

SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

## PENTECOST XVI•

**Children's confessions** begin at **10:30 am** followed by Catechism and Adult education classes. The Blessing of the sick in honor of the Sorrowful Mother will be given after each Mass, followed by the **Blessing of expectant mothers**. Simple Benediction follows the Last Gospel of the **11:30 am** Mass.

This afternoon please join us for our annual **Parish Picnic** which begins around **1:00 pm**.

## THIS WEEK

**Monday** is a Feast of Devotion, **St. Matthew**, who wrote one of the Gospels, and is a patron saint of accountants, bookkeepers, security guards and tax keepers. **Thursday** is the last of Our Lady's September feasts, **Our Lady of Ransom** or of Mercy. **The North American Martyrs** "of our own dear land" sneak in on **Saturday**, but should not be overlooked, nor should **St. Cyprian** and **St. Justina**, now that we know something about them.

## KNIGHTS OF THE SACRED HEART

Our new chaplain, Fr. Larrabee, invites all of the boys of St. Gertrude to join him **Monday** at **4:00 PM** at Sharon Woods Park.

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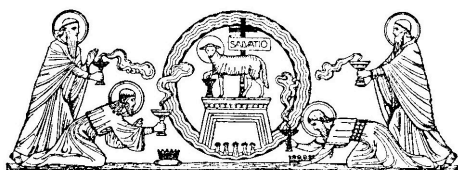
*summer day delight  
red canna flowers stand tall  
hummingbird in flight*

-Kathleen Wardach

## ALTER CHRISTUS



\$100.00 was donated for Masses for the sanctification and support of priests. Thank you for your generosity.



## NEXT SUNDAY

**The Blessing of Children** and their dedication to their Guardian Angels takes place on this Sunday, our official opening of the Month of the Angels, which lasts through October 24th. You are invited after Mass to our **Convento San Marco Open House. Sunday Vespers, and Benediction**, are at **4:45 pm**. Each family and individual should be familiar with the beautiful vespers, or evening service, and attend it at least from time to time. This would be highly edifying, and give glory to God as you sanctify the evening hours of His day, as well as the morning, as did our ancestors for many centuries. A text is provided so that you may follow the psalms. You're welcome to sing with us, as it is the common prayer of the Catholic Church.

*Set your missal; Pentecost XVII, with commemoration of Ss. Cosmas and Damien, and Our Lady and All the Saints, Preface of the Trinity.*



## Ushers

SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

7:30 AM Joe Andreotta, Kent Maki, Scott Pepiot, Volunteer  
9:00 AM Gerry Keaveney, Mark Lotarski, Volunteer, Volunteer  
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer  
5:45 PM John Seyfried

## Servers

SEPTEMBER 21 - SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

•MON 9/21 5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney  
•TUE 9/22 5:00 PM LOW: J. Bayer  
•WED 9/23 6:30 AM LOW: C. Simpson, T. Simpson  
5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney, Wneks  
•THU 9/24 5:00 PM LOW: C. Ritze  
•FRI 9/25 5:45 PM LOW: G. Keaveney, J. Bayer, C. Ritze, T. Kunkel  
•SAT 9/26 7:30 AM LOW: C. Simpson, T. Simpson  
8:00 AM LOW: A. Ribar, M. Ribar  
•SUN 9/27 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann  
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: R. VandeRyt  
ACs: G. Wnek, B. Lotarski TH: R. Hill  
TORCH: S. Arlinghaus, A. Wanke, P. Duff, D. Wnek,  
11:30 AM LOW: M. Ribar, A. Ribar  
4:45 PM BENEDICTION: G. Miller, C. Ritze, G. Keaveney,  
T. Kunkel  
5:45 PM LOW: T. Kunkel

## Collection Report

Sunday September 13.....\$3,727.00

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

## PRAYER BEFORE THE PIETA

Weeping Mother! all thy anguish  
Deeper than the deepest sea,  
All thy tears and soulful languish  
Crushed thy heart because of me!

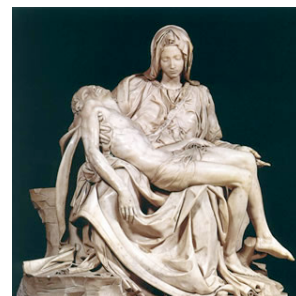
I with sin untold have driven  
This cruel sword into thy heart,  
But though time on time forgiven  
I neglected Magdalen's part.

Now repentant, list my pleading—  
I who drove that sharp sword there,  
I who caused thy grief exceeding—  
Mother! hearken to my prayer:

When the sword of sorrow spends me  
(And life's bitterness I feel)  
Help me clasp it though it rends me  
To my heart with bands of steel.

Mother! though my heart be riven,  
Help me suffer silently.  
Tears alone will open Heaven  
For a sinner such as me!

—Hyacinth Blocker, O.F.M.



## PIETA

A little while she lingered still,  
A little while with wistful eyes  
In silence on a lonely hill  
She gazed beyond the purple skies.

Ah, Mary, was it Bethlehem  
Come back to rest within your arms;  
Or did you think your mother's love  
Could shelter Him again from harms?

A little while she lingered still  
Where silent angels softly trod,  
Where men have sought her  
through the years  
And caught in grief a glimpse of God.

—Richard D. Lord, S. J.

## ✠ THE CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>9/21/09</b>	<b>ST. MATTHEW, APÉV</b>
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Frank Cekada ( <i>M/M Mark Lotarski</i> )
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Knights of the Sacred Heart</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>9/22/09</b>	<b>ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BPC</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Bishop McKenna ( <i>R. &amp; G. Zbilicki</i> )
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Robert J. Uhlenbrock ( <i>Emily Capetillo</i> )
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Jack & Alice Hagerty - Happy 58th Anniversary ( <i>M/M Joe Praschak</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>9/23/09</b>	<b>ST. LINUS, PM ST. THECIA, VM</b>
	<b>6:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Dolores Maki ( <i>Kent Maki</i> )
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Frank Cekada ( <i>Wnek Family</i> )
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>Kueblers</i> )
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> In Honor of St. Joseph for prayers answered ( <i>M/M Joe Praschak</i> )
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>THUR</b>	<b>9/24/09</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF RANSOM</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Frank Cekada ( <i>John Seyfried</i> )
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> In Honor of Our Lady of Mercy ( <i>MAW</i> )
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For my intentions ( <i>Connie Wozny</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>9/25/09</b>	<b>Ferial Day</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart ( <i>Jim &amp; Margi Soli</i> )
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Confessions
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>Requiem High Mass</b> Purgatorial Society
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Rosary &amp; Confessions</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Requiem Low Mass</b> Poor souls for Mattingly family conversions Novena, Benediction, Confessions
<b>SAT</b>	<b>9/26/09</b>	<b>SS. ISAAC JOGUES &amp; COMP, MM</b>
		<b>SS. CYPRIAN, M &amp; JUSTINA, VM</b>
	<b>7:15 AM</b>	Confessions
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Frank Cekada ( <i>M/M Joe Praschak</i> )
		<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>8:10 AM</b>	<b>Sermon and Low Mass</b> My Parents ( <i>Mario Derksen</i> )
		For the Devotion of the 15 Saturdays of the Most Holy Rosary meditate on the Assumption
<b>SUN</b>	<b>9/27/09</b>	<b>ANGEL SUNDAY Blessing of children after All Masses</b>
		<b>PENTECOST XVII</b>
		<b>SS. COSMAS &amp; DAMIAN, MM</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>Kathy Schweitzer</i> )
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> In Thanksgiving and Honor to our M.P.H. and for my intentions ( <i>Patrick Omlor</i> )
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Catechism Classes</b>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Charles and Nadine Henry ( <i>Bernie Brueggemann</i> )
	<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Sunday Vespers and Benediction</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the People of St. Gertrude



## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

I was telling our children the other day that this year we had three "First Days of School," each with something special. The first day of classes fell on the feast of St. Pius X, and the children were met by a little foundling left on our door step. Not a baby but a kitty was left at church, and Katie kindly adopted him, naming him Pius. He turns out to be a bit of a playful biter, with an outgoing, friendly personality, fearing neither man nor beast. (Vivaldi, our red cat, has been missing for awhile, but has been spotted next door. We hope to rescue him soon.)



Our second first day of school was the Blessed Mother's Birthday, when we welcomed an impressive array of little ones from all over. The beautiful High Mass in Mary's honor, with procession and blessing of seedlings, was followed finally by a cake and ice cream for Maria Bambina. It truly was wonderful to see so many children for Our Blessed Mother's Birthday.

The third opening Mass occurred last Friday, when the children sang the votive of the Holy Ghost. We must always invoke the assistance of God's own Holy Spirit before we begin any important action. Thus well begun, we have great hopes for a good school year. Our student body this year has many delightful young children, being formed now mind and soul, as good Catholics.

That same "good Catholic spirit" we try to inculcate in our young people was very much in evidence with the excellent turnout of young and old for our September Fatima Rosary Procession. The Good Lord, who very much wants devotion to His Mother's Immaculate Heart, gave us the encouragement of good weather. Many of you came from a distance, rearranged schedules, and even invited others. May Mary reward you! May God spare our country and restore the Church.

We hope you will visit our Convento San Marco next Sunday. Today sod was being laid, and new evergreen bushes planted. Fr. Ramolla got himself a new desk, and is looking forward to moving in, as is Fr. Larrabee, who has been camping out in church since August. Your building fund donations have made this possible. God reward you!

Will I see you this afternoon at our picnic? May Our Mother of Sorrows bless you, and comfort you always!

-Bishop Dolan

The following were Masses that were said in the missions:

†Poor souls (*GPK*)  
Return to the True Church by Family & Friends (4) (*Barb Steinmetz*)  
†Poor souls for Mattingly family conversions (3)  
†Rosemary Dolan (2) (*Beverly Phillips*)  
†Frank Cekada (*Beverly Phillips*)  
†Frank Cekada (*John & Bill Schauble*)  
Intentions of Ed Reardon & family (2)  
†Frank Cekada (*Kirby & Jean Bischof*)  
Special Intention (*GPK*)  
The Barzacchini Family (*Barb Steinmetz*)  
†Frank Cekada (*Kent Maki*)  
†Frank Cekada (*Gerry Keaveney*)  
†Poor Souls (*GPK*)  
†Poor Souls (*Tom & Stella Simpson*)  
In Honor of Our MPH & Relief of Holy Souls (5) (*Patrick Omlor*)  
In Thanksgiving & Honor to Our MPH & for intentions (15) (*Patrick Omlor*)  
All priests (*ACC*)  
All of our priests (*ACC*)



## ✠ HOLY PRIESTS

### PERPLEXED

I am an average priest, a pastor, a much misunderstood individual. People suspect me of being a little more than human, but continue to invite me to eat their dinners and drink their wine. If I partake of the latter, they call me a “dear” and a “good fellow.” If I refuse, they claim to be edified.

They expect me to have no faults, but keep searching for them, and having discovered a few—OH BOY!

When I have not prepared my sermon and my mind is cloudy and my ideas chaotic, they say I am too deep; but when I have labored zealously and memorized my sermon, I am superficial.

When through “money talks” I meet all parish obligations, I am a “grafter;” but when I do not plead for money and the parish goes in debt, I am a “poor business man.”

When my liver is out of order and I am physically ill and mentally tired, they say I look pious and saintly. When I am well and bubbling over with zeal, I am frivolous.

They think that I should love everyone in the parish, and when I make a fairly good bluff at doing so, they call me a hypocrite; but when I admit that there are some that I am not crazy about, they call me a snob.

### *Rich and Poor*

My wealthy parishioners find fault with me if I do not call upon them. The poor ones, if I do.

Some people, in my presence, pretend to be keenly interested in all things pertaining to religion. They minimize my intelligence and exaggerate their own histrionic ability.

The stingy souls who contribute a very, very small proportion of their income to the support of the church, pity me because I have such a hard time raising funds. Those who contribute generously think I have a very nice job.

Some wonder what I do with all my time; others pity me because I have so much to do.

They want me to be more of a layman and to represent them in civic and public activities; but are forever praising Father “So and So,” who is “so quiet and retiring.” “He is such a holy man.”

If I use forceful and catchy phrases in my sermons, they say I am sensational. If I don’t, they will not come to hear me.

My salary is \$50 a month and I receive as much as \$5 for a baptism or a wedding (sometimes), and they wonder what I do with all my money.

### *An Easy Mark*

All stockholders think I am a millionaire; book agents think I am easy; tramps know I am.

“Rep-caps,” Pullman car porters and dining car waiters think I am generous, but the conductor knows I am a cheap sport.

Now, I want to tell the world:

That my Roman collar changes not my human nature. I am quite the same as other men.

That I enjoy a good time just the same as they do, but I prefer to choose my own kind of sport.

That a long, long time ago I got sick of applesauce and soft soap.

That I have grown immune to knocks and criticisms.

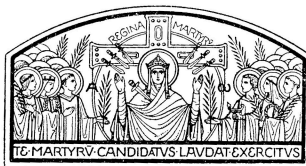
That I appreciate honest praise and want no man’s pity.

That I am giving the best that is in me to my work and believe that God will reward me.

That I ask no favors and seek only the opportunity to prove that I am a real man and try to be a real priest.

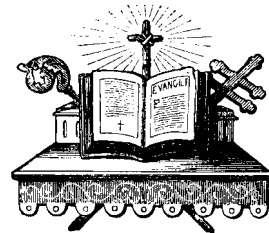
Now, there are some who, if they knew who wrote this, would say: “I’ll bet they got the idea from someone else.” Well, I did!

*—This was published in the St. Anthony Messenger in June of 1929!*



### THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER

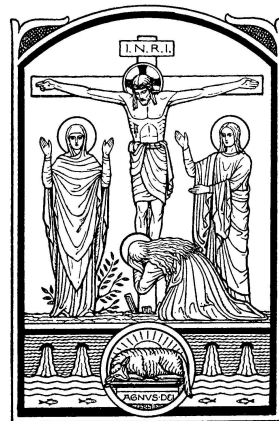
*To live in the midst of the world,  
Without wishing its pleasures;  
To be a member of each family,  
Yet belonging to none;  
To share all sufferings;  
To penetrate all secrets;  
To heal all wounds;  
To go from men to God  
And offer Him their Prayers;  
To return from God to men  
To bring pardon and hope;  
To have a heart of fire for charity  
And a heart of bronze for chastity;  
To reach and to pardon,  
Console and bless always—  
What a glorious life!  
And it is yours,  
O Priest of Jesus Christ!*



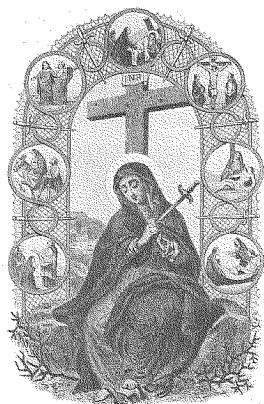
Why did the Pharisees watch Jesus so closely in today’s Gospel? (Pentecost XVI)

To discover something in Him for which they might censure and accuse Him. How like them are those Christians who watch every step of their neighbors, and particularly of priests, hoping to find something for which to blame them, and represent them as evil persons!

*—Fr. Goffine*



## OUR LADY OF SORROWS



At the Presentation of Jesus in the temple Simeon had predicted that the suffering of the Son would be the suffering of the Mother also: "Behold this child is set for the fall and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; and thy own soul a sword shall pierce" (Luke ii. 34, 35).

The ignominy, insults, and cruelties inflicted on Him were to be so many swords piercing her heart. Remember, therefore, on this day the seven dolors which the Blessed Virgin experienced:

1. At the circumcision of her Son.
2. At her flight into Egypt with Him.
3. On losing Him for three days in the temple.
4. At the sight of Him carrying the cross.
5. At His death.
6. When beholding His side pierced with a spear, and His body taken down from the cross.
7. At His burial.

Make an act of contrition for your sins, which helped so much to cause the sufferings and death of Jesus, and resolve firmly that you will no more grieve the hearts of Jesus and Mary by sin. Ask her to assist you at your death by her powerful intercession, that then she may show herself to you as a mother, and obtain from her beloved Son grace for you.



## WISHING

*Do you wish the world were better?  
Let me tell you what to do.  
Set a watch upon your actions,  
Keep them always straight and true.  
Rid your mind of selfish motives,  
Let your thought be clean and high.  
You can make a little Eden  
Of the sphere you occupy.*

*Do you wish the world were happy?  
Then remember day by day  
Just to scatter seeds of kindness  
As you pass along the way.  
For the pleasure of the many  
May be oftentimes traced to one,  
As the hand that plants the acorn  
Shelters armies from the sun.*

—Rev. F. X. Lasance



## Fifth Grade Religion Class

This is the morning watch,  
the dew-kissed hour,  
When morning dawns and youth,  
in new - found power,  
Illumined by the rays of innocence,  
Can see—can comprehend Omnipotence

Faith does not fear to tread  
where darkness lies;  
Blessed are they who read  
with hope-filled eyes  
And learned, indeed, who at ten can see  
That what is mortal, can immortal be.

—Sister Carmelita, C.S.J.

—Dedicated to our faithful Sunday school teachers

## ROSARY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Please plan to join us as we celebrate Rosary Sunday, October 4th. Roses will be sold before the 9am and 11:30am Masses, and blessed after Mass.

A Rosary procession will take place after the 9am Mass. Following the procession, there will be an excellent breakfast in Helfta Hall. The cost is \$20.00 per family or \$7.00 per person.

Fr. Larrabee will be joining us. Come meet our new priest and learn how he became one.

## THANK YOU

A sincere, grateful THANK YOU to all who worked on and assisted in the repair and clean up of my roof. Also to those who provided food, served it and set it up. Deo Gratias. I appreciate all your sacrifices, hard work, kindness, mercy, charity and prayers. May God bless you abundantly. Many prayers, sacrifices and Masses are coming.

—Darlene Rentschler

## THANK YOU

In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Knock (Ireland) and to St. Philomena for finding employment.

—Tina Fangman

## CONVENTO SAN MARCO

### OPEN HOUSE

At long last, the Convento is ready! Come by next Sunday after Mass for a casual Open House. We are in need of pretty much everything for furnishings, so if you have nice furniture or kitchen ware you would like to donate, please let us know! God reward your generosity.

## PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember Diane Powell, Nadine Henry, Connie Kamphaus and all of our sick and shut in.

