

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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Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

June 3, 2018
SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

¶ CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. First Holy Communion takes place during the High Mass, with the annual outdoor Procession of the Blessed Sacrament following. The second collection today is for the support of our seminary. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after the procession.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues all morning. Plan to make a visit! Exposition and Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by the final Benediction of the day. Sunday classes are finished for the season.

¶ THIS WEEK...

...continues the Octave of Corpus Christi. The great privilege of Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed and Benediction is ours each day: 11:25 AM Monday through Thursday. Friday is the Sacred Heart (8 & 11:25 AM, 5:45 PM). Come and renew your family consecration by a devout Communion. This "week of weeks" concludes with the feast of the Queenship of Mary.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SACRED HEART

Next Sunday is the Sunday Within the Octave of the Sacred Heart. Vespers with Sacred Heart Devotions will be at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.



📖 *Set Your Missal:* Sunday within the Octave of the Sacred Heart, with commemorations of Pentecost III and St. Margaret. Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost III. Preface of the Sacred Heart.

REGISTRATION
FOR THE 2018 YAG

ENDS

TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY!

SIGN UP AT
YAGINCINCY.ORG
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 YAG: June 22-24. For more information and to register, please visit yagincincy.org.

St. John's Eve Potluck & Bonfire: Saturday, June 23.

Girls' Camp: June 27-29

Boys' Camp: July 24-26

Collection Report

Sunday, May 27th.....\$4,271.00
Thank you for your generosity.

¶ SUMMER MODESTY

Summer is here and the temperature is high, but modesty does not take a break, and neither does our dress code. *Ladies and girls*, please remember Mary-like modesty: dresses and skirts must be below the knee, and no sleeveless, "cap" sleeved, sheer, or revealing tops are to be worn in church at any time. Your head must be covered.



Men and boys must wear a coat and tie to Sunday and Holy Day Mass. Our church is kept cool so that you can easily follow this common sense dress code, which reflects the basic rules of Catholic modesty, fraternal charity, and the reverence and respect that is due to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and to His day.

¶ IN HONOR OF ST. ANTHONY

A fine vestment for St. Anthony has recently been purchased. It will be used for his feast day and his Thirteen Tuesdays throughout the summer,



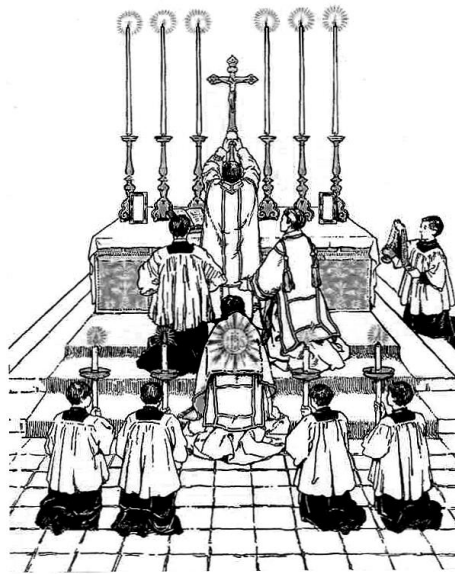
liturgical color permitting. It occurs to me that someone may wish to donate towards the cost of the vestment, in whole or in part, perhaps in memory of a loved one. The offering is \$400. Let us know.

The Church would seem to have been divinely inspired in choosing for the Gospel of this Sunday the parable of the "Great Supper;" and that, many centuries before the establishment of the festival of Corpus Christi. For, although its primary signification is generally interpreted as the banquet of eternal joys in heaven, many of the Fathers see in it a secondary reference to the Church's supreme banquet of the Holy Eucharist. It is spread for all; its guests need not the recommendation of noble birth or prominent social rank to make them welcome, but merely the loving invitation of the Divine Master of the house to partake of the Heavenly Bread prepared for the children of men. So desirous is He of feeding His faithful children with this Bread that He is not satisfied with inviting them to the Banquet, but will even "compel them to come in." "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you," says Our Lord; and His Church is but echoing His words when she commands her children, under the pain of sin, to approach the Divine Banquet at least once in each year.



HOLY COMMUNION:
OUR PROTECTOR

The eminent means of protection from our spiritual enemies supplied by our loving Father is surely that Bread from Heaven "containing in itself all sweetness;" that "Bread of the strong," which fills us with such power that, as St. Chrysostom says, we leave the Holy Table "like lions breathing fire,"—an object of terror to the demons. In that Holy Eucharist Our Lord is truly a "support," a "refuge," a "deliverer."



Kindling wood...for the altar

The Mass is a grouping together around the priest—man's representative before God, and God's representative before men. Once a young man who might have become a mechanic, an engineer, and a family man; he renounced all this that he might serve Christians... Do I respect the priest?... Do I have a just concept of the sacrifices he has made in order to stand there, in my name, at the altar?



"O Good Shepherd, true Bread! Jesus, have mercy on us! Feed us; defend us,"—thus does St. Thomas pray in his beautiful Sequence, Lauda Sion, sung in the Mass of Corpus Christi.

*O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine!
All praise and all thanksgiving be
every moment Thine.
Praise and adoration ever more be
given to the most holy Sacrament.*

HOLY COMMUNION

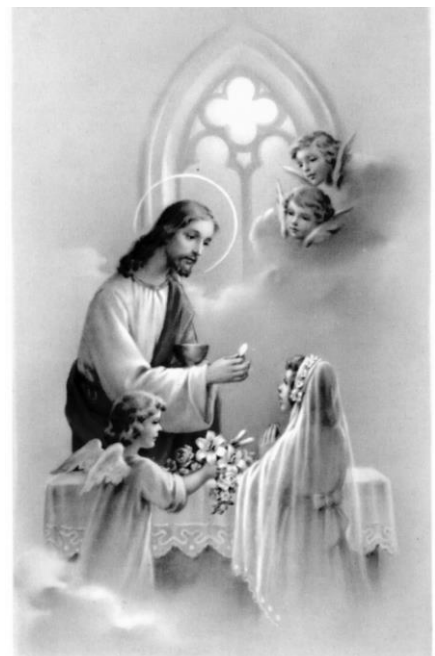
Of all the myriad moments of my life
That run so swiftly through the mind
of me—
Moments of joy and grief, of fear and
strife—
One stands out poised against eterni-
ty!

A solitary star, when storm impends
It is; and it is that thrice-welcome sun
That ploughs the sea when the black
tempest ends—
For then the Lamb of God comes; and
as one—

Creator joined to the Creature—for
the space
Of one illimitable instant I
Can hear His beating Heart, and feel
His Face
Pressed close to mine—can catch His
pleading cry

For love—more love between us; and
I know
This moment vaster is than are the
spheres
That whirl in time and build time's
counter-flow—
O moment mightier than a million
years!

- J. Corson Miller



This has been quite a week. Trinity Sunday's solemn splendor was followed by Memorial Day's sorrows and joys and parties. Congratulations to all. Corpus Christi's Eucharistic adoration, the Divine Office and Solemn Mass, allowed us to observe together as priests and faithful the Sacrament which we rightly name "Blessed." We are now in the blessed days of the Monstrance and Benediction. Others came for First Friday or during the night. We usually get just enough.

Today's grand celebration before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed has its highpoint in First Holy Communion. Jesus abides with us "all days" chiefly so that He may go to the Father in Sacrifice and to the children as Nourishment. But, wonder of wonders, He abides with us day and night in the tabernacle. No wonder we break forth from the church today in solemn procession to express our joy, and give jubilant thanks.

Weather permitting, of course. Rain comes most days anymore. Good for the roses, anyway. But the weeds... Thanks, *many* thanks to our volunteer gardeners who came, are coming, and may yet come to keep beautiful the grounds of your church, with its many shrines. Take a stroll.

Ever since April, the hot afternoons overwhelm our air conditioning easily, despite three new units installed the last year or two. It's a fiery furnace by Vesper time. What went wrong? Mystery. The man was on the roof checking the other day. But it looks as if it will be another long, hot summer in the Lord's service.

Thanks are in order this First Communion Day to our Sisters and their catechism teachers for another successful year. We must say the same for the ladies *and men* (thank you for your persistence, **Fr. Cekada**) of the choir. What beautiful music is offered up each Sunday for God's Glory and our great edification.

The good men of the Schola were out in force and sounding strong last Sunday for High Mass *and* Vespers. The Schola sings through Summer, and we are grateful. I am grateful to the 9 o'clock faithful who traditionally sing the High Mass during the Summer months. This enables us to continue to solemnize, as we should, the chief Mass of the week, and you and your children to learn and sing the Church's own music, Gregorian Chant, as well as so many of our beloved hymns. Who sings, prays twice.

Our webcast school High Masses conclude this week with the great feast of the Sacred Heart. But first the full Octave of Corpus Christi continues with daily

Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, and Benediction. We exhaust ourselves in adoration these days, like melted wax or burnt out coal. We ask only for a handful to help, but it sure would be fine to have a churchfull during these special holy weeks we call octaves.

Parents, don't forget the fine tradition of bringing your First Communion children back one day this week to make their Second Communion. What touching thanks this would be. You could even dress them in their white again, one last time.

I wish to thank as well our teachers for another fine school year at St. Gertrude the Great. We don't pay our teachers much, can't afford to. They're almost volunteer! But what a service they render. God reward them. He will.

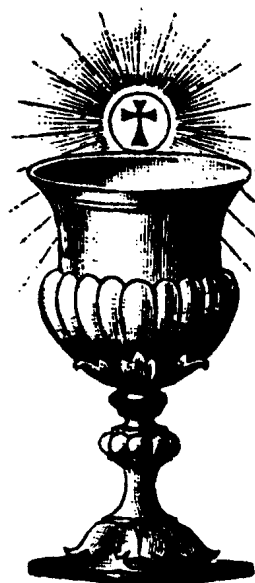
Fr. Cekada travels tomorrow to the seminary for his last teaching week. Volunteer, of course. But pretty good teaching. Vocations are our most precious commodity, and anything you do to foster them is rewarded, sometimes even before our eyes. We hope to have new **Fr. Dutertre** here for a "First Mass" this summer.

The **McFathers** are off to the missions for Corpus Christi Sunday. First Communions for Milwaukee today as well, and a procession. **Fr. Lehtoranta**, whose knees seem to be holding out, is offering most of the Exposition Masses this Octave, as he finishes up his teaching year.

There, that's a bit of a news roundup. Come round some time this week and help us pray. OK?

May the Sacred Heart *draw* you.

- Bishop Dolan



*Congratulations to our
First Communicants:*

Dean Duckworth
David England
Matthew Schenider
Oliver Uhlenbrock
Anastasia Brueggemann
Abigail Fulton
Hailey Kamphaus
Audrey Mann
Mirabelle Manzardo
Elena Schneider

THANKS TO OUR MUSICIANS

This Sunday is the final one of our 2017–2018 choir season and is a good occasion to thank our church musicians for all their efforts to render glory to God in worship at St. Gertrude the Great.

We are grateful to our Gregorian men's schola, which sings the chants of the Propers each Sunday, and to our Friday night choir, both under the direction of Mr. Charles Simpson. Under his direction, the schola has developed so well that it is now able to sing even the more difficult chants of the Gregorian repertory with ease.

We are likewise grateful to our children's weekday chant choir, and to our Sunday adult choir, both under the direction of Mrs. Joan Lotarski.

Our Sunday adult choir, as we never tire of pointing out, is a group of quick learners, and this has been the case once again over the past nine months. We had two new altos and four new baritones join us last September. This made it necessary to teach them motets and Masses that were already in our repertory, and the results were amazing. They learned:

- Sixty-two motets out of 100 in the repertory.
- Sixteen Latin hymns out of 29 in the repertory.
- Nine Mass Ordinaries out of 19 in the repertory.
- Nine Creed settings out of 11 in the repertory.
- Five Asperges/Vidi Aquam settings out of 8 in the repertory.

We were also very pleased to premiere two works composed by our organist, Andrew Richesson, the *Mass of St. Gregory the Great*, and the motet *Verbum Caro Factum Est*. Both are impressive compositions that reflect not only the highest musical standards, but also the best traditions of truly Catholic sacred

music. We congratulate Andrew on his compositional skills, and our choir on its dedication to learning these challenging works so well.

May God bless our musicians for adding so much each week to His glory!

- Fr. Cekada



¶ HE WHO SINGS...PRAYS TWICE!

Next Sunday we begin our Summer schedule. The choir takes a well-deserved break, and the faithful are asked to help sing the Sunday High Mass. The men's Schola will continue to sing the Propers, and the congregation are kindly asked to sing the Ordinary (the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei). This is an excellent way for you and your children to become familiar with the Church's beautiful Gregorian chant!

¶ INTENTIONS

Now is a good time to give in Mass Intentions.

ARE YOUR GIRLS COMING TO
GIRLS' CAMP?

Please let us know!

Call or email the church office
with their names.

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PRAYER TO SACRED HEART IN THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

How great, O my Jesus, is Thy excessive charity! Thou hast prepared for me Thy most precious Body and Blood as a divine banquet, wherein Thou givest me Thyself without reserve. What hath urged Thee to this excess of love? Nothing but Thy own most loving Heart. O adorable Heart of my Jesus, furnace of divine love, receive my soul into the wounds of Thy most Sacred Passion, that in this school of charity I may learn to make a return of love to that God Who has given me such wonderful proofs of His love.



MY LITTLE LIGHT

Upon Thine altar let me be
A little candle white,
Lit with a flame of purest love
And burning day and night;
And when cold, dreary days shall
come,
Keep me, O Lord, the same!
Protect me from the bitter winds,
Lest they should quench my flame.

And if, dear God, my little light
Makes one sad heart less drear,
By teaching through its constant
flame

That Thou art always here,
I care not when I shall be spent,
And death shall have its gain;
It is enough to know, dear God,
I have not lived in vain.

- George H. Arnold

CHRIST'S POWER & THE BREAD

Sometimes Christ comes with such great majesty that no one could doubt that it is the Lord Himself. Especially after receiving Communion—for we know that He is present, since our faith tell us this—He reveals Himself as so much the Lord of this dwelling that it seems the soul is completely dissolved; and it sees itself consumed in Christ. O my Jesus! Who could make known the majesty with which You reveal Yourself! And, Lord of all the world and of the heavens, of a thousand other worlds and of numberless worlds, and of the heavens that You might create, how the soul understands by the majesty with which You reveal Yourself that it is nothing for You to be Lord of the world!

In this vision the powerlessness of the devils in comparison with Your power is clearly seen, my Jesus; and it is seen how whoever is pleasing to You can trample all hell underfoot. In this vision the reason is seen why the devils feared when You descended into limbo and why they would have preferred to be in another thousand lower hells in order to flee from such great majesty. I see that You want the soul to know how tremendous this majesty is and the power that this most sacred humanity joined with the divinity has.

- St. Teresa of Avila

PRAYER FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE
PIOUS CUSTOM OF DAILY COMMUNION

O Sweet Jesus, Who didst come into the world to give to all souls the life of Thy grace, and Who, to preserve and nourish in them this life, has wished to be their daily food and the daily remedy of their daily weaknesses, we humbly supplicate Thee, by Thy Heart so inflamed with love for us, to shed upon all souls Thy divine Spirit, that they who, unhappily, are in mortal sin may be converted to Thee and recover the life of grace that they have lost, and that they who, by Thy help, already live this divine life, may devoutly approach Thy Holy Table every day that they can; so that by means of daily communion, receiving daily the antidote of their daily venial sins, and feeding daily the life of Thy grace inside their soul, and thus purifying themselves always more and more, they may, at last, arrive at the possession of the life of beatitude with Thee. Amen.

300 days once a day

PRAYER TO BLESSED PETER JULIAN EY-
MARD

O Blessed Peter Julian, who didst receive the great privilege of so perfectly knowing what treasures are ours in the Most Blessed Sacrament, of being all afire with seraphic love for It, and of consecrating unto It thy untiring zeal that It might be perpetually adored and glorified by all mankind, we beg of thee to obtain for us the spiritual and the temporal favors of which we stand in need.

Obtain for us particularly to become, in imitation of thee, faithful adorers in spirit and in truth of the Most Blessed Sacrament, while tending ever more towards the acquiring of Christian virtue, above all, of sincere humility. Thus we hope to live that life of union with Our Lord which was the aim of thy constant zeal, as it is the principal effect of Holy Communion in our souls.

Finally, O Blessed Peter Julian, obtain for us thy own filial devotion towards Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, that we may learn from that dear Divine Mother how to serve and adore on earth Our Savior hidden in His Sacrament, and thus come to adore and glorify Him unveiled in Heaven. Amen.



✠ CALENDAR

MON	6/4/18	WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST. FRANCIS CARACCILOLO, C 11:25 AM Exposition, High Mass Poor Souls Most in Need (Mary Beth Grumblatt) Benediction
TUE	6/5/18	WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST. BONIFACE, BPM 8:00 AM Low Mass For my children, Frank & Elaine 11:25 AM Exposition, High Mass †Jane B. Donadio (Dave & Becky DeChristofaro) Benediction 5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention – Deceased (Cora Arlinghaus)
WED	6/6/18	WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST. NORBERT, BPC 8:00 AM Low Mass †Julia & †Alphonso Puglielli (Paul Puglielli) 11:25 AM Exposition, High Mass †Thomas Pomaville (Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski & family) Benediction 5:00 PM Low Mass My special intentions (Rich VandeRyt)
THU	6/7/18	OCTAVE DAY OF CORPUS CHRISTI FIRST THURSDAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Patrick Gill 11:25 AM Exposition, High Mass For the sanctification of priests (Alter Christus Confraternity) Benediction 5:00 PM Low Mass †Dorothy Deno (Doloris Ritze) 5:50 PM First Vespers of the Sacred Heart
FRI	6/8/18	SACRED HEART OF JESUS 8:00 AM Low Mass St. Joseph for employment–Special Intention 10:55 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass †Sharon Patton (St. Gertrude the Great School) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Relief of all Holy Souls 6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
SAT	6/9/18	QUEENSHIP OF MARY SS. PRIMUS & FELICIAN, MM OUR LADY MOTHER OF GRACE MOST PURE HEART OF MARY 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Howard C. Soli (Jim Soli) 8:05 AM Salve & Sermon 8:15 AM High Mass Special Intention (Jacinta Simpson)
SUN	6/10/18	SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE SACRED HEART PENTECOST III ST. MARGARET, W 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Jan Becker (Patsy McConnell) 9:00 AM High Mass For graduates Katia, Leo, Sam, Veronica (Kirby & Jean Bischel) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass My special intentions (Rich VandeRyt) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

CORPUS CHRISTI

Along the narrow street the slow procession went,
Beneath the shade of stately houses garlanded
With flowers. The kneeling multitude bowed low
their heads

In silent adoration. In the calm June air
The children's singing took a softer, mellower tone,
As of a far-off song at dreamy eventide.
And from the swaying censers there went forth dense
clouds

Of fragrant incense; and from many silent hearts
There went the sweeter incense of adoring prayer.
The Savior who delights to be with men went forth
That day among His people. In the open square,
Around a wooden altar rudely carved, they knelt,
That He might bless them there. They knelt, some in
the glow

And sunshine of life's early morn, some in the chill
And shadow of its eve. But they who knelt were all
His children, and with loving Heart He blessed them
all.

- Rev. Martin Carroll



*O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament,
have mercy on us!*

SERVERS

SUN 6/10 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: P. Omlor, J. Lacy TH: T. Lawrence ACs: C. Arlinghaus, D. Simpson TORCH: J. & C. Mourer, J. Stewart, A. McClorey
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, B. Lotarski
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller