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# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## FEBRUARY 6, 2011

### • EPIPHANY V •

#### ¶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.



*While men were asleep, his enemy came and  
oversowed cockle among the wheat..*

¶**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

☞ FEBRUARY 6, 2011 • EPIPHANY V •  
• ST TITUS • ST DOROTHY •

The **Blessing of Throats** follows all Masses today. Our monthly **special second collection** is taken after Holy Communion, for the support of our seminarians. Help train future priests! Please note the **Blessing of Religious Articles** takes place **next Sunday**.

### ☞ KNIGHTS OF THE SACRED HEART

Our young men and boys meet with Father here at church at **4:00 PM on Monday**.

### ☞ OUR LADY OF LOURDES

A **triduum** in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes begins **Friday evening** after Mass, and continues **Saturday morning**, concluding on **Sunday**, with the Blessing of the Sick after all Masses.

### ☞ THE INFANT OF PRAGUE

This is a beautiful and powerful devotion. Come to present your petitions for the seventh day of our Novena **before Mass** on Friday evening.

### ☞ NEXT SUNDAY

The Blessing of the Sick follows all Masses. Please support our St. Valentine bake sale. Morning classes are as usual.] Vespers returns at its usual time.

**Set your missal:** Epiphany VI, with collects of Our Lady and All Saints, and For the Sick, Preface of the Trinity.

### ☞ OUR SICK

Please pray for the little Kaldawi girls of Texas, from our web congregation. One sister is giving bone marrow to the other, a very serious need. Also, Tracey Mullins, sister of Justin Messmer, ill with cancer. Please pray for all of our shut ins, especially Kim LeBlanc as well as all of our sick including Richard Smith, who is recovering from surgery.



## A PRAYER OF POPE LEO XIII

Thou seest, O Lord, how everywhere the winds have burst forth, and the sea is convulsed with the great violence of the rising waves. Command, we beseech Thee, O Thou Who alone art able, both the winds and the sea. Restore to mankind the true peace of Thy Name, – that peace which the world cannot give, – and the calm of social harmony. Under Thy favor and inspiration may men return to due order, and having overthrown the rule of greed, bring back again as ought to be, the love of God, justice, charity toward neighbor, temperance in all desires. May Thy kingdom come. May all men recognize that they are subject to Thee, and must serve Thee Who art truth and salvation; that without Thee they labor in vain. In Thy law is reason and fatherly kindness. Thou art ever at hand with Thy strength and Thy copious power to help man to keep it. Life upon earth is a warfare, but Thou dost watch the contest, and aidest man to conquer. The weak Thou dost sustain, the victor Thou dost crown.

### ☞ ALTER CHRISTUS



The little church is in the vestibule today. Please be generous.

### ☞ REST IN PEACE



Our sympathy and prayers go to Joe Prell and family on the death of his father Marvin Prell.



### Ushers

FEBRUARY 13, 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

## ✠ POETRY CORNER

### Teleology

*“Things that lack knowledge do not not direct themselves to an end, unless they are directed by something knowing and intelligent. . .”*

–*Summa Theologiae I.2.3*

A little fisher crouches waiting where his net hangs in a sapphire sea of sky: alert, he waits the heedless passing by of tiny wing-finned swimmers of the air. And then the fisher shows a sailor's skill: he scrambles up his net, as up the shrouds of some new sailing vessel of the clouds, to claim his latest catch and make his kill.

Do not begrudge the spider net or line, nor call this witless creature cruel or bad. Instead, ask how a witless creature had the wit to weave with wonderful design; and see the humble web that nets the fly reveal the mighty Mind beyond the sky.

–*Mark Amorose*



### ☞ THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2010 FOR ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

**HOLY COMMUNIONS: 22,000** (approx.)  
**MARRIAGES: 2**  
**BAPTISMS: 8**  
**CONFIRMATIONS: 15**  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: 14**  
**RECEPTION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: 1**  
**FUNERALS: 4**

### Ushers

FEBRUARY 7 - FEBRUARY 13, 2011

•FRI 2/11 5:45 PM Low: J. Soli, J. Gunsher, T. & J. Simpson  
•SAT 2/12 7:30 AM Low: T. & J. Simpson  
8:15 AM Low: M. Briggs  
•SUN 2/13 7:30 AM Low: D. & A. Brueggemann  
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Soli, R. VandeRyt  
Th: S. Lawrence (A. Lawrence - training)  
ACs: S. Arlinghaus, N. McClorey  
TORCH: J. Lacy, N. Keubler, P. Lawrence, J. Simpson, A. Richesson, P. Omlor  
11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnet, P. Lotarski  
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, J. Soli, J. Lacy  
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

### Collection Report

Sunday January 30th .....\$3,512.00

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

## ✠ THE CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>2/7/11</b>	<b>ST ROMUALD, AB</b> <b>11:20 AM Low Mass</b> †Ernie Nellenbach ( <i>B. Brueggemann</i> ) <b>4:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart</b>
<b>TUES</b>	<b>2/8/11</b>	<b>ST JOHN OF MATHA, C</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Poor Souls - Gratitude - priests, staff & helpers of St. Gertrude ( <i>DJR</i> ) <b>11:20 AM High Mass</b> Month's Mind †Ernie Nellenbach ( <i>The McClorey Family</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>2/9/11</b>	<b>ST CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BPCD</b> <b>ST APOLLONIA, VM</b> <b>11:20 AM High Mass</b> Sanctification of Priests ( <i>Alter Christus</i> )
<b>THURS</b>	<b>2/10/11</b>	<b>ST SCHOLASTICA, V</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> For Deceased members of the Landry family ( <i>Angela Cecere</i> ) <b>11:20 AM High Mass</b> Cucina Clerical Thank you to our cooks! ( <i>The Fathers</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>2/11/11</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Ed Sayre ( <i>Katie Bischak</i> ) <b>10:55 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:20 AM Low Mass</b> Rosary Confraternity ( <i>Margaret Sutton</i> ) <b>5:15 PM Rosary and Confessions</b> <b>5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena VII</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> In Honor of the Infant of Prague for Mom & Dad ( <i>A.M. Omlor</i> ) <b>Opening of Our Lady of Lourdes Triduum, Novena, Benediction, Confessions</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>2/12/11</b>	<b>THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS</b> <b>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY REFUGE OF SINNERS</b> <b>7:15 AM Confessions</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Honor of Blessed Virgin Mary ( <i>Tom &amp; Stella Simpson</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Triduum to Our Lady of Lourdes</b> <b>8:15 AM Low Mass</b> Our Children & Godchildren - Persevere in faith ( <i>Mike Briggs Family</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>2/13/11</b>	<b>EPIPHANY VI</b> <b>BLESSING OF THE SICK AFTER ALL MASSES</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Victor Ritze ( <i>Joseph Kunkel Family</i> ) <b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> Month's Mind †Richard Weik - from January 29th <b>10:40 AM Sunday Classes</b> <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> Special Intention - ( <i>Becky Uhlenbrock</i> ) <b>4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude



## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

February, whose name means “to purify by sacrifice,” one author says, slid in on Tuesday, making an icy entrance for the shortest of months. Fr. Cekada, St. Francis de Sales-like, had to crawl on his knees to make it to Mass that morning. The last few feet were the proverbial sheet of ice, but the Holy Sacrifice was offered as scheduled.



February's surprise was the excellent attendance for our Candlemas, and its winter soup supper, only twenty-four hours after such severe weather, and with more snow on the way. The soups were delicious, and the music made by our young people for the Pontifical Mass delightful, so pleasing in its purity of tone. Our masters of ceremony had to scramble with a number of new servers in unfamiliar roles, but, again, all acquitted themselves very well. Thanks to all who cooked, and came, and helped clean up too!

Well, I'm out of the way of the weather, having left for Cocoyoc, Mexico, with a chest cold on Friday. Let's hope the sun does me some good, and shines as it should in Cincinnati (Senex did *not* see his shadow Candlemas morn). I should return Thursday evening from my pastoral visit. Thank you for your good wishes and prayers for a safe trip. I, in return, am praying for you all (and leaving many names) at Our Lord of the Expiration, near the miraculous image, where I am staying for several days. Of course, I will stop at the shrine of the Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick, and pray especially for all of our sick, and all of our children. It will be good to see our Mexican fathers and faithful again.

**Fr. Ercoli** reports from **Seattle** that his new chapel is small, and the people do not have custom of daily Mass attendance. I am sure, however, that his priestly zeal will change that in time. **Fr. Larrabee** performed his brother's wedding last Saturday at **Christ the King Abbey** in Alabama. His reception was cordial, and the wedding went well, but the two remaining monks were understandably reluctant to discuss their future plans. **Fr. Francis, O.F.M.**, of **Lafayette, Louisiana**, is a good friend of ours and the abbey, and does not think anything will happen in the short term, so we have time to pray. Father has been hosting **Fr. Bernard, O.S.B.** who was expelled in December from the monastery for his uncompromising Catholic position.

But we still have time to pray! Young Joseph Brueggemann was found without cancer last week, doubtless due to so many prayers for him. So, let us pray for our sick, and for the monastery and for the Church. Join us Friday as we open our Triduum to Our Lady of Lourdes.

May Mary bring you Jesus our little Doctor, with all of His healing, and may the good doctor Bishop Blaise, saint and martyr, bless you all over with good health.

—Bishop Dolan

**The Single State**

Another possible state in life is the single state, a state pleasing to God if by means of it a person devotes his heart and mind more fully to God. The single person does not undertake the added responsibilities of the religious or married state. But this does not mean that his lot is necessarily easier; in the priestly state a man finds a great deal of excellent guidance to help him, and the same may be said of the intimate companionship of man and wife in the married state. This guidance and companionship are not as characteristically abundant in the single state. The person who chooses the single state chooses to undertake all the difficulties of a Christian life in a sin-filled world--alone. Nonetheless, with the graces of this state from an all-loving God, it is possible to live a very perfect life in the single state, and to attain a close intimacy with the Heart of Jesus.

The Church needs lay apostles just as she needs apostolic priests. There are some people in need who cannot be reached by a priest, and there are some necessary jobs which cannot be done by priests or men consecrated exclusively to the service of God. The Church must have lay apostles. It is clear that the single person, who is not tied down by the responsibilities of supporting a wife and children, is freer than the married person to fill this urgent need for lay apostles.

What are the signs of a vocation to the single state? Certainly fear of accepting the responsibilities and difficulties of either of the other two states is not a sign of a vocation to the single state. However, a disinclination to marry or to enter the priesthood or religious life, or a distinct lack of the qualifications for either of these states, seems to be one of the signs. Join this to a desire to remain alone in the world serving God and His Church, and this seems to be a vocation to the single state.

It should be noticed that a person living in the single state may want to consecrate by a private vow his virginity or some other Christian virtue. Saint Paul praised this kind of act, and many of the saints of the Church have lived such consecrated lives.

**Consecration of Courtship**

Remember, O most blessed Mother, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, unworthy as I am of your protection, in the presence of God the Father, the author of life, of God the Son, who gave marriage the dignity of a sacrament, of God the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies marital love, I, (name), entrust my courtship to your motherly protection. Guide me in the choice of a partner. Keep my courtship pure and chaste. Bless our union with a holy love. Watch over us from Heaven. Send us grace to live in the favor of God and to share in the eternal love in which we shall be united forever in Heaven. Amen. -

*O'Flaherty*

**Prayer in Choosing a State of Life  
(Indulgence-300 days, Once a Day)**

O my God, Thou Who art the God of wisdom and of counsel, Thou Who readest in my heart the sincere will to please Thee alone, and to govern myself with regard to my choice of a state of life, entirely in conformity with Thy most holy desire; grant me, by the intercession of the most blessed Virgin, my Mother, and of my holy patrons, specially of St. Joseph and St. Aloysius, the grace to know what state I ought to choose, and when known to embrace it, so that in it I may be able to pursue and increase Thy glory, work out my salvation, and merit that heavenly reward which Thou hast promised to those who do Thy holy will. Amen.

***Saint Dominic, Pray for me.***

**Vocation Prayer**

***Lord, let me know clearly the work which You are calling me to do in life. And grant me every grace I need to answer Your call with courage and lasting dedication to Your will. Amen.***



*St. Frances of Rome. Pray for us.*

**INDULGENCED PRAYERS**

**Virgin most holy, Mother of the Word Incarnate,** Treasurer of graces, and Refuge of us poor sinners; we fly to thy motherly affection with lively faith, and we beg of thee the grace ever to do the will of God. Into thy most holy hands we commit the keeping of our hearts, asking thee for health of soul and body, in the certain hope that thou, our most loving Mother, wilt hear our prayer. Wherefore with lively faith we say:

Hail Mary *three* times.

Indulgence of 500 days.

O Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, make us saints.

Indulgence of 300 days.

O Mary, Virgin Mother of God, Pray to Jesus for me.

Indulgence of 300 days. Plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if this invocation is devoutly repeated every day for a month.

Bless us, Mary Maiden mild, bless us too, her tender Child.

Indulgence of 300 days.

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# SGG School News

## A Periodic Update on What's Happening at St. Gertrude the Great School

January 2011

*St. Gertrude the Great School is back from its Christmas recess. Everyone at the school has been braving a number of days of severe weather to keep the school on schedule. Father McGuire did the annual Epiphany blessing of the classrooms with blessed chalk. The first semester of the school year wrapped up successfully on January 28<sup>th</sup>.*

### **SGG School Choir Continues to Excel**

If you've been at SGG's daily sung High Mass or if you stream it on the web, you know what a great job the students do in singing the various parts of the Mass. They produce a sound far beyond their numbers.

A large part of the choir's repertory is Gregorian chant. The children sing not only the Ordinary of the Mass (the Kyrie, the Gloria, etc.) every day, they also sing the Propers (the Introit, the Offertory, etc.). Sometimes they use a simple psalm tone for the Propers but other times they do the Introit in its full Gregorian setting. That's a feat many large pre-Vatican II choirs didn't even attempt. It's made Fr. Cekada very proud of the children.

Gregorian chant, like all kinds of music, has levels of difficulty. Fr. C. tells us some of the most difficult melodies in chant are found in the Responsories, which can be very long and elaborate.

So Father was particularly proud of the masterly job the choir did with the "Libera Me" – the lengthy, complicated and beautiful responsory which is sung during the Absolution after the Funeral Mass. Along with the other pieces, the children sang the "Libera Me" at the Requiem for Mr. Ernie Nellenbach, a long-time parishoner and church worker, on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Father says the choir's performance was a fitting way for students to thank Mr. Nellenbach for all he had done for our church and school.

### **Checking In with the New Staff**

With the first semester behind us, Miss Michelle Mikesell has now been teaching at SGG School for half a year. We thought this would be a good time to check in with our newest teacher and see how she's been getting on here in Ohio.

Miss Mikesell took advantage of the Christmas break to fly back to her home in California and spend time with her family and friends. At midnight Mass at Fr. Zapp's chapel in Modesto she sang the Mass of the Shepherds, "My favorite Mass to sing," she said. She had a bit of a Ohio reunion there with our Fr. Larrabee, who was also back in California and said the midnight Mass. "When we saw each other after Mass we said 'Funny meeting you here'," she said.

Music has been a big part of Miss Mikesell's responsibilities at SGG School. She teaches music to first and second graders and directs the school choir at low Masses on Mondays and Fridays. "I've never directed before, so it's been a challenge," she said. "But I do like it. I like trying to help the kids to follow the direction and understand the music. I hope I can make them more comfortable with the music and expand their confidence," she said.

Miss Mikesell's regular duty at SGG is teaching the second grade, while her previous teaching experience had been with older kids, students in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. "I like teaching the younger kids," she said. "They're very open and sincere and they give me lots of clear feedback on what they're learning," she said.

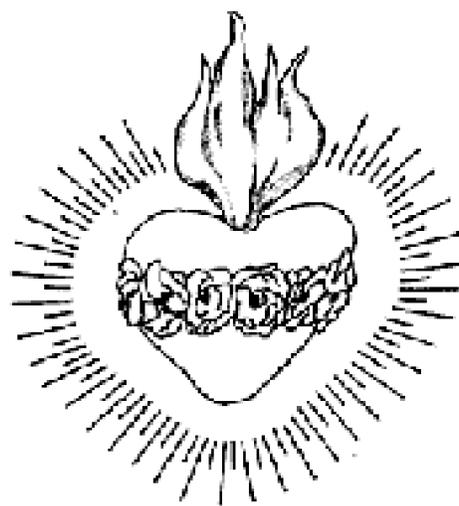
### **St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale**

Our mid-winter bake sale will be Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, after all Masses. The middle of winter is a great time to bake and get your kids excited about something creative. Maybe this is the year they try making candy? If they'd like to make a craft or two we'd love to have those as well. You may drop off your items in Helfta Hall on Saturday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> or on the day of the sale. If you would like to help arrange items before Mass or sell them afterwards or if you have any questions, please contact the sale coordinator, Mrs. Carolyn McClorey at [cjmcclorey@hotmail.com](mailto:cjmcclorey@hotmail.com). We appreciate your participation in this important fundraiser!

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*Our Lady of Good Counsel, please pray for the students, teachers, administrators, parents and benefactors of St Gertrude the Great School.*

# MAIDENS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART



Saint Gertrude's new club for girls,  
*Maidens of the Immaculate Heart*,  
will have their first meeting on  
Monday, February 14, 2011  
from 3:30pm - 5:00/5:30pm  
in Helfta Hall.

Girls of all ages are invited to come join us for  
some crafts, snacks and socializing  
and to help us plan future activities.