

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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August 30, 2026
PENTECOST XIV

ST. ROSE OF LIMA, V
SS. FELIX & ADAUCTUS, MM

¶ PENTECOST XIV

The Blessing of the Sick is given after all Masses today, in honor of Our Lady Health of the Sick. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK

The Summer Novena continues on **Tuesday**. We welcome back the students and faculty of St. Gertrude the Great School on **First Wednesday**, and the 11:25 AM High Masses resume. The feast of Pope St. Pius X fittingly falls on **First Thursday**, with our evening holy hour for priests and altar boys' party. Remember **First Friday** and **Saturday**, with their usual schedules.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary
5:45 PM High Mass, Novena
All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: In reparation to the Sacred Heart for the sins of Catholics, the sins of our Country, and all the world.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:05 AM Rosary & Confessions
7:30 AM High Mass
8:10 AM Salve, Devotions
8:20 AM Benediction, Meditation
8:40 AM Low Mass

First Saturday Intention: In reparation for outrages against Our Lady's perpetual virginity.



*Our Lady, Health of the Sick,
pray for us!*

¶ MARIAN FEASTS

Envelopes are in the vestibule for the September Quadriduum in Honor of Our Lady. Submit your intentions for these four great Marian feasts. The envelopes can be returned in the collection, bookstore, or office.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

The Second Collection will be taken up for our Oblates. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after all Masses. The "Little Church" will be in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XV, second collect of Our Lady and All the Saints, third at the choice of the priest. Trinity Preface.

¶ FALL CRAFT BOOTHS!

Some of you have been eagerly waiting for news on the Fall Festival. This year the Sodality of Charity will be simplifying the festival to just the craft booths. We have pushed the date to **November 8th** to give any crafters some time to get their things together! We are changing it up a bit so if you are interested in running a booth please check out the flyers in the vestibule.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Nativity of Our Lady: Sept. 8.
Birthday party for Baby Mary!
Fatima Rosary Procession:

Sunday, September 13, 7:15 PM
Enrollment in Catechism Classes:
September 13 & 20
Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 20
Catechism Classes resume: Sunday, September 27

Collection Report

Saturday, August 15th.....\$3,814.62
Sunday, August 16th.....\$7,285.62
Sunday, August 23rd.....\$6,284.62

I firmly embrace and accept each and every definition that has been set forth and declared by the unerring teaching authority of the Church, especially those principal truths which are directly opposed to the errors of this day.

And first of all, I profess that God, the origin and end of all things, can be known with certainty by the natural light of reason from the created world (see Rom. 1:20), that is, from the visible works of creation, as a cause from its effects, and that, therefore, His existence can also be demonstrated.

Secondly, I accept and acknowledge the external proofs of revelation, that is, divine acts and especially miracles and prophecies as the surest signs of the divine origin of the Christian religion and I hold that these same proofs are well adapted to the understanding of all eras and all men, even of this time.

Thirdly, I believe with equally firm faith that the Church, the guardian and teacher of the revealed word, was personally instituted by the real and historical Christ when He lived among us, and that the Church was built upon Peter, the prince of the apostolic hierarchy, and his successors for the duration of time.

Fourthly, I sincerely hold that the doctrine of faith was handed down to us from the apostles through the orthodox Fathers in exactly the same meaning and always in the same purport. Therefore, I entirely reject the heretical misrepresentation that dogmas evolve and change from one meaning to another different from the one which the Church held previously. I also condemn every error according to which, in place of the divine deposit which has been given to the spouse of Christ to be carefully guarded by her, there is put a philosophical figment or product of a human conscience that has gradually been developed by human effort and will continue to develop indefinitely.

Fifthly, I hold with certainty and sincerely confess that faith is not a blind sentiment of religion welling up from the depths of the subconscious under the impulse of the heart and the motion of a will trained to morality; but faith is a genuine assent of the intellect to truth received by hearing from an external source. By this assent, because of the authority of the supremely truthful God, we believe to be true that which has been revealed and attested to by a personal God, our Creator and Lord.

Furthermore, with due reverence, I submit and adhere with my whole heart to the condemnations, declarations, and all the prescripts contained in the encyclical *Pascendi* and in the decree *Lamentabili*, especially those concerning what is known as the history of dogmas. I also reject the error of those who say that the faith held by the Church can contradict history, and that Catholic dogmas, in the sense in which they are now understood, are irreconcilable with a more realistic view of the origins of the Christian religion. I also condemn and reject the opinion

of those who say that a well-educated Christian assumes a dual personality—that of a believer and at the same time of a historian, as if it were permissible for a historian to hold things that contradict the faith of the believer, or to establish premises which, provided there be no direct denial of dogmas, would lead to the conclusion that dogmas are either false or doubtful. Likewise, I reject that method of judging and interpreting Sacred Scripture which, departing from the tradition of the Church, the analogy of faith, and the norms of the Apostolic See, embraces the misrepresentations of the rationalists and with no prudence or restraint adopts textual criticism as the one and supreme norm.

Furthermore, I reject the opinion of those who hold that a professor lecturing or writing on a historico-theological subject should first put aside any preconceived opinion about the supernatural origin of Catholic tradition or about the divine promise of help to preserve all revealed truth forever; and that they should then interpret the writings of each of the Fathers solely by scientific principles, excluding all sacred authority, and with the same liberty of judgment that is common in the investigation of all ordinary historical documents.

Finally, I declare that I am completely opposed to the error of the modernists who hold that there is nothing divine in sacred tradition; or what is far worse, say that there is, but in a pantheistic sense, with the result that there would remain nothing but this plain simple fact—one to be put on a par with the ordinary facts of history—the fact, namely, that a group of men by their own labor, skill, and talent have continued through subsequent ages a school begun by Christ and His apostles. I firmly hold, then, and shall hold to my dying breath the belief of the Fathers in the charism of truth, which certainly is, was, and always will be in the succession of the episcopacy from the apostles. The purpose of this is, then, not that dogma may be tailored according to what seems better and more suited to the culture of each age; rather, that the absolute and immutable truth preached by the apostles from the beginning may never be believed to be different, may never be understood in any other way.

I promise that I shall keep all these articles faithfully, entirely, and sincerely, and guard them inviolate, in no way deviating from them in teaching or in any way in word or in writing. Thus I promise, this I swear, so help me God.



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Today is already the last Sunday of August! Our school teachers have been “in service” since Thursday, getting everything ready for the beginning of the school year which starts this week. The year always begins with a Votive High Mass in honor of the Holy Ghost as we ask Him to enlighten our faculty and students and to assist us in all of their needs. A good, classical education is very important for our students, but the most important thing we want for them is that true wisdom which comes from the Holy Ghost. This wisdom will give them a relish and taste for the things of God. It is the wisdom of the saints and the wisdom that leads to Heaven. Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful!

I am writing this on a beautiful Friday morning in Milwaukee. It is quite a change from a usual Friday morning at St. Gertrude's. Normally, there are flowers to decide upon, bulletins to work on, meetings to arrange, but it is so quiet here at St. Hugh of Lincoln. There is nothing on the schedule until this evening when we have Mass and Benediction. I am certainly not used to that anymore. Although it is much quieter than St. Gertrude's, this mission chapel has grown a lot over the years. I can remember the first few years I came to offer Mass: there were perhaps only half the number of parishioners as there are at present. Now, there are two Masses on any given Sunday because the small chapel cannot hold everyone at once. The Faithful have done so much work over the years just to keep the mission going. They would pick up the priests from the airport, lend them a car for the weekend, make sure they were well fed, clean the rectory and church, take care of the sacristy, do the bulletin, etc., etc.—all voluntarily! In fact, they pretty much built and ran the place themselves...all while starting families of their own and working fulltime jobs. The generation that helped found our missions and churches (including St. Gertrude the Great when it was just beginning) sacrificed so much of their time and used their talents to help the church. We owe that generation so much! If it were not for their sacrifices and dedication to the true Faith and Mass, we would not have all that we have today. I think we often take it all for granted. I sometimes wonder who will replace them when they are gone, as many are already gone and the rest are at retirement age yet still doing much of the work. God will provide. He always does.

After Sunday Confirmation at St. Hugh's, I am off to St. Teresa of Avila Mission in Grand Forks, North Dakota, to administer the same Sacrament. The mission began perhaps around 2010, or thereabouts. It started up with 8 souls, all of them in their twenties. I was still in my twenties and was the oldest person in the room! Mass was held in a tiny apartment belonging to the coordinators

who were then recently married. St. Teresa's has grown significantly and now has its own little chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. It will be good to visit again.



Other missions where Confirmations will be given include St. Joseph of Arimathea, in Park Falls, Wisconsin. St. Joseph of Arimathea Mission is so named because it started in a funeral home owned and run by the mission coordinator. St. Joseph of Arimathea, of course, was the saint who helped bury Our Lord after His death on the cross. The final visit of this trip will be to Holy Face Mission in Effingham, Illinois, where Fr. Brueggemann will meet me to assist with Confirmations. An update on these visits will be given in next week's bulletin. Each mission has its own story, just like the founding of St. Gertrude's. Each story is a part of the history of the Church. Each story is yet another example of how God takes care of souls during these times of general apostasy and widespread heresy. Really, it is a reminder of the truth contained in today's Gospel: Just as God takes care of the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, so He will take care of all of our needs. We simply have to put the kingdom of God first. This is true wisdom.

— Bishop McGuire



All Night Adoration Guard of Honor September 2026

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.

✠ CALENDAR

MON 8/31/26	ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS, C <i>ST. AIDAN, BPC</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Gregory Hopkins (KR) 11:25 AM Low Mass Intentions of the CMC (from Dec. 2024)
TUE 9/1/26	ST. GILES, AB • TWELVE HOLY BROTHERS, MM SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 7:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass In thanksgiving for Baby Hugh's life & health (<i>Dan & Diane Stanislowski</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass For my spiritual family, the clergy & sisters (<i>Sister Eulalia</i>)
WED 9/2/26	FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH ST. STEPHEN, KING OF HUNGARY, C 8:00 AM Low Mass Gregory Hopkins (KR) (from 8/31) 11:25 AM Votive High Mass of the Holy Ghost Our Teachers & Students (<i>Bishop McGuire</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Ballesteros & family (<i>C. Simpson family</i>)
THU 9/3/26	FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS ST. PIUS X, PC • <i>MOTHER OF THE DIVINE SHEPHERD</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †Uncle Jim Brueggemann (<i>Cecilia Brueggemann</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass My godchildren (<i>Michelle Mikesell</i>) 5:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests: Low Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) Altar Boys' Pizza Party
FRI 9/4/26	FIRST FRIDAY FERIAL DAY • <i>ST. ROSE OF VITERBO, V</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Austin Allen (<i>The Allen Family</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction †Eugene Reagan (<i>Michelle Mikesell</i>) 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM High Mass Special Intention Deceased (<i>The Wilker & Stafford Families</i>) Sacred Heart Novena, All Night Adoration
SAT 9/5/26	FIRST SATURDAY • ST. LAWRENCE JUSTINIAN, BPC 7:05 AM Rosary, Confessions 7:30 AM High Mass †Rita Vinski – 29 th death anniversary (<i>Mary Egger & Lauren Caggese</i>) 8:10 AM Salve, First Saturday Devotions 8:20 AM Benediction 8:30 AM First Saturday Meditation 8:40 AM Low Mass Elizabeth Young – Happy Birthday! (<i>Grandma & Grandpa Young</i>)
SUN 9/6/26	PENTECOST XV 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Rose Beckerich (<i>Margaret Sutton</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Thou Knowest, O Lord (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)

✠ NOVENA TO POPE ST. PIUS X



Glorious Pontiff, St. Pius X, devoted servant of Our Lord and loving child of Mary, I invoke you as a saint in Heaven. I give myself to you that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of holiness and salvation. Aid me in observing the duties of my state in life. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life after your own example.

Pope of the Blessed Sacrament, teach me to love Holy Mass and Holy Communion as the source of all grace and holiness and to receive this Sacrament as often as I can. Gentle father of the poor, help me to imitate your charity toward my fellowmen in word and deed. Consoler of the suffering, help me to bear my daily cross patiently and with perfect resignation to the will of God. Loving Shepherd of the flock of Christ, obtain for me the grace of being a true child of Holy Mother Church.

St. Pius X, beloved Holy Father, I humbly implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I recommend to you in particular this favor (*mention your request*)

Great Pontiff, whom Holy Mother Church has raised to the honor of our altars and urged me to invoke and imitate as a Saint, I have great confidence in your prayers. I earnestly trust that if it is God's Holy Will, my petition will be granted through your intercession for me at the throne of God. St. Pius X, pray for me and for those I love. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, do not abandon us in our needs. May we experience the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

Servers

THU 9/3	5:00 PM Low: I. & J. Smith
FRI 9/4	5:45 PM High: F. Caggese, A. Constantino
SAT 9/5	7:30 AM High: I. Smith, B. Constantino BENEDICTION: MC: D. Simpson TH: I. Smith TBS: B. Constantino, J. Smith 8:40 AM Low: D. Simpson
SUN 9/6	7:30 AM Low: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM High: MCs: D. Simpson, S. Richesson TH: D. Hudson ACs: J. Rabjohns, C. Lorenz TBS: I. & C. Wright, N. Hudson, V. Horton, Ma. & P. Caggese 11:30 AM Low: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACs: I. Smith, A. Constantino CROSS: B. Constantino 5:45 PM Low: C. Lorenz

11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass Theresa Collier – recovery (<i>Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock</i>)
4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great