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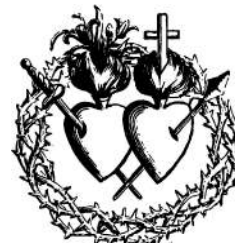
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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor • Rev. Anthony Cekada
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August 9, 2015
PENTECOST XI
ST. JOHN VIANNEY, C
ST. ROMANUS, M
ST. EMIGDIUS, BPM



¶ PENTECOST XI

Today we open our triduum to St. Philomena. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

"In your work, offer your difficulties and troubles quite simply to God...and you will find that His blessing will rest upon you and on all you do."
— St. John Vianney

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ST. JOACHIM

Next Sunday the Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion rail. Vespers and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** St. Joachim, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XII. Trinity Preface.

"Receive, O my God, all my thoughts and all I am going to do today, in union with all You bore out of love for me during Your life on earth."
— St. John Vianney

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS



We received \$315 this month for the support of our priests. Thank you for your generosity!

"When we cannot come to church, let us turn towards the Tabernacle and make a spiritual Communion. A wall cannot separate us from God."
— St. John Vianney

Collection Report

Sunday, August 2nd\$4,341.00
Second Collection.....\$1,047.00

Lumen Christi

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament during the next fortnight for the following intention:

Most Rev. Bishop Dolan Belated Birthday

(From Beckie—Thanks for all you do)



EPHPHETA, WHICH IS, BE THOU OPENED

¶ THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday's great **St. Lawrence** comes at **8 AM & 5:45 PM**, followed by the **St. Philomena Triduum**. **Tuesday** we fête the Princess of Paradise, concluding her Triduum after the **Summer Novena** at **8 AM & 5 PM** Masses. You could rest on Wednesday unless you would like to ask St. Clare for better eyesight. **Thursday** we have the **Fatima Rosary Procession** for Peace at **7:15 PM**, after the 5:45 PM Mass. **Early Mass Friday** evening, at **5:00 PM**, followed by Novenas. Holy Day Masses are at **6:30, 7:30 & 9:00 AM Saturday**.

BACK TO SCHOOL?

Are your children attending the sub-pagan schools? Get them...out of there. What are you waiting for? It's not as if sub-pagan schools actually teach children English grammar and give them facility with numbers and make them familiar with the lands and rivers and seas of our world, let alone introduce them to the great works of western civilization. If your children are in the sub-pagan schools, it will require almost a miracle of God to keep them from becoming sub-pagan themselves. They too will learn to worship the three-poisoned god of our times, *self, sex, State*. Take for granted that *everything* in their classes will be sexuality and politics; even in science classes. Shakespeare? Sexuality and politics and *nothing else*. Get them out. Begin, if necessary, with one room and one teacher and ten children. Begin.

(The above was written by Anthony Esolen in Crisis Magazine, but deserved a place in our bulletin. Our school had an excellent enrollment last year. Let's make it even better this year!)

"When we do something we dislike, let us say to God: 'My God, I offer You this in honor of the moment when You died for me.'"

— St. John Vianney

"You have done all in your power? Are you sure of it? Did you fast and give alms? Did you pray?"

— St. John Vianney

JESUS, PRIEST AND VICTIM

St. Therese of the Child Jesus ("The Little Flower"), in order to arouse the zeal of her novices, daily recited with them a prayer for the members of the Catholic clergy. It is one of the rare formulas which she learned by heart, and which she recited with the utmost fervor.



“O Jesus, may Your priests be the faithful guardians of Your Church as was St. John who received Your Mother into his own home. Instructed by this tender Mother, who was so afflicted on Calvary, may they have for Your children the care and loving watchfulness of a mother. May they teach souls to be united with You through Mary, who, being the Gate of Heaven, is also the treasure-house of Your divine Heart. Oh! give us priests all burning with zeal! True children of Mary! Priests who will give Jesus to

souls with the same tenderness and care with which Mary carried the Infant Jesus of Bethlehem! Mother of sorrow, and of love, through pity for your beloved Son, pour into our heart floods of tenderness to console Jesus; grant us a generation of priests formed at your school, in the tenderness of your virginal love.”

“Those who go often to Mass during the week, do their work very much better than those who, for want of faith, think they have no time for it.”

— St. John Vianney

PETITION OR NOVENA

From the prayers of St. John Vianney

O Jesus, Lover of Souls! Behold us prostrate before the Throne of Thy glory, and showing Thee what our afflictions are, we offer Thee our most fervent prayers. We are resolved to avoid all evil and obey what God commands; to be faithful to Thy teachings, O Jesus! to Thy Holy Church to the Father of all the Faithful, Thy Vicar upon earth, so that we may with faith and courage invoke thee with the confidence and liberty of a Child of God.



With all the fervor of my soul, I implore Thee grant me the grace of N.... and, in addition, I ask these other benefits from thee. *(Here mention them)*

O Jesus! Thou art so good, so generous with gifts and favors to us; Thou hast loved us even unto dying for us, even unto giving Thyself under the Eucharist. Appearances—surely Thou wilt never be mindful of our prayers and appeals, unless it be that Thou art in some different way seeking to do us good. With fullest confidence I place my trust in Thee. Amen.

ONE KIND WORD

One day beside a quiet river's strand
A boy was playing with the pebbles there,
And all was still—like a cloistered nun at
prayer—

When finding a smooth rock upon the sand
He, stooping, picked it up in his slim hand
And flung it gayly through the sunlit air.
It whistled, like a wind springs from its lair,
And falling, splashed the waters still and
bland.

The ruffled waters rippled towards the shore
In trembling waves that smiled up to the sun,
Like homeward-turning sheep when day is
done

Come bleating to the sheepcote's open door...
Thus one kind word a power can impart
To stir emotions in the human heart.

—Hyacinth Blocker, O.F.M



“I”

The person nearly always right
And very seldom wrong
Is found 'neath leaden skies and bright,
And 'mid the weak and 'mid the strong.

Of either sex, rude or polite
The person is—all ranks belong—
The person nearly always right
And very seldom wrong.

“I” is the name so oft in sight,
Told near and far in prose and song,
Of one who in the dark or light,
Is always foremost in the throng:
The person nearly always right
And very seldom in the wrong.

—E. Beck

We begin this week with dear and well known saints, the Curé of Ars and St. Lawrence and St. Philomena, and end it with our Lady, of Fatima and Assumed into Heaven. Pray with us these days, be a peacemaker, surprise yourself and others—but not God—by showing up for something, and certainly Saturday's Holy Day.

There was much adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament last week, Benediction three days in a row. Many thanks to all who showed up, especially for the blessed night watch. May no one ever show us up in our Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, or our devotion to the Blessed Mother. Would you make a sacrifice and show up for the Rosary Procession Thursday evening after supper?

State Schools open this week or next, I think. Be sure to read and pass around the excellent summary of their work which you will find again in today's bulletin. We are working very hard for another excellent school year at St. Gertrude the Great, and I ask your prayers for its success.

One of our own Ohio seminarians, who hails from the Akron area, **Paul Wesner**, is spending a fortnight with us, getting to know our parish, and helping us with different projects. Paul has completed his first year at Most Holy Trinity in Florida. **Bishop Sanborn** is expecting several more new seminarians for the start of the school year in mid September.

Our two African seminarians, one starting, one finishing his studies, keep the already very occupied **Fr. Nkamuke** very busy indeed. Father is spending two months at each of his main missions, busy with the standard work of a priest today, as well as missionary endeavors. He recently received a request from enthusiastic Catholics in the southern state of Endo. Please do remember Abraham's Burse, and Father's many needs. Postage is terrifically expensive, but we have recently sent four packages with much-needed sacramentals and altar supplies. Thanks for your help.

Thursday's cool rains made it miserably humid in church for the Transfiguration, but we prayed away anyway, High Mass and Holy Hour and more. The weather seemed to prefigure the coming Fall, even though Summer is back again now. Somehow the cats always sense the coming cold during otherwise warm August, and seek out a good hiding place to spend the night. The trouble is that their night does not correspond with ours, and Puccini will be rested and ready for the hunt by 2 or 3 AM, meowing and scratching up a storm outside **Fr. Cekada's** door. The other evening he hid under Father's recliner, and could have ended up as a squashed cat, had not Fr. Cekada been on the hunt for him.

Caravaggio has developed into something of a music critic of late. That is to say he is critical of all music. Fr.

Cekada likes to play his in the evening as well as generally offering me some improving anecdotes from a Bach biography he is working his way through. Well, the cat slept through the factoids, but when our erstwhile organist hit play on his WIKKI music for a French Romantic piece, Caravaggio got up with an annoyed look and went to accost Fr. Cekada with a single but very intense meow, and stared at him until the racket ceased, and he could resume his nap. Such a Catholic cat. If he went to Mass (but he can't stand crowds) I'm sure he'd go to the 7:30.

I happened across last year's Bishop's Corner, with its tale of the over seasoned casserole, the top having fallen off the cayenne pepper shaker. I ended up driving Fr. Cekada (but *not* the Africans, who like it spicy) off to Taco Bell. This year he drove *me* to Taco Bell, for I had another First Monday casserole mishap on Thursday. I had a big pot of it, doctored up with extra vegetables, old wine and some interesting looking soup, and finished with just enough time to get over to church to light the candles for Exposition. **Fr. Lehtoranta** had preset the oven for me...all systems were go, but no! I must have been thinking about candles instead, for I absentmindedly put the casserole in the microwave, rather than the oven. After Benediction, Fr. Lehtoranta announced the sad news. It was now 7 PM and the pot was cold, so we scurried off "south of the border" for tacos both hard and soft.

Last weekend I had a good Milwaukee visit, and enjoyed an excellent dinner with a fine farm family, every bit of it organic and raised by themselves. It was really neat. I thought how much Darlene would have appreciated it as well.

Well, God bless our cats, and God bless our Catholics, organic and not. Now come, let us bless Our Lord in return!

Yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

—**Bishop Dolan**

The Brown Scapular is a powerful weapon against Satan and can help us along the road to holiness, but it is not "magic" and if we refuse to lead a life divorced from sin, the Scapular will not be found on us when we die.

We must *devoutly* wear it, and choose to serve God and the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Brown Scapular can *strengthen* our spiritual life and help us in our time of greatest need.



✠ CALLING ALL CATHOLICS TO THE FEAST! ✠



Join us for three days of special celebration to honor Our Lady's oldest feast, the Assumption.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH

5:45 PM Votive Low Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
7:15 PM Our Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace

*Our Lady of Fatima implores us to pray the Rosary. The Most Holy Rosary is the KEY to our salvation. Please join us to pray for our Families, Church, and Country.
(Starting in the First Watch parking lot, corner of Union Centre Blvd. and Floer Dr.)*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH, THE VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION

8:00 AM Low Mass of the Vigil, and the opening of the Assumption Novena
4:30 PM Confessions and Rosary
5:00 PM High Mass of the Vigil offered in the side chapel, followed by Assumption & Sacred Heart Novenas
6:00 PM First Vespers of the Assumption



SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH, THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

6:30 & 7:30 AM Low Masses
8:30 AM Confessions
8:45 AM Rosary at the Grotto, followed by blessing of First Fruits, and Procession to Church.
9:00 AM Pontifical High Mass of the Assumption
5:00 PM Closing Vespers

Bring the whole family to the Lourdes Grotto (and your First Fruits: flowers, herbs, fruits, and vegetables) at 8:45 AM. The Rosary will be prayed, followed by the blessing of the First Fruits. Bring a basket from your garden! The children will then carry blessed flowers, and lead the procession of the faithful into church for Holy Mass. Representing the angels, the children will fill Mary's tomb with flowers.

*Early morning Low Mass, especially for workers: no sermon! 6:30 AM
And another Low Mass at 7:30 AM*



¶ THURSDAY: ROSARY PROCESSION

The August Fatima Rosary Procession takes place Thursday the 13th. We meet just a few minutes from church, at Union Centre Blvd. and Floer Drive in the parking lot of the First Watch restaurant. The procession starts promptly at 7:15 PM. *(In the event of rain, the Rosary will be prayed in church.)* Will this month of Mary's Immaculate Heart be the month **you** join in the Rosary Procession in her honor?

"OH! How easily we could win Heaven day by day just by doing what we have to do - but by doing it for God!..." — St. John Vianney

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

Our Summer Novena to St. Anthony and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, continues every Tuesday, after 8 AM and 5 PM Masses.

"God is displeased at the diffidence of souls who love Him sincerely and whom He Himself loves." — St. Alphonsus Liguori



"Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the Angels, the Saints - they are your public." — St. John Vianney

PRAYER

At sunset hour the cloistered nun
A golden web of prayer has spun.
Sweet, saintly face—her lips but
move,
The power of simple prayer to
prove;
A solemn vow, on bended knee,
Can set the soul of mortal free.

—Marguerite Gibson

"This is Faith: When we speak to God as a fellow man."

— St. John Vianney



DOUBTERS

Unto one who questioned,
Proof was not denied:
"Thomas, here are nail-prints;
Behold—My side."

Sometimes the others would wonder

Whether the vision was true.
But one was always certain—
Thomas knew.

—Catherine Cate Coblentz



SUFFICE TO SAY, the Brown Scapular is a powerful aid to those who devoutly wear it and call

upon Our Lady's help in time of need. There are numerous stories that attest to the miraculous nature of the Brown Scapular. In particular, there is **one story that show how much Satan hates the Brown Scapular:**

"You will understand why the devil works against those who promote the Scapular when you hear the story of Venerable Francis Ypes. One day his Scapular fell off. As he replaced it, the devil howled, **"Take off the habit which snatches so many souls from us!"** Then and there Francis made the devil admit that there are three things which the demons are most afraid of: **the Holy Name of Jesus, the Holy Name of Mary, and the Holy Scapular of Carmel.** To that list we could add: the Holy Rosary."

MOTHERS, DO NOT DESPAIR

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3) Take time for quiet prayer outside of Mass

Finding time for prayer while parenting a toddler is difficult, but fortunately they need more sleep than we do. Taking even 10 minutes a day to focus on quiet, mental prayer, will bring you closer to God and make it easier to pray when you are not in quiet solitude. Prayer books like St. Francis de Sales' *Introduction to the Devout Life* are a good way to learn how to develop a simple and focused life of prayer. There are so many good books and articles. Try a few!

The more you pray outside of your weekly obligation of church, the better, and less frustrating, praying at Mass will be. Get the children focused for Sunday Mass by daily Rosary, and by talking it up.



4) Participation does not mean the same thing for everybody

As a parent of a toddler, you quickly realize that the way you are to participate in Mass is much different than the way people with no or grown kids are to participate. You may not always get to stand when everyone else stands, you may be standing and pacing when everyone else is sitting or kneeling, or you may spend huge chunks of Mass outside the church doors or in the bathroom, keeping your child from disrupting all of Mass.

What matters is that you are still there. The Lord knows that you are there and that you are trying. He also knows why you are not always in the pew in deep, contemplative prayer. He gave you this toddler, and He knows.

(To be continued)

MON	8/10/15	ST. LAWRENCE, M <i>ST. PHILOMENA TRIDUUM II</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Fr. Lehtoranta
	5:45 PM	High Mass In honor of St. Lawrence for Anthony Chapulin (<i>Katie West</i>)
TUE	8/11/15	STS. TIBURTIUS, M & SUSANNA, VM <i>ST. PHILOMENA, VM</i> <i>ST. PHILOMENA TRIDUUM III</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For all whose names are on the altar
	8:30 AM	Summer Novena IX, St. Philomena Triduum
	5:00 PM	Low Mass In honor of St. Philomena for †Janice West & †Patrick H. Omlor (<i>P.J. & A.M. Omlor</i>)
	5:30 PM	Summer Novena IX
WED	8/12/15	ST. CLARE, V
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Roman Wise (<i>J.M.</i>) (from 8.9)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Roman & Colette Schoech (<i>Samantha</i>)
THU	8/13/15	STS. HIPPOLYTUS & CASSIAN, MM <i>ST. JOHN BERCHMANS, C</i> <i>OUR LADY REFUGE OF SINNERS</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Ken Schroepfer (<i>Theresa Schroepfer</i>)
	5:45 PM	Votive Low Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Barnabas Current & Family (<i>Samantha</i>)
	7:15 PM	Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace
FRI	8/14/15	VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION ST. EUSEBIUS, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Special Intention (<i>Kathleen Mary West</i>)
		Opening of Assumption Novena
	4:30 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:00 PM	High Mass Maria Ladd & Poor Souls (<i>Frances Mattingly</i>)
	5:30 PM	Opening of Assumption Novena; Sacred Heart Novena (no Benediction)
	6:00 PM	First Vespers of the Assumption
SAT	8/15/15	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY HOLY DAY
	6:30 AM	Workers' Mass – no sermon Rev. Charles McGuire (<i>A grateful soul</i>)
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Mary Safrey (<i>Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock</i>)
	8:30 AM	Confessions
	8:45 AM	Rosary at the Grotto, Blessing of Fruits & Flowers, Procession
	9:00 AM	Pontifical High Mass of the Assumption For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	5:00 PM	Closing Vespers
SUN	8/16/15	ST. JOACHIM, FATHER OF OUR LADY PENTECOST XII <i>ST. ROCH, C</i>
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Happy Mother's Day Mom (<i>The Brueggemann kids</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kramer (with gratitude) (<i>Rich VanderRyt</i>)
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Jesse, Ryan, & Dakota (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

The 3 Conditions for Mortal Sin

- Grave matter
- Full knowledge
- Deliberate consent



Note: from the Catechism of St. Pius X, "The Main Kinds of Sin," Question 9-10:

Q: What injury does mortal sin do to the soul?

A: (1) Mortal sin deprives the soul of grace and the friendship of God; (2) It makes it lose Heaven; (3) It deprives it of merits already acquired, and renders it incapable of acquiring new merits; (4) It makes it the slave of the devil; (5) It makes it deserve hell as well as the chastisements of this life.

Q: Besides grave matter, what is required to constitute mortal sin?

A: To constitute a mortal sin, besides grave matter there is also required full consciousness of the gravity of the matter, along with the deliberate will to commit the sin.

I Desire Mercy

He made Himself poor that we might be able to give Him love. He holds out His hand to us like a *beggar* so that on the radiant day of judgment when He will appear in His glory, He may have us hear those sweet words: "Come blessed of My Father, for I was hungry, and you gave Me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me to drink; I did not know where to lodge, and you gave Me a home. I was in prison, sick, and you helped Me" [see Matt 25:34-36]. It is Jesus Himself Who spoke these words; it is He Who wants our love, Who *begs* for it... He places Himself, so to speak, at our mercy, He does not want to take anything unless we give it to Him, and the smallest thing is precious in His divine eyes.

St. Therese of Lisieux, Letter 145

Servers

SAT 08/15	6:30 AM LOW: T.G. Simpson 7:30 AM LOW: P. Wesner, J. Murray 9:00 AM PONT: MCS: R. VanderRyt, T. Simpson ACS: A. Richesson, N. McClorey TH: J. Simpson CROSS: S. Arlinghaus MITRE: J. Lacy CROZIER: M. Simpson BUGIA: L. Arlinghaus BOOK: B. Lotarski TRAIN: C. Richesson TORCH: T. Lawrence, D. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus, P. & N. McClorey, A. Soli
SUN 08/16	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T. & J. Simpson TH: P. Omlor ACS: C. Richesson, M. Simpson TORCH: T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus, D. Simpson MC: B. Lotarski 11:30 AM LOW: Nicholas McClorey, Peter McClorey 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, J. Murray 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller