

# 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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**October 18, 2026**

**ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST**

**PENTECOST XXI**

**MISSION SUNDAY**

## ¶ ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available today. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. October Devotions, Vespers, and Benediction are at 4:30 PM.

## ¶ ST. MONICA CLUB

The St. Monica Club meets on **Tuesday** with Mass at 11:25 AM.

## ¶ FORTY HOURS

The Forty Hours Devotion takes place on **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday** of this week (**October 23-25**). The Devotion honors the time Our Lord's Adorable Body passed in the Holy Sepulcher, and obtains for the Church, as well as for each soul, all of the pressing needs of the day. Please try to take an hour of Adoration where it is most needed: **Saturday afternoon from 3-5:00 PM, and Sunday from 1-5:00 PM.**

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the **5:30 PM Mass** on Friday. The moving and very touching Procession and Litany of the Saints conclude the opening ceremonies. Our **All Night Adoration** replaces the November Adoration.

The **Harvest Chili Supper** follows the opening ceremonies. Those who **attend** the opening Mass may consider themselves dispensed from the abstinence. Bring a meat or meatless chili to share.

**All members of the Rosary Confraternity** are invited to attend the Opening and Closing ceremonies of



Forty Hours in a body, and walk in the Processions wearing their Confraternity medals.

**Saturday's Adoration** continues all day, with **Low Mass at 7:30** and Solemn Mass at **9 AM**. Rosary is at 12:00 noon, Vespers of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:30, and closing devotions of the day with **Benediction at 4:45**.

## ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Susan Ackley, Mike Houston, Margaret Sutton, and Jim Soli. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of †Nicholas Bollinger, and for the consolation of his family.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: CHRIST THE KING

We resume the **Forty Hours Adoration** at **6:30 AM**. There will be **no** Sunday Classes. October Devotions with Rosary will be at 4:00 PM. Vespers will be at 4:45 PM. **Note that the evening Mass is at 5:30, not 5:45.** Closing ceremonies are at **6:45**, followed by refreshments.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Christ the King, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XXII. Preface of Christ the King.

## ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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.
- **Martinmas Procession & Supper:** Sunday, Nov 15, after 5:45 PM Mass.

## ¶ POOR SOULS ENVELOPES

Envelopes for All Souls Day may be found in the vestibule. Fill one out with the names of loved ones you wish to be remembered in the Masses on All Souls Day, and return them in the collection, bookstore, or office.

## Collection Report

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.....\$5,492.62  
Second Collection 10/4.....\$3,811.00  
Bake Sale.....\$597.00  
Alter Christus.....\$531.00

## TRUST ALL TO GOD

You have embraced the cross of our Divine Savior; do not drag it, carry it with courage; see the holy will of God in everything.... The more you suffer with patience, calmness, and resignation, the more will God love and bless you. Yes, to suffer everything, to endure all without a word, and to make no one else suffer, that is what God demands of us. Courage then! Let us go to heaven by the Way of the Cross!...

Trust all to God; abandon yourself to Him without reserve, and then you will be able to say: *I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.* Fear only sin, not the other difficulties, sources of merit, which will never be lacking; fortified by the protection of God and the help of His Holy Mother, you will advance.

Do not be discouraged.... Discouragement comes from the devil.... Come, be happy, carry the yoke of the Lord with joy and love.

— Sr. Marie Rose Durocher

Sr. Marie Rose Durocher († 1849) was a French-Canadian religious sister and foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.



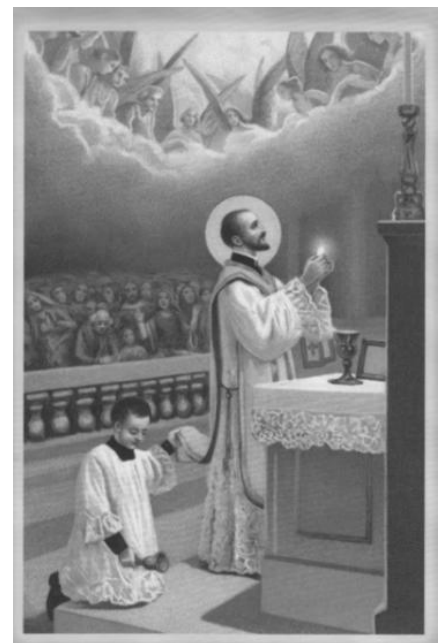
**The soul of Jesus** exercises fully its powers of knowing and loving, just as a pure spirit does. His bodily faculties, that is the external senses, memory, imagination, sensibility, though all present in the sacrament have not the same liberty of exercise—so theologians generally teach for reasons that we need not consider here. Many however hold that by a special miracle—by a further act of divine power performed for the greater devotion of the faithful—the bodily faculties exercise their natural operations also. Hence we need not hesitate to think that our Blessed Lord in the tabernacle not only knows us with intellectual knowledge when we approach His presence, but that He sees us, that He is not only spiritually aware of our prayers, but that He hears us; that He not only loves us with the spiritual love of His will, but that His Heart beats for us. We may think of Him as the Spouse in the *Canticles*: “My Beloved... Behold he standeth behind our wall, looking through the windows, looking through the lattices.” So does God in His goodness give greater perfection to our Lord’s existence in the Eucharist and greater comfort to His worshippers.

— “Christ Our Life Our Love,”  
Rev. Timothy Harris

## AFTER MASS

As if softly my spirit by Seraphim  
tended,  
A peace 'round me hovers when Mass  
has been ended;  
A divine grace from heaven which  
earth cannot give,  
And which teaches poor sinners for  
Savior to live.  
Like the touch of the breeze on the  
harp of a rill,  
Like the song of the leaves, neither  
rustling nor still,  
Like the singing of grasses and  
flowers that nod  
To the breeze—from my heart comes  
a hymn praising God!

— Fray Angelico Chavez



## Lumen Christi

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

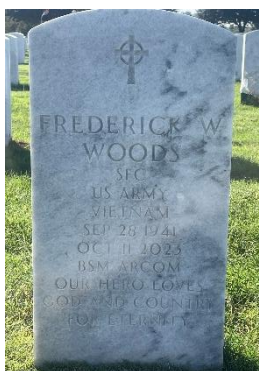
**For all those on Kidney Dialysis**  
(Mark Cash)

## ¶ FALL CRAFT BOOTHS

Once again, we have many interesting and neat items for our craft booths this year! Available after the morning Masses on **November 8**. Hope our shoppers are keeping Christmas and coming celebrations in mind for hand-crafted gifts!

## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Last week's Texas trip was quite the busy one, mostly because of the drives from one place to another. As soon as the plane landed in San Antonio, I drove to Fort Sam Houston Cemetery to bless Fred Woods's grave. The cemetery was quite impressive. If you have ever been to a military cemetery you know what I mean. The tombstones are set up in perfect lines, everything arranged and kept almost immaculate. There was no problem finding the correct grave even though the place was massive. Still, there is nothing like an old Catholic cemetery with crucifixes and religious images on the gravestones.



Next, I drove a few minutes away to see the Alamo. Of course, it was closed so I could only see it from the outside. So I left, and on my way out saw a confrontation between a man and two police officers. There was much shouting and it ended with the officers wrestling the man to the ground and handcuffing him. Not sure what that was about, but I was ready to get on the road. I drove to another town to find a place to stay for the night. Unbeknownst to me, the town was a tourist trap, and finding lodging was very difficult. From place to place I went, meeting rejection after rejection until at last the only thought that came to mind was the Holy Family on the first Christmas. Eventually, they found a nice place for me to stay.

Fr. Simpson met me in Dallas for Confirmations. He organized everything perfectly both there and in Austin. The drive from Dallas to Austin was a bit unpleasant due to traffic. A trip that normally takes between three and three and a half hours took five hours. The parishioners in Austin were quite patient with the late start. Fr. Simpson started with confessions, I said the Mass, then we had to get organized for Confirmations. Then to top it all off, Fr. Simpson did a baptism.



The people in these missions are very devoted and it was interesting to see how much the chapels have grown. The Dallas mission that I remember only had a couple dozen souls, but now they have two Masses on a Sunday and even sing High Masses!

The candlelight Fatima Rosary Procession was so beautiful. It is reported that we had 157 souls that night. That is almost half of our parishioners! May Our Lady reward your

devotion, and may she grant you the grace of persevering in devotion to the Holy Rosary.



This week we are gearing up for the Forty Hours Devotion which begins on Friday. It is, perhaps, one of the most grace-filled times of the entire year. Let us use the time to lay all of our petitions and needs at the feet of our Eucharistic King. Let us thank Him for the graces and the crosses that He sends us. Above all, let us make reparation to His Eucharistic Heart for all the sins committed against Him. He is God, and is worthy of all our love. All that we do is a labor of love. It is so easy to forget that! Come spend some time with Our Lord. You will once again find that spark of the love of God which we all need. Heart of Jesus, burning with love of us, inflame our hearts with love of Thee.

– Bishop McGuire



### The Forty Hours Adoration

(Please find full schedule on back of bulletin)

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### 5:30 PM Opening Solemn High Mass & Procession

Our Harvest Chili Supper takes place after Mass. Bring your favorite chili to share—with or without meat.

We will provide beverages, toppings, and dessert.

(The abstinence is dispensed for those who attend the opening Mass.)

#### All Night Adoration

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 AM Low Mass, 8:30 AM Confessions

9:00 AM Solemn High Votive Mass for Peace

12:00 PM October Devotions

1:30 PM Solemn Vespers of Christ the King

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

#### ADORATION CONTINUES ALL DAY

6:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 AM Low Mass

9:00 AM Solemn High Mass

11:30 AM Low Mass

4:00 PM Visit, October Devotions

4:45 PM Solemn Vespers

5:30 PM Low Mass (note special time)

6:45 PM Closing Ceremonies with Procession and Benediction  
Light refreshments in Helfta Hall

# ✠ CALENDAR

# All Night Adoration Guard of Honor

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| <b>MON</b> | <b>10/19/26</b> | <b>ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA, C</b><br>8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Rob Brockman ( <i>Maria Miller</i> )<br>11:25 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Aunt Regina & Uncle Ken ( <i>Anna &amp; Cecilia Brueggemann</i> )<br>3:00 PM <b>October Devotions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>TUE</b> | <b>10/20/26</b> | <b>ST. JOHN CANTIUS, C • MATER ADMIRABILIS</b><br>7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> For all who made us meals ( <i>Levi Giese family</i> )<br>8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Jim Soli, Thank you ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i> )<br>11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> For our fallen-away children ( <i>St. Monica Club</i> )<br><b>St. Monica Club Meeting</b><br>3:00 PM <b>October Devotions</b><br>5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> †Mr. Rob Brockman ( <i>Dan, Mary &amp; family</i> )                             |
| <b>WED</b> | <b>10/21/26</b> | <b>ST. HILARION, AB</b><br>SS URSULA & COMPANIONS, VMM<br>7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Congratulations Christopher ( <i>Cecilia Brueggemann</i> (from 7/4))<br>8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Terri Young – Thank you! ( <i>Renee Fernandez</i> )<br>11:25 AM <b>Requiem High Mass</b> Purgatorial Society<br>2:45 PM <b>Exposition, October Devotions, Benediction</b><br>3:10 PM <b>(approx.) Holy Communion</b><br>5:10 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Jason Miller – Final Perseverance ( <i>Bishop McGuire</i> ) |
| <b>THU</b> | <b>10/22/26</b> | <b>RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY • FERIAI DAY</b><br>7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Poncho Capetillo ( <i>Nana &amp; Grandpa</i> )<br>8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Loren & †Mary McGuire ( <i>Erika McKnight</i> )<br>11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> Poor Souls ( <i>Terri Young</i> )<br>3:00 PM <b>October Devotions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>FRI</b> | <b>10/23/26</b> | <b>FERIAL DAY • THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER</b><br><b>Opening of Forty Hours</b><br>8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Brian & Jill Benson ( <i>Ballesteros Family</i> )<br>5:00 PM <b>Confessions</b><br>5:20 PM <b>Sacred Heart Novena</b><br>5:30 PM <b>Solemn Votive High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Happy Birthday Mom ( <i>Alex, Flynn, Declan &amp; Kellan</i> )<br><b>Procession, Harvest Chili Supper</b><br>8:15 PM <b>(approx.) October Devotions</b><br><b>All Night Adoration</b>         |
| <b>SAT</b> | <b>10/24/26</b> | <b>ST. RAPHAEL, ARCHANGEL</b><br><b>Continuation of Forty Hours</b><br>7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Rose Beckerich ( <i>Patsy McConnell</i> )<br>8:30 AM <b>Confessions</b><br>9:00 AM <b>Solemn Votive High Mass for Peace</b> For peace<br>12:00 PM <b>October Devotions</b><br>1:30 PM <b>Solemn Vespers of Christ the King</b><br>4:45 PM <b>Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, Compline, Benediction, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Sunday morning</b>                              |

October 23rd (takes the place of November's First Friday Adoration)

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: Alfonso Capetillo, Alex Ball  
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, 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

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| <b>FRI 10/24</b> | <b>5:30 PM HIGH: MCS:</b> C. Richesson, T. Lawrence <b>THS:</b> S. Richesson, N. Kolenich <b>ACS:</b> A. McClorey, M. Caggese <b>CROSS:</b> J. Capetillos <b>TBS:</b> I., J. & S. Smith, B. Constantino, I. & G. Wright <b>UMBRELLA:</b> T. Capetillo <b>BANNER:</b> J. Stewart <b>BELLS:</b> B. Constantino                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>SAT 10/25</b> | <b>9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:</b> S. Richesson, A. McClorey <b>TH:</b> M. Schneider <b>ACS:</b> I. Smith, F. Caggese <b>CROSS:</b> W. Young <b>TBS:</b> T. Young, T. Stanislawski, V. Horton, L. Lotarski<br><b>1:30 PM VESPERS: TH:</b> S. Richesson <b>ACS:</b> A. McClorey, M. Schneider <b>CROSS:</b> W. Young                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>SUN 10/26</b> | <b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> M. McConnell, Brueggemann<br><b>9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:</b> T. Lawrence, C. Richesson <b>TH:</b> D. Hudson <b>ACS:</b> J. Rabjohns, M. Caggese <b>CROSS:</b> T. England <b>TBS:</b> A. Constantino V. Siqueira, D. & C. Wright, Ma. Caggese, E. Garcia<br><b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> Kolenichs<br><b>4:45 PM VESPERS: TH:</b> A. Constantino <b>ACS:</b> I. & J. Smith <b>CROSS:</b> P. Caggese<br><b>5:30 PM LOW:</b> A. McClorey<br><b>6:45 PM CLOSING: MCS:</b> M. Simpson, C. Richesson, T. Lawrence <b>THS:</b> F. Caggese, D. Hudson <b>ACS:</b> J. Hudson, S. Richesson <b>CROSS:</b> J. Rabjohns <b>MITRE:</b> I. Smith <b>CROZIER:</b> A. Constantino <b>TBS:</b> N. Hudson, V. Horton, B. & Ba. Constantino, T. Stanislawski, E. Garcia<br><b>UMBRELLA:</b> A. McClorey <b>BANNER:</b> L. Rabjohns <b>TRAIN:</b> J. Smith |

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| <b>SUN 10/25/26</b> | <b>CHRIST THE KING • PENTECOST XXII</b><br><b>Closing of Forty Hours</b><br>6:30 AM <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b><br>7:05 AM <b>Rosary</b><br>7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Get well soon Aunt Regina! ( <i>Maria Brueggemann</i> )<br>9:00 AM <b>Solemn High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Repose of the soul of †James Montalto ( <i>Joe &amp; Kathy Bayer</i> )<br>11:05 AM <b>Rosary</b><br>11:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Mary Rake<br><b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues all day</b><br>4:00 PM <b>Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, October Devotions</b><br>4:45 PM <b>Solemn Vespers</b><br>☞ 5:30 PM <b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great<br>6:45 PM <b>Closing Ceremonies: Procession, Benediction</b><br><b>Light refreshments</b> |
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