

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 27, 2026

PENTECOST XVIII

Ss. COSMAS & DAMIAN, MM



¶ ANGEL SUNDAY

The **Blessing of Children** will be given after all Masses today, in honor of the Guardian Angels. **Catechism Classes resume** at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.



¶ **WANT TO JOIN THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY?** Enrollments take place after the High Mass next 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!

¶ THIS WEEK

Tomorrow is the feast of good King Wenceslaus. The Dedication of St. Michael, Archangel, is **Tuesday**. The month of the holy Rosary opens on **First Thursday**, as do our daily **October Devotions**. The feast of the Guardian Angels comes on **First Friday**, and the beloved St. Therese of Lisieux on **First Saturday**.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
3:00 PM October Devotions
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Rosary, Confessions
5:45 PM High Mass
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Devotions

All Night Adoration

First Friday Reparation Intention: In reparation to the Sacred Heart, and that the Family Rosary be a daily prayer in every family.

Collection Report

Sunday, September 20th,\$6,532.62
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



Ss. Cosmas & Damian, pray for us!

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:05 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM High Mass
8:10 AM Salve, October Devotions
8:30 AM Benediction, Sermon
8:45 AM Low Mass

First Saturday Reparation Intention: For those Catholics who will not say the Rosary, or who say it poorly, and for Protestants and Modernists who blaspheme it.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Dominic & Florence Swinney on the baptism of their son, Xavier Michael, on September 22.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ROSARY SUNDAY

Roses will be available for purchase in the vestibule next Sunday, before the 9:00 AM Mass. They will be blessed at the Communion Rail after the High Mass, and should be carried in the **Rosary Procession** that follows. Take these powerful sacramentals 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 Mass.

Breakfast follows the High Mass. All are welcome! **Tickets for the breakfast may still be purchased.** Come for some good food and hear the talk that will be given by Fr. Reid Hennick.

Rosaries will be blessed, with all indulgences, during the announcements of each Mass. Other **religious articles** will be blessed after the *Low Masses*. The Second Collection will be taken up for our Oblate Sisters. The Little Church will be in the vestibule to receive alms for poor priests. There will be **no Sunday Classes**. The day ends with Rosary, Vespers & Benediction at 4:30 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal: Low Masses:** Pentecost XIX, second collect of St. Francis of Assisi, third of Our Lady & All the Saints. Trinity Preface. **High Mass:** The Most Holy Rosary (Oct. 7), second collect of Pentecost XIX, third of St. Francis of Assisi. Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XIX. Preface of the BVM.

¶ OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The Rosary is recited on Thursday and Friday this week at **3:00 PM**. Join our children in prayer! Please see the Calendar for the week-end October Devotion schedule.





FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL

“Prince of the host of the Lord;
Standard Bearer;
Mighty Seraph;
One of the Seven that stand before
the Throne:
Dauntless Challenger whose cry ran
through the vasts of Heaven: “Who is
like to God!”

Guardian of God’s chosen race,
Glorious Champion of the Church of
Christ under the New Law;
Triumphant Defender of the Woman
and her Child;
Vanquisher of the Dragon and
Chainer of his strength;
Leader of souls into the holy light.”

— Fr. Husslein, S. J.

The above beautiful epigraph summarizes a few of the glorious prerogatives of the great Archangel whose feast the Church celebrates this week under the title of: “Dedication of St. Michael.” Her Liturgy is replete with the praises of St. Michael as the Prince of the Heavenly hosts and as the protector of the children of God, and she sings the fullness of today’s mystery, “For this is the day of Michael’s most glorious feast which gladdens the whole earth with joy.”

So let us rejoice with heaven and earth and congratulate St. Michael, Prince of the celestial army, on the splendor and glory that are his. We read in the Lives of the Saints, that this festival has been kept with great solemnity at the end of the month of September since at least the sixth century.

Though only St. Michael is mentioned in the title, it appears from the prayers of the Mass, that all the good angels are its object, together with the glorious Prince and tutelary angel of the Church. On it we are called in a particular manner to give thanks to God for the glory which the angels enjoy and to rejoice in their happiness. Also to thank Him for His mercy to us in constituting such beings to minister to our salvation by aiding us.... Lastly we are invited to honor them and implore their intercession and succor.

“As it is not certain just which church is commemorated as having been dedicated on this day, the pious belief has gained favor that the entire Catholic Church is here indicated. For, by casting the rebel spirits into the abyss, St. Michael dedicated the Church Triumphant in Heaven as the peaceful abode of the angels, and as he wards off the devil and his colleagues from the Church upon earth, he has dedicated the Church Militant as the secure dwelling place of the faithful upon earth. And we now know how he succors the Church Suffering in Purgatory. This feast of St. Michael has ever been one of the outstanding feasts of the Church.”
(—*Neath St. Michael’s Shield.*)

Let us then heed this benevolent invitation and place great confidence in St. Michael. May we honor his feast day in a particular way by choosing him anew for our patron, that under his powerful leadership we may successfully attain eternal bliss.



O glorious St. Michael, I believe in thy power and thy devotedness and put my trust in thee. Thou helpest all those who implore thee;

obtain for me the grace of a tender devotion to thee, a devotion that will induce me often to invoke thee and hope from thee victory over temptations during life, special succor at the hour of death, particular protection at the divine Tribunal and prompt release from Purgatory. “Most glorious Prince, Archangel Michael, be mindful of us, pray here and everywhere always for us.”



¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Candlelight Fatima Rosary Procession: Tuesday, October 13, 7:15 PM. Arrive early to get your candle on our final Fatima Rosary Procession of the year!

Forty Hours Devotion: Friday to Sunday, October 23-25. Harvest Chili Supper after opening ceremonies on Friday (*abstinence dispensed for those who attend the opening ceremonies*). Bring your favorite chili to share!

All Saints Day: Sunday, Nov. 1. Saint costume presentations and a party follow the High Mass. Parents, help your children prepare a costume and a brief presentation about their chosen saint.

All Souls Day: Monday, Nov. 2. Indulgences for the Poor Souls may be gained in church all day.

Fall Festival (craft booths only!): Sunday, November 8.

❖ NOTE FROM FATHER ❖

Dear Faithful,

I write this note with the Bishop on the other side of the globe...quite literally. The time difference between here and the Philippines, where he is currently, is 12 hours, so he is about as opposite side of the world as one can get. He will visit both of **Fr. Joven Soliman's** chapels to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation, one in Manila and one in Davao. It is his first trip to the Philippines or anywhere in Asia, for that matter. Doubtless it will be quite the adventure and I know that he was looking forward to getting there.

"Getting there" is the key term too. The travel to and from the Philippines is long and exhausting. His total travel time just to get there was greater than 30 hours, when you include the driving to and from the airport. He left on Wednesday afternoon from Cincinnati and arrived Friday morning, Philippines time. Coming back will take just about the same amount of time...the only difference is that he leaves and arrives home on the same day...Wednesday September 30th. It is only possible because the 30th will have 36 hours to its length for him.

Last weekend was a very nice, albeit quite busy, weekend. It was wonderful to have **Bishop Sanborn** visiting. It amazes me the amount of energy he has at 76 years old. He drove himself out here, met with people along the way before and afterwards, preached at the Masses and joined us for the parish picnic...and once there, he was visiting with people from beginning until the end. He joked at times with the clergy about getting old, but he hardly looked like it.

The parish picnic was a great time. So many of you were able to come out and I enjoyed visiting with you all too. If I wanted to be picky, it could have been a bit cooler...however, one can hardly be ungrateful for a sunny and dry picnic, spent enjoying good food and better company! May God reward all who helped with its organization!



In Christ,
Fr. McKenna



ANGELS AND THE LITTLE FLOWER

Beautifully in the poem, "To My Guardian Angel," the Little Flower illustrates the true spirit of devotion to our heavenly guide and protector. Tenderly she recalls to him how from the high courts of Heaven, where he shone as a splendor of pure flame "before the Lord of endless light," he had come down to earth to be her brother, friend and helper, ever at her side. Gratefully she recalls how with loving hand he removed the stones before her feet, lest she should stumble in the path, while his face shone ever more brightly, the meeker and kindlier she grew. Then, too, she bethought herself of the needs of others and begged him to visit with her message those most dear to her, to comfort and console them in her stead. She thus sweetly commissions him:



*O thou who speedest through all
space
More swiftly than the lightnings
fly,
Go very often in my place
To those I love most tenderly.*

*With thy soft touch, Oh, dry their
tears,
Tell them the cross is sweet to bear,
Speak my name softly in their
ears,
And Jesus' Name supremely fair!*

Above all she desired that he would kindle within her heart his own burning zeal that she might rescue souls from sin, by pouring upon them the dew of Calvary, the Precious Blood of Christ. With his own angelic raptures she would have him unite her poverty and daily crosses, and so present them, fragrant with celestial devotion at the pure Throne of God. Nor did she envy him his glory, for if he looked upon the Face of God, yet she herself might adore Him here below in His Eucharistic Presence and might carry Him within her very breast. Filled with happiest contentment she concludes:

*Thine are heaven's glory and delight,
The riches of the King of kings;
The Host in our ciborium bright
Is mine, and all the wealth pain
brings.*

*So with the cross and with the
Host,
And with thine aid, dear Angel Friend,
I wait in peace, on time's dark coast,
Heaven's happiness that knows no end.*



✠ CALENDAR

MON 9/28/26	ST. WENCESLAUS, DUKE
8:00 AM	Low Mass †Therese Lamb, 3 rd Anniversary (Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski) (rescheduled from 9/20)
11:25 AM	Low Mass Lillian & Lizzie – Congratulations on your First Communion! (Sister Magdalen)
TUE 9/29/26	DEDICATION OF ST. MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL
8:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Anniversary †Mom & †Dad (Judy)
11:25 AM	Solemn High Mass For all who helped with the parish picnic – Thank you! (Theresa)
5:00 PM	Low Mass Isabella Carrillo – Congratulations on your Confirmation (Sister Magdalen)
WED 9/30/26	ST. JEROME, CD
8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls (Jim Soli)
11:25 AM	High Mass To my students – Congratulations (Sr. Ulrica)
5:10 PM	Low Mass †Robert Brockman (Tim & Gayle Bischel)
THU 10/1/26	FIRST THURSDAY • ST. REMIGIUS, BPC
8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (KR)
11:25 AM	High Mass Happy Anniversary, Mom & Dad (Your children)
3:00 PM	October Devotions
5:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests: Low Mass For the sanctification of priests (Alter Christus Confraternity) Altar Boys' Pizza Party
FRI 10/2/26	FIRST FRIDAY • THE GUARDIAN ANGELS
8:00 AM	Low Mass Conversion & salvation of relatives (Ball Family)
11:00 AM	Confessions
11:25 AM	Low Mass, Benediction For our parents – Happy Birthday! (Matthew Giese Family)
3:00 PM	October Devotions
5:00 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM	High Mass Dale Wilker (His family)
6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, All Night Adoration
SAT 10/3/26	FIRST SATURDAY
	ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, V
7:05 AM	Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM	High Mass My Family (Anna Brueggemann)
8:10 AM	Salve, October Devotions
8:30 AM	Benediction, Sermon
8:45 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday †She-She (Sharon Patton) (The Stafford Family)
SUN 10/4/26	ROSARY SUNDAY • PENTECOST XIX
	ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, C
7:05 AM	Rosary
7:30 AM	Low Mass †Rose Beckerich (Dave & MaryAnn Marko)
9:00 AM	High Mass For the Rosary Confraternity Members Blessing of Roses, Rosary Procession Confraternity Enrollments & Breakfast
11:30 AM	Low Mass Jason Miller – Final Perseverance (Bishop McGuire)
4:30 PM	Rosary, Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



All Night Adoration Guard of Honor

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7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Ian Ford, Bill Herman
 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, Chris 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, Carlos Garcia
 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.



Servers

FRI 10/2 5:45 PM **Low**: P. Caggese, B. Constantino
SAT 10/3 7:30 AM **High**: F. Caggese, A. Constantino
BENEDICTION: MCs: F. Caggese, A. Constantino TH: M. Caggese TBS: B. Constantino, Ma. Caggese
 8:45 AM **Low**: Rabjohns
SUN 10/4 7:30 AM **Low**: M. Schneider, Brueggemann
 9:00 AM **High**: MCs: A. McClorey, S. Richesson TH: D. Hudson
 ACs: J. Hudson, F. Caggese TBS: G. & C. Wright, L. Rabjohns, T. Stanislawski, Ma. Caggese, A. Constantino
 11:30 AM **Low**: Kolenichs
 4:30 PM **VESPERS & BENEDICTION**: TH: I. Smith ACs: J. Smith, B. Constantino **CROSS**: A. Constantino
 5:45 PM **Low**: C. Lorenz