

# 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. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann

## August 13, 2023

### PENTECOST XI • SS. HIPPOLYTUS & CASSIAN, MM

#### ST. JOHN BERCHMANS, C • OUR LADY REFUGE OF SINNERS

#### ¶ PENTECOST XI

Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM. The Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace takes place at 7:15 PM, beginning in the First Watch parking lot in Union Center.

#### ¶ THE ASSUMPTION

**Tuesday** is the beautiful summer feast of Our Blessed Mother, the Assumption. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. The **7:00 AM** Mass is the Workers' Mass, with no sermon, but if you'd like to stay for the Summer Novena (to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony) it will follow the Mass.

The main Mass of the day is the **9:00 AM Pontifical**. At 8:45, in church, the Summer Novena will be prayed, and then we join the servers, clergy, and choir in processing to the Grotto for the traditional blessing of the First Fruits. Bring some produce, herbs, and flowers from your garden. Bring your children, who represent the angels who filled the sepulchre of Our Lady with beautiful flowers. This procession leads us back into church for the High Mass.

**Vespers** are sung at **4:30**, and then the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for the Rosary. Benediction is at 5:30. The final Summer Novena of the day is prayed after Mass.

#### ¶ GAME NIGHT

Don't miss the Game Night this Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:45 PM Mass. Bring your appetite and a favorite game!



#### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Vespers and Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XII, second collect of St. Bernard, third Within the Octave of the Assumption. Trinity Preface.

#### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Jane Fitzgibbon, Sue Kurtz, Tim Ginardi, and Therese & Tony Lamb.

#### ¶ LOOK AHEAD

**First day of school:** Sept. 6  
**Nativity of Mary, Children's Party:** Friday, September 8

**Oblates' Final Oblation:** Sept. 12

**Parish Picnic:** Sunday, Sept. 17

**Fall Festival:** Sunday, Sept. 24

**Rosary Sunday:** October 1

#### ¶ ADOPT A STATION!

A few of the outdoor Stations have been adopted for care. Our thanks to these generous volunteers. If you would like to adopt a Station or two, please let us know. The following Stations are still available:

- 1: Jesus is condemned to death
- 2: Jesus takes up His Cross
- 3: Jesus falls the first time
- 7: Jesus falls the second time
- 8: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
- 9: Jesus falls the third time
- 10: Jesus is stripped of His garments
- 13: Jesus is taken down from the Cross

### CONGRATULATIONS



to Joseph & Gabrielle  
Vines on their wedding,  
which took place on Saturday,  
August 12, 2023.

### Lumen Christi

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

**Cox Family**  
(Gina Accorsi)

Fr. Lehtoranta's article on the **Correct Use of Conditional Baptism** can be found on his website:

<https://www.fatherlehtoranta.com/post/the-correct-use-of-conditional-baptism>

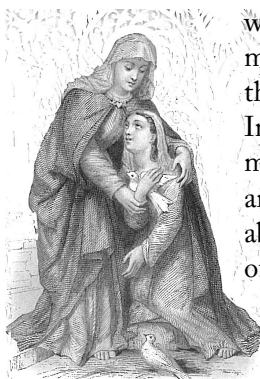
**THE GRACE TO OVERCOME OUR GRIEF**

You must be prepared for moments of darkness, anguish, uncertainty, fear, sometimes very insistent temptations, and sufferings of the body and of the soul—that are a hundred times more severe. In fact, if there were nothing to bear, for what would you go to heaven? Without struggle victory would be impossible and without victory there can be no crown, there can be no reward. Therefore, from now on be prepared for anything. However, we must not be afraid of anything, because we *can* and we must *win*. But how? Here is how: by not trusting ourselves in any way and by offering all of ourselves, all the temptations, and our difficulties to the Immaculata, surely we will always be victorious.... The Immaculata cannot abandon her children....

Serving the Immaculata with fidelity, we can give the best service to our family. In fact, is she not able to help our families incomparably better than we can ourselves? Let us entrust to her all those close to our hearts, and she, the best among mothers, will help them in the best way possible.

Imagine how we will be happy on our deathbed, when we can say with all sincerity: "Oh Immaculata, for your mercy I consecrated all my life to you, I worked for you, for you I suffered, and now I die for you. I am yours!" What peace, what serene joy will fill our hearts in the hope of seeing her soon....

I finish here—because I have



written too much—wishing that you love the Immaculata so much that you are no longer able to live without her.

—Fr. Maximilian Kolbe



**GOING FISHING**

Great minds have often found relaxation in the most trifling occupations. It is a rule of some of the old religious Orders that severe study must not be pursued more than three hours at a time, and must then give way to recreation. Spinosa took relaxation in watching the movements of spiders, and used to laugh heartily at their antics. Socrates, the wise old philosopher, was fond of playing with children. "Continuity of labor deadens the soul," says Seneca. Some of the greatest achievements of genius would have been lost to the world if their authors had not been fond of stopping work and "going fishing," as they called play. Have you "gone fishing" yet this summer?



**Collection Report**

Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> .....\$8,311.00  
 Second Collection.....\$2,189.00  
 Alter Christus.....\$950.00  
 Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

**MATER AMABILIS**

Have you e'er on cloudy night  
 Seen the moonbeams breaking  
 Thro' the veil, with silver light  
 Day of darkness making?  
 Have you from your clouded soul  
 Felt the shades of sorrow roll?  
 Has a ray of brightness come  
 O'er your soul's dejection?  
 Mary's smile lit up her home,  
 Earth, its faint reflection.

Mother Mary, we turn to thee,  
 O let us, let us, then, thy children be!

Ah! that smile makes heav'n rejoice,  
 Eyes of saints to glisten,  
 Even angels at her voice  
 Hush their harps to listen;  
 And the light of Mary's eyes  
 Adds a bliss to paradise:  
 Keep your joys, O ye unseen,  
 We would wish no other;  
 Angels! you may call her "Queen,"  
 You cannot call her "Mother."

Christian! tho' your storm-tost bark  
 On the sea still linger,  
 Can you call the way too dark  
 Shown by Mary's finger?  
 Timid soul, where'er you are,  
 She will be your guiding Star.  
 In her presence nothing harms,  
 Tempest may not smother;  
 Throw yourself into her arms,  
 Can you doubt your Mother?

At the gate, on reaching home,  
 You will find her standing,  
 She will be the first to come  
 And greet you on your landing.  
 At our dreary exile's end,  
 Mother, o'er our pillow bend,  
 Show us, in our dying breath,  
 Him we call our Brother,  
 In our life and in our death  
 Be to us a Mother!

— Sr. Mary Xavier Partridge



I was recollecting with **Fr. McKenna** just a few days ago how this year has really flown by so very quickly. The beautiful feast of Our Lady's Assumption is fast upon us now! So many thoughts fill our minds on this feast. It is the day Our Lady finally gets rest from her life of trials and her separation from her Divine Son, the beginning of an eternity of joys and happiness unheard of this side of heaven. We ought to put aside our travails, congratulate Mary and thank God for giving her a blissful eternity. We ought to spend the day thinking of the homage that Our Lady receives in heaven, and weigh well the things of earth with the eternity of happiness that awaits us if we are faithful to Mary and to her Son's Commandments.

Moving from the sublime to other things, I think a report on the cats is necessary. Fat Cat has recovered from his illness. He has become a loyal companion, despite being very timid around people for years. Black Cat likes to wrestle with him, but I am not sure why because I have never once seen him win a match as he is much smaller than Fat Cat...thus the name! The Sisters' cat has made herself at home and likes to sleep up in the attic during the day. When she arrived here she was in bad shape, sick, underweight, and her fur all matted together. She has grown all of her fur back and is becoming quite plump now.

**Fr. Lehtoranta** recently wrote an article discussing the history of conditional baptism and the theological and sacramental principles governing the use of this baptism. Many hours of research were spent preparing this article. It is quite an interesting read. You are free to take one home with you if you wish, but do not feel obliged to do so. They are available in the vestibule and in the bookstore, free of charge. Father is in Milwaukee through the Holy Day. He doesn't do much traveling these days because he does so much in the school, but it is a good thing for him to get out sometimes for a change of scenery. I hope he gets a little rest on his trip while he is there.

I would like to offer a hearty congratulations to Joseph Vines and Gabrielle Swinney on receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony this past Saturday, the feast of St. Clare. We have done a number of marriages this year here at St. Gertrude's and in the missions, a thing which is most encouraging. We have seen a real uptick in the number of families attending Mass and taking part in all of the devotions which are on offer on an almost daily basis.

It has been two years since I have been able to get away, so I will be going out of town for a little while beginning this Thursday and will be "off the grid," as they

say. The other Fathers will be holding down the fort. Dan Stanislawski, our new school principal, arrives on the 21st and will be meeting with the teachers later that week.



The parents can come in to meet him after the High Mass on Sunday, August 27th.

Don't forget the Fatima Rosary Procession this evening, a good preparation for the feast of the Assumption and a good way to call down Our Lady's help upon this fallen world of ours.

– **Bishop McGuire**

### MEDITATION

It is certain that the Blessed Virgin was not absolutely the firstborn amongst creatures in the order of time, since her actual birth was many ages later than the formation of the world. Yet she is said to be the first, and even to have been created "from the beginning for the world" (Eccles 24:14) because, though she was not first in the execution of the divine decrees, yet she was first in their intention; and, being the highest in rank of all the pure creatures that God's omnipotence was to produce, she was, in a manner, the end of all the rest of His creation. "For her," says St. Bernard, "the whole world was made." Not indeed for her as its final end, for that can be no other than God Himself, but for her as the secondary end of this vast universe, designed by its Creator with this very intention, that it should be subject to her as its Queen.

If anyone is surprised at what I here advance, he shows himself to be little acquainted with the merits of Mary.... For she alone ascended much higher by contemplation than the whole world besides, and never was she known to descend again, by the abuse of any grace bestowed on her, as all others do by sin, and thus depart from the highest good by those same steps, which should have raised them nearer to it. But now that leaving our world, where she spent her life as one unknown, she has ascended her throne in heaven, with far greater homage do all creatures serve her....

....Almighty God has created two worlds: one for man, which is the earth we now inhabit, and the other for Himself, which is the soul of Mary. And this latter, as the more exact copy of the uncreated Idea, served as a kind of original, after which to model the other. If this be allowed, we shall not be inclined to question the truth of another opinion, no less sublime than pious, proposed by St. Bernardine, who does not hesitate to affirm that if Almighty God, after the notorious disobedience of our first parents in the terrestrial paradise, did not immediately destroy the world which He had so lately created, it was in a very special manner for the Blessed Virgin Mary's sake. – *Fr. Paolo Segneri (d. 1694)*

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## ✠ CALENDAR

MON	8/14/23	<b>VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION</b> ST. EUSEBIUS, C <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Roxana Cowan, dying – special intentions ( <i>Ross &amp; Nola Johnson</i> )
TUE	8/15/23	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY</b> <i>HOLY DAY</i> <b>7:00 AM Worker's Mass – no sermon</b> †Philip Delicato ( <i>Keith Elflein</i> ) <b>7:35 AM Summer Novena</b> <b>8:45 AM Summer Novena</b> <b>9:00 AM Procession to Grotto, Blessing of Fruits &amp; Flowers, Procession into Church, Pontifical High Mass</b> Dennis Ackerman – birthday <b>4:30 PM Assumption Vespers, Exposition, Rosary</b> <b>5:30 PM Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> Happy Birthday, Marian ( <i>William Long</i> ) <b>6:45 PM Summer Novena</b> <i>Private</i> <b>Low Mass</b> Roxana Cowan, dying – special intentions ( <i>Ross &amp; Nola Johnson</i> )
WED	8/16/23	<b>ST. JOACHIM, FATHER OF OUR LADY</b> ST. ROCH, C <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Roxana Cowan, dying – special intentions ( <i>Ross &amp; Nola Johnson</i> ) <b>5:10 PM Low Mass</b> †Kathryn St. Denis – anniversary ( <i>Eva Nellenbach</i> )
THU	8/17/23	<b>ST. HYACINTH, C • OCTAVE OF ST. LAWRENCE</b> <b>7:00 AM Low Mass</b> Roxana Cowan, dying – special intentions ( <i>Ross &amp; Nola Johnson</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> “Thou knowest, O Lord!” ( <i>Arlinghauses</i> ) <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> †Richard VandeRyt – 3 years ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Victor Ritze</i> ) (from 3/19)
FRI	8/18/23	<b>WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. AGAPITUS, M</b> <i>ST. HELENA, EMPRESS</i> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Roxana Cowan, dying – special intentions ( <i>Ross &amp; Nola Johnson</i> ) <b>11:05 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> †William Andreotta ( <i>Nathalie Andreotta</i> ) <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> Reparation to the Holy Face ( <i>Collin Smith</i> ) <b>6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
SAT	8/19/23	<b>ST. JOHN EUDES, C • WITHIN THE OCTAVE</b> <b>7:10 AM Confessions</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Roxana Cowan, dying – special intentions ( <i>Ross &amp; Nola Johnson</i> ) <b>8:10 AM Salve &amp; Sermon</b> <b>8:20 AM High Mass</b> Thanksgiving to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary ( <i>Collin Smith</i> )
SUN	8/20/23	<b>PENTECOST XII • ST. BERNARD, ABCD</b> WITHIN THE OCTAVE <b>7:05 AM Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Roxana Cowan, dying – special intentions ( <i>Ross &amp; Nola Johnson</i> )

# FAMILY GAME Night

## This Friday!



Fund Raiser for the **Sodality of CHARITY**

**Don't miss out on all the fun.**

Bring games to share & Learn new games

Game night takes place after the 5:45 Mass *Friday Night*.

**COME HUNGRY-LEAVE HAPPY**

**Pizza and Refreshments For Sale!**

FOR ALL AGES - GOOD SOCIAL EVENT - FAMILY FUN

*God gives a man his consolation to make him stronger for bearing what goes against him; it is followed by temptation to prevent his becoming proud of his good deeds. The devil takes no sleep, and the flesh is not dead yet, so don't stop getting in trim for the fight; you have enemies to left and right of you, and they're always on the watch.*

– *The Imitation of Christ*

### Servers

#### HOLY DAY SERVERS POSTED IN SACRISTY.

FRI 8/18	5:45 PM LOW:	L. & J. Rabjohns
SAT 8/19	7:30 AM LOW:	Brueggemanns
	8:20 AM HIGH:	M. Simpson, Caggesos
SUN 8/20	7:30 AM LOW:	Brueggemanns
	9:00 AM HIGH:	MCS: D. Simpson TH: Seminarian ACs: D. Hudson, T. England TB: B. Constantino, L. Rabjohns, J. Stewart, M. Caggese, M. & N. Kolenich
	11:30 AM LOW:	Capetillos
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:	G. Miller
	5:45 PM LOW:	P. McClorey

9:00 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Conversion of parents ( <i>Collin Smith</i> )
11:05 AM	<b>Rosary</b>
11:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Elizabeth Prell – special intention ( <i>Joseph Prell</i> )
4:45 PM	<b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>
5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great