

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Invenies me in corde Gertrudis"*

*"You will find Me in the heart of Gertrude"*

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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 21, 2025**  
**ST. MATTHEW, APEV**  
**PENTECOST XV**

## ¶ ST. MATTHEW

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available after all Masses. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. The **Parish Picnic** takes place at the Butterfly Bluff Shelter at **Winton Woods** from 1-5 PM. (*Extra parking available at the nearby Red-bird Roost Shelter.*) The church is providing hot dogs, burgers, and drinks; parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share. See you there! There are **no Vespers** today due to the picnic.

## ¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

The last of our Marian Quadriduum comes **Wednesday**, Our Lady of Ransom. The North American Martyrs are **Friday**. Pray to the great physicians Ss. Cosmas & Damian on **Saturday**, for all of our sick.

## ¶ KNIGHTS OF ST. MARTIN

Calling all men to the first meeting of the Knights of St. Martin on **Thursday**, beginning with Mass at **5:30 PM**.

## ¶ ADOPT A STATION!

The outdoor Stations of the Cross 7-10 are open for gardening volunteers.



## ¶ Eumen Christi

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

**My Families return to the Sacraments** (*Victor Ritzke*)

## ¶ 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!

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Autumn's Angel Sunday, and the feast of St. Wenceslaus. The **Blessing of Children** will be available after all Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XVI, second collect of St. Wenceslaus, third of Our Lady & All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

## ¶ MARIAN FEAST

Envelopes are in the vestibule to submit your inten-

tions for the last of our September Marian Feasts. Return them in the collection basket, bookstore, or office.

## ¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Brett McKnight, Kathy Verity, the health and conversion of James Kern, and the continued recovery of Renee Fernandez.

## ¶ MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Rosary Sunday:** October 5
- **Final Fatima Rosary Procession by Candlelight:** Monday, October 13
- **Forty Hours:** October 24-26
- **All Saints Procession & Party:** Sunday, November 2
- **Martinmas:** Tuesday, November 11

### OUR LADY OF RANSOM, OR OF MERCY

It is Mary's wish to be a Mother of mercy towards the sinner; it is an essential characteristic of her zeal for her Son's mission. Never was human heart so true, so generous, so noble as the great heart of Christ. Nearest in kinship to it, and therefore most like it in love, was the heart of His Mother. Hence that mysterious identity of feeling, that magnetic action and reaction which we call sympathy drew the hearts of Mother and Child into one great torrent of tender mercy for the sinner. Hence, as St. Thomas tells us, "does she love us, even though we be sinners, with the same love with which she loves her Son."

Mary is most merciful because it is her nature to be merciful. Never stricken by the curse of Adam, and from the moment of her birth dowered with the grace of God, she was free from all failings, and was "full of grace." Thus she is the ideal woman, highest and noblest in all that is typical of true and noble womanhood. Her pity and her love for us are supreme. St. Bernard says: "Mary is Mother of the merciful; she is created to be merciful: she is made of what is most merciful; she is impetuous in mercy; she is resistless in mercy. The duration of her mercy is unto the end of the sinner's life; the broadness of her mercy is unto the limits of the earth; the height of her mercy is unto heaven; the depth of her mercy is unto the lowest abyss of human sorrow. She is always merciful; she is only merciful; she is our Mother of mercy."

St. Bonaventure says: "Surely, O Virgin Mary, sinners may have recourse to thee. Have they not a right to say to thee: Give us a share in that grace which thou hast found for us, and which is one way we have also gained for thee, because if we had not been sinners thou wouldst have never been the Mother of God."

— *The Ave Maria*



### PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE SEVEN JOURNEYS OF OUR LADY

By thy journey at the Visitation, O Mary, help us to be kind and charitable to the poor and homeless .

By thy journey at the Nativity, O Mary, help us to endure patiently the inconveniences of our earthly journeys.

By thy journey at the Purification and Presentation, O Mary, help us to observe faithfully all the laws of holy Mother Church.

By thy journey into Egypt, O Mary, help us to place all our trust in Divine Providence, especially when an injustice is done to us.

By thy journey to Jerusalem when thou didst lose and find Jesus, O Mary, help us to find Jesus by true repentance and never to lose Him by sin.

By thy journey to the marriage feast at Cana, O Mary, help us to sanctify our whole life, and all our journeys of recreation, by good intention.

By thy journey to Calvary, O Mary, help us to be resigned to God's holy will when our journeys are sorrowful, and when we enter upon our own last journey.

### CHANCEL LIGHT

To thee admiring hearts all speak in  
praise,  
Wild flower of the latest man-made  
light,  
Fair hand that parts the curtains of  
the night  
Before the dawn begins those golds  
to raise.  
Thy mellow flame is not to blind or  
daze;  
The ancient gods loomed dim above  
thy sight;  
To shine and worship was thy sacred  
right  
Where Solomon in glory could not  
gaze  
And now, Chancel Lamp, no light has  
yet  
Enjoyed the blessed favor granted  
thee.  
The sun is born in glory, but to set,  
While thou does watch and guard  
incessantly  
The Self-same One who watched at  
Olivet—  
Oh, would I had thy burning  
constancy!

— *Fray Angélico Chávez*



*"We cannot produce or give any  
other fruit but the fruit we have  
taken from the Tree of life."*

— *St. Catherine of Siena*

### Collection Report

Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.....\$7,504.00  
Thank you for your generosity.

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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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Autumn finally arrives this week, but we have yet to see any changes in the weather. It sure has been on the warmer side recently, hasn't it?! Weather seems to be a boring thing to talk about though, so on to the cats! The usual three are doing the same as always and a new one wandered onto the property and has been hanging around the cloister for several days now. She looks a little worse for wear but it is a cute little thing and is not the least bit afraid of people. In fact, she is always looking in through the cloister windows, trying to sneak in whenever someone opens a door, and follows us around the property. We don't know if she has an owner, but hopefully she will find her way home soon.

The parish picnic is today. We have changed things up a bit this time around. Sharon Woods has been the location for the picnic for many, many years now, but because of lack of availability we had to move it to Winton Woods this year. Besides, the bees were really bad over in Sharonville and it will be nice to have a little change. I know many of you don't like change, but don't let it scare you away from such a fun event! It'll be great!

Sometimes I wonder why we worry about things and don't have more confidence that God hears our prayers. He is a loving God, our Father, after all! Renee Fernandez's surgery went well and her baby survived even though the physicians gave only a 10% chance of a successful surgery and a 1% chance that the baby would survive. Let it be a lesson to all of us. Certainly, we ought to rejoice with the Fernandez family and offer many prayers of thanksgiving. Deo gratias et Mariae!

I am off to Milwaukee this Friday, the feast of the North American Martyrs, and am looking forward to seeing the whole group there. For several years, I was the pastor there and visited St. Hugh of Lincoln often, but things changed suddenly after Bishop Dolan died and I was consecrated. Now, it is generally only a visit once a year to do Confirmations, which is the purpose of this week's trip. Fr. McKenna has done a good job there. Over the last few years the chapel has gained many new parishioners and the parishioners I knew as teenagers are now in the work world and are preparing for their future careers. It will be good to see them again!

Matthew Schneider, one of our school children, served as MC for the Ember Friday Mass. We are proud of each and every one of our altar servers and

very thankful for their hard work and dedication. The same goes for our choirs—both the school choir and the Sunday choir (and Schola). Taking such roles in the true worship of the one God is the greatest thing this side of Heaven!

May Our Lady of Sorrows help you to stand courageously by the Cross of her Divine Son!

— Bishop McGuire



### OUR LADY OF SORROWS

For “there stood by the cross of Jesus His Mother.” O words full of compassion! For how much, O my heart, ought they to move thee in all thy



depths, the sorrows and afflictions of so loving a Savior hanging upon the cross, and yet decreeing, for us alone, that we who were once enfolded in the darkness of our sins have now been led back again to the light, with the help of the Mother of God. It is fitting to suffer with such a Mother standing by the cross, bearing in her heart to the full the boundless sorrow of her suffering Son, and in some way, more special and more particular, to endure with her all that our innermost hearts could feel. It is indeed just that we, who in our miseries are constantly consoled by her, should also suffer with her in her sorrows. And even if we may not suffer with her as we should, at least, by calling to mind her dolor, let us stir up in faith, so far as we can, our heart's devotion. The depths of the grief of that loving Mother we do not know, but let us seek from afar, by surmising them, from the sorrows that we have been shown. So let every lover ask himself how much he would be made to mourn, if he were to see whatever it is, so lovable, which he loves so deeply, given over to a shameful death, and with what vehement compassion he would be moved, even though a heart that does not love should find in itself nothing like this. Let a loving mind turn these things over, and from this he will well believe all that can be said of the sorrow of her who loved and mourned more than all mortal men, when she saw her dear One condemned to the vilest death.

— Blessed Henry Suso

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MON	9/22/25	<b>ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BPC</b> SS. MAURICE & COMPANIONS, MM
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> St. Gertrude the Great Clergy ( <i>Thomas Gardner</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Amelia Rhoades – Happy Birthday ( <i>The Stafford Family</i> )
TUE	9/23/25	<b>ST. LINUS, PM • ST. THECLA, VM</b>
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> St. Gertrude the Great Clergy ( <i>Thomas Gardner</i> )
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Our living & deceased relatives ( <i>The Wilker Family</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Sr. Magdalen of the Holy Relics ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> )
	5:00 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Our Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchild ( <i>Joe &amp; Kathy Bayer</i> )
WED	9/24/25	<b>OUR LADY OF RANSOM</b>
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Andrea England ( <i>KR</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> September Marian Quadriduum Intentions
	5:10 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> St. Gertrude the Great Clergy ( <i>Thomas Gardner</i> )
THU	9/25/25	<b>RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY • FERAL DAY</b> <i>BL. HERMAN THE CRIPPLE, C</i>
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Conversion of relatives ( <i>Alex Ball</i> )
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Happy Birthday Michael & Sr. Magdalen ( <i>Theresa</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> John Seyfried & his intentions ( <i>The Bookstore thanks you</i> )
	☞ 5:30 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Sam Arlinghaus & crew – Thank you ( <i>Fr. Brueggemann</i> ) <b>Knights of St. Martin Meeting</b>
FRI	9/26/25	<b>SS. ISAAC JOGUES &amp; COMPANIONS, MM</b> SS. CYPRIAN, M & JUSTINA, VM
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †William H. Andreotta ( <i>Nathalie Andreotta</i> )
	11:00 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Clara Young – Happy Birthday! ( <i>Grandma &amp; Grandpa Young</i> )
	5:15 PM	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Barbara (17 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) & †Phil Schmelzer ( <i>A.M.B.</i> )
	6:30 PM	<b>Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
SAT	9/27/25	<b>SS. COSMAS &amp; DAMIAN, MM</b>
	7:05 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Vivien Young – Happy Birthday! ( <i>Grandma &amp; Grandpa Young</i> )
	8:05 AM	<b>Salve, Sermon</b>
	8:15 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>Anthony Caggese</i> )
SUN	9/28/25	<b>PENTECOST XVI • ST. WENCESLAUS, DUKE</b> ANGEL SUNDAY <i>BLESSING OF CHILDREN AFTER ALL MASSES</i>
	7:05 AM	<b>Rosary</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> John & Julie & Leanne ( <i>Maria Brueggemann</i> )
	9:00 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Sophie Hudson ( <i>Zelie Hudson</i> )
	10:40 AM	<b>Catechism Classes</b>

## THE MARTYRDOM OF ST. CYPRIAN



In the house which served for a few hours as his prison, St. Cyprian, calm and unmoved, gathered his friends and family for the last time round his table. The Christians hastened from all parts to spend the night with their pastor and father. Thus, while he yet lived, they kept the first vigil of his future Feast. When, in the morning, he was led before the proconsul, they offered him an arm-chair draped like a bishop's throne. It was indeed the beginning of an episcopal function, the pontiff's own peculiar office being to give his life for the Church, in union with the eternal High Priest. The interrogatory was short, for there was no hope of shaking his constancy; and the judge pronounced sentence that St. Cyprian must die by the sword. On the way to the place of execution, the soldiers formed a guard of honor to the Bishop, who advanced calmly, surrounded by his clergy as on days of solemnity. Deep emotion stirred the immense crowd of friends and enemies who had assembled to assist at the sacrifice. The hour had come. The pontiff prayed prostrate upon the ground; then rising, he ordered 25 gold pieces to be given to the executioner, and, taking off his tunic, handed it to the deacons. He himself tied the bandage over his eyes; a priest, assisted by a subdeacon, bound his hands; while the people spread linen cloths around him to receive his blood. Not until the Bishop himself had given the word of command, did the trembling executioner lower his sword. In the evening, the faithful came with torches and with hymns to bury St. Cyprian. It was September 14 in the year 258. The Feast of this glorious Martyr has been translated to September 16.

## Servers

FRI 9/26	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos BENEDICTION: MCs: T. Capetillo, D. Simpson TH: J. Capetillo TBS: Ma. Caggese, I. Smith
SAT 9/27	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 8:15 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, B. Constantino, P. Caggese
SUN 9/28	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: A. McClorey, C. Richesson TH: D. Hudson ACs: F. Caggese, J. Hudson TBS: M. Drevenak, J. & I. Smith, T. Stanislawski, V. Horton, L. Rabjohns 11:30 AM LOW: M. & N. Kolenich 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACs: I. Smith, F. Caggese CROSS: A. Constantino 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey
11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Mark Fischer ( <i>Mom &amp; Pop</i> )
4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

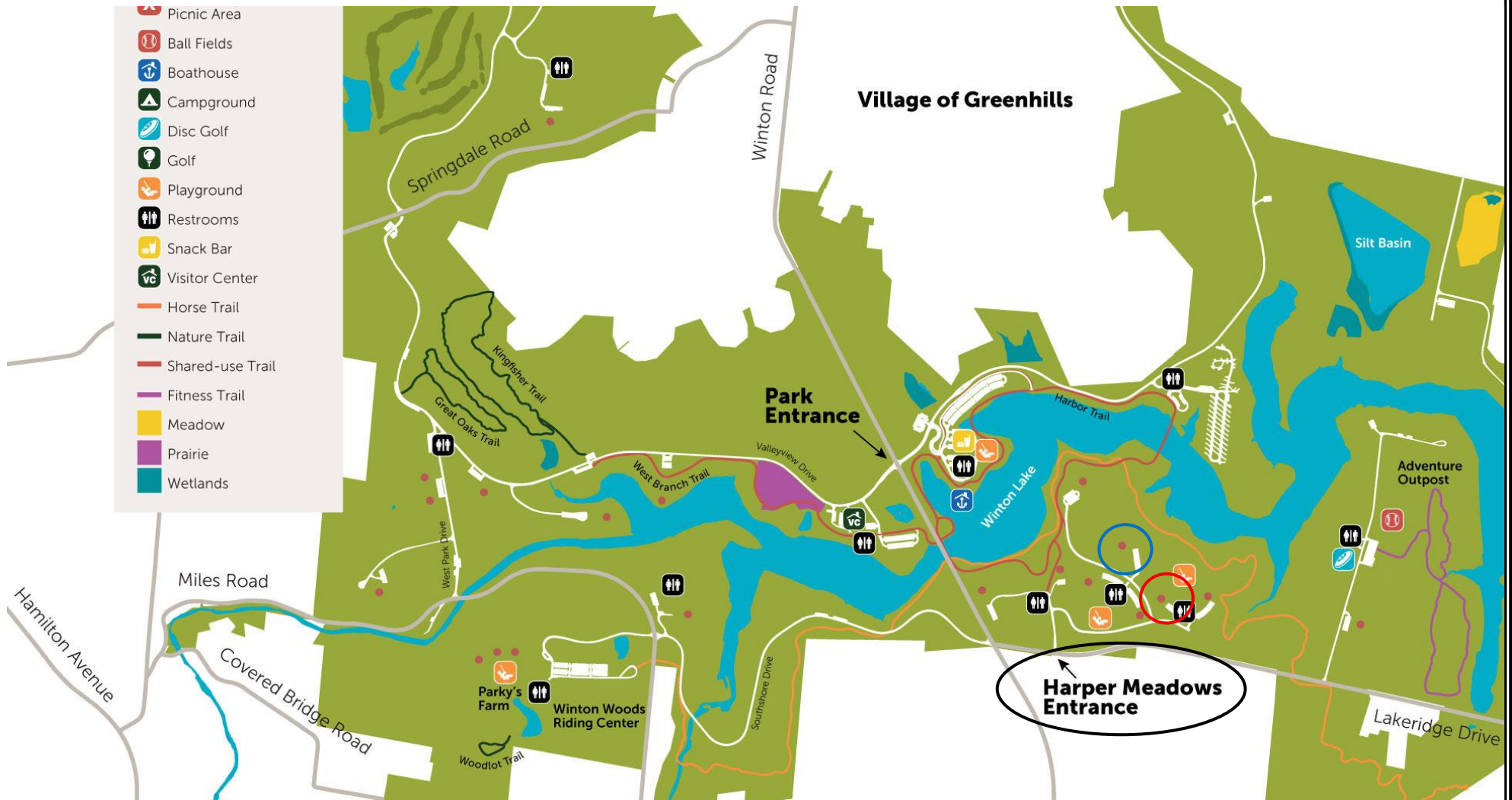


# PARISH PICNIC

Today from 1-5 PM in Winton Woods Park at the **Butterfly Bluff Shelter** (circled in blue).

Extra parking at the **Redbird Roost Shelter** (circled in red).

*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 Harper Meadows Entrance off Lakeridge Drive. Follow signs for Butterfly Bluff Shelter on right*



# ROSARY CONFRATERNITY PROCESSION & BREAKFAST Sunday, October 5th

One rose for \$5 - Two roses for \$8 - Five roses for \$20

Roses for sale, Roses will be blessed and carried in the procession during the High Mass

MEMBERS SIT ON BV MARY'S SIDE & WEAR YOUR PIN

Communion Breakfast after the High Mass

\$10 each or \$35 a Family - Get your tickets today!

*You don't need to be a member to enjoy the breakfast and the talk. Please come!*

*Tickets are available in the bookstore or find a young adult selling them after Mass*

We will be serving: Sausage links, scrambled eggs, cheesy potato casserole, fruit & assorted desserts, coffee & orange juice

## Our guest speaker is Fr. Andrew Nowrouz.

Fr. Andrew Nowrouz, a graduate of Most Holy Trinity Seminary in Reading, Pennsylvania, was ordained by Bp. Donald Sanborn on Tuesday, June 24th, 2025. Presently, his apostolate is in California where he assists Fr. Thomas Zapp and Fr. Julian Larrabee, as well as teaches in school.

### WANT TO BE PART OF THE CONFRATERNITY?

Each member strives to pray fifteen mysteries of the Rosary each week (this does not bind under sin), and must have his/her name inscribed in the register of the Confraternity. Wonderful for the whole family.



Keep your ticket for entry & Sign your ticket for prize drawings



- Holy Family Snow globe
- Ave Maria Rosary Hanger
- Basket of Books

