
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JANUARY 16, 2011

• EPIHPANY II •

¶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 Churcing 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.



Jesus changes the water into wine at the marriage feast of Cana.

¶**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.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

☞ JANUARY 16, 2011 • EPIPHANY II •
ST MARCELLUS I, PM •

The **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** is available after all Masses. Sunday **morning classes** are at **10:40 AM**, Sunday evening **Vespers** with **Benediction** are at **4:45 PM**. You are welcome for refreshments in Helfta Hall after Mass, or to visit our gift shop.

☞ THIS WEEK

Calling all Knights! Sharpen your swords! We're reconvening the **Knights of the Sacred Heart** on **Monday** at **4 PM** at church, our regular winter castle. **Monday**, too, marks the hope filled feast of **Our Lady of Pontmain**, as well as the great **Anthony of Egypt**.

On **Tuesday** we open the traditional **Chair of Unity Octave**, an indulgenced devotion. Practice true charity by praying for the return to Catholic Truth of all heretics and schismatics. Devotions follow the daily school Mass.

On **Wednesday** we have "our" **funeral for Ernie**, a proper send off with a **Rosary** at **10:55 AM**, and **Solemn High Requiem Mass** and **Absolution** at **11:20 AM**.

Saturday is the day to **pray** for the **conversion of America**, as well as an **end to abortion** in our land. Make the sacrifice to hear Holy Mass for our land to be spared its just punishment, and for the bloody carnage of the babies to cease.

☞ NEXT SUNDAY

We close the twelve Sundays of the Mother of God Counsel with a little procession after the High Mass.

Set your missal: Epiphany III, with the commemoration of St. Raymond of Pennafort and St. Emerentiana.

Sunday Vespers resume January 30th.



☞ UPCOMING EVENTS

January 30th

Solemnity of St. Francis De Sales. The High Mass is of the feast, and Bishop Dolan will speak to the Writers Club, The Scribes of St. Francis De Sales, after Mass.

February 2nd

Candlemas. Another warm, wonderful evening is planned for the final day of Christmas, with its evening Mass of the Candles, and the much anticipated Soup Supper.

☞ ALTER CHRISTUS

100.00 was received this month for the support and sanctification of the clergy. Thank you for your generosity.



☞ CONGRATULATIONS

To Joe and Erin Soli on the Baptism of their daughter Lindsey Renee on 1-11-11.



To Kent and Linda Maki on their wedding vows on 1-8-11.

God does everything, disposes everything, foresees everything with the purpose of leading you to Himself.

-Saint Peter Julian Eymard

We possess Jesus Christ in the Eucharist; He is continually with us, He is ready to grant us whatever we ask; He is waiting for us; we have only to ask.

-Saint John Mary Vianney

Ushers

JANUARY 23, 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

Collection Report

Sunday January 9th\$5,674.00
Second Collection\$1,138.50

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

✠ POETRY CORNER

Cana

"This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee."

Once when our eyes were clean as
noon, our rooms
Filled with the joys of Cana's feast:
For Jesus came, and His disciples, and
His Mother,
And after them the singers
And some men with violins.

Once when our minds were Galilees,
And clean as skies our faces,
Our simple rooms were charmed with
sun.

Our thoughts went in and out in whiter
coats than God's disciples',
In Cana's crowded rooms, at Cana's
tables.

Nor did we seem to fear the wine would
fail:
For ready, in a row, to fill with water
and a miracle,
We saw our earthen vessels, waiting
empty.
What wine those humble waterjars
foretell!

Wine for the ones who, bended to the
dirty earth,
Have feared, since lovely Eden, the sun's
fire,
Yet hardly mumble, in their dusty
mouths, one prayer.

Wine for old Adam, digging in the
briars!

-Thomas Merton

Servers

JANUARY 17 - JANUARY 23, 2011

•WED 1/19 11:20 AM SOLEMN HIGH: School servers
T. & J. Simpson, S. & L. Arlinghaus
•FRI 1/21 5:45 PM LOW: J. Soli, J. Gunsher, T. & J. Simpson
•SAT 1/22 7:30 AM LOW: T. & J. Simpson
8:30 AM LOW: M. Briggs
•SUN 1/23 7:30 AM LOW: S. & A. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: R. VandeRyt
TH: S. Lawrence ACs: T. Simpson, S. Arlinghaus
TORCH: J. Lacy, N. Kuebler, P. Lawrence, L. Arlinghaus,
B. Lotarski, J. Simpson, B. Lotarski
CROSS: (for procession after Mass) B. Lotarski
11:30 AM LOW: A. Richesson, N. McClorey
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON 1/17/11 ST ANTHONY, AB
OUR LADY OF PONTMAIN
11:20 AM Low Mass †Ernie Nellenbach (*Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock*)
4:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart

TUES 1/18/11 ST PETER'S CHAIR AT ROME
ST PRISCA, VM
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls-Our Lady's Choice
(John Seyfried)
11:20 AM High Mass †Ernie J. Nellenbach
(M/M Mark Lotarski & family)
Opening of the Chair of Unity Octave
Intention of the Day: "The return of all the other sheep to the one fold of St. Peter, the One Shepherd."
5:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls - Gratitude and †Evelyn Rentschler

WED 1/19/11 ST MARIUS & COMP, MM
ST CANUTE, KING, M
8:00 AM High Mass Tim & Eileen Duff Family
10:55 AM Rosary for Ernie Nellenbach
11:15 AM Chair of Unity Octave Devotions *Intention of the Day: "The return of Eastern Orthodox to Communion with the Apostolic See."*
11:20 AM Solemn Requiem High Mass †Ernie Nellenbach
4:00 PM Low Mass †Abbot Leonard Giardina
(James & Margaret Soli)
6:30 PM Choir Practice

THURS 1/20/11 ST FABIAN, P
& SEBASTIAN, MM
8:00 AM Low Mass Paulina Strauss
11:20 AM High Mass †Ernie Nellenbach (*Katie Bischak*)
Chair of Unity Octave Devotions *Intention of the Day: "The Submission of Anglicans throughout the world to the Authority of the Vicar of Christ."*
5:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls - Gratitude - Special Intention
(DJR)

FRI 1/21/11 ST AGNES, VM
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls - Gratitude Darlene and Mary's Choice (*Carol Niehaus*)
10:55 AM Confessions
11:20 AM High Mass †Fr. Eldred Leslie (*The Prell Family*)
Chair of Unity Octave Devotions *Intention of the Day: That Protestants throughout the world might find their way back to Holy Church."*
5:15 PM Rosary and Confessions
5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena IV
5:45 PM Low Mass †Fr. Leslie (*Clare Lotarski*) **Novena, Benediction, Confessions**



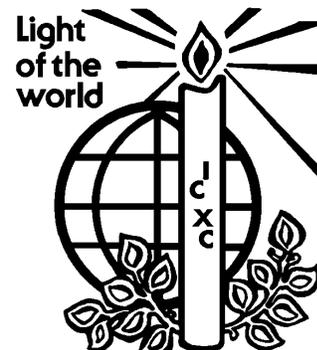
SAT 1/22/11 SS VINCENT & ANASTASIUS, MM
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Fr. Cekada
8:00 AM Chair of Unity Octave Devotions: "Pro-Life cause and the conversion of America."
8:15 AM Low Mass Our Beloved Dead - January
(Mike Briggs Family)

SUN 1/23/11 CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE
EPIPHANY III
ST RAYMOND PENNAFORT
7:30 AM Low Mass Merry Christmas Mom Regina Gilliam
(Martha, Nathan & Kenny)
9:00 AM High Mass †Fr. Abbot Leonard Giardina
(M/M Mark Lotarski & Family)
10:40 AM Sunday Classes
11:30 AM Low Mass †Edward Sayre (*The Prell Family*)
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude



A Card of Thanks

The clergy of St. Gertrude the Great wish to thank you for your kind greetings, your cards and gifts of the Christmas season, as well as for your invaluable assistance at church and your generosity in the Sunday offerings. May the Holy Child with His Blessed Mother and good St. Joseph richly reward your touching and unflinching goodness.



✠ EPIPHANY THOUGHTS: FOLLOW HIS STAR

VOCATION

Many times you have knelt before Me,
many times you have asked,
“Lord, what do You want me to do?”
There is only one answer I can give:
study My own life upon earth,
see that My great desire was to do the
will of My Father,
understand that My food and My drink
was to do His will.
You must be like Me,
You must prolong My life
by your grace-life,
by your Christ-life
You must imitate Me,
and extend My life into the twentieth
century,
especially My obedience to My father,
especially My desire to do His holy will.
It is of extreme importance that you
discover God’s will
in your regard to your future state of
life.
For if you discover
and if you follow your true vocation,
you will win deeper happiness in this
life,
you will be more certain of fuller
happiness
in the next,
you will most certainly be answering
My challenge.
To know your vocation you must
investigate,
you must consult,
you must pray.
If you do these things,
My Father will reveal to you His plans.
He will not unveil them all at once.
He will probably give you light only for
the next step.
He will not send an angel to enlighten
you.
He will probably use ordinary, everyday
means.
But rest assured: He will reveal His
plans.
The rest is up to you:
you must follow the light He gives,
you must embrace the life He desires
for you.

Then you too can say:
“My meat is to do the will of Him who
sent me and to accomplish the task He
gave me.”
I put Adam in the garden of Eden,
but I did not leave him alone.
It is not good for man to be alone.
So I created a mate for him.
Thus, it was I who created the two
sexes.
I made them both in My own likeness,
and I knew they were good.

Increase and multiply, I told them.
It was My will that they should bring
children
into the world
and that their children should have
children.
A man shall leave father and mother
and shall cleave to his wife,
and they shall be two in one flesh.
Thus, marriage is good because I
instituted it-
it was My will.

When I walked the earth
I showed the divine approval of
marriage.
I went to the marriage of a couple in
Cana.
If my command “increase and
multiply” is to be carried out,
there must be men and women
courageous enough
to undertake the hardships of the
married life,
to work with Me in the creation of new
souls.



Teach me your way, O Lord.

PRAYER FOR LIGHT

**Shine the light of Your
grace, O Lord, to guide my
weary feet along Your path.
Does it matter where it leads or
what comes upon me as I make
my way? No, Lord. I only ask
this: may it always be Your road,
may it always lead to You. Send
whatever You will, whatever
suffering or doubt. Give me
only this, a true and sturdy
heart that yearns for You alone.**

**You have led me thus far. I
know that if I ask You will
continue to guide me, to bring
me further until I reach the end.
Never leave me, Lord, because I
am Yours and I want You to be
mine. For You alone are my God,
my most holy God, my most
pure God, my most merciful
God.**

Amen.



*Father Abbot asks me what it is
the Divine Child whispers to me all
this month as I watch at His feet at
night between His holy parents, when
He comes into my arms and enters
into my heart in Holy Communion.
He says over and over again, “The
will of God, the will of God.”*

-Charles de Foucauld

✠ DEDICATION TO ERNIE NELLENBACH

Two Poems for Ernie

I have two poems for Ernie. The Shakespeare is, of course, sublime: "Fear no more!" Dickinson's "Because I could not stop for death" tempted me, but I can't see Ernie in gossamer or tulle, I wrote my own.

-Bishop Dolan

FIDELE

Fear no more the heat o'the sun,
Nor the furious winter's rages;
Thou thy worldly task hast done,
Home art gone, and ta'en thy
wages:
Golden lads and girls all must,
As chimney-sweepers, come to dust.

Fear no more the frown o'er the great,
Thou art past the tyrant's stroke;
Care no more to clothe or eat;
To thee the reed is as the oak:
The sceptre, learning, physic, must
All follow this, and come to dust.

Fear no more the lightning-flash,
Nor the all-dreaded thunder-stone;
Fear not slander, censure rash;
Thou hast finish'd joy and moan:
All lovers young, all lovers must
Consign to thee, and come to dust.

No exorciser harm thee!
Nor no witchcraft charm thee!
Ghost unlaid forbear thee!
Nothing ill come near thee!
Quiet consummation have;
And renowned be thy grave!

-William Shakespeare

Shakespeare is often deceptively simple, and the idea expressed here with such lyricism is a profound one; to approach death means to be removed from fear. We must all die, and on death we will all receive the enormous blessing that every threat and sorrow is at an end.



In the Backyard of the Blue House

We put the garden in, Ernie and I,
At the old house
And we were late.
(It seems now long ago)
Already June but first
The Mass and the park
For Richard and Elizabeth
Their golden day,
And then the garden
After noon in the soft
Gaelic Rain we worked
Mostly quietly
Planting humble humdrum annuals
Filling hopeful window boxes
Heaping rich soil
In the rain.

Ernie dug and delivered
And carried and told me things.
He often did.

The flowers went first
Few made it until frost.
The house now sold,
And with it, my Lenten Roses.
I regretted them
Then Ernie went.
But I remember what he said.

-Bishop Dolan

This tribute to Ernie recalls a June day some years ago. It was Richard and Elizabeth Smith's Golden Anniversary, and after that we went to the park for a picnic. By then it had started to rain softly, and Ernie and I put in the garden in the back yard of my blue house in Sharonville. I especially prized my Lenten Roses which Ernie probably planted under the tree some years before, but I didn't get them out before the closing, and Rita would've let me take them.



✠ REST IN PEACE

Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Ernie Nellenbach. Goodbye Ernie. We will miss you!

✠ **WEDNESDAY January 19th** we have "our" **funeral for Ernie**, a proper send off with a **Rosary at 10:55 AM**, and **Solemn High Requiem Mass and Absolution at 11:20 AM**.

✠ A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

Thank you to all who are giving Masses for the repose of Ernie's soul. We have arranged some of these Masses as a Novena, which began the day after his death. These are the donors:

January 9th- Bishop Dolan
January 10th - Mr. & Mrs. Eldon Neukam
January 11th - Patrick Lotarski
January 12th - Lacy Family
January 13th - Fr. Cekada
January 14th - Fr. Cekada
January 15th - James & Margaret Soli
January 16th - Bishop Dolan
January 17th - Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock

An additional Tridium of Masses is being offered as well:

January 18th - Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski & Family
January 19th - (Solemn High Mass)- St. Gertrude the Great School
January 20th - Katie Bischak

Merciful Jesus, grant his good soul eternal rest!



We are pilgrims, we live in a temporary inn, we are in transit, and this is not our homeland.

-Saint Gaspar del Bufalo

✠ BISHOPS CORNER

Christmas reached its high point with Epiphany on January 6, a feast of devotion which we observed as the holiest of holy days, and a true holiday. Our school children sweetly chanted the First and Second Vespers which begin and end the liturgical day. Other children joined us and helped for the Solemn High Mass in the morning. The Epiphany sacramentals were blessed. Mr. Lotarski prepared a beautiful brunch for everyone after Mass. Fr. McGuire and some servers went everywhere with burning frankincense and Holy Water and blessed chalk to bring the Epiphany exorcism and blessing throughout church and school and houses. I organized the little children for a nice Epiphany story, and then we met in church for the closing Epiphany Vespers and Benediction. It was a perfect day.



The next day turned snowy for **Fr. Fliess'** Solemn High Mass and our Appreciation Dinner, and we were sad to miss some who could not come. Others spent hours on the road but made it here and home safely. I was impressed with the eighty plus who came, and rejoiced with the Sacred Heart to see so many for the first First Friday of the year. Thanks to all who came and helped, especially the Lotarskis, who gave two wonderful parties in as many days. This was the "double up" Christmas, everything being done in twos, as the holy days were followed by the Sundays, and even Epiphany was doubled; but then again so was our joy.

It was wonderful to see so many get in on the Solemn Adoration, making devout visits during the evening hours. And how edifying that many of our men of the Guard of Honor came early and stayed late for their adoration. Truly, God's Providence turns into blessings our snowy trials.

On Saturday morning we had the joy of a wedding, Mr. Vili Lehtoranta assisting his fellow Finn, Kent Maki, as he wed Linda Elswick. There was a nice reception afterwards in Helfta Hall.

Saturday afternoon we received the sad news of the death of Ernie Nellenbach. Ernie had been sick for over a year, and died peacefully surrounded by his family, out East. His Church family will miss him very much. We will give him a Funeral on Wednesday, a Rosary for one who always prayed many, and a Solemn Requiem Mass with three priests for a man who loved the Mass, and served the priests so loyally and humbly. I have the impression that his soul, transformed by the divine alchemy of prayer and suffering, is now in a position to help us even more than he did in life with his work and example; and that he **will** help us.

It was wonderful to have Fr. Fliess offer Mass for us and preach last weekend. He is now finishing his studies at the seminary, but will be helping a little on the mission circuit as well.

Fr. Ercoli kindly visited our Louisiana chapel for their monthly Mass last Sunday, but was stranded afterwards for a few days with that southern ice storm. Our Cajun Catholics took good care of him, however.

South of the border, **Fr. Mardones** is surviving in battle-torn **Juarez**, suffering only from the flu. **Fr. Siordia** on Cocoyoc, Morellos, was a little ill from exhaustion after the great feast of Our Lord of the Expiration at New Year's. The crowds numbered some 1500! All went safely and peacefully.

Fr. Roger in France has invited **Bishop Sanborn** for a visit next month. Newly ordained **Fr. Hecquard** reports he is staying very busy, and that a lay brother formerly with Pius X, recently joined them and is a great assistance. **Fr. Romero**, another priest assistant to Fr. Roger, recently sent Fr. Cekada the French translation of his study "The Grain of Incense," which is now being distributed. Let us pray that more eyes will be opened, both at home and abroad, to the dangers of sacrilegious Masses in which a false pope and a real antichrist is proclaimed as Vicar of Christ in the sacred Canon. God is not mocked.

The poor Fr. Abbot Leonard Giardina, a truly charitable father in Christ to so many, died on First Friday. He will be buried later after the weather clears. On Monday a simple low Mass during the ice storm served for a funeral. Let us continue to beg the little Heart of our Infant King to save the Abbey from falling into the hands of the one world church, the dark flame which seems so irresistible to many a moth, and not just monks. May the love and light of Christ outshine the darkness through you.

Stay with the Light of Christ! Join us at church or at home as we gather at St. Peter's vacant seat on Tuesday to begin the Chair of Unity Octave devotions, a work of supernatural charity. God bless those of you who continue with your monthly Holy Hours. We have so much to pray for, both in the way of petition as well as gratitude. Pray with us.

May the blessings of prayer be yours.

-Bishop Dolan



FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION CANDLEMAS SOUP SUPPER

When: FEBRUARY 2ND

Time: IMMEDIATELY AFTER 5:30 PM MASS

Where: HELFTA HALL

What: SOUP OR DESSERT

Who: EVERYONE IN THE PARISH



We are looking forward to tasting all the special soups on Feb. 2nd after the evening Mass!

This tends to be the highlight of Winter Dinners at St. Gertrude the Great as the skilled culinary talents of our parish members and illustrious Bishop Dolan really shine.

Bring your recipes to share, won't you? There will be blank tent signs provided to label the Name of the Soup and the Identity of the Preparer. If you don't have a favorite soup, bring a delicious dessert. The church will supply the bread and wine, and other beverages.

This is always so much fun and very relaxing. So bring your favorite soup/stew, your appetite and recipes February 2nd!

