

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

§ **SEPTEMBER 4, 2011**
• **PENTECOST XII** •

Today is the first Sunday of the month. The **Second Collection** is for our Seminary and **The Blessing of Religious Articles** takes place after all Masses.

Registration for Sunday Catechism classes **follows** the **9 and 11:30 AM Masses** in Helfta Hall.

The **Little Church** in the vestibule will happily receive your offerings for Masses to support and sanctify our priests.

§ **THIS WEEK:**

On **Monday** we honor good **St. Joseph**, patron saint of all who labor. The holiday **Mass** is at **9 A.M.** On **Tuesday** we conclude our powerful Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony Thirteen Tuesday devotion. On **Wednesday** we open a new school year with the **Votive High Mass of the Holy Ghost**. The **Blessed Mother's Birthday** is celebrated on **Thursday**. The South American saint **Peter Claver**, patron of the American people of color, comes **Friday** to suggest Mass and Sacred Heart Novena, the answer to all of society's ills. Two **weddings** distinguish **Saturday**.

§ **LABOR DAY**

Labor day marks the end of Summer and back to work for all of us in some sense, as we start the Fall season. Come to Mass tomorrow morning at **9:00 AM** in honor of St. Joseph, Patron of Workers.

Collection Report

Sunday August 28th\$3,500.50

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

Ushers

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

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

§ **NATIVITY OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

This Thursday, **September 8th**, is the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity. The **Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings** will take place *after* the **11:20 AM Mass**. Each child will receive a seedling to plant in Our Lady's honor.

Following the High Mass there will be a **Birthday Party** for "Baby Mary". There will be a cake and ice cream for the children. Please note, **ALL CHILDREN**, and especially our home schoolers, are welcome to the festivities for this special birthday which "announces joy to the whole world."

§ **NEXT SUNDAY:**

We begin anew our Sunday Classes, from pre-school to adult, each Sunday as announced from 10:40 to 11:20 A.M. We close the liturgical day with 4:45 P.M. Vespers, and pay homage to the Holy Name of Mary during Benediction.

Set your missal:

Low Masses: Pentecost XIII, Ss. Protus and Hyacinth, Our Lady and the Saints, Trinity Preface.
High Mass: Holy Name of Mary, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XIII.

§ **UPCOMING EVENTS**

SEPTEMBER 13TH

Fatima Rosary Procession 7:15 PM

SEPTEMBER 18TH. Parish Picnic.

Please join us at Sharon Woods Park for our annual parish picnic. Please feel free to bring a dish to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and soda will be supplied by the church.

§ **OUR SICK**

Please remember to pray for all of our sick and shut-in especially for Linda Cardamone, Diane Powell, and Althea LeBlanc.



✠ POETRY CORNER

On Our Blessed Mother's Birthday

O what light and glory
Deck thee, all resplendent,
Thou of Royal David
Glorious descendant!

Mary ever-Virgin
Who in heaven art dwelling,
All the choirs of angels
Evermore excelling.

Jesus all creation
Evermore adoreth,
And full lowly bending,
Rightly now imploreth;

May His pity grant us,
Far our darkness sending,
With thee, in His glory
Joy and light unending.

—*Sarum Sequence*

§ **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Martha and Joseph Schappacher on the Baptism of their son Joseph Gerard on 8/19/11.

By salt and water sifted unto sweetest use,

And consecrated from the widowed Church's cruse

The dust of Rome for thee is set a flower!

For thee the golden Mass and purple Vespertide,

For thee the pearls are poured from Mary's dower

And rubied water from God's side.

Servers
SEPTEMBER 5-11, 2011

•THU 9/8 11:20 AM HIGH: School Servers,
T. J. & M. Simpson
•FRI 9/9 5:45 PM LOW: T., M. & J. Simpson, J. Gunsher
•SAT 9/10 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:05 AM LOW: Briggs
•SUN 9/11 7:30 AM LOW: S. & D. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: Rev. Mr. V. Lehoranta
R. Vande Ryt
ACs: A. Richesson, N. Puglielli
TH: F. Puglielli
TORCH: N. Kuebler, J. & J. Morgan, J. Simpson,
M. Simpson, J. Lacy
CROSS: L. Arlinghaus
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. McClorey
4:45 PM VESPER: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

✠ THE CALENDAR

Weekday webcast Masses are marked with a 

- MON 9/5/11 ST LAWRENCE JUSTINIAN, BPC**
 **9:00 AM Votive Mass of St. Joseph** Poor Souls in honor of St. Joseph
- TUE 9/6/11 FERIAI DAY**
CLOSING OF O. L. OF PERPETUAL HELP AND ST ANTHONY DEVOTIONS AFTER BOTH MASSES
 **8:00 AM Low Mass** Cucina Clerical (*The Fathers*)
4:00 PM Low Mass Rev. Charles J. Hufstetter, SM (*S. & C. Niehaus*)
- WED 9/7/11 FIRST DAY OF ST GERTRUDE SCHOOL**
FERIAI DAY ST CLOUD, C
8:00 AM Low Mass For the Consolation & Deliverance into Heaven of the Souls in Purgatory (*Rose & Nick Manno*)
 **11:20 AM Sermon, Veni Creator and Votive High Mass of the Holy Ghost** Poor Souls in honor of the Holy Ghost
5:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls - Gratitude & Reparation forgiveness of others & myself (*Jesus Mercy*)
- THUR 9/8/11 NATIVITY OF OUR LADY**
8:00 AM Low Mass In honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help and relief of all holy souls (*Patrick Omlor*)
 **11:20 AM Sermon, High Mass** In honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help and relief of all holy souls (*P. Omlor*)
Blessing of seeds and seedlings followed by BVM Birthday Party
4:00 PM Low Mass Marie Bellavia (*Charles Bellavia*)
- FRI 9/9/11 ST PETER CLAVER, C ST GORGONIUS, M**
8:00 AM Low Mass The Poor Souls
10:55 AM Confessions
 **11:20 AM Low Mass** †Joseph ("Joey") Vento (*Annette Ravinsky & Family*)
5:15 PM Rosary and Confessions
5:45 PM Low Mass Fr. McGuire Happy Birthday (*Gloria Zbilicki*)
6:30 PM Novena and Benediction
- SAT 9/10/11 ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO, C**
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Honor of St. Jude (*Tom & Stella Simpson*)
8:05 AM Sermon and Low Mass Special Intention - Debbie Wilker (*Mike Briggs Family*)
11:30 AM Marriage of Rob Brockman and Lisa Powers
1:30 PM Marriage of Charles Henry and Beverly Powell
- SUN 9/11/11 PENTECOST XIII**
SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY
7:30 AM Low Mass Fr. Larrabee - Anniversary (*M/M Victor Ritze*)
9:00 AM High Mass For the People of St. Gertrude
10:40 AM Opening of Sunday Classes
11:30 AM Low Mass †Marie Bellavia (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)
4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass Ed Heckenkamp & Dale Sanberg (*Steve Heckenkamp*)

Mary's Birthday September 8

A brooding darkness covered earth,
 And filled it with despair;
 Confusion, strife, and misery,
 With sin stalked everywhere.

A heavy cloud hung o'er the closed
 and bolted Heaven's gate;
 Four thousand years the Father's wrath,
 Had caused this earth to wait.

Unhappiness reigned over all,
 And Satan held his sway.
 "Oh, for a Saviour," men cried out,
 "Oh, for a hopeful ray!"

When lo! a tiny speck appeared,
 Within yon western sky,
 And weary men looked eagerly,
 To see that glint on high.

It widened-glimmered-drove out sin,
 Diffused His peace on earth,
 And every corner brightened-thrilled,
 The day of Mary's birth!

The cloud diffused from Heaven's gate,
 And showed the bolt undone,
 The golden knob but waiting for
 The touch of Mary's Son.

Behind the blue sky flecked with rose,
 The Father smiled above,
 To know that Mary's Son would bring
 This world back to His love.

—Delores Felhoelter

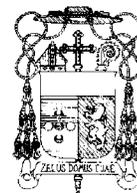
Hail, our Queen and Mother blest!
 Joy when all was sadness
 Life and hope Thou doth give us
 Mother of our gladness!

To help Fr. Kasik, please send your offering to:

Our Lady of Einsiedeln Chapel
 c/o St. Joseph Building Fund
 P.O. Box 96
 Spirit Lake, Idaho 83869
 (208) 623-4242

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Last Thursday a dry, hot and muggy September greeted us. The grass we haven't watered is mostly straw, and the trees we planted by the rectory are in shock, and are shedding their shriveled leaves. The Knock Out Roses are pretty much down for the count. Although this is summer's normal toll, it does sound apocalyptic to write it out. Add the earthquake, hurricane and flooding, and you'd think people **would** start praying, wouldn't you?



We had water on our minds last week. One family has been sharing the bounty of their garden with us this summer, and I thought I'd cook a little pasta the other evening to go with it. What a scene! There was a bishop, a priest, and a deacon (sounds like today's Gospel, but the Good Samaritan never arrived), all trying to figure out...how to boil water! You see, we bought a used electric stove for the Convento kitchen, which has proven pretty much unusable, the knobs being purely decorative. Only Fr. Larrabee has figured out the system, such as it is. He was charitably visiting the otherwise isolated Fr. Ercoli in Seattle, however. We did manage to boil the fusilli, but turning off the burner was beyond the three of us. Fr. Cekada finally left his dinner to throw the breaker. Curious system. Modern conveniences.

Today I am away to Louisiana for my annual visit, and Confirmations. **Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel** near Opelousas is thirty-six years old. We had the sadness last month of losing the last member of the "founding family," Steve Faud. Please keep him, as well as all of our scattered missions and faithful, in your prayers.

I had a nice visit with some members of the Wright family from Minnesota last Sunday evening. They were in town for son Daniel's wedding to Rosemary Geckle at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Sulphur Springs. This represents the happy union of two strong traditional Catholic families. We wish them well. I first met Francine when she came here to be confirmed years ago. Her husband Brad is away working in Williston, a North Dakota boom town. I offered Mass near there once, in Wolf Point, Montana, many years ago, for a man who had joined the Freemasons just to be able to have a job. Thank God he and his son were reconciled to the Church. I never saw them again, but Grace has its moments.

We at St. Gertrude have the joy of two weddings this Saturday, and I do ask your prayers for these happy couples to be united in holy wedlock. Charles Henry will wed Beverly Powell. We wish them much happiness together, and also to Robby Brockman, a true son of St. Gertrude, who will marry Lisa Powers. It will be a busy, but a happy Saturday.

Pray, too, for a good year for our little school which does so much, as well as for all of our students in the parish. We sing the Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost on Wednesday for God's blessings on this year. Surely, however, our children have already drawn down many graces by coming to church to sing feast day or the monthly Requiem Masses during the summer. God reward them and their parents.

Thursday we will be blessed by the happiest of birthdays, our Blessed Mother's. Bring your children for the Mass and Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings, and the party. If we begin the year with Mary, we know it will end well. The next day, September 9th, is our own Fr. McGuire's birthday. We are grateful for all that this missionary does for souls.

Fr. McGuire has been working with the Rev. Mr. Lehtoranta as he learns how to offer Mass. All of us have been giving tips to our deacon as well, in view of his first sermon, preached this morning. It is a fine thing to say Hail Marys for a preacher's success.

Thank you for your prayers, faithful financial support, and extra Mass attendance. Do help us to keep up the Holy Hour schedule. You can make one in your own home if you wish. Pray the Rosary, read devotional prayers, read in a prayerful way, and sit or kneel quietly with Our Lord, in union with His Holy Hour in Gethsemane. If only we knew the power of prayer!

I conclude with a cat story...well, a kitten tale, actually. A hungry little kitten took refuge in our cloister on August 23rd. The Lotarski children, who were at church that day, took it upon themselves to feed and entertain their furry little friend. The kitten spent the night in the cloister, but by the next day was adopted by Katie. Being a Gertrudian cat, a liturgical name was called for. Bart (for the Apostle) soon ceded to Pippa (female Italian diminutive of Philip, from August 23rd) when the vet clarified matters. Pippa joined Pius, another Gertrudian foundling, at Katie's menagerie. God love our animal lovers, including the anonymous neighbor who's been grooming Caravaggio and Puccini. These two roll regularly in the brambles, but always look their best.

With best wishes for a pleasant Labor Day tomorrow, and prayers for St. Joseph's blessing on all of your undertakings,

—Bishop Dolan



✠ THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✠

Sunday Thoughts: Pentecost XII

Humility, a much misunderstood virtue, is mistaken for hypocrisy, spinelessness, etc. Paul was a humble man – as indeed all the saints were – but not a Uriah Heep nor a Casper Milquetoast. It takes courage to recognize and admit one's own gifts. This is not pride if one is sincere in ascribing them to God, the giver of all good things.

We do not do God a favor by working for Him; it is the other way around. Reverence for priests – God's ministers – is indicated. In practice this means: call them "Father," show them respect, listen to them.

To help one's neighbor in a material way is one thing, but there is something better and more important – helping him spiritually by giving consistent good behavior, by sticking up for what is good and true and honorable, etc. All must be done in a spirit of unselfishness – first the oil of charity, which soothes and softens, then the wine of advice and encouragement which helps others straighten out their lives, go to Church, receive the sacraments.

We must love others because they belong to God, whom we love absolutely, i.e., together with all that He loves. To love others in God does not necessarily mean that we will like them; love is dictated by principles, but liking is often ruled by emotions and cannot always be controlled. All men are made in God's image. He has redeemed all by His Blood. We should, then, never be indifferent to any one in need.



Clip and Save

A Night Prayer for September Month of the Holy Cross

O Lord Jesus Christ, whose cross stands upon Mount Calvary as our shade and shield, keep us safe this night under that same holy sign, and secure in its shadow. Send Thy holy angels round about us, and may the blessing of Thy holy cross be our guard and protection, and the sorrows of Thy Mother our love and meditation. Amen.

For Those in Any Danger

O Almighty God, despise not Thy people who cry out in their affliction: but for the glory of Thy Name be appeased and help those in trouble. Through our Lord...

-Pray this for Fr. Mardones

For the Poor and Those Out of Work

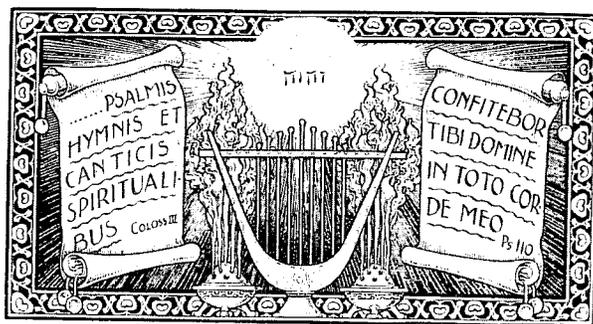
Father of bounty, Who art in Heaven, full of hope we come to Thee, under the protection of the Blessed Virgin our good Mother.

So many fathers can no longer find work, so many mothers no longer have anything with which to feed or clothe their children. We pray Thee, Lord, have pity on them and on all those who are in want.

Forgive them their sins, deliver them from sickness or sorrows, and give them what Thou knowest they need for soul and body. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

For Those absent from Mass and Sacraments

O Eternal Father, by the heart of my Jesus, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, I dare approach Thee, By this Divine Heart I give Thee adoration for all who do not adore Thee, I love Thee for all who cherish Thee not. I acknowledge Thee to be my God, for all who, blind and deaf, out of contempt, refuse to acknowledge Thee. By this Divine Heart, I would give Thee the homage which all Thy creatures owe Thee. In spirit I go round in the world searching all the souls redeemed by Thy precious Blood, I embrace them all to present them to Thee by Him, and through Him I beseech Thee to fulfill their conversion. Can it be, Eternal Father, that Thou wilt allow them to remain ignorant of my Jesus? Wilt Thou suffer that they should not live for Him Who died for us all? Heavenly Father, Thou seest them lying all in death; give them life, by this Divine Heart. Amen



*To say my prayers is not to pray,
Unless I mean the words I say.*