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# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NOVEMBER 13, 2011 • PENTECOST XXII •

### ¶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.

*“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's”*

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## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **NOVEMBER 13, 2011 • PENTECOST XXII • ST DIDACUS •**

We begin anew today our indulgenced Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel. Sunday morning classes are at 10:40 AM.

**JOIN US THIS AFTERNOON TO GAIN INDULGENCES FOR THE POOR SOULS.**

We meet at St. John's Cemetery in Ft. Wright at 3:00 PM for our annual indulgenced visit and Rosary Confraternity Procession.

### ¶ **YOUNG PEOPLE**

Knights and Maidens meet at their respective venues at 4:00 PM Monday.

### ¶ **MANY MASSES...**

will be offered in church Tuesday and Thursday mornings, a powerhouse of graces and an unforgettable scene of the Holy Sacrifice of Calvary renewed on every altar.

### ¶ **ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT**



On Wednesday, we celebrate our patronal feast, St. Gertrude the Great, and the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Mr. Vili Lehtoranta. The Mass for Rev. Mr. Lehtoranta's ordination will begin at 10:00 AM. His ordination will be followed by a reception in Helfta Hall. All members of the parish are invited to attend this solemn, beautiful and joyous occasion.

### ¶ **NEXT SUNDAY:**

Our school children sing the High Mass. Classes and Vespers are at the regular times.

**Set your missal:** The Last Sunday after Pentecost, commemoration of St. Felix and St. Gertrude the Great, Trinity Preface.



*Whose image is this? (Mt. 22:20)*

*What bears God's image belongs to God. We are all made in the image and likeness of God. That image is Jesus Christ, through whom and for whom we were created.*

### ¶ **YOUR PRAYERS**

Please remember two priests very much in need of our prayers, as well as all of our sick and shut in, including Diane Powell, Connie Kamphaus (recovering from surgery) and Stella Simpson. Angela Segrist is feeling much better, and thanks you for your prayers.

Please pray for all of the many details for an ordination, and for all of the help we need. If you'd like to help, give us a call!

#### Servers

NOVEMBER 14 - NOVEMBER 20, 2011

- **WED 11/16 10:00 AM PONTIFICAL MITRE:** J. Simpson  
**CROZIER:** S. ARLINGHAUS **TH:** T. Simpson  
**TRAIN:** J. Lacy **ACS:** B. Lotarski, L. Arlinghaus  
**TORCH:** A. Soli, M. Simpson, P. Omlor  
(other servers are needed as torchbearers)
- **FRI 11/18 5:45 PM LOW:** T. & J. Simpson, J. Gunsher
- **SAT 11/19 7:30 AM LOW:** Simpsons
- **SUN 11/20 7:30 AM LOW:** D. & S. Brueggemann  
**9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS:** T. Simpson, B. Lotarski  
**ACS:** J. Lacy, P. Lawrence **TH:** J. Soli  
**TORCH:** A. Soli, J. Morgan, N. Kuebler, M. & J. Simpson, P. Omlor  
**11:30 AM LOW:** F. & N. Puglielli  
**4:45 PM VESPERS:** G. Miller, Simpsons  
**5:45 PM LOW:** G. Miller

#### Ushers

NOVEMBER 20, 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

#### Collection Report

Sunday November 6th .....\$3,909.50  
Second Collection .....\$977.50

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

## ✠ POETRY CORNER

### A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Keep them, I pray Thee, dearest Lord,  
Keep them, for they are Thine —  
Thy priests whose lives burn out before  
Thy consecrated Shrine.  
Keep them — Thou knowest,  
dearest Lord —  
The world — the flesh are strong,  
And Satan spreads a thousand snares  
To lead them into wrong.  
Keep them for they are in the world  
Though from the world apart,  
When earthly pleasures tempt, allure —  
Shelter them in Thy Heart.  
Keep them, and comfort them in hours  
Of loneliness and pain  
When all their life of sacrifice  
For souls seems but in vain.  
Keep them, and oh, remember Lord,  
They have no one but Thee  
Yet they have only human hearts,  
With human frailty.  
Keep them as spotless as the Host —  
That daily, they caress —  
Their every thought and word and deed,  
Deign, dearest Lord, to bless.

*Compiled by St. John Bosco Books, 1994*

Reverend Mister Vili Lehtoranta  
requests the honor of your presence at his  
**Ordination to the Priesthood**  
by the Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan

Wednesday, November 16, 2011  
at ten o'clock.

St. Gertrude the Great Church  
4900 Rialto Road  
West Chester, Ohio

Reception immediately following in  
Helfta Hall

In service o'er the mystic feast I stand;  
I cleanse Thy victim-flock, and bring  
them near  
In holiest wise, and by a bloodless rite.  
O Fire of love! O gushing fount of light!  
(As best I know, who need Thy  
cleansing hand)  
Dread office this, bemired souls to clear  
Of their defilement, and again make  
bright.

—Card. Newman: *The Priestly Office*  
(Paraphrase from St. Greg. Nazianzen) (19th Cent.)

Weekday webcast Masses are marked with a 

## THE PRIESTHOOD

|                                                                                    |          |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MON                                                                                | 11/14/11 | ST. JOSAPHAT, BPM                                                                                                                                                                            |
|    | 11:20 AM | <b>Low Mass</b> For Fr. Valeri K. & his apostolate ( <i>Bp. Dolan</i> )                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                    | 4:00 PM  | <b>Knights of the Sacred Heart and Maidens of the Immaculate Heart</b>                                                                                                                       |
| TUE                                                                                | 11/15/11 | ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, BPCD                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                    | 8:00 AM  | <b>Low Mass</b> Poor Souls in Purgatory ( <i>Cecilia Omlor</i> )                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                    | 9:00 AM  | <b>Low Mass</b> † Mrs. Fournier ( <i>Cecilia Omlor</i> )                                                                                                                                     |
|    | 11:20 AM | <b>High Mass</b> Thanksgiving to St. Albert the Great ( <i>Bishop Dolan</i> )                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                    | 1:30 PM  | <b>Altar Boy Practice</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                    | 2:30 PM  | <b>First Vespers of St. Gertrude the Great Benediction</b>                                                                                                                                   |
| WED                                                                                | 11/16/11 | ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT, V                                                                                                                                                                    |
|    | 10:00 AM | <b>Pontifical Mass of Ordination:</b> Thanksgiving and Petition to our patroness ( <i>Bishop Dolan</i> )<br><i>The Ordination Mass is followed by a reception, to which you are welcome.</i> |
| THUR                                                                               | 11/17/11 | ST. GREGORY THAUMATURGUS, BPC<br>ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, BPC                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                    | 7:00 AM  | <b>Low Mass</b> Mr. Alec Laiber ( <i>Cecilia Omlor</i> )                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                    | 8:00 AM  | <b>Low Mass</b> For the consolation and deliverance into Heaven of the souls in Purgatory ( <i>Rose &amp; Nick Manno</i> )                                                                   |
|  | 9:00 AM  | <b>Fr. Lehtoranta's First Low Mass</b> Celebrant's Intention - <b>Followed by his first priestly blessing</b>                                                                                |
|                                                                                    | 5:00 PM  | <b>Low Mass</b> Mother of Perpetual Help - Poor Souls ( <i>JCS</i> )                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                    | 6:30 PM  | <b>Choir Practice</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| FRI                                                                                | 11/18/11 | DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF<br>SS PETER AND PAUL                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                    | 8:00 AM  | <b>Low Mass</b> The souls in Purgatory ( <i>Tom &amp; Stella Simpson</i> )                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                    | 10:55 AM | <b>Confessions</b>                                                                                                                                                                           |
|  | 11:20 AM | <b>High Mass</b> Special Intentions ( <i>Rafael Kuebler</i> )                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                    | 5:15 PM  | <b>Rosary and Confessions</b>                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                    | 5:45 PM  | <b>Low Mass</b> In Honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help and for Poor Souls ( <i>Patrick Omlor</i> )                                                                                         |
|                                                                                    | 6:30 PM  | <b>Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction</b>                                                                                                                                                   |
| SAT                                                                                | 11/19/11 | ANTICIPATED PENTECOST XXIII<br>ST. ELIZABETH, W                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                    | 7:15 AM  | <b>Confessions</b>                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                    | 7:30 AM  | <b>Low Mass</b> The souls in Purgatory ( <i>Tom &amp; Stella Simpson</i> )                                                                                                                   |
| SUN                                                                                | 11/20/11 | LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST<br>ST. FELIX OF VALOIS, C WITHIN THE OCTAVE                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                    | 7:30 AM  | <b>Low Mass</b> Leo Schappacher Family ( <i>Cecilia Omlor</i> )                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                    | 9:00 AM  | <b>High Mass</b> For the People of St. Gertrude                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                    | 10:40 AM | <b>Sunday Classes</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                    | 11:30 AM | <b>Low Mass</b> The Patton Family ( <i>L.D.</i> )                                                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                    | 4:45 PM  | <b>Vespers and Benediction</b>                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                                                    | 5:45 PM  | <b>Low Mass</b> Mother of Good Counsel-Poor Souls ( <i>JCS</i> )                                                                                                                             |

The priestly office is discharged upon earth, but holds the rank of heavenly things; and very rightly so. For not man, nor angel, nor archangel nor any other created power, but the Paraclete Himself, instituted this order, and induced those who yet abode in the flesh to make manifest the ministry of angels. Wherefore it behooves him that is consecrated to be as pure as one who stands in heaven itself among those powers.

For those [i.e. priests] who dwell upon earth and make their abode therein, have been commissioned to dispense things which are in heaven, and have received an authority such as God has not given either to angels or to archangels. For it has not been said to them, *All that you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and all that you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven* (Matth. 18, 18). Those who rule upon earth, indeed, have authority to bind, but bodies only; whereas this bond takes hold of the soul itself, and reaches heaven; what priests execute below, God ratifies above, and the Master confirms the judgment of His servants.

—St. John Chrysostom: *On the Priesthood*, 3, 4 & 3, 5 (4th Cent.)

“They are My anointed ones, and I call them My Christs, because I have given them the office of administering Me to you, and have placed them like fragrant flowers in the mystical body of holy Church. The angel himself has no such dignity, for I have given it to those men whom I have chosen for My ministers, and whom I have appointed as earthly angels in this life. In all souls I demand purity and charity, that they should love Me and their neighbor...But far more do I demand purity in My ministers, and love towards Me and towards their fellow-creatures, administering to them the Body and Blood of My only-begotten Son, with the fire of charity and a hunger for the salvation of souls, for the glory and honor of My name.”

—St. Catherine of Siena: *The Dialogue*. (14th Century)

ON SEEING A PRIEST GIVE  
HOLY COMMUNION

*Above the golden cup we watched him lift—  
Immersed in conscious prayer—the circled white.  
Then quietly he went, with God as gift,  
Dispersing darkness with the Light of light.*

*He moved as if he saw Divinity,  
Unclouded, in the cup and in his hand.  
Here was the miracle men hope to see:  
A priest, with love, gave Love as Christ had planned.*

—SISTER MIRIAM, R.S.M.

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## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

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At our All Saints party, I was struck by how quickly our children are growing up. Last year's little saints sat it out, or rather followed this year's saints from the seats with interest, and gave their answers with alacrity. Their younger brothers and sisters, arrayed even more with innocence than the charming and ingenious costumes their mothers made for them, remind us of how the faith is passed on in a family or a church. Thank God and pray Him to bless all of these children, bestowing vocations and thus providing for children yet to be born.



This thought of Faith passed on to another generation, and of the role of divine vocation (the call from God for one particular state of life) came to me again at last week's wonderful wedding. Two families, both strongly devoted to the faith, were united, but everyone was consoled and encouraged. I was so happy to see those "that were called to the marriage" from three churches, in Detroit, Milwaukee, and Cincinnati. It's good for us to remember, and for our children to see, that we are not alone, some tiny speck in an evolving universe of religions. No! The true, unchanging Catholic Church is to be seen and admired not just in our own particular place but throughout the world, in so many chapels and churches, and faithful and priests.

Take a trip sometime up to Michigan, and visit **Fr. Saavedra's** beautiful Church of **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs** in Frasier. Father, of course, was ordained here just a few years ago on St. Andrew's Day, and first worked here as a new priest. He's still working, and working hard for souls in "the frozen north." I think he does everything himself, and I wonder how he does it!

Visit Wisconsin for your next vacation and stop by for Mass at our charming chapel-size church and rectory of **St. Hugh of Lincoln**. Many priests have visited and assisted at this church, (the mission was founded by **Fr. Cekada** just a few years after his ordination) and **Fr. McGuire** is their much beloved pastor, serving a number of small "house missions" as well.

Turning from Matrimony to Holy Orders, do plan to attend Wednesday's ordination ceremony. What consolation, what strength, what blessings from God are ours, if only we realized! The faith is indeed being passed on. A new generation of priests, raised up by God's grace literally from darkness, is now glowing with light. Come and get recharged.

This week gives a precious opportunity to meet, or meet again, our priests from all over the world, our future priests, and the man responsible for this inestimable grace, **Bishop Sanborn**. Come and be encouraged and leave resolved to be a more devout and generous Catholic, resolved to do your part, particularly to revere the holy priesthood, and to foster and support vocations.

One technical note in concluding my corner: At the last minute, last week's bulletin file became suddenly "corrupted" (no one/thing is immune!) and we were unable to use it. Thus, a whited over proofing copy was printed. Please excuse its appearance, and obvious errors. But please do read, pray over and pass on to others your Sunday bulletins. This too, is a powerful means to pass on our faith, to console, instruct, and encourage ourselves and others.

I wish you a blessed St. Gertrude's Day for Wednesday, already the eighth anniversary of our beautiful new church so justly admired by our visitors. May St. Gertrude enclose you with her in the Heart of Jesus!

—Bishop Dolan

*The faithful who devoutly assist at the first Mass of any priest, may gain: An indulgence of 7 years.*

*If I were to meet at the same moment one of the blessed come down from heaven and a poor priest, I should go first to the priest in order to honor him, and I should hasten to kiss his hands because they handle the Word of Life and are something superhuman.*

—Thomas of Celano: *Legenda 2, pt 2. (13th Cent.)*

*The priest has the primacy of Abel, the patriarchate of Abraham, the government of Noe, the order of Melchisedech, the dignity of Aaron, the authority of Moses, the perfection of Samuel, the power of Peter, the unction of Christ.*

—Blessed Peter of Blois: *Sermons to Priests, 60 (16th Cent.)*

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✠ PRAY FOR OUR NEW PRIEST ✠

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FOR OUR SOON TO BE ORDAINED  
FR. VILI LEHTORANTA

*Dearly beloved Brethren:—*

It was the custom of the first Christians to fast and to pray, before the Apostles by the imposition of hands conferred the holy priesthood upon those whom God had chosen and whom the Holy Ghost was to send to preach the divine word (*Acts XXIII.3*). In accordance with this venerable custom holy Church enjoins on all her children to fast during the ember days which occur in the four seasons of the year, and which are specially set apart as the time of conferring holy orders upon her chosen ministers; and she admonishes all the faithful to unite in fervent prayer, in order to draw down blessings from the Throne of Mercy, and to importune God to give to His Church priests “according to His own heart,” who shall be worthy of the sublime dignity which is about to be imparted to them.

You have strong reasons, dearly beloved Brethren, to heed this invitation of holy Church: for the priests are appointed by God to repel with undaunted courage the fierce attacks which are made especially in our day on the sanctuary of our holy faith; to be the chosen instruments of our Savior Jesus Christ, whereby you are to be redeemed and sanctified, that “He might cleanse to Himself a people acceptable, a pursuer of good works” (*Tit. II. 14*). All this should be made manifest in the purity of their lives, in which they are to be a shining light for you; in the fidelity with which they are to watch over you; in the love wherewith they are to guide you; in the prayers which they are unceasingly to send up for you to the eternal High Priest in heaven.

Therefore it has ever been deemed meet and just, right and available unto salvation, that the faithful, for whom “every priest is ordained in the things that appertain to God” (*Hebr. V. 1*), should also have an interest in the ordination of the clergy, and should be made acquainted with the names of those who are to be promoted to the dignity of the priesthood.

Now such a proof of the divine pleasure has been given to you, dearly beloved Brethren; and hence, in accordance with the mind of holy Church, I have to announce to you that on the *16th day of November* the holy order of priesthood is to be conferred on **REVEREND MISTER VILI LEHTORANTA**, he having proved himself worthy to be promoted to this sacred dignity.

All the members of this congregation are therefore earnestly requested to offer up their prayers for him, who has been chosen from among them, that his ordination may redound to the greater glory of the Most Adorable Trinity, to the honor and consolation of the holy Catholic Church, to the preservation of our holy faith, and to the salvation of himself and the Christian people.

Let us therefore invoke upon him the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Ghost.

*7 Paters and 7 Aves*

V. Pray for us, Saint Gertrude the Great.

R. That the Lord of the harvest may send forth laborers into His harvest.

*Let us pray.*

**O Almighty and Eternal God!** graciously hear our supplications, and pour down the blessing of the Holy Spirit and the plenitude of Thy heavenly gifts upon Thy servant whom Thou hast called to Thy holy ministry, that, with Thy help, he may faithfully discharge the sacred duties of the priesthood to Thy greater honor and glory, and for the salvation of souls, and finally enter with them into life everlasting, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Those who devoutly kiss the palms of the hands of a newly ordained priest, both on the day of ordination and on the day of the first Mass are granted: An indulgence of 100 days.*

*The priest's office is to bring home to men, with the elements of time and space, and through human attention, the spiritual, the supernatural, the hidden, the things above. He is to do this by acting personally on persons, a living pressure on the living. He is a man of mysterious powers, not to be investigated or classed by human sense or science, which makes men feel that they are in presence of the Unseen. He necessarily demands from men the exercise of humility and of the childlike gospel spirit, being endowed as he is, and yet so human and frail. And his very existence is designed to keep human faith alive, by his presenting to faith, in his own person, a constant visible religious presence, which somehow should never grow common, or stale, or ineffectual. As Christ said by Isaias: “The Lord hath anointed Me... and the ancient deserts shall flourish once more: And you shall be called the priests of the Lord: Ministers of one God, shall be said to you!” (Is: XI:6.)*

*—Bishop Hedley*

*EMMANUEL, September, 1922*

*The priest should be adorned with all the virtues, and give an example to others of a righteous life. Let his conversation be not according to the common and vulgar ways of men, but with the angels and with men that are perfect.*

*—Thomas a Kempis: The Imitation of Christ, 4, 5. (15th Cent.)*

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