
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 12, 2012

• SEXAGESIMA •

• THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS •

◆ **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.



The seed is the word of God.

◆ **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 12, 2012 • SEXAGESIMA • SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS •

The Blessing of Religious Articles follows all Masses. Morning Classes are at 10:40 AM, but no Vespers this afternoon. Stop by our St. Valentine Bake Sale in Helfta Hall after Mass today! Buy some sweets for your sweetheart (or yourself) in honor of this great saint, and help support our school.

✠ THIS WEEK

The Maidens of the Immaculate Heart meet on **Monday** at 3:30 PM in Helfta Hall. Girls of all ages are welcome. **Tuesday** is the feast of St. Valentine, priest-martyr and patron of courting or engaged couples. **Friday** comes the devotional feast of the sorrowful Flight into Egypt. We honor St. Bernadette on Our Lady's **Saturday**.

✠ FRIDAY NIGHT NOVENAS

The beautiful and powerful devotion of the Infant of Prague continues **before Mass** on Friday evening. Come to present your petitions before the "Little King" for the eighth day of the Novena. We continue our Novena to the Sorrowful Mother with the Blessing of the Sick, **after Mass**. Contact the church office with the *first names* of those for whom you would like us to pray.

✠ PALMS INTO ASHES

Please bring last year's blessed Palm to be burned for Ash Wednesday. Drop off this sacramental in the vestibule any day this week.

You may bring any additional palm during Lent to be reverently disposed of by burning.

The blessed Virgin loves above all to see in her children purity, humility, and charity.

-St. John Mary Vianney

Collection Report

Sunday, February 5th\$3,539.00
Second Collection \$951.00

✠ POETRY CORNER

By Love Possessed

O bird caught by a thread,
And sparsely fed,
How can you rise and soar
Where never fettered wing has stirred
before?



How can you sing
With struggling wing
The benison of night,
And covet no delight
In life's star-radiant dark,
O stricken lark?



To smooth your crumpled wing,
One heart is hungering;
Your unimaginable pain
One beg of heaven in vain.

O bleeding lark,
Within the heavy-lidded dark,
Teach me to understand
Enough, like you, to bless the hand
That binds me by a silken thread
And leaves me bleeding and all but dead,
By pain caressed,
By love possessed.

- Sr. Miriam, R.S.M.

The Quarrel

Two little sparrows, hopping by,
With sidelong motion, quick and spry
Began, about the right of way,
To argue one cold winter's day.

"Let me pass first! -- "No, sir: not I!" --
"Your rude assumption I defy." --
"I am the elder." -- "I lived here,
On yonder fir-tree, all last year."

And so they came to blows--meanwhile
A hungry cat, perched on a tile,
Upon the pair adroitly sprung:
They made sweet morsels on her tongue.

The wind-swept branches, bleak and bare,
Moaned a shrill requiem in the air;
The gardener, on his morning round,
Brushed a few feathers from the ground.

-Hope Willis

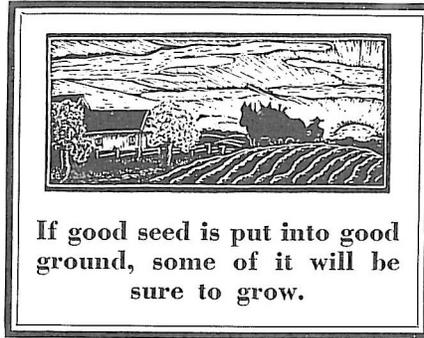
(Dedicated to the winter birds who stay with us and sing and soar for us, all for the odd seed cast in return. "Some was eaten by the birds of the air." -- Bishop Dolan)

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

QUINQUAGESIMA - HOLY FACE SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers follows all Masses. Morning classes as usual. No Vespers.

Set Your Missal: Quinquagesima Sunday, Our Lady and All Saints, the Holy Face, Trinity Preface.



✠ PRAYERS NEEDED

Please continue to keep Fr. Martin, Diane Powell, Stella Simpson, Danny McKnight, Marty Lierl, Bill Buckley, our shut-ins, and all of our sick in your prayers.

✠ CONGRATULATIONS



To Rhonda and John Lynch on the baptism of their son, Theodore Joseph, on February 11, 2012.

There is a beautiful precept which he who has received an injury, or thinks he has, would for his own sake do well to follow: "Excuse half, and forgive the rest."

Servers
FEBRUARY 13-19, 2012

•FRI 2/17 5:45 PM LOW: Regular Friday Servers
•SAT 2/18 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:30 AM LOW: M. Briggs
•SUN 2/19 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Hill, T. Simpson
ACs: S. & L. Arlinghaus TH: A. Richesson TORCH:
J. Lacy, M. Simpson, P. Omlor, T. Lawrence
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. McClorey
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

USHERS FEBRUARY 19, 2012

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

✠ THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER ✠

The Domestic Church: Seven Steps to a Proper Catholic Home

1. The King of the Catholic Home: It has been said that the Catholic home should be seen as “The Domestic Church”. With this being said, the Father is the head, the Mother is the beloved spouse, and the children are brought up learning to love and serve the Blessed Trinity. The true head of the Catholic home is Christ, just as the visible Head of the Church is the Supreme Pontiff. Christ should be known and recognized in each Catholic home as King; the family’s week should be centered around the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and prayer is a must.

2. Proper Prayer: Parents should encourage their children to pray to Our Lord, The Blessed Virgin, and the Saints in their own words as well as the Church’s traditional prayers:

The Holy Rosary

The Nicene Creed

Blessing before and after meals

Prayer to Guardian Angel

Act of Contrition

Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity

Hail, Holy Queen

St. Michael prayer

The Eternal Rest prayer

The parents are encouraged to also teach these prayers to their children in Latin as well.

3. Holy Water: Prayer can be encouraged through the most minor of things, such as placing Holy Water fonts in bedrooms and at one’s main door. All Catholics should know the use and purpose of Holy Water, St. Teresa of Avila says: “...*There is nothing like holy water to put devils to flight and prevent them from coming back again. They also flee from the cross, but return; so holy water must have great*

value.” Parents too should bless their own children with Holy Water, by signing them on their foreheads. Lastly, each child should have a blessed Crucifix in their bedrooms above their beds. The child should be taught to kneel when rising and going to bed and say their prayers with their parents.

4. The Focal Point of the Home: As soon as Catholics move into a new home, they should ask a priest to bless it. All families should consider with great deal consecrating their homes to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Why? It is a simple way of letting Christ know that He is King. The center of any home let alone a Catholic one should NEVER be a television! The focal point of a Catholic home should be the family altar. This would be a place in which the family can gather to offer their prayers to God and ask the Saints to pray for them. Family Rosaries, prayers for special graces, family novenas, and Lectio Divina should be said in front of the home altar.

5. Home Altar: Orientation & Necessary Items: Family altars, should ideally be placed on the Eastern wall, in the same orientation of church buildings; however, it is not necessary. The altar can be simple or elaborate, but beautiful nonetheless. Basic items that should be placed on the altar include:

Crucifix

Statues/Icons of Our Lady

Holy Water

Rosaries

Charcoal incense burner

Blessed Candles, Baptismal candles

Roman Missal

6. Home Altar: Recommended Literature: One should also consider: Breviary, the Douay Rheims Bible (only approved

translation) Little Office of Our Lady, Holy Cards, flowers, the names/pictures of deceased family members, palm branches, sacramental certificates (Baptism, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, Holy Matrimony). It would also be wise to keep a small library of books that will cultivate our Catholic faith: traditional Catechisms, “Lives of the Saints”, “Summa Theologica”, the writings of St. Therese the Little Flower, St. John of the Cross, St. Louis de Montfort, etc.

7. The Liturgical Season at Home: Families should change the home altar as the liturgical seasons change as well. During Passiontide (last two weeks of Lent), icons and statues should be covered with a purple cloth and there should be no flowers on the altar. In May, one might want to crown Mary with Roses, keep a vigil candle going for as long as possible, and bring Her various votive offerings, etc. Some families even clothe statues of the Virgin according to the liturgical season, for example, dressing Her in a white veil for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, or black on Good Friday.

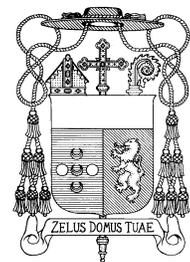
Parents should make the liturgical year come alive for their children. This will help them pay more attention to the Mass and sermons, etc. During family devotions, it would be wise to dim lights, burn incense, light candles, play sacred music. Catholic spirituality whether it is Eastern, or Latin is about engaging the senses.

Let us be inspired by the words of the great St. Teresa of Avila: “*In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks.*”

Queen of families, pray for us.

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

You see the ground torn up today as you come to church, the first step towards completing the cloister. We hope at least to lay the foundation this Spring, though I pray we are able to go through to completion. This cloister project will improve our exterior appearance, and provide an enclosed garden for prayer and meditation (as well as after-Mass visiting). The covered walkway of the cloister would provide a protected and resonant route for processions, even in bad weather. Building Fund donations are gratefully received for this unique architectural aspect of our church.



Our other Spring project (let's not let last Wednesday's Winter slow us down!) is a proper church sign on Rialto Road. The design of this sign incorporates the old cross which was over the steeple of our Sharonville church. I am grateful to you for your inspirations and suggestions and donations for this needed improvement which will identify us clearly to passersby, and lead more souls to Holy Mass.

By last Sunday, most of our Christmas had come down, the sun came out, and the birds sang as the church opened its pre-Springtime of the Septuagesima season for Lenten planning and preparation. We're stressing reading this Lent, the key to many a treasure, and a pause which refreshes. Look forward to your Lent! Joyful anticipation is half the battle, perseverance the rest.

Someone wrote to say that this year's Candle Mass was the most beautiful she had ever attended. I think this golden, glowing Mass was almost Epiphany-like in its profusion of gifts, lavished on the Child at the fortieth day of His Birth.

Father Cekada composed a polyphonic setting of the Lumen and Nunc Dimittis for the candle distribution, a "wall of sound" as he described it, perfectly executed by our choir. A full compliment of clergy and servers surrounded the Bishop at the altar, rendering majestic tribute to the Light of the World entering His earthly temple for the first time, but also touchingly demonstrating Catholic unity, sometimes rare and these dark and divided days.

Our local and out of town faithful and guests who stayed to supper were met in Helfta Hall with an impressive array of soups, lined up like soldiers in a dozen crock pots. Mark Lotarski, who provided the preparations for the feast, had a late night inspiration to print up blue and white illustrated Purification placemats. What a memorable touch for a grand evening! The Pattons get first prize for attendance, having doubled their numbers from ten to twenty. February 2nd is Bud's birthday, and we're so glad he and the family celebrated it with us.

Thus ended with holy light and good soup that sweet, sunny day which spelled Spring, and Easter, on its way.

The next day the young Fathers all went into missionary mode. **Fr. McGuire** went to **Milwaukee** and the missions as is his wont, and now-**Fr. McKenna** to **Boston** to prepare for yesterday's ordination. **Fr. Larrabee** had quite an adventure flying to **Great Forks, North Dakota** (which included a five-hour bus trip), arriving only very late at night. The next morning he baptized a baby, churched the mother, heard confessions and offered Mass for the young but enthusiastic and growing **St. Teresa Mission**. A tired missionary returned to home base on Saturday evening in time to assist us on Sunday (this Sunday he is offering all four Masses) and resume teaching in our privileged little school on Monday.

Pray for priests, especially our latest one, ordained yesterday in Boston. A full report is promised for next Sunday.

May St. Valentine fill you with a love which leads to God, and inspire some wholesome R & R this Carnivaltide before the rigors of Holy Lent.

Oh, I wanted to thank you for asking about Caravaggio. Candlemas saw him in the pink of health, merrily stalking one of Fr. Cekada's shoes in which he (Caravaggio, not Fr. C) had deposited one of his cat toys. Such ingenuity! Puccini has turned out to be a far less complicated cat, content with his daily routine.

May we be with ours, even as we look forward to Lent with great love.

May the love of the Sacred Heart fill your own!

—Bishop Dolan

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

- (a) O Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee who art dwelling by Thy grace within my soul.
- (b) O Most Holy Trinity, who art dwelling by Thy grace within my soul, make me love Thee more and more.
- (c) O Most Holy Trinity, who art dwelling by Thy grace within my soul, sanctify me more and more.
- (d) Abide with me, O Lord, be Thou my true joy.

An indulgence of 300 days for each of the above prayers even when recited separately (S.P. Ap., April 26, 1921 and Oct. 23, 1928)

✠ THE CALENDAR

Weekday webcast Masses are marked with a 

- MON 2/13/12 FERAL DAY**
 **11:20 AM Votive High Mass of the Blessed Trinity**
 Melissa Bischel (*Jean & Kirby Bischel*)
3:30 PM Maidens of the Immaculate Heart
- TUE 2/14/12 ST VALENTINE, PRM**
 COMMEMORATION OF THE THE PASSION
 **11:20 AM High Mass** †Dale Downing-9th Anniversary of Death (*Shirle*)
- WED 2/15/12 SS FAUSTINA & JOVITA, MM**
 **11:20 AM High Mass** Oliver & Ro - Birthday (*Grandpa*)
6:30 PM Choir Practice
- THUR 2/16/12 FERAL DAY**
8:00 AM Low Mass Repose of Souls in Purgatory (*Tom & Stella Simpson*)
 **11:20 AM Requiem High Mass** Purgatorial Society
- FRI 2/17/12 FERAL DAY THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT**
10:55 AM Confessions
 **11:20 AM High Mass** Repose of Souls in Purgatory (*Tom & Stella Simpson*)
5:15 PM Rosary and Confessions
5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena VIII
 **5:45 PM Low Mass** In Honor of the Infant of Prague for Prayers Answered (*JMS*)
6:30 PM Sorrowful Mother Novena III & Blessing of the Sick, Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
- SAT 2/18/12 OUR LADY'S SATURDAY**
ST SIMEON, BPM ST BERNADETTE, V
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass †Tom Peter-1st Anniversary (*Simpsons*)
8:15 AM Sermon, Low Mass In honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and for Poor Souls (*Patrick Omlor*)
- SUN 2/19/12 QUINQUAGESIMA HOLY FACE SUNDAY**
7:30 AM Low Mass For all our Church Workers, Choir, Servers (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)
9:00 AM High Mass †Bernie Brueggemann-1st Anniversary (*A grateful parish*)
10:40 AM Sunday Classes
11:30 AM Low Mass The Patton Family - Needs and Intentions (*Carol Niehaus*)
5:45 PM Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude

A GREAT DEAL TO DO.

An old man once complained that he felt very weary.

"I don't understand what tires you so," said one of his young friends. "You have hardly anything in the world to do but to sit down quietly and wait for night to come."

"That is where you are mistaken," answered the old man. "I have a great deal to do each day. I have two falcons to tame, two hares to keep from running away, two hawks to manage, a serpent to guard, a lion to chain, and a sick man to tend and wait upon."

"You are joking," said his friend.

"No, I am not joking; I am telling the very sober truth. The two falcons are my eyes, which I must carefully guard, lest they see things hurtful to my soul; the two hares, my feet, which I must hold back, lest they run in sinful paths; the two hawks are my hands, which must be trained to work, to provide for the necessities of life; the serpent is my tongue which must be guarded against every moment; the lion my heart which I must restrain, so that pride, envy, anger, and other evil passions, may not take possession of it; the sick man, my body, which needs constant care, because I have grown so old and feeble. So, you see, I am a very busy man, after all."

Remember, Christian soul:

Thou hast this day, and every day of thy life:

God to glorify,	Eternity to prepare for,
Jesus to imitate,	Time to profit by,
The Angels and Saints	Neighbors to edify,
to invoke,	The world to despise,
A soul to save,	Devils to combat,
A body to mortify,	Passions to subdue,
Sins to expiate,	Death perhaps to suffer,
Virtues to acquire,	And Judgement to
Hell to avoid,	undergo.
Heaven to gain,	



"I shall spend every moment loving. One who loves does not notice her trials; or perhaps more accurately, she is able to love them."
 -St. Bernadette