

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



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WERE NOT TEN MADE CLEAN?  
 AND WHERE ARE THE NINE?

## August 18, 2013 Pentecost XIII

Within the Octave  
 St Agapitus, M

### ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ Today is the third Sunday of the month, with the blessing of expectant mothers given after all Masses, at the Communion rail.

*Come, all quarters of the earth, let us celebrate the worshipful Assumption of the Mother of God.*

### ✠ THIS WEEK

We continue to honor Our Lady in Her glorious Assumption as the Octave and the Assumption Novena continue. The week's feasts begin with **St. John Eudes (Monday)**, the apostle of devotion to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts. **St. Bernard**, another great Marian saint, comes **Tuesday** along with Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony. **St. Jane de Chantal** is honored on **Wednesday**, and **Thursday** is the Octave Day of the Assumption, the reparatory feast of the **Immaculate Heart of Mary** (Masses at 8 AM and 5 PM). **St. Philip Benizi**, a Sorrowful Mother saint, is honored **Friday**, and the week concludes with **St. Bartholomew the Apostle** and two morning Masses on **Saturday**.

### ✠ THE SUMMER NOVENA

Join us for these powerful devotions **Tuesday** after both Masses. The Novena consists of the traditional *Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony* and Novena prayer to *Our Lady of Perpetual Help*.

### ✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

**Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XIV, with commemorations of St. Louis and Our Lady and All Saints. Preface of the Holy Trinity.

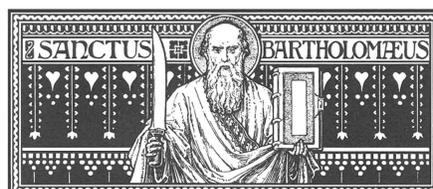
*"Go forth and contemplate admiringly the Mother of the King in the diadem wherewith her Son crowned her on the day of her triumph and glorious Assumption."  
 – St. Anthony of Padua*

### ✠ DRESS CODE REMINDER

*Ladies and girls*, please remember Marylike modesty at Mass: dresses and skirts must be below the knee, and no sleeveless, "cap" sleeved, sheer or revealing tops, or skirts with slits, are to be worn in church *at any time*. Your head must be covered while in church.

*Men and boys* must wear a suit coat or jacket, and a tie *to Sunday and Holy Day Mass*. These basic rules of Catholic modesty show the reverence and respect that is due to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

*"Mary's holy body is enjoying the bliss worthy of her through whom light shone upon the world."  
 – St. Epiphanius*



### ✠ CHURCH SUPPORT



With vacation and travel during the summer, things like your weekly envelope might easily be overlooked. Please mail in your weekly contribution if you are away from home. Our expenses never take a vacation!

### ✠ PRAYERS, PLEASE

Please remember in your prayers Theresa Boyd, Kim LeBlanc, Bee Lutkehaus, Jeff Kamphaus, Richard and Elizabeth Smith all our sick and shut-in, and those for whom we have been asked to pray.

*"I am not at all worried about the future; I am sure God will do His Will; it is the only grace I desire."  
 – St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

### Servers: AUGUST 19 - 25, 2013

TUE 8/20	8:00 AM LOW: B. Lotarski, J. Lacy
THU 8/22	5:00 PM HIGH: Simpsons, McClorey
FRI 8/23	5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers
SAT 8/24	7:30 AM HIGH: Simpsons 8:20 AM LOW: M. Briggs
SUN 8/25	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: Rev. Mr. Nkamuke, R. Vande Ryt ACs: S. & P. Lawrence TH: S. Arlinghaus TORCH: M Simpson, T. Lawrence, C. Richesson, A. Soli 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. McClorey 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

### Collection Report

Sunday, August 11th .....\$4,050.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

We need to fly to the most pure Heart of Mary...and ask the grace of remaining always immersed in the immense sea of divine love which flows from that other sea of the sufferings of Jesus and the Sorrows of Mary. Let us allow ourselves to be penetrated with these sufferings...let us allow the sword or lance or dagger to be well tempered so that the intensity of love will penetrate more deeply, for the more penetrating the intensity of love, the more quickly will the prisoner escape from his prison. Pray Mary that she will quickly obtain for you the grace of being...all afire with love, and tell her that if she will do you the kindness of wounding your heart with a keen dagger of love, which will make the sword or the lance penetrate deeply to the bottom of your heart, you will remain in her hands.

– St. Paul of the Cross

**BEING AN APOSTLE**

But I know well what this word apostle means and all the obligations it creates. First, the necessity of an interior life that becomes stronger all the time, of drawing more than ever charity and gentle serenity from the Holy Eucharist and from prayer, as well as making wholly spiritual intentions. Then, to cultivate my own mind systematically, to increase my knowledge of all those subjects that I am ready to learn; to do nothing precipitously or superficially; to achieve, as much as possible, competence in the subjects I study. To transform and make this intellectual effort holy through a spiritual motive, doing it humbly without any self-centeredness, but exclusively to help others.

To bring to all conversation and discussion a tranquil spirit, a firmness, and a friendliness that will eliminate bitterness or irritation from the opponent's mind; never to give in where principles are concerned, but to have extraordinary tolerance for people. Above all, to try, after discovering the opening, to present the divine, unchanging Truth to each one in such a way as to make it understood and loved.

To bring great flexibility of mind and clarity of judgment to any purely intellectual matter. Each time the conversation leads me to speak of faith, I will do so simply but in a direct and firm way that will leave no doubt as to my convictions. Cleverness means nothing in such matters; I am struck with the fact that unbelievers have more in common with people of deep faith than with those of inconsistent and utilitarian views.

These precious unbelievers pay more attention to those who are uncompromising regarding the faith than to those who by subtlety and accommodation hope to bring them to accept the faith. And yet a bold statement must be made with intelligent sympathy and the liveliest and most delicate charity.

– Elisabeth Leseur



**Are All Religions Equally Good?**

*(conclusion – continued from 7/14/13 bulletin)*

It leads directly to moral evil to say that it does not matter what a man believes. Everybody admits that murder is an evil. But if it does not matter what I believe, what is to prevent me from believing a doctrine that permits murder and holds it to be good? Exactly that has happened in regard to many moral evils. Men say: believe anything, but be good; and they have ended by believing that you don't have to be good.

In one sense only can we say that all religions may lead men to heaven; if they have been deceived into believing something that is false, if they obey their conscience in all things and never have the opportunity to learn what is true, they may be saved. God condemns no man except for his own sins or his own wilful rejection of the truth. But that is far different from saying that all religions are equally true. Every man has a duty to try to find out which is true.

– "Why I Am a Catholic" D.F. Miller, CSSR (1957)

**CONSECRATION**

Day pours his crimson vintage into the west,  
A hush of benediction falls; and soon  
The high-priest Night, in starry  
garments dressed,  
Uplifts the golden chalice of the moon.

– Thomas E. Burke



**EVENING**

Day speaks a magic word, and the  
white sun  
Glowes golden-crimson in the day's  
decline,  
Just as at Cana's feast the Holy One  
Changed sparkling water into blushing  
wine.

– R.K. Kennedy

**FIREFLY**

Outside of this, what now, O firelit  
wings  
Adrift? How long before the end of all  
That from the luminescent egg did call  
This tinsel dream above the creeping  
things  
Of earth? As surely as the migrant  
sings  
A quick farewell, and time's slow,  
crumbling wall  
Leans wearily when leaves break loose  
and fall,  
Another sequence waits these dancing  
wings.  
When fronded ferns have curled in  
solemn sleep  
And gay cicadas at the noon have  
ceased  
To punctuate the air; when long trails  
keep  
The silences of transient bird and beast,  
The higher instinct of the stars will  
claim  
Their portion of this little, glowing  
flame.

– C. Faye Bennett

*Three nature poems to read and savor, like nature  
itself these beautiful Summer days.*

– Bishop Dolan

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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

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Have you noticed the addition to our handsome new church sign on Rialto Road? It is a cross (Hail, O Cross, our only hope!) but not any cross. It is the cross that originally topped the steeple of our Sharonville church. We took it, and the bell, as well as the windows, with us. The windows now form our beautiful south window, and now our old cross takes its place, in time for the feast of St. Helena, who found the True Cross in Jerusalem.

I would have preferred to have the cross in a higher position, but our windy location precludes it. Someone told me that ours is the highest spot in Butler County. (There must be some symbolism there.) With height comes wind out here, very strong wind indeed. So as not to risk losing the cross, we have placed it at our gateway, as the cross leads to life.

Notice the unusual and prophetic composition of the cross. One stands within, at the heart of, the other. I see this as symbolizing the Sacred Heart, and St. Gertrude the Great. Our Lord said to St. Mechtilde: "You shall find me *in* the heart of Gertrude." For how many souls has this been true for over 30 years! St. Gertrude is the gateway to Jesus and His Sacred Heart.

Souls are still finding Our Lord "in the heart of Gertrude." This is why we are always delighted and interested to welcome visitors, real or virtual, every Sunday. The McFathers recently met a lady on Mt. Washington in New Hampshire, originally from Lowell, Massachusetts but now living in West Chester. She visited us last week, as did a woman born in Milwaukee, but living in Madrid, Spain. She and her son are now in our virtual congregation, visiting via our webcast Mass. See how Our Lord continues to bless our church and its work. What a blessing for us to be here, and to help St. Gertrude's work, to work for God's glory and for souls.

These same motivations, together with love for Mary, inspired our participation in last week's Fatima Rosary procession for peace. It was windy, hard work, but Thomas kept the banner aloft. It always is hard work, even though Heaven had blessed us with most delightful weather. The slow processional cadence of our 45-minute march leaves limbs a little wearied the next day, but the soul is strengthened and refreshed. How quickly the time passes, and how delightfully. There is nothing wrong with doing a little penance. I note that Our Lady asked for "penance and prayer" at Fatima. This is how souls are spared Hell.

The same must be said for the Holy Day. In the old, old days (and still for some souls who can so arrange things) the Holy Day is a holiday, as the word's etymology indicates. First comes the solemn morning Mass, and then a day for family and rest, as on Sunday.

For others, the Holy Day (or even Sunday) means some real sacrifice with schedule juggling and one more activity after school or work. I am always edified to see so many parishioners and visitors at our Holy Day Masses, but I do worry about those I do not see.

Dr. Warren Pevnick has been attending the 7:30 Mass with us for a number of years, but recently moved to St. Clairsville from Greenville. I will miss him, and wish him well in his move.

I am offering Mass again this morning in Milwaukee, and will be there this week. **Fr. Lehtoranta** is visiting our tiny flock in great Catholic New Mexico. **Fr. McKenna** is in Louisiana today, but is counting on visiting prisoner Joseph Murphy this week in Toledo, as well as the faithful round, with **Fr. McGuire**, of our sick and shut in. Bee Lutkehaus is in Meadowbrook Care Center in Montgomery, and would love a visit, I know. The Arlinghaus family helped us to prepare for our beautiful Assumption feast last week, and then visited Bee before returning home. Although she is still in a wheelchair, we hope she will be able to assist at Sunday Mass again. She longs for the day!

Remember Thursday's feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the crucial and Heaven-requested devotion for our day. Enjoy this Lord's Day today, and use it for some quiet time with family, as well as with God.

I send a blessing home with you today in Mary's Immaculate Heart.

– Bishop Dolan



She who is higher than cherubim and seraphim, being truly designated Mother of their Lord, has now come to live in the Kingdom of Heaven. When she had completed her life's voyage happily, that spiritual vessel of God dropped anchor in her new, safe harbor, near to the Helmsman of the world.

– St. Modestus of Jerusalem



*All Sunday Masses and most weekday Masses are webcast  
Please check our website!*

- MON 8/19/13 ST JOHN EUDES, C**  
**WITHIN THE OCTAVE**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Thanksgiving to Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph (*Helen Patin*)  
**9:00 AM Low Mass** Poor Souls-gratitude-Theresa Gilliam (*DJR*)
- TUE 8/20/13 ST BERNARD, ABCD**  
**WITHIN THE OCTAVE**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Holy Souls in Purgatory (*Jeff Kamphaus*)  
**Summer Novena**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** Poor Souls-gratitude-Benefactors & helpers (*DJR*) **Summer Novena**
- WED 8/21/13 ST JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, W**  
**WITHIN THE OCTAVE**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Joe & Bertha Voisinet (*The Wilkers*)
- THU 8/22/13 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**  
**ST TIMOTHY & COMPANIONS, MM**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Dale Wilker-Happy Birthday (*Wilker girls*)  
**5:00 PM High Mass** †Maria C. Duff (*Duff family*)
- FRI 8/23/13 ST PHILIP BENIZI, C**  
**VIGIL OF ST BARTHOLOMEW**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Special Intention (*Paul Puglielli*)  
**5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** For our mothers and A.M. (*P.T. Omlor*)  
**6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction**
- SAT 8/24/13 ST BARTHOLOMEW, AP**  
**OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK**  
**7:15 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM High Mass** Cliff & Rosemary Breitenstein (*John Wiesman*)  
**8:20 AM Sermon, Low Mass** †William Kevin Ahern (*Mike Briggs family*)
- SUN 8/25/13 PENTECOST XIV**  
**ST LOUIS, KING, C**  
**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** For our sweet and generous Aunt Regina (*The Brueggemann kids*)  
**9:00 AM High Mass** Poor Souls-gratitude-All promised intentions and mine (*DJR*)  
**11:05 AM Rosary**  
**11:30 AM Low Mass** †Ralph Patton (*The Wilkers*)  
**4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

**THE SUMMER NOVENA : WEEK TEN**  
**Meditation for St. Anthony's Tuesday:**  
**Saint Anthony's Protection**



The life of man is continually surrounded by many enemies and great dangers. Man is in danger when he lives in bad company, reads bad books, indulges in immoral conversation, in profane entertainment, in indecent pictures, and so on. St. Anthony foresaw these dangers. He left the world and placed himself in a monastery. And we who are living in this ocean of so many dangers shall be taken to the port of salvation under the safe protection of St. Anthony who takes care of his devout followers.

**Prayer:** Glorious St. Anthony, obtain for us from Jesus Christ that we may all be united by the sweet tie of the divine love of God, so that one day we may all together enjoy the eternal glory of heaven. Amen.

St. Anthony, finder of lost things, help us to find all that we have lost in the spiritual and in the temporal order.

*— from St. Bonaventure's prayers on the 13 petitions of the Miraculous Responsory of St. Anthony*

*This meditation and the prayers may be included as private devotions in connection with the **Summer Novena for Tuesday, August 20th.***

**Prayer at the Canon of the Mass**

O Father of mercy, graciously receive this most Holy Sacrifice, which we offer to Thee by the hands of Thy priest, in union with that which Thy beloved Son offered to Thee during His whole life, at His last supper, and on the Cross. Look down on Thy Christ, Thy dearest and only begotten Son, "in Whom Thou art always well pleased;" and by the infinite merits of His incarnation, nativity, tears, labors, sufferings, and death, have mercy upon me, and upon all those for whom I ought to pray. Amen.



*"Who can conceive the splendor wherewith the Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin into heaven was celebrated; the glad welcome wherewith the heavenly hosts went forth to meet her, and to escort her with canticles of joy to the throne destined for her?"*

*— St. Bernard  
(feast day, August 20th)*