

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 20, 2023 PENTECOST XII ST. BERNARD, ABCD • WITHIN THE OCTAVE

¶ PENTECOST XII

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

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

Our Thirteen Tuesdays devotion in honor of St. Anthony of Padua, with the novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, coincides this week with the feast of the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. Masses will be at the usual times of 7 and 8 AM, and 5 PM. Come and participate in this powerful devotion.

¶ SUNDAY CATECHISM ENROLLMENTS NEXT SUNDAY!

It is that time again! Registrations for Catechism Classes will be held on Sunday, Aug. 27, and again on Sunday, Sept. 3 in Helfta Hall. Parents, it is of utmost importance that our young ones be fully armed in the rudiments of the Faith. Classes begin September 10.

¶ 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

Collection Report

Sunday, August 13th.....\$4,934.85
Thank you for your generosity.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Vespers and Benediction at 4:45 PM.
📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XIII, second collect of St. Joseph Calasanctius. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Ken Martin, Jane Fitzgibbon, Terry Kopf, and all of the intentions that have been recommended to us.

A TEACHER'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Supreme Educator of souls, I thank You for having called me to this wonderful task of education.

Make me ever more worthy of the confidence shown me by parents, by entrusting to me what is dearest to them in this world—their children!

Teach me to treat these souls with the delicacy and infinite patience of Your Holy Spirit.

Grant me Your light, the better to read hearts; Your perspicacity for discerning Your work and penetrating Your designs; Your mercy, for forgiving and healing; Your wisdom for counseling and directing the young lives entrusted to me.

May my actions be Your actions, my hands, Your hands; my lips, Your lips; my life, Your life; so that nothing may touch these children that is not divine, and that I may not impede Your action in their souls.

Grant me not to deviate in my teaching from the great laws of Your Redemption; never to forget that the one essential is for the Kingdom of Heaven to be preached to every man born into this world, and for it to be transmitted to my students in all its truth and beauty.

And to you, Mary, whom God gave to the Child Jesus as an educator, you to whom men in these recent times have given the beautiful title "Our Lady of the Schools;" obtain for me your docility to the Holy Spirit and your submission to the divine will; so that I may always be able to recognize the Heavenly Father's plans for each of my pupils, and assist them in finding the place destined for them by your Beloved Son in the great task of the world's redemption. Amen.

School begins September 6th!

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The most glorious Virgin loves us with a supremely ardent love, because she loves us with the very same love with which she loves the God-Man, her divine Son Jesus Christ, for she knows that He is our head and we are His members, that we are therefore one with Him, as members are one with their head. She thus considers us her children and loves us in a way, even as her own Son...

Mary's heart is a burning furnace whose flames reach everywhere, generating more fire and warmth of love for us than ever existed in the hearts of all fathers and mothers towards their children, of brothers for brothers, of friends for their friends, in one word, more ardor than ever burned in all the hearts of heaven and of earth.

This love is like a dazzling sun illuminating all things. It lightens the darkness of those who approach its glow; it reveals our faults and weaknesses that we may detest them; it shows us our nothingness and our misery so that we may become humiliated in our own eyes. The glow of Mary's love reveals to us the malice and snares of the enemies of our salvation in order to save us from them; it shows us the illusion and deceit of the folly and conceits of the world, teaching us to despise them; and it manifests to us the marvels of the greatness and goodness of God that we may serve Him with fear and with love.

- St. John Eudes

St. John Eudes (†1680) was largely responsible for initiating and popularizing devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



BENEDICTION

"As sons might come before a parent at night," wrote Cardinal Newman, "so once or twice a week the great Catholic family come before the Eternal Father after the bustle and toil of the day; and He smiles upon them, and sheds upon them the light of His countenance." Such is Benediction—the smile and blessing of God. In the monstrance Jesus Christ is our King, and surely we owe Him allegiance; He is our Father, and we owe Him our gratitude; He is our Friend, and we owe Him our love.

We envy the little children who drew near our Blessed Savior, and who felt the influence of His benediction on their young souls; we think with longing of those privileged followers who stood on Mount Olivet when Jesus Christ blessed the assembled disciples and ascended to His Father; yet whenever we kneel before Him and receive the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, we are blessed by that same God; and to us, as to His Apostles, does He whisper: "Peace be to you!"



THE PERIL

When anger comes to the coast of
our desolate country
And the sky is the color of armor,
We listen, in the silence of the cliffs
and bays as still as steel,
For the cry that terrifies the sentinel.
And if it sound, oh! suddener than
Java dancers
Face us all the swords we fear.
Well, we have arms: we will put
them to trial.

But even as we wait, in hiding, for
the unknown signal,
It is the Bridegroom comes like
lightning where we never looked!
His eyes are angels, armed in smiles
of fire.
His Word puts out the spark of every
other sun
Faster than sunlight ever hid the
cities
Of the fire-crowded universe!
How shall I stand such light, being
dim as my fear?

Rob me, and make me poor enough
to bear my priceless ransom;
Lock me and dower me in the gifts
and jails of tribulation:
Stab me and save me with the five
lights of Your Crucifixion!
And I'll become as strong as wax, as
weak as diamonds,
And read Your speeches deeper than
the sea
And, like the sky, fair!

- Fr. M. Louis, OCSO



Last Sunday was quite the busy Sunday even with four priests, but oh how glorious a day it was! We had the usual four Masses, confessions, Vespers and Benediction, and all the socializing between Masses. I am very thankful to **Fr. Brueggemann** for having agreed to preach. He gave a fine sermon. We capped off the day in the best way possible, with the Fatima Rosary procession. I never did hear how many souls attended, but they were still rolling in even after we started. I do apologize for starting without some of you, but last month's procession ran quite late for some reason and I wanted to make sure to start as scheduled this time around. You know how fast some habits start forming, after all! In any event, it was the perfect ending to a beautiful Sunday!

It was back to work on Monday as Mr. Lotarski and Florence Swinney spent the day planning the upcoming school year. Sr. Eulalia spent the day decorating the church with all the different shrines, even changing the gowns on the Infants, while Fr. Brueggemann did all of my old work setting up for the Pontifical Mass. **Fr. Simpson** was tied up in a multitude of tasks, either helping in the sacristy or doing maintenance work around church. Theresa has been patiently dealing with the usual things that need to be done in a church office, including working on several weeks' worth of Sunday programs and bulletins. She does keep herself busy in the office. I am so very grateful for her work and for all of her patience. We really do have the best group of people working together here at St. Gertrude's. It is a source of great encouragement to me as pastor. Deo gratias!

Tuesday's Holy Day, the Assumption, was everything it should have been. The morning skies were cloudy at first, but the blue was slowly peeking through the gray. I couldn't help but notice how the sun really shone brightly during the blessing of herbs. Something like that always happens around here. It must be a sign that heaven is well pleased. The Pontifical Mass went off without a hitch. Christopher Richesson, one of our trusty MCs, caught me on two mistakes in the vesting and discreetly corrected me on them. He has become a very knowledgeable Master of Ceremonies. That, I believe, is one of the many positive things that comes from being at our school. Exposure to the many ceremonies and the daily High Masses really helps a child to learn about the sacred liturgy.

Fr. Lehtoranta was in Milwaukee this past weekend but returned home after the Assumption. **Fr. Thielen** has really been making terrific strides to

recovering his health and his stamina. He did, however, come down with a nasty cold this week. Other than that he is doing so much better than he was. I am away on vacation for a little bit, but be assured that I am not ever far away from you in my thoughts and certainly not in my prayers. You and your intentions are always remembered in them. Do please remember to pray for me and your priests.

One of the air conditioning units at the rectory gave out last Wednesday and we now have to buy a new one. They are not cheap, by any means. It has lasted since we moved here back in the early 2000s, so I guess that is pretty good considering how they build things nowadays. We are still waiting to get some of the stone work done on the parts of the church where the stones themselves have fallen off or are not secure. After that we are planning to finish the rest of the cloister floor. I am not sure what the hold up is, but I hope the ball starts rolling again soon. The gardens have been taken care of, the trees trimmed, and both the Fatima Shrine and the Lourdes Grotto look quite nice once again. All of the outdoor Stations have been "adopted." Thank you one and all!

I am looking forward to hearing news about the Friday Game Night that went on this week. The last one sounded like so much fun. One of these days I might actually be in town for it and see for myself what an enjoyable evening it is!

The Assumption Octave ends this Tuesday with the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the St. Anthony Novena. Do make an effort to come honor Our Lady and to pray for an end to Communism. In the end, her Immaculate Heart will triumph, but how glorious it will be when we can say that we took the time to honor this heart which has suffered so much for our sake.

– Bishop McGuire



- MON 8/21/23 ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, W**
 WITHIN THE OCTAVE • *OUR LADY OF KNOCK*
8:00 AM Low Mass Roxana Cowan, dying – special intentions (*Ross & Nola Johnson*)
- TUE 8/22/23 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**
 SS. TIMOTHY & COMPANIONS, MM
 SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
7:00 AM Low Mass Roxana Cowan, dying – special intentions (*Ross & Nola Johnson*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Loretta Mikesell (*Theresa Simpson*)
5:00 PM Low Mass Special intention (*Bill & Sandra Herman*)
- WED 8/23/23 ST. PHILIP BENIZI, C**
 VIGIL OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW
8:00 AM Low Mass Paige McClorey (*Dianne Payne*)
5:10 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday Mom (*Vincent Brueggemann*)
- THU 8/24/23 ST. BARTHOLOMEW, AP**
7:00 AM Low Mass Special intention (*Eva Nellenbach*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Mother †Roseanne Cooley – anniversary 3/31 (*Doloris Ritze*)
- FRI 8/25/23 ST. LOUIS, KING IX, C**
8:00 AM Low Mass Souls entrusted to my charge (*Collin Smith*)
11:05 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (*Cummins Family*)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass James Heeney & Jose Andujar – health of body and soul (*Pierce Kiernan*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
- SAT 8/26/23 ST. ZEPHYRINUS, PM • OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA • OUR LADY HEALTH OF THE SICK**
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass In honor of Mother of Perpetual Help for Private Intention (*Patrick Omlor*)
8:10 AM Salve & Sermon
8:20 AM High Mass Matt & Leanne – marriage blessings (*Theresa Simpson*)
- SUN 8/27/23 PENTECOST XIII • ST. JOSEPH CALASANCTIUS, C**
SEVEN JOYS OF OUR LADY
LITTLE ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, M
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Frank Batkoski (*Marge Kitchen*)
9:00 AM High Mass Mrs. Smith & her family – thank you! (*The Oblates*)
10:30 AM Parents meet new school principal
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass In honor of Mother of Perpetual Help for Private Intention (*Patrick Omlor*)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

Patron Saint of beekeepers, bees, candlemakers, chandlers, Cistercians, and Knights Templar



“Admit that God deserves to be loved very much, yea, boundlessly, because He loved us first, He infinite and we nothing, loved us, miserable sinners, with a love so great and so free. This is why I said at the beginning that the measure of our love to God is to love immeasurably. For since our love is toward God, who is infinite and immeasurable, how can we bound or limit the love we owe Him? Besides, our love is not a gift but a debt. And since it is the Godhead who loves us, Himself boundless, eternal, supreme love, of whose greatness there is no end, yea, and His wisdom is infinite, whose peace passeth all understanding;

since it is He who loves us, I say, can we think of repaying Him grudgingly?” – St. Bernard, On Loving God

The whole world knows that God glorified His servant Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, through miraculous signs. However, he displayed the greatest miracle in his own person. His gaze was serene and his appearance humble. In his sermons, he exercised prudent caution and, his actions were filled with fear of God. He was a man of meditation and prayer, who, in all his undertakings, trusted more in prayer than in his own abilities. God had given this holy soul a fitting body to assist him. A more spiritual than sensual charm enveloped his whole appearance. Heavenly glory brightened his face, and from his eyes shone out the innocence of an angel and the simplicity of a dove. So great was the interior beauty and fullness of grace of this man, that it was radiated in his bodily exterior. The body of the Saint was built most tenderly and almost completely without flesh. A fine red covered his cheeks. His hair was very fair and the reddish beard grew grey in the last years of his life. Although he was only of medium height, Bernard appeared tall rather than short. If he could withdraw from exterior businesses, he prayed, read, wrote, taught his Monks or enjoyed silent meditation...

– *Father Hugo Henry Hoever*, expert from “St. Bernard”

Servers

- FRI 8/25 5:45 PM LOW:** P. Omlor, A. Constantino
SAT 8/26 7:30 AM LOW: J. & L. Rabjohns
8:20 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, Kolenichs
SUN 8/27 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson **TH:** N. Kolenich **ACs:** M. Kolenich, S. Richesson **TB:** A. Constantino, P. & F. Caggese, N. & D. Hudson, T. England
11:30 AM LOW: McCloreys
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: B. Lotarski