, (they always do; the devil's work!) but I am confident the zealous fervor of young priests and religious with which this old parish is blessed will yield its fruit in due season. Keep them in your prayers.

I do not yet have any news of Christ the King Abbey, but do ask you to continue your prayers. How important it is to know **why** we do as we do. Know your faith.

Today **Fr. Cekada** returns with Fr. Fliess and Mr. Lehtoranta to the seminary. Father returns here this Thursday, and **Fr. McGuire** tomorrow evening from Milwaukee. They are having High Mass with the homeschoolers there tomorrow. Today **Fr. Larrabee** will be visiting our **St. Clare** faithful, gathered in Chillicothe.

Christmas always passes in a blur of wrapping paper and parties and prayers, doesn't it? Now begins the quieter, calmer Christmas. Keep it with us, and at home. Today is the feast of the Holy Family. Gather the family and do the Epiphany Blessing. Keep up the tree, and be inspired to keep up the family Rosary. Make some beautiful Christmas Masses during the week. A Blessed Christmastide to you and your family.

—Bishop Dolan



✠ MEDITATIONS

A Good Christmas Time Meditation Before Mass or Holy Communion Prayer

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O heavenly Father, see my poor heart open to welcome you, touched by your divine grace. Drive from my heart the evil one, for of myself I am unable to do so. O lovely Infant Jesus, you will abide with me once more. O that I might prepare for you an agreeable dwelling place in my heart, Jesus. Almighty Savior, come to my aid! Dearest Jesus, wash me with the tears which my sins draw from your sweet eyes. Bless me, hands of my infant Savior! Lips of my Jesus, open to me and say, "Your sins are forgiven." May Your love remain in my heart, dear Jesus! My sins have put you to death. Be born again in me. Bless me and give me simplicity of heart, humility and obedience.

—Venerable John Neumann

Venerable John Neumann (†1860) was born in Bohemia. He moved to America, joined the Redemptorists, and was appointed bishop of Philadelphia in 1852.



O ineffable mystery,
how sublime,
thy seeming lowliness;
how mighty,
thy apparent weakness.

—Don Guéranger

THOUGHTS OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Behold the quite amiable Jesus !... Do worship Him silently... And since He is born in order to come and visit us in the name of His eternal Father and since the shepherds and the kings are reciprocally to come and visit Him in His cradle, I think you ought to fondle Him well, to give Him hospitality every day, to sing, for Him, beautiful canticles to adore Him tenderly and, above all, to adore in Him, *His poverty, His humility, His obedience*, in imitation of His very holy Mother and of St. Joseph.



Let the dear God-given of Bethlehem be the first and if it be possible *the only love* of our heart!... Is He not, a hundred times more beautiful and more deserving of being loved than all His creatures? O! how much more I like to see that little Savior in His manger than to see all the kings on their thrones and even Solomon in his throne made of ivory!



PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

May Thy presence, most Sacred Heart of Jesus, ever bless our homes and fill them with the virtues so perfectly practiced in Thine own Holy Family in Nazareth. Protect us from all dangers, bless our endeavors, and keep always in our family the spirit of love, of peace and happiness. Amen.

Do rest the most gently you can, very near to Him. He will not cease to love your poor heart, such as it is, without tenderness and without feeling..because He sees well that it is offered to Him in an utter simplicity, in order to be for ever with a perfect faith His little servant and the one of His holy Mother.



Great St. Joseph, the first worshipper and servant of the divine Messiah, make us know your consolation. And you happy Immaculate Mother who gave Him to the world make Him drop into my heart all the inclinations and merits of His own.

PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Grant us, O Lord Jesus, faithfully to imitate the examples of Thy Holy Family, so that in the hour of our death, in the company of Thy glorious Virgin Mother and St. Joseph, we may deserve to be received by Thee into eternal tabernacles.

Indulgence of 200 days, once a day.
—Leo XIII. Feb. 6, 1893



✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

PRAYER CHAIN

In your prayers... For years, we have had a prayer chain, a link of intercessors, informed of a need by phone, who promise to pray for people and intentions, especially the sick and the deceased.

I would welcome more members, as the more who pray, the better. Our Prayer Chain will now officially be known as the Rosary Chain. The member promises to pray in his daily Rosary for the intentions confided to him. In addition, they should say a few prayers, even a Hail Mary or two or a decade, as soon as possible after they are contacted. There are two ways of participating in the Rosary Chain.

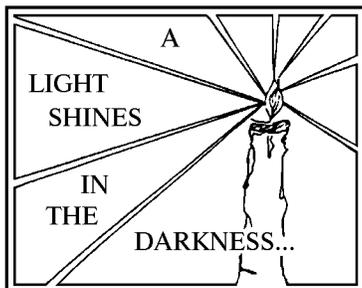
I. P - Chain

“P” is for personal. One person calls another or a small group to spread the word. It is important to repeat the intention **exactly**, to avoid errors or rumors. Give us a call at church if you would like to participate.

II. E - Chain

“E” is for e-mail, as well as for **easy**. Just send us your e-mails and we will send you a message with the current intentions to be mentioned in your daily Rosary.

There is such power in combined prayer! There are so many needs today. “Give and it shall be given unto you.” We look forward to hearing from you.



CUCINA CLERICAL



Thank you for cooking for the priests! We so much appreciate the odd home-cooked meal from time to time.

We rely on your charity and God's Providence, as we could never afford to hire a cook or housekeeper, as priests had in the old days.

If you're interested in helping, you can register at our cucina clerical website, <https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/622747> or just call the office, and drop off a meal. Just initial the chart on the office door to let us know that there's food again. All kinds of food are gratefully received. We are especially grateful for Sunday dinners (easy to drop off when you come to Mass) as well as another meal or two for Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday. Once a month would be fine to cook, (not to eat, a meal) but twice would be good, too.

In gratitude, we will be offering Mass each month for all of our cooks. May St. Paschal, patron of cooks, bring you great blessings. You are a blessing to us.



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

Collection Report

Saturday January 1st\$4,609.00
Sunday January 2nd\$3,049.00

Ushers

JANUARY 16, 2011

7:30 AM Scott Pepiot, Kent Maki, 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

Setvers

JANUARY 10 - JANUARY 16, 2011

•FRI 1/14 5:45 PM LOW: J. Soli, J. Gunsher, T.&J. Simpson
•SAT 1/15 7:30 AM LOW: T. & J. Simpson
8:30 AM LOW: M. Briggs
•SUN 1/16 7:30 AM LOW: S. & D. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Soli, R. Hill
TH: F. Puglielli ACS: A. Richesson, J. Simpson
TORCH: J. Lacy, P. Omlor, N. Puglielli, N. Kuebler
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, B. Lotarski
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, J. & J. Soli
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

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PRAYER TO THE INFANT OF PRAGUE FOR PEACE IN OUR FAMILIES

O Divine Infant, who at Thine entrance into the world didst proclaim peace, and who art pleased to be called the Prince of Peace, to Thee is known the strife and discord in our homes, how much discord, enmity and strife rule in the midst of us, how many sins we commit against the love of our neighbor. A truly sad sight! Where shall we turn, if not to Thee, O peaceful Infant Jesus! Thou hast reunited those divided against one another, hast reconciled enemies and given peace to troubled souls. Give to us the precious gift of peace! Come to our aid, that all passions may be stilled, and that peace and harmony may return to our homes, that we may deserve to be called children of God. Amen.



I give you, Lord, the thanks I owe, for more of good than I can know, that I have of you received, from the time I was conceived.

