

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ NOVEMBER 6, 2011 • PENTECOST XXI • OUR LADY OF SUFFRAGE •

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. The blessing of religious articles takes place at the communion rail after all Masses. The second collection is for our seminary.

Sunday classes resume this morning for both children and adults. Pray for those who neglect to study their faith, for they will surely lose it. Sanctify the waning hours of Sunday with us at the 4:45 PM Vespers, followed by Benediction. The Rosary is prayed every Sunday before the 7:30 and 11:30 AM Masses. Please sign up in the vestibule for a home holy hour during November.

¶ THIS WEEK

The Knights of the Sacred Heart meet on **Monday** at 4:00 PM. **Tuesday** afternoon the children invite you to join them in visiting Gate of Heaven Cemetery for an indulgenced visit. **Wednesday** the dedication feasts begin with the **Lateran Basilica**, and our dedicated **Choir** resumes its **6:30 PM** practice. **Thursday** the children sing the monthly **Requiem Mass** at **11:20 AM**. **Friday**, remember **Martinmas**, and its Veteran's Day observance: 11-11-11 at 11. Don't forget.

¶ CEMETERY PROCESSIONS

Our annual children's cemetery visit is on Tuesday afternoon, November 8th. We leave from church at 1:15 PM. You're welcome to join us at Gate of Heaven Cemetery for the Rosary and Absolution.

Our annual Rosary Confraternity cemetery visit takes us to St. John's Cemetery in Ft. Wright. Meet us there at 3:00 PM on Sunday November 13th as we pray the Rosary in procession, and visit the graves of some of our deceased members.

It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins. -2 Mach.xii.46



¶ 11-11-11

The bittersweet tradition of **Veterans' Day** is dear to us here, as we pray for the Poor Souls of our wars, and remember the futility of war, "a punishment for sin," which we impose on ourselves. Come then on **11/11 at 11:00 AM** for the Absolution, Sermon, and Mass of St. Martin, himself a veteran, and a patron of soldiers.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

After all Masses, we begin with gratitude and confidence the indulgenced devotion of the Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good counsel.

Sunday morning classes are at 10:40 AM. The afternoon cemetery visit replaces the Vespers.

Set your missal: Pentecost XXII, with commemoration of St. Didacus, and Our Lady and All Saints, Trinity Preface.

¶ CONGRATULATIONS

To William Young IV and Mary Rose Uhlenbrock on their marriage November 5th.



¶ CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to Our Lady of Sorrows and the Poor Souls for the sale of a house under extraordinary conditions, the forgiveness of a debt, and an unexpected check.

Thanks as well go to the Rosary Chain for their prayers.

A mass has been promised for the Poor Souls. *L.F.*

¶ ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

Enrollment forms to join the St. Gertrude the Great Rosary Confraternity are available in the vestibule. The formal enrollment ceremony will be scheduled as soon as possible. There are so many graces and benefits you can gain by membership, not to mention fun and good Catholic company. Come be a part of us.

THE WELCOME GUEST

Death comes so gently to our house,
We fear him not at all.
With folded wings he hovers
O'er each aged Sister's stall.

Sometimes he comes at dawning,
His wings all silver white,
Sometimes he creeps up softly
In the hushes of the night.

An angel of God's mercy,
A soother of all pain,
We, who are tired and weary,
Long he would come again.

-Sister M. Helen, C.S.C.

-The attitude of old nuns towards "Sister Death" is probably still found in many old Motherhouses as the old sisters await Eternity.
-Bishop Dolan



Every cross, great or small, even small annoyances, are the voice of the Beloved. He is asking for a declaration of love from us to last while the suffering lasts.

-Blessed Charles de Foucauld

☞ servers

NOVEMBER 7-NOVEMBER 13, 2011

- WED 11/9 11:20 HIGH: Simpsons and School servers
- FRI 11/11 5:45 PM LOW: J. Gunstler, Simpsons
- SAT 11/12 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:15 AM LOW: M. Briggs
- SUN 11/6 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vandekyrt, R. Hill
TH: B. Lotarski (A. Richesson - training)
ACS: P. Lawrence, J. Simpson
TORCH: J. Morgan, P. Omlor J. Lacy, M. Simpson,
N. Kuebler, A. Soli
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. McClorey
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Ushers

NOVEMBER 13, 2011

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

Collection Report

Sunday October 30th.....\$3,001.50
Tuesday November 1st\$1,344.50

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

- MON 11/07/11 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
1:20 AM High Mass In honor of our M.P.H. and relief of all holy souls (*Patrick Omlor*)
4:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart
- TUE 11/08/11 OCTAVE DAY OF ALL SAINTS**
HOLY FOUR CROWNED MARTYRS
8:00 AM Low Mass Intentions of Stella Simpson - Happy Birthday (*Simpson Family*)
11:20 AM High Mass Special Intention-Sean (*H. O. & Becky Hinton*)
1:15 PM Depart for Gate of Heaven Cemetery
- WED 11/09/11 DEDICATION OF ST. SAVIOR'S BASILICA**
11:20 AM High Mass Poor Souls - gratitude - Reparation
5:00 PM Low Mass In honor of our M.P.H. and relief of all holy souls (*Patrick Omlor*)
6:30 PM Choir Practice
- THUR 11/10/11 ST ANDREW AVELLINO, C**
ST TRYPHON & COMP, MM
8:00 AM Low Mass For the consolation & deliverance into Heaven of the souls in Purgatory (*Rose & Nick Manno*)
11:20 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM Low Mass Our Children (*Paul & Karen Puglielli*)
- FRI 11/11/11 ST MARTIN OF TOURS, BPC**
VETERANS DAY
11:00 AM Veteran's Day Observance Absolution at the Catafalque
11:20 AM High Mass Poor Souls in honor of St. Martin for Veterans Day
5:15 PM Rosary and Confessions
5:45 PM Low Mass Our Lady of LaSalette - poor souls of priests (*JCS*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction Confessions
- SAT 11/12/11 ST MARTIN I, PM**
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Repose of Souls in Purgatory (*Tom & Stella Simpson*)
8:05 AM Sermon
8:15 AM Low Mass Stella Simpson (*Mike Briggs Family*)
- SUN 11/13/11 PENTECOST XXII**
7:30 AM Low Mass Doris Ritze (*Mary & Joe Kunkel Family*)
9:00 AM High Mass For all of our cooks, in honor of St. Diego, patron of cooks (*The Fathers*)
10:40 AM Sunday Classes
11:30 AM Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude
3:00 PM Rosary Confraternity Cemetery Visit: St. John's Ft. Wright KY
5:45 PM Low Mass Mother of Good Counsel - Poor Souls (*JCS*)

St. Catherine of Ricci cultivated a special devotion to the passion of Christ, and in union with the sufferings of Our Lord endured many pains and torments and offered many prayers and mortifications for the relief of the holy souls in purgatory. Her charity on behalf of the holy souls became so famous, as we read in the *Miniature Lives of the Saints*, that whenever a death occurred in the vicinity of her convent (or indeed anywhere throughout Tuscany) the friends of the deceased invariably hastened to Catherine to secure her prayers. She knew by revelation the arrival of a soul in purgatory and the hour of its release. She died, amid angels' songs, in 1589.



St. Catherine offered many prayers, fasts and penances for a certain great man, and thus obtained his salvation. It was revealed to her that he was in purgatory; and such was her love of Jesus crucified that she offered to suffer all the pains about to be inflicted on that soul. Her prayer was granted. The soul entered Heaven and for forty days Catherine suffered indescribable agonies. Her body was covered with blisters emitting heat so great that her cell seemed on fire. Her flesh appeared as if roasted and her tongue like red-hot iron. Amidst all she was calm and joyful, saying "I long to suffer all imaginable pains, that souls may quickly see and praise their Redeemer."

If we truly love Jesus crucified, we must long, like St. Catherine, to release the holy souls, whom He has redeemed, but has left to our charity to set free.

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Last Sunday, Christ the King, was a bit of Christmas and Easter and All Saints Day, combined into one. The beautifully decorated altars, done in regal shades of gold, rendered first their homage to the King of Kings, then the beautiful Masses and music uplifted our hearts. The Little King, the Infant Jesus, was honored because, like Christmas, Sunday was a day for innocent children, who processed into church garbed as saints. We all enjoyed their presentations afterwards at the party. So much for Christmas and All Saints, what of Easter?



Well, the resurrection theme was not absent, as we gratefully noted the presence of so many devoted women of our church, lately homebound and sick: Pat Kolb, Elizabeth Smith and Paulina Strauss. Connie Kamphaus was able to come for the Holy Day. We miss Jane Donadio, but are consoled Fr. Thielen is kindly bringing her Holy Communion. Always remember to pray for our sick. Prayers are heard!

I wish to thank everyone who helped this past week: The principal, teachers and students of our school for decorating Helfta Hall and putting on the party for All Saints, again our school for its fidelity in preparing for and assisting at all of the special services last week, and October Devotions all month long (frequently joined by our home schooling children), all of our servers and choir, and our sacristy crew who along with the Simpsons prepared such a beautiful altar. (There is a current saying in the sacristy that if Fr. Cekada notices the altar, you know it must have been beautiful!) I thank all of you, as well as those who came for All Souls, and those who adored for First Friday.

Fr. Cekada leaves for his seminary week today. Father has been working on the ordination schedule, which requires much planning for ceremonies and meals and accommodations. As well, he has found time to produce a series of short web videos (www.youtube.com/user/workofhumanhands?feature=mhee) to explain and promote his groundbreaking book, *Work of Human Hands*. **Fr. McGuire** has been away in Milwaukee and the Missions, and we are grateful to **Fr. Larrabee** for his daily assistance at the school, as well as in the sanctuary.

Are you remembering to pray for the Poor Souls? Our school children make their indulgenced cemetery visit on Tuesday, and the Rosary Confraternity on Sunday. This Friday, on 11-11-11 at 11:00, we remember our deceased veterans, and all who have died in our wars, at another Absolution ceremony, before we celebrate Martinmas.

How good God is to give us so many perfect days for Fall this year (our most beautiful season), and so many perfect observances of our feast days and beloved Catholic customs.

May Our Lady of Suffrage inspire you to keep a good November with the Poor Souls!

—Bishop Dolan

All Saints Winners

Preschool/Kindergarten

- 1st Place - Regina Simpson - Saint Catherine of Sienna
- 2nd Place - Conrad Arlinghaus - St. Matthias
- 3rd Place - Christopher Richesson - St. Aloysius Gonzaga
- Most Innovative - Nathan McClorey - St. Anthony
- Group - Lynch Family - Blessed Sacrament Saints of Belgium

1st Grade

- 1st Place - Abby Lawrence - St. Veronica
- 2nd Place - Marcy Arlinghaus - St. Bibiana
- 3rd Place - Michael Simpson - St. Tarcisius

2nd Grade

- 1st Place - Cora Arlinghaus - St. Catherine of Alexandria
- 2nd Place - Hannah Lacy - St. Maria Goretti
- 3rd Place - Vanessa Soli - St. Agnes

3rd Grade

- 1st Place - Alex Soli - St. Francis of Assisi (Good Presentation!)
- 2nd Place - Cecilia Simpson - St. Clare
- 3rd Place - Thomas Lawrence - St. Jude

Older Group Tie!

- Patrick Omlor - St. John of Matha (Excellent Presentation!)
- Renee Arlinghaus - St. Rose of Lima

Bishop's Personal Picks

I want to thank all of our All Saints families for their whole hearted and creative participation last Sunday. We all enjoyed seeing and hearing the little ones, and I know they enjoyed the party too. I thank our very thorough judges, and just add:

Most Creative:

1st Place: - The Lynch family Blessed Sacrament Saints

2nd Place - "St Anthony" McClorey

Best Prop - "St. Matthias Arlinghaus" for his halberd

Best Presentation - "St. John of Matha" Omlor

Best Costumes - Lawrence Family

Best Behaved Horse - Michael
{St. ? } Lynch



✠ NOVEMBER THOUGHTS AND POOR SOULS PRAYERS

The Golden Prison

Weep not for me, when I am gone,
Nor spend thy faithful breath
In grieving o'er the spot or hour
Of all-enshrouding death;

Nor waste in idle praise thy love
On deeds of head or hand,
Which live within the living Book,
Or else are writ in sand;

But let it be thy best of prayers,
That I may find the grace
To reach the holy house of toll,
The frontier penance-place, –

To reach that golden palace bright,
Where souls elect abide,
Waiting their certain call to Heaven,
With Angels at their side;

Where hate, nor pride, nor fear torments
The transitory guest,
But in the willing agony
He plunges, and is blest.

And as the fainting patriarch gain'd
His needful halt mid-way,
And then refresh'd pursued his path,
Where up the mount it lay,

So pray, that, rescued from the storm
Of heaven's eternal ire,
I may lie down, then rise again,
Safe, and yet saved by fire.



The Holy Souls clearly see God to be on fire with extreme love for them. Strongly and unceasingly this love draws the soul with that uniting look, as though it had nothing else to do than this. We offer our penances with the hope of giving the Holy Souls such a glimpse of God. Saint Augustine assures us: "It cannot be doubted that the prayers of the Church relieve the holy souls, and move God to treat them with more clemency than their sins deserve."

Purgatory and the Blessed Sacrament

November brings two pathetic remembrances—the pitiable state of the holy souls in purgatory and the abandoned state of our divine Lord on the altars; and these two are most closely intertwined. It is at His sacrifice we assist for them; it is He Whom we receive when we want to be heard for the sake of those who groan amidst the expiatory flames of that sacred prison, and who await in bondage there the hour of their deliverance. It is this adorable Lord that takes to the suffering souls our prayers, good works, and indulgences; it is this sacramental mediator who receives our aspirations and makes them fruitful for the poor captives. Let us, then, when we look to purgatory, view it through the medium of the Blessed Sacrament; that we may thereby obtain a fuller abundance of light, consolation, and graces for these holy souls. Oh, it can do a great deal—a visit well made, or a Mass well heard, or a holy communion devoutly received. We may imagine them from the gloom of their prison crying to us:

"Oh friends, how we are tormented in this place of detention, yearning and sighing for union with Jesus in Heaven. Oh, do think of us! – pay a visit for us; assist at Holy Mass; offer your communion for us; have the adorable Sacrifice offered for us – and Heaven will bless you abundantly."

Let us listen to their plaintive language, and let us multiply our visits, our Masses, and our holy communions. The recording angel will take account of it all; and in the measure we give, in the same will it be meted out to us.

–Leaflets



SPECIAL OFFERING OF THE MASS FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

St. Alphonsus Liguori

O God of love, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, on this altar behold the unbloody sacrifice of the body and blood of Thy Son, representing that of His most holy death and grievous passion, which He, the great High-Priest, offered Thee on Calvary. In consideration of this holocaust of sweet odor, have mercy on the souls in purgatory; open to them the gates of Heaven, that they may love and praise Thee, and enjoy Thee eternally in the abode of the saints. Together with the sufferings of Thy Divine Son, I likewise offer Thee the sorrows of His Blessed Mother, whose soul was crucified at the foot of her Son's cross; for the lance which pierced the side and heart of Jesus, thine adorable Son, also transfixed the soul and heart of Mary, according to Simeon's prophecy, and made her the Queen of Martyrs. Behold then, O heavenly Father! the disfigured countenance of Thy Son on the cross and the sorrowful heart of His Mother at the foot of the cross; and by the merits of all the sufferings of Thy Son and of His Blessed Mother, grant eternal repose to the souls in purgatory.

This is the very prayer I was looking for on All Souls Day before Mass. Clip it and put it in your Missal. –Bishop Dolan



Lord God Almighty, deliver the souls in Purgatory.