

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Invenies Me in corde Gertrudis"

"You will find Me in the heart of Gertrude"

4900 Rialto Road, West Chester, Ohio 45069

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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August 2, 2026

PENTECOST X

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BPCD

ST. STEPHEN I, PM

¶ PENTECOST X

The Second Collection is taken up for our Oblates today. The Little Church is in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available after all Masses. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK

Tuesday is the feast of St. Dominic, the great Rosary saint. Don't forget the Summer Novena. This week we have **First Wednesday**, **Thursday** and **Friday**. First Thursday is the feast of the Transfiguration. A High Mass for priests will be at 5 PM, followed by the altar boys' pizza party. Friday we have the usual schedule, with All Night Adoration.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

Please note: No 8 AM Mass

11:00 AM Confessions

11:25 AM Low Mass,
Benediction

5:00 PM Exposition

5:15 PM Rosary, Confessions

5:45 PM Low Mass

6:30 PM Novena, Devotions

All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: In honor of the Priestly Heart of Jesus and the Curé of Ars, for all of our priests.

Collection Report

Sunday, July 26th.....\$6,606.62

Thank you for your generosity.



Wedding Banns

First Time: Tyler Wooden & Elisabeth Rabjohns

¶ MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Feast of the Assumption: Saturday, August 15. Blessing of First Fruits & Flowers and Pontifical Mass at 9 AM.

Nativity of Our Lady: Tuesday, Sept. 8. Birthday party for Baby Mary!

Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 20.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XI, second collect of St. John Vianney, third of St. Romanus. Trinity Preface.

¶ SPECIAL DATE MASSES

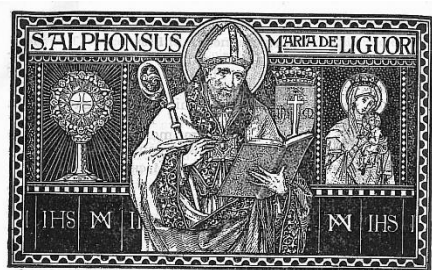
Just a reminder that "Special Date Masses" should be reserved *only* for special dates, such as birthdays, anniversaries, surgeries, etc. We may not be able to accommodate special date requests for other purposes. Thank you for your cooperation & understanding.

Our Beloved Dead: August

Suzanne Nies	8-01-2011
Joanne Fornes	8-01-2011
Edward Staarmann	8-03-1981
Fr. Francis Fenton	8-03-1995
Sr. M. Monica	8-05-1997
John Wiesman	8-07-2016
Fr. Denis Philomena	8-10-1994
Bill Tamagni	8-10-2009
Thomas Kamphaus	8-10-2010
Helen Mary Jackson	8-11-2003
Shirle Ann Downing	8-11-2012
Virgil McCormick	8-16-2004
Frank J. Cekada	8-16-2009
Barbara Ann Desborough	8-17-1993
Regina Marie Rose Shawhan	8-18-1989
Susan Marie Menefee	8-19-2015
Beatrice Lutkehaus	8-20-2018
Earl Joseph Desborough	8-22-1983
Gary Amyx	8-27-2020
Sr. M. Judith	8-28-2002
Dr. John Powell	8-28-2014
Connie Kamphaus	8-28-2018
Andrew Zunzer	8-29-2012

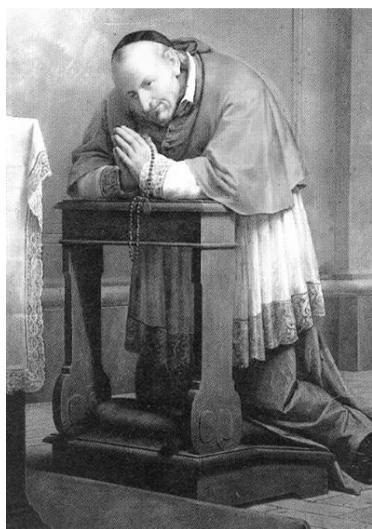
ST. ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI

St. Alphonsus De Liguori, an extremely successful lawyer, abandoned the law when he lost an important case. Entering religious life, he worked as a preacher in Naples and eventually founded his own religious order, the Redemptorists. Despite the fact he renounced his legal career, the erudition, logic, and keen use of language that served him at the bar is evident in his prayers.



A PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS

O God of love, dost Thou, then, so much desire to dispense Thy favors to us and yet are we so little anxious to obtain them? Oh, what sorrow we will feel at the hour of death, when we think of this negligence, so pernicious to our souls? O my Lord, forget, I beseech Thee, all that is past; for the future, with Thy help, I will prepare myself better by endeavoring to detach my affections from everything that prevents me from receiving all those graces which Thou desirest to give me.

PRAYER TO ST. ALPHONSUS
LIGUORI FOR ARTHRITIS

St. Alphonsus, preacher, confessor, founder, bishop, doctor of prayer and friend of the poor, you are also the special patron of all who suffer from arthritis and the pains of many years.

When our fingers twist with pain, keep us focused on the hands of Christ pierced with ugly nails.

When our knees knob with endless aches, allow us to see the knees of Jesus smashing to the street under the heavy cross.

When our backs stiffen with soreness, let us remember the back of Christ thrown across the cold, rough wood of the cross.

When our joints, hips, arms, legs and knuckles hurt so much that tears well up in our eyes, help us to recall the tears, the sweat and the Blood that flowed from our crucified Jesus Who suffered so much more for each of us.

St. Alphonsus, afflicted with curvature of the spine and nailed to a wheelchair cross in your final years, teach us to unite all our pains with the dreadful sufferings of Jesus on the cross.

We ask you to ease our pains but more so to enable us to be one with Jesus in His great act of dying and rising. Amen.

ST. ALPHONSUS

See Alphonsus, silent kneeling,
Rapt in loving ecstasy,
At the altar where his Jesus
Hides in love His Majesty.
Saint Alphonsus! dearest father!
Would our hearts were like to thine;
Make us share thy deep devotions
To this Sacrament Divine.

By the crib where Jesus, trembling,
Lies upon a little straw,
See Alphonsus lowly bending,
Lost in tenderness and awe.
Blessed Father! make thy children
Love the Babe of Bethlehem,
Till with thee we see His glory
In the New Jerusalem.

Lost in loving contemplation
Of the Passion of his Lord,
See Alphonsus, pierced with anguish,
Share in Mary's bitter sword.
Saint Alphonsus! our offenses
Nailed thy Jesus to the wood;
Pray that they may now be cancelled
By His sweet and saving blood.

When Alphonsus speaks of Mary,
When his lips pronounce her name,
Every word with love is burning
And his hearers catch the flame.
Saint Alphonsus! holy Father!
Hear our praises, grant our prayer:
Make us love our Blessed Mother,
And in Heaven her glory share.



✠ NOTE FROM FATHER ✠

Dear Faithful,

Bishop McGuire departed mid-week on his well-deserved vacation. He stopped part way on his journey to where he will be staying and said that the clerk at the desk for the hotel asked him what the “Bp” stood for in his email but then figured it out when he saw the “Fr” on a card and the collar on his neck. He then inquired if being made a bishop after being a priest was like getting an upgrade...“like when a father becomes a papaw?” This really gave Bishop McGuire a good laugh. I sometimes joke that he is getting “old,” but I didn’t know that he had entered into the “papaw” age range! Also, being from Massachusetts, papaw is a bit of local nomenclature which was, until now, foreign to me...but I was able to decipher its meaning from context.

As Bishop McGuire has left for his time off, **Fr. Lehtoranta** has returned. He reported having a wonderful time. It marks really the beginning of the vacation shuffle for us. One comes and another goes through most of August, ensuring that each priest is able to have a little bit of R&R to recharge the batteries before summer ends and the school, once again, begins.

The boys at our boys’ camp seem to have had a very good time, as one would hope. They really had perfect weather for all three days, with lots of sunshine and temperatures in the low-80s. I was joking with the young Fathers that I always figured I could either pray for the weather to be dry or the weather to be cool at boys’ camp...but I had to choose one or the other because it would be a greedy prayer to ask for both to occur in July. So, I always prayed for it to be dry. Thus, the boys’ camps under my watch were typically exactly what I asked for: not much rain but usually blazing hot. However, **Frs. Simpson** and **Brueggemann** dared to go big and prayed for both dry and cooler and, low and behold, they got precisely what they prayed for! Perhaps I should have had more confidence...or perhaps they are just a bit more pious than I am.

For being in town, we often have quite a bit of wildlife come through the property here at St. Gertrude’s. I often joke that it’s like animal kingdom. It’s usually things like deer, skunks, or coyotes. However, on Wednesday night I had quite the interesting experience. After visiting for a while with the fathers who had come to boys’ camp, I was walking back up to my house along the path from the offices when suddenly I simultaneously saw a moment of black and felt air and the slightest touch of feathers brush my face...all completely silent. An owl had swooped down and dive-bombed me, brushing right past my face!! Boy did my

heart skip a beat. I didn’t see it coming...I didn’t hear it coming. Just was walking and then it was there! Wild!



This weekend, I am down in Texas visiting all three of the missions. I will return mid-week and be with you all next weekend. Actually, it will once again be just me for the Sunday. I am happy to do this, but as when this was the case in July, I encourage you make use of the opportunities for confession on Friday and Saturday, as it is difficult to guarantee what can be done on Sunday.

In Christ,
Fr. McKenna

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor - August

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Joseph Vines, Ian Ford
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Tim Giese, Jim Phelan
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Collin Smith, Justin Soeder
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Anthony Caggese, Jim Stanislawski
11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, Alfonso Capetillo
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Dan Stanislawski, Christopher Lorenz
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & Philip Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: McConnell Brothers
4:00 AM-5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, Bruno Siqueira
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

☞ *If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

☞ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.*



O God, Who hast vouchsafed to illuminate Thy Church with the virtues and teaching of blessed Dominic, Thy confessor, grant that, by his intercession, it may not be destitute of temporal aids and may ever progress in spiritual increase. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ CALENDAR

MON 8/3/26	FINDING OF ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Cleo Speckert</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass Mark Lawrence (<i>James Lawrence</i>)
TUE 8/4/26	ST. DOMINIC, C SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 8:00 AM Low Mass Richesson Family & their intentions (<i>Joseph Simpson & family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Peter Reiss (<i>Capetillo family</i>)
WED 8/5/26	FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH DEDICATION OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS 8:00 AM Low Mass Conversion of relatives (<i>Ball Family</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Mr. & Mrs. William Young III</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass Grazyna Szkutnik's cure (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hudson</i>)
THU 8/6/26	THE TRANSFIGURATION FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS ST. XYSTUS II, P & COMPANIONS, MM 7:00 AM Low Mass †Victor Rizte (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Burninkel</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Austin Allen (<i>The Allens</i>) 5:00 PM High Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) Altar Boys' Pizza Party
FRI 8/7/26	FIRST FRIDAY • ST. CAJETAN, C ST. DONATUS, BPM ☞ NO 8 AM MASS 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass Annabel Childers – 25 th Birthday (<i>Jane Childers</i>) Benediction 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary 5:45 PM High Mass To obtain true love & devotion for His Sacred Heart (<i>The Allens</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, All Night Adoration
SAT 8/8/26	SS. CYRIACUS, LARGUS & SMARAGDUS, MM VIGIL OF ST. LAWRENCE • FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS 7:05 AM Rosary, Confessions 7:30 AM High Mass Fr. Brendan Dardis (<i>Lisa McConnell</i>) 8:10 AM Salve, First Saturday Devotions 8:20 AM Benediction 8:30 AM Sermon 8:40 AM Low Mass †Florence Lawrence (<i>James Lawrence</i>)
SUN 8/9/26	PENTECOST XI • ST. JOHN VIANNEY, C ST. ROMANUS, M • ST. EMIGDIUS, BPM 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Kenneth Gilliam's Guardian Angel 9:00 AM High Mass Happy "80 th " Birthday, Joe Bayer (<i>Kathy Bayer</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Mary Ann Field – Birthday (<i>Scott Field</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

ST. PETER'S CHAINS

Among the sermons of St Chrysostom, there is one in which he asserts that the chains by which St Peter had been bound to the ground came into the possession of the Christians soon after his deliverance, and were held by them in great honor. Eudoxia, wife of the emperor Theodosius the Younger, received them as a present from the patriarch Juvenal when on a visit to the holy places, and sent one of them to the Church at Constantinople. The other she gave to her daughter Eudoxia, who married the Emperor Valentinian III. Eudoxia showed the chain to Pope Sixtus III, who, on his part, showed her the one with which St. Peter had been bound, before the Emperor Nero sentenced him to die. No sooner had the two chains been held together, than they suddenly united as if they had been but one chain and forged by the same hand. This miracle increased the veneration in which these chains were held, and actuated Eudoxia to build a special church at Rome for their keeping, where they can still be seen. Many sick were healed by their touch and many possessed were delivered. Among the latter was a count of the court of the Emperor Otho, who, in the year 969, was sent to Rome to be freed from the Evil Spirit. Pope John XIII had hardly touched the count's neck with the holy chains, when he was relieved and his torments were ended.



Servers

THU 8/6	5:00 PM HIGH: MC: Seminarian ACS: I. & J. Smith
FRI 8/7	5:45 PM HIGH: J. & I. Smith
SAT 8/8	7:30 AM HIGH: F. Caggese, A. Constantino BENEDICTION: MCS: F. Caggese, A. Constantino TH: I. Smith TBS: S. Smith, B. Constantino 8:40 AM LOW: C. Lorenz
SUN 8/9	7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: T. Lawrence TH: C. Richesson ACS: L. Rabjohns, P. Caggese TBS: E. Garcia, V. Siqueira, B. Constantino, Ma. Caggese, I. & C. Wright 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: J. & I. Smith CROSS: B. Constantino 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey