

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 6, 2026
PENTECOST XV

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

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

Our annual Thirteen Tuesdays in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony closes this **Tuesday**, after all Masses.

¶ CMC MEETING

The Catholic Mothers' Consortium meets on **Thursday** after the 5 PM Mass.

¶ HOLY NAME OF MARY

Saturday is the feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary. Please note, there is **no 8:15 AM Mass**.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Name of Mary. The Oblates' **Renewal of Oblation** will take place after the High Mass. Catechism Class enrollments will be available after the morning Masses in the church office. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. The penultimate **Fatima Rosary Procession** takes place at **7:15 PM** in West Chester.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Solemnity of the Holy Name of Mary, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XVI. Preface of the Blessed Virgin.

CONGRATULATIONS to Alex & Whitney Ball on the baptism of their daughter, Rosalie Therese, on Sunday, August 30. 

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Enrollment in Catechism Classes:** September 13 & 20
- **Parish Picnic:** Sunday, September 20, Winton Woods Park, 1-5 PM
- **Catechism Classes resume:** Sunday, September 27
- **Rosary Sunday:** October 4. Blessing of Roses, Rosary Procession, Enrollments in the Rosary Confraternity, Rosary Confraternity Breakfast
- **Forty Hours Devotion:** Oct. 23-25
- **All Saints Day:** Sunday, November 1. Children's saint costume presentations and party follow the High Mass.
- **Fall Festival (craft booths only!):** Sunday, November 8

Lumen Christi

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

For the continued support of Holy Face Traditional Catholic Mission
(Justin Cornell)

We are once again able to take *Lumen Christi* (Sanctuary Lamp) intentions. Envelopes available in the vestibule just inside the main doors, or order online.

Collection Report

Sunday, August 30th.....\$6,920.62



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, September 8, we celebrate the **Nativity of our Blessed Mother** with a High Mass at **11:25 AM**, and the traditional Blessing of Seeds & Seedlings in her honor. A little party follows with birthday cake. Bring your children to wish their Heavenly Mother a happy birthday, and to take home some seeds or a seedling!



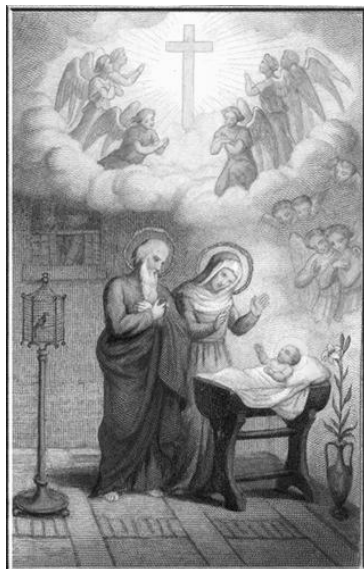
GOD'S MASTERPIECE

Of the thousands of feasts that are kept in the Church, there are only three birthdays, and these are kept because of their sinlessness. The birthday of Our Lady, the 8th of September, is a day of devotion because she was immaculate even in her conception.

In Nazareth, a town of Galilee, in the home of Joachim and Ann, a tiny little babe was born. She was of the tribe and family of David. St. Bernard tells us that she was the masterpiece of all the ages, and none of the daughters of Israel could ever compare with her in the marvelous virtues in which she was enriched.

Mary is Heaven's gift to mankind, born for the salvation of all men. The angels hover round the cradle of the Queen. Heaven and earth are filled with joy.

You will want to give the Blessed Mother a birthday present. The best gift is to receive her Son, Jesus, in Holy Communion. Let us thank Mary on her birthday, for it is Mary's birth which makes our salvation possible, and makes our lives on earth useful in gaining Heaven. Ask our Blessed Mother for many graces for yourself and for others. Mary takes our prayers to her Son, and it is she who guides our actions. To Jesus through Mary is a sure way to Heaven.



PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY



O glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, humble and honest workman of Nazareth, to all Christians, but especially to us, you have given the example of a life of perfection, a life unremitting in toil, a life lived in blessed union with Mary and Jesus. Help us, as Catholic workers, to find in our daily tasks a means of giving glory to God, of increasing in holiness, of being useful to our fellow men. These are the high ideals which underlie our lives.

O most beloved protector, obtain for us from the Lord humility and singleness of heart, love of our work and of those who work with us. May we be ready to accept God's will and to obey His voice amidst all those inescapable difficulties which beset us in life. May we bear our trials gladly, in awareness of our special mission among men, and in recognition of our own responsibility. Grant us the spirit of discipline and of prayer. May we be dutiful and respectful before authority; may we love our fellows as brethren; may we care in charity and in patience for those who are entrusted to us. Be at our side when we prosper, so that we may enjoy the results of our work. Be with us also in those doleful hours when heaven seems to shut itself off from us, when the very instruments of our work seem to rebel in our hands.

Just as were your own, may our eyes be fixed on Mary, our Mother, your own sweet spouse, where she sits spinning in a quiet corner of your tiny shop, as a gentle smile lights up her face. Fix our gaze on Jesus as He works with you at the carpenter's bench. May we thus lead a holy and peaceful life here below, in preparation for the everlasting happiness that awaits us in Heaven. Amen.

— Pope Pius XII

THE PASSION OF MARY

O Lady Mary, thy bright crown
Is no mere crown of majesty;
For with the reflex of His own
Resplendent thorns Christ circled thee.

The red rose of this passion-tide
Doth take a deeper hue from thee,
In the five Wounds of Jesus dyed,
And in thy bleeding thoughts, Mary.

The soldier struck a triple stroke
That smote thy Jesus on the Tree;
He broke the Heart of hearts, and
broke
The Saint's and Mother's hearts, in
thee.

Thy Son went up the Angels' ways,
His passion ended; but, ah me!
Thou found'st the road of further days
A longer way of Calvary.

On the hard cross of hope deterred,
Thou hung'st in loving agony,
Until the mortal-dreaded word
Which chills our mirth, spake mirth to
thee.

The Angel Death from this cold tomb
Of life did roll the stone away;
And He thou bearest in thy womb
Caught thee at last into the day—
Before the living throne of whom
The lights of Heaven burning pray.

— Francis Thompson



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

In last week's note, I promised to give an update on the latest mission trip. Everything went very well, actually, despite the fact that I got pulled over in the town of Moorehead where the speed limit suddenly drops from 70 to 55 mph and where many state troopers are on patrol. I remember this from past trips to North Dakota, but I must have missed the first sign. The officer was very respectful and professional and even let me off with a warning. I really do attribute that to Our Lady.

Each of the four places which I visited has grown, and the people are very enthusiastic. There were many children in each place, too, which bodes well for the future. Pray for our new soldiers of Jesus Christ. About 26 were confirmed on this trip. At St. Teresa of Avila in Grand Forks, North Dakota, we were surprised to have about 70 souls in attendance, and 10 confirmands. The mission normally does not sing a High



Mass except on rare occasions, but they not only sang the Mass but also managed the Confirmation ceremony. That was very impressive. The servers also did a fine

job. The onsite chickens were a plus! Some of the children were teaching me about the different kinds of chickens and telling me their names and which ones they hatched. It was really quite a nice moment on the trip.

St. Joseph of Arimathea was also well attended. There was only one server and he was not used to serving for a bishop and had never served for Confirmation before, but he did a great job and pulled off the ceremony with ease. Six confirmands received the Holy Ghost at this mission. Again, everyone was very kind.

Some of the Brueggemanns met me at Holy Face Mission in Effingham, Illinois. **Fr. Brueggemann** brought two of his brothers, Chris and Vincent, to serve Mass, and his sister Anna, to be a sponsor for one of the confirmands. They were very helpful in setting up for the ceremonies. I think we had eight confirmands. It was nice to meet the newer faithful and to get reacquainted with the ones who have been there for years.



Fathers McKenna, Simpson, and Brueggemann are doing a fantastic job in the missions. The people are very

pleased with them. It is clear that they take very good care of the flock. I am very happy to see the growth and enthusiasm of everyone in the missions. May Our Lady obtain their perseverance.



Dolores Zimmerman, a longtime parishioner and former sacristan at St. Hugh of Lincoln, died this past week. She was as faithful as they come. I remember she attended nearly every Mass offered at St. Hugh's over the years and that she was an excellent sacristan. Her twin sister used to call her "Sister Superior" because she was the older twin and because she was a take-charge kind of person in the sacristy. Dolores will be greatly missed. Her funeral is this Thursday. So, yet again, I will be traveling to Milwaukee, this time to offer her Requiem Mass. It will be a short jaunt, though, going up on Wednesday and coming back on Thursday. Please say a short prayer or two for the repose of her soul.

Meanwhile, here at St. Gertrude's, the roofers are still hard at work. Even with the hundred-degree heat they have been working full days. School has begun again and it is good to see the children. We have a good number of students again this year. Our goal is to give them a classical Catholic education, but most of all, to give them an appreciation and deep love of their Faith. Heaven is our ultimate goal. Without the proper discipline it will be impossible for them to attain it. As long as the families, faculty, and priests work together and are on the same page this discipline will be possible. Of course, without the grace of God all of our efforts will be worth nothing. Let us ask this grace from our good Savior.

September is the month of the Sorrowful Mother. Whatever you are doing, stay with Our Lady. It can never be said enough that devotion to her is a "must." All of the saints, theologians, and popes have taught the need of this devotion. It is a sign of predestination to heaven. Parents, if you wish your children to love God above all things, instill in their hearts a love of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She will be their guide, counselor, consoler, and mother, and she will ensure that they will get to heaven. Sweet Heart of Mary, be our salvation!

– Bishop McGuire



Servers, confirmands & sponsors at St. Hugh of Lincoln

✠ CALENDAR

✠ SAINT CORNER

MON 9/7/26	FERIAL DAY • ST. CLOUD, C • LABOR DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass †Rosa Barre (<i>Karen Simpson</i>) 9:00 AM Low Mass Joann Wilker – Happy Birthday (<i>The Stafford Family</i>)
TUE 9/8/26	NATIVITY OF OUR LADY • ST. ADRIAN, M CLOSING OF SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 8:00 AM Low Mass Collin & Alyssa Smith (<i>Your children</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass September Quadriduum Intentions Blessing of Seeds & Seedlings, Birthday Party for Baby Mary 5:00 PM Low Mass †Elsa Bowman (<i>Cleo & Layla Speckert</i>)
WED 9/9/26	ST. PETER CLAVER, C • ST. GORGONIUS, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Bishop McGuire – Happy Birthday, Your Excellency! (<i>Erika McKnight</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Bishop McGuire – Happy Birthday! (<i>The Oblate Sisters</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass Our Children (<i>Collin & Alyssa Smith</i>)
THU 9/10/26	ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO, C 7:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday, dear Samson, Love Grandma & Grandpa (<i>Phyllis & Kevin Kiernan</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass The suffering souls in Purgatory (<i>The Allen Family</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass My Godmother – Happy Birthday! (<i>Sister Eulalia</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Intentions of the CMC Catholic Mothers' Consortium
FRI 9/11/26	SS. PROTUS & HYACINTH, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. Cekada 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Requiem High Mass †Fr. Cekada 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass †Fr. Cekada 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT 9/12/26	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY 7:05 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass September Quadriduum Intentions 11:00 AM Nuptial High Mass Tyler Wooden & Elisabeth Rabjohns
SUN 9/13/26	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY • PENTECOST XVI 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Doris Ritze – birthday 9/17 (<i>Angela Schmidt</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †John Schmidt (<i>Angela Schmidt</i>) Renewal of Oblation 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass †Edward J. Marko – Rest in peace (<i>Dave & Mary Ann Marko</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession

ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO



Nicholas was born in answer to his childless and middle-aged parents' prayers. He showed his saintliness all through childhood.

At age 18, he was received into the order of the Augustinian friars. His superiors entrusted him with the daily feeding of the poor at the monastery gates. But at times he was so free with the friars' food that the procurator begged the superior to slow down his generosity.

Ordained in 1271, whenever he celebrated the Holy Mass, he seemed radiant with the fire of his love for God. His preaching, instructions and work in the confessional brought about numerous conversions. Although many miracles occurred around him, he was careful not to take any credit. "Say nothing of this," he would insist, "Give thanks to God, not to me. I am only a poor sinner."

Once, when he was very sick, Our Lady appeared to him, telling him to eat a piece of bread dipped in water. Upon doing this, he was immediately cured. He begged that the bread cure others and he distributed it. So began "The Bread of St. Nicholas" which many Augustinians still distribute to this day.

Servers

FRI 9/11	5:45 PM Low : Capetillos BENEDICTION: MCS : D. Simpson, J. Capetillo TH : T. Capetillo TBS : E. Garcia, J. Smith
SAT 9/12	7:30 AM Low : Brueggemanns
SUN 9/13	7:30 AM Low : M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM High : MCS : Seminarian, C. Richesson TH : F. Caggese ACS : M. Kolenich, P. Caggese TBS : D. & I. Wright, J. Smith, B. Constantino, V. Siqueira, E. Garcia 11:30 AM Low : Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION : TH : D. Simpson ACS : I. Smith, F. Caggese CROSS : J. Smith 5:45 PM Low : C. Lorenz