



# 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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## September 15, 2024 SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY PENTECOST XVII • ST. NICOMEDES, M

### ¶ PENTECOST XVI

Today is the feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. The Blessing of the Sick is available at the Communion Rail after all Masses. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. There are no Vespers due to the **Parish Picnic** at Sharon Woods Park. Everyone is invited! Join us anytime between 1-5 PM at the Council Bluff Shelter.

### ¶ OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

A triduum in honor of Our Lady of La Salette (the *Weeping Virgin of La Salette*) begins **Tuesday** and concludes **Thursday** on her feast.

### ¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

Two Franciscan feasts lead off our week: the Stigmata of St. Francis on **Tuesday**, and the “flying Franciscan,” St. Joseph Cupertino, on **Wednesday**. On **Thursday** are the feasts of Our Lady of La Salette and St. Januarius. St. Matthew the Apostle and patron saint of tax questions is on **Saturday**.

### ¶ EMBER DAYS

**Wednesday, Friday and Saturday** of this week are the Fall **Ember Days**. Catholics between the ages of 21-59 are bound to the Laws of Fast; those who have reached their 7th year may eat meat only once, at the principal meal, on Wednesday and Saturday. The Ember Days were instituted for a good harvest and to draw down God’s blessings upon the September ordinations. Pray for priests!



### ¶ CATHOLIC MOTHERS

This **Thursday** after the evening Mass, we will have the first meeting of our new **Catholic Mothers’ Consortium** group. The evening includes a Mass offered for the members of the group, a potluck, sermon and more. Open to all married or widowed women of SGG. Please pick up a flyer in the vestibule to learn more and we hope to see you there!

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail next Sunday. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XVIII, second collect of St. Thomas Villanova, third of Ss. Maurice & Companions. Trinity Preface.

### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Doris Krier and George Schappacher.

### Collection Report

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> .....\$6,834.00

**Wedding Banns**  
Second time: Denis Vander Putten & Aimee Clemens

### ¶ LOOK AHEAD

**St. Monica Club Meeting:** 9/27  
**Rosary Sunday:** October 6  
**Fall Festival:** Sunday, October 20  
**Forty Hours Devotion:** October 25-27  
**All Saints Procession & Party:** 11/3

*Young Catholic woman moving to the area, looking for temporary lodgings beginning in October. Willing to pay rent. If anyone has a room available, please contact Gabrielle at [gabriellefm2001@gmail.com](mailto:gabriellefm2001@gmail.com) or 919-593-5806, or contact the office.*

**HOW GREATNESS IS REVEALED**

For those who love God all things work together unto good (Rob 8:28). Job, a holy man, was tempted; he lost his sons and his daughters; his home fell into ruins; he lost everything he had; suddenly everything was gone. He was neither father nor lord; nothing remained sound in his body save his tongue with which he could blaspheme. See the tempter, the devil. From the sole of the foot, Scripture says, even to the top of his head he struck him with a very grievous ulcer (Jb 2:7), that is, with leprosy. From the ulcer, vermin spread over his entire body, and disease and putrefaction. Only his tongue the devil left untouched that he might be able to blaspheme his God.

In all these things Job sinned not by his lips (Jb 1:22). Just realize the magnitude of the temptation; reflect upon the magnitude of the virtue. Ponder well and comprehend how the saying of the apostle has been fulfilled: For those who love God all things work together unto good. When Job lost all his wealth, when he lost his sons, everything seemed to militate against him, but since he loved the Lord, the evils that befell him worked together for his good. The vermin of his body were preparing him for the crown of heaven. Before the time he was tempted, God had never spoken to him; after he had been tempted, however, God comes to him and speaks familiarly with him, as a friend with his friend. Let calamity strike, let every kind of disaster fall, as long as after the catastrophe, Christ comes.

– St. Jerome



*“My own Mother always prayed for me when she was alive, and I know she is still praying for me in her corner of Heaven. So you do not need to tell me that my Heavenly Mother is not forgetting the obligation she assumed on Calvary of taking care of me forever.”*

– Monsignor Hugh F. Blunt



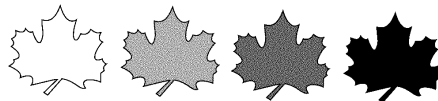
 **Fall Festival**

The Sodality Fall Festival is one month away! If you are interested in running a craft/wares booth please let us know as soon as possible. Space is limited! The cut off date is October 13th.

If you aren't into crafting but like to get busy in the kitchen, we have just the thing for you. Our annual pie contest will be taking place, so please bake a pie or three!

This year we will have a couple of changes. The games will still be outside, however the food line will now take place indoors. This way the traffic will be spread more evenly.

Bring the kids for a day of fun!



**THE SCHOOL OF SORROW**

I sat in the school of sorrow,  
The Master was teaching there;  
But my eyes were dim with weeping,  
And my heart was full of care.

Instead of looking upward  
And seeing His Face Divine,  
So full of the tenderest pity  
For weary hearts like mine.

I only thought of the burdens,  
The cross that before me lay  
So hard and heavy to carry,  
That it darkened the light of day.

So, I could not learn my lesson,  
And say, “Thy will be done;”  
And the Master came not near me  
As the weary hours went on.

At last in my weary sorrow,  
I looked from the cross above;  
And saw the Master watching  
With a glance of tender love.

He turned to the cross before me  
And I thought I heard Him say:  
“My child, thou must bear thy burden,  
And learn thy task today.”

And thus I learnt my lesson,  
Taught by the Master alone;  
He only knows the tears I shed,  
But He has wept His own.

And from them comes a brightness  
Straight from the Home above,  
Where the School of Life will be  
ended,  
And the cross will show the love.



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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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How nice it was to return to good ole St. Hugh of Lincoln in Milwaukee for Confirmations last weekend. The congregation has grown quite well since I saw it last year. There were some fifteen or so Confirmations on the Sunday. Either because of nervousness or some other reason unknown to me, some unusual or entertaining incident usually transpires during the ceremonies of Confirmation. I was not disappointed this time! A rehearsal was had the day before Confirmations and I explained to them the order of things that will take place as they kneel before the bishop. He will anoint your forehead, tap you on the cheek, then hold out his ring for you to kiss. We went over this many times. On the day of the Confirmation, a young boy knelt down to receive the sacrament. Everything was going well until I presented my ring for him to kiss. Instead of kissing it he gave me a nice fist bump! The same thing happened to me as I did Confirmations in Colorado during the summer. It reminds me of the times when my nephews were only toddlers. When they went up to receive the first blessing from **Fr. Larrabee** and **Fr. McKenna**, they received the blessing but weren't sure what to do when the priests put their hands out for them to kiss. So they did what they thought best and licked the priests' hands! These things catch us off guard but are pretty entertaining stories!

Sisters Eulalia and Ulrica renewed their oblation after the school Mass on the feast of the Holy Name of Mary. It was a very simple, but beautiful ceremony. How edifying it was to witness two souls offering themselves to God and St. Gertrude's. It is truly a selfless act, one which is so very pleasing to the good God. Pray for our oblates and their perseverance.

The seminary year starts up this week. Alfonso Capetillo returned this year, and Christopher Brueggemann entered for his first year of seminary. I wish them well and pray for their perseverance as well. I hope you will do the same. **Fathers Lehtoranta** and **Brueggemann** are teaching in the seminary. Fr. Lehtoranta has Latin and Apologetics, while Fr. Brueggemann covers Philosophy and Latin. It will be a busy year for them, but I am confident that all will work out well.

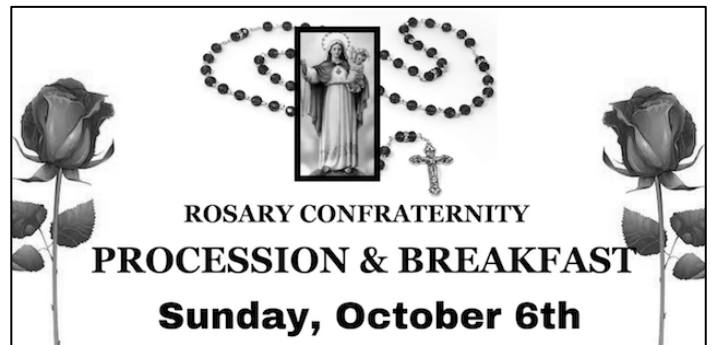
**Fr. Benegas**, my very first priest, recently arrived at his new assignment in Guadalajara, Mexico, where he will assist **Fr. Manuel**. The chapel was headed by Fr. Bacerra who recently died of a fast moving cancer, if my memory serves me right. Fr. Benegas should be there for at least six months.

**Fr. Contreras**, of the Company of Jesus and Mary in Argentina, seems to be doing well, though he says he will soon require knee surgery. His assistant, **Fr. Noel**, has been in Boston preaching retreats with **Fr. Richards**. I am sure he is glad to finally return to the monastery in Argentina.

We are still house hunting for the oblates. Things sell pretty quickly around here, but we are looking. I know St. Joseph and St. Anthony will help us to find the perfect one. I am hoping it will happen this fall.

I hope you enjoy the picnic this afternoon.

– Bishop McGuire



**Mark your calendars for Rosary Sunday!** Roses will be available for purchase in the vestibule that day before the 9 AM Mass. They will be blessed at the Communion Rail after the High Mass, and should be carried in the Rosary Procession that follows. They are a powerful sacramental which you should take home with you. All Rosary Confraternity members should sit together at the High Mass, wearing their medals, and should walk with their banner afterwards in the procession. Extra roses may be available before the 11:30.

**The Rosary Confraternity Breakfast** follows the High Mass. All are welcome! Tickets for the breakfast will be on sale soon. Rosaries will be blessed, with all the indulgences, during the announcements of each Mass.

**Want to join the Rosary Confraternity?** Enrollments take place after the High Mass on Rosary Sunday. **Make sure to call the office first** to be added to the list. If you aren't on the list, **you won't be enrolled!** Come to the Communion Rail **immediately** after the High Mass. Don't wait, or you might miss it! The only requirement of the Confraternity is to try your best to say fifteen decades of the Rosary each week. This does not bind under sin.

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# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>9/16/24</b>	<b>SS. CORNELIUS, P &amp; CYPRIAN, BpMM</b> <i>Ss. EUPHEMIA, LUCY &amp; GEMINIANUS, MM</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Mike Briggs ( <i>Michael Simpson</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Michael Briggs – 3 year anniversary ( <i>AMB</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>9/17/24</b>	<b>STIGMATA OF ST. FRANCIS</b> TRIDUUM TO OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE DAY I
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Doris Ritze – Birthday ( <i>Angela Schmidt – daughter</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Agnes Fabaz & Claire Mathers ( <i>Sr. Eulalia</i> ) (rescheduled)
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Jean Bischel ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Ed Richesson</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>9/18/24</b>	<b>EMBER WEDNESDAY</b> <i>FAST &amp; PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</i> ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO, C • TRIDUUM DAY II
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For intentions for my children ( <i>Phyllis Kiernan</i> )
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> John & Denise Riggs ( <i>Fr. B</i> ) (rescheduled)
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Miss Janet Strauss ( <i>Sr. Ulrica</i> )
	<b>5:10 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Alyssa Smith ( <i>Collin Smith</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>9/19/24</b>	<b>SS. JANUARIUS, BpM &amp; COMPANIONS, MM</b> <i>OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE • TRIDUUM DAY III</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Relief for the Poor Souls ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Special intentions ( <i>Sr. Eulalia</i> )
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the members of the Catholic Mothers' Consortium <b>Catholic Mothers' Consortium Meeting</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>9/20/24</b>	<b>EMBER FRIDAY • SS. EUSTACE &amp; COMPANIONS, MM</b> VIGIL OF ST. MATTHEW
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Happy Birthday, †John ( <i>Judy</i> )
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Therese Martin Lamb, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i> )
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Ryan Greenwell – 7 year Anniversary ( <i>Colleen McMahon</i> )
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>9/21/24</b>	<b>ST. MATTHEW, ApEv</b> EMBER SATURDAY <i>FAST &amp; PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</i>
	<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For my grandparents & family ( <i>Peppy Brueggemann</i> )
	<b>8:10 AM</b>	<b>Salve, Sermon</b>
	<b>8:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Wilker Family ( <i>Sr. Regina</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>9/22/24</b>	<b>PENTECOST XVIII</b> ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BPC SS. MAURICE & COMPANIONS, MM
	<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Regina, Marta & Laura Gilliam – Thank you ( <i>Lisa McConnell</i> )
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Angela Plowman – 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 9/22 ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
	<b>10:40 AM</b>	<b>Catechism Classes</b>
	<b>11:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>

## EMBER TIDE

Up to the late Middle Ages, the Ember days were generally kept as holy days of obligation, with attendance at Mass and rest from work, and as weeks of penance and fervent prayer. They were favored dates for the reception of Holy Communion, a custom still alive in many Catholic sections of Europe.

The practice of spiritual and temporal works of charity and mercy, which had always been stressed by the Church in connection with Embertide fasting, produced the custom of devoting the Ember days to special prayer for the suffering souls in purgatory, and of having Masses said for them during the Embertides. This tradition, too, is still frequently found in European countries. Alms and food were given to the poor on Ember days, and wann baths provided for them (a popular work of Christian charity in bygone centuries).

...Finally, there is the ancient legend that many poor souls are allowed to leave purgatory for a few moments every Embertide, to appear in visible shape to those relatives and friends who fervently pray for the departed ones, in order to thank them and to beg for continued prayerful help for themselves and for those holy souls who have nobody on earth to remember them. The laudable custom observed by many faithful in modern times of praying and having Masses offered for the “forgotten” souls in purgatory seems to be a happy relic of this medieval popular legend.

– Fr. Francis Xavier Weiser



## SERVICES

<b>FRI 9/20</b>	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> M. Simpson, A. Constantino
<b>SAT 9/21</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Rabjohns
	<b>8:20 AM HIGH:</b> D. Simpson, P. & F. Caggese
<b>SUN 9/22</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> M. McConnell, Brueggemann
	<b>9:00 AM HIGH:</b> MCS: C. Richesson, D. Simpson TH: N. Kolenich
	ACs: D. Hudson, J. Rabjohns TBS: V. Horton, I. & J. Smith, B. Constantino, P. & M. Caggese
	<b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> Capetillos
	<b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> D. Simpson, I. Smith
	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> P. McClorey

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention – Thanksgiving ( <i>Joe Druecker</i> ) (rescheduled)
<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

# PARISH PICNIC

TODAY FROM 1-5 PM IN SHARON WOODS PARK AT THE COUNCIL BLUFF SHELTER

Please bring a dish to share if you would like, but most of all bring yourself!  
Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided.



Enter park at main entrance from Lebanon Rd. (Rt. 42).

# SODALITY FALL FESTIVAL



Looking for some fun?

The Sodality of Charity is hosting a Fall Festival after the morning Masses

## Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>

*There will be several games, food, drinks, square dancing, items for sale, and a pie contest!*

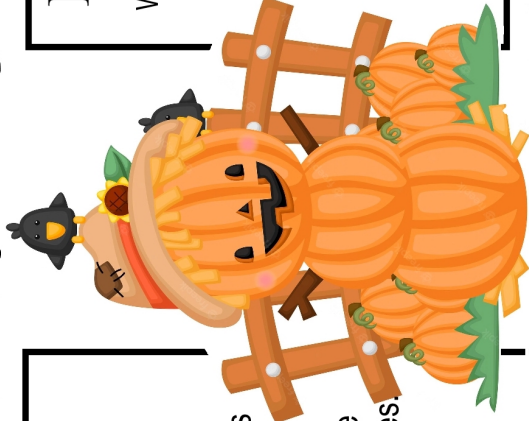
### Pie Contest

All ages are welcome!

- You can enter up to three pie entries but they must be different flavors.
- The pies will then be sliced and one piece will be presented to the judges.
- The remaining pieces will be individually sold.
- The judging will take place at 12:30
- First place wins \$50 and second and third place will win a prize!

The pies can be delivered on the Saturday before or the day of the event.

So what are you waiting for? Get in the kitchen and bake, bake, bake!



### Fundraising Games

Win prizes by playing these different games

- Punch a cup**
- Spin the Wheel**
- Fling the Spider**
- Balloon Duel**
- Color Code**
- Dart Game**

### COME FOR

# PARISH

# FALL

# FUN

### Vending

There will be corn dogs, pretzels, pumpkin spice lattes, cotton candy, and (of course) pie for sale!

Don't forget to check out the craft tables!



Questions? Contact Renee Arlinghaus at 1818appleblossom@gmail.com or text 859-322-2900

