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# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

### • SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY • • PENTECOST XIII •

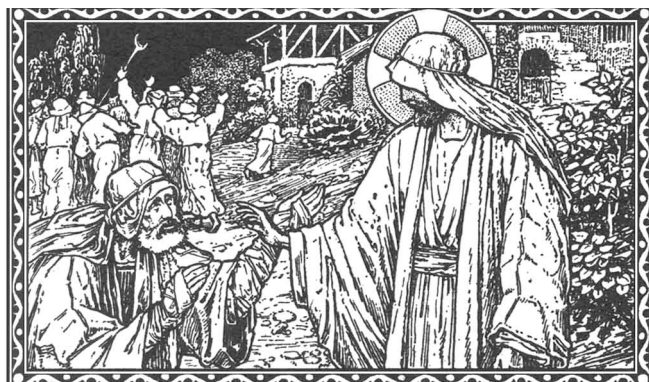
¶**Blessing of Religious Articles:** First Sunday of the month after all Masses, at communion rail.

¶**Blessing of Expectant Mothers:** Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

¶**Rosary Chain:** To request prayers for your special intentions or needs, or to assist in the Rosary Chain, please call the office.

¶**Baptisms:** Saturday morning by appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsor (only one sponsor is required) must be practicing Roman Catholics who do not belong to the Novus Ordo Religion. Novus Ordo and non-practicing Catholics may not serve as sponsors. The Church will provide a sponsor in case of necessity. The Churching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony. Please make arrangements through the church office.

¶**Mass Intentions:** Individual Mass intentions as well as Purgatorian Society enrollments are available in the vestibule, and may be given in with the collection or at the office.



*Were not ten made clean? and where are the nine?*

¶**Dress Code:** Ladies—Please wear a modest dress and a head-covering. No tight fitting, low-cut, short, slit, or sleeveless dresses. No pants or shorts. Men & Boys—Please wear a shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes. No T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans or Sports logo jackets.

¶**New at St. Gertrude's?** Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules observed here for the reception of Holy Communion. There is also a Visitor's Card to fill out if you want more information on St. Gertrude's or on the traditional Latin Mass. A free information packet on the traditional Latin Mass is available to newcomers. Stop by the Social Hall after Mass for refreshments.

¶**Catholic Books & Religious Articles:** A fine selection is available in the Gift Shop after the Masses on Sunday.

¶**Registration:** Please complete a card at the Gift Shop or phone the church. Collection envelopes will be mailed.

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

• PENTECOST XIII • SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY • SS PROTUS AND HYACINTH •

Today we close our summer with a final High Mass sung by the faithful, and we open our new fall season with the traditional Solemnity of the Holy Name of Mary. Sunday classes begin this morning from pre-school to grade and high school through Adult Education. You and your children are welcome.

You are welcome as well to refreshments in Helfta Hall, or to browse in our intriguing gift shop.

You are welcome as well to end the Lord's Day with us by the evening prayer of Solemn Sunday Vespers, with devotions and Benediction.

### ✠ THIS WEEK:

Our School Masses are now sung daily at 11:20 as noted in the Calendar. Attend if you can, or tune in at home: [sgg.org](http://sgg.org)

On **Tuesday** evening **Mass** is at **5:45 PM**, to lead into our penultimate **Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace** at **7:15 PM**. What a good attendance we had ten years ago, after 9/11, how respectfully it was received by the passers by! Let us ward off another such crisis by our fervent prayer now. On **Wednesday** we keep the great feast of the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. Wednesday evening is our **first choir practice** of the season. On **Thursday** we honor the **Seven Sorrows of Mary**, the second great devotion of September. **Friday** again offers three **Masses: 8 and 11:20 AM**, and **5:45 PM**, with **Novena and Benediction** at **6:30 PM**. On **Saturday** we honor **St. Francis' stigmata** with **Mass** at **7:30**.

### Ushers

SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

7:30 AM Scott Pepiot, Kent Maki, Volunteer  
9:00 AM Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand, Paul Arlinghaus  
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer  
5:45 PM John Seyfried

*Thank you for your generosity!  
Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!*

## ✠ POETRY CORNER

### A Censor Complains

*A Good 9/11 Poem*

Each day lays down more past to be digested, blended in memory through the ministry of sleep and dream.

Each poem leaves more truth to be digested, blended in history through the ministry of speech and print.

Born by a revolution, my regime sprang from words, made history, held it tight,  
dreaded more truth

so poets dumbled or died or fled abroad.  
Only they knew the truths I silenced better than me.

My regime died of dull language.  
I cannot now give out what I withheld.  
A new regime thinks truth cheap, the past unimportant

The young agree.

—Alasdair Gray

*-This is a despairing poem about how a civilization can destroy itself. Once you start dreading the truth and destroying the poets you cannot retrieve the history that has been lost. This is what it means to have a censor: to be protected from the truths we do not want to hear.*

### ✠ FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

Tuesday's 7:15 PM Rosary Procession could easily be overlooked, as it is a school night in September, and the nights are now longer and cooler. Please remember! Bring the children after supper to our Union Centre Blvd. meeting place at First Watch parking lot and pray with us. Better yet, come for the Mass at 5:45, and drive over to Union Centre. See you there.

### ✠ PRAYERS PLEASE

Please keep all of our shut ins and sick in your prayers especially Kim and Althea LeBlanc, Alex Bearov, Diane Powell, Loraine Gates, and Marty Lierl. Pray, too, for our death row prisoner Joseph Murphy.

### ✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Solemnity of the Seven Sorrows. The blessing of the Sick follows all Masses. Our choir High Masses resume. *Set your missal:* Low Mass: Pentecost XIV, commemoration of St. Joseph Cupertino, Trinity Preface.

High Mass: Solemnity of the Seven Sorrows (Sept. 15) commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XIV. Please plan to join us for the **Parish Picnic**, which begins at **1:00 PM**.

### ✠ A CARD OF THANKS

To Our Lady of Prompt Succor for a safe and smooth trip to Louisiana last weekend during the tropical storm Lee, and home again —*Bishop Dolan*

To St. Anthony for finding something lost — *Fr. Anthony Cekada*

To Our Mother of Good Counsel and St. Therese for our preservation and protection the last several years.

To God, the Mother of God and St. Gertrude the Great for many many blessings over the past ten years.

### ✠ REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers Sr. Mary Gerard Vincent, O.S.F., a devoted religious who ended her inspiring and selfless life with us on September 12, 2002.

Please pray today for all of the victims of 9/11 and its aftermath in the wars, as well as for the living who bear the scars and suffer still. May they too find rest.


Please also pray for the repose of the soul of John Miller who died suddenly. He was one of the faithful members of Our Lady of Sorrows Mission in Necedah, Wisconsin.

✠ FIRST CHOIR PRACTICE will be this Wednesday (Sept. 14th) from 6:30-8:30 PM. New members are welcome and encouraged! Come, share your talent for God's glory.



### Collection Report

Sunday September 4th .....\$3,001.50  
Second Collection .....\$963.50

Weekday webcast Masses are marked with a 

MON	9/12/11	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
	11:20 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Sr. M. Gerard Vincent 9th Anniversary (A grateful parish)
TUE	9/13/11	FERIAL DAY
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention (Scott & Jennifer Richesson)
	11:20 AM	<b>Requiem High Mass</b> Purgatorial Society
	5:00 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> In honor of our M.P.H. and relief of all holy souls (Patrick Omlor)
WED	9/14/11	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Repose of the soul of Denise Trias (Margaret Omlor)
	11:20 AM	<b>High Mass</b> For the People of St. Gertrude (from 9/11)
	4:00 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Poor Souls - Guadalupe Sanchez (Laura Rios)
	6:30 PM	<b>Opening Choir Practice</b>
THUR	9/15/11	SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Joseph Dismas Murphy (Chuck & Val Bellavia)
	11:20 AM	<b>High Mass</b> In honor of our M.P.H. and relief of all holy souls (Patrick Omlor)
FRI	9/16/11	SS CORNELIUS, P & CYPRIAN, Bp, MM
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Jennie Rocco (Mrs. Ruth Hosanna)
	11:20 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Mark & Annette Bischel (Scott & Jennifer Richesson)
	5:15 PM	<b>Rosary and Confessions</b>
	5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> Mr. & Mrs. José Abello (Simpson Family)
	6:30 PM	<b>Novena and Benediction</b>
SAT	9/17/11	STIGMATA OF ST FRANCIS
	7:15 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Mark & Annette (Kirby & Jean Bischel)
SUN	9/18/11	PENTECOST XIV
		SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY
		ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO, C
		<b>BLESSING OF THE SICK AFTER ALL MASSES</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention (M/M Maki)
	9:00 AM	<b>High Mass</b> Our Parents & Godparents (Arlinghaus Family)
	10:40 AM	<b>Sunday Classes</b>
	11:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Our Fellow Parishioners (H.O. & Becky Hinton)
	1:00 PM	<b>Church Picnic</b>
	5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> For the People of St. Gertrude



Gratitude, a beautiful virtue proper only to angels and to men, is rare. The pages of literature are filled with laments caused by ingratitude, a marble-hearted fiend whose sting is sharper than a serpent's tooth. Grandparents complain sadly that the more they have done for their children, the less thanks they get. It is not really that the children mean to be ungrateful, they do appreciate the gifts and will never forget their parents' sacrifices, but they are so busy; thanks is put off until tomorrow, because life is too pressing a matter for courtesy. Or is it that we are too self-centered to think of others?

Through force of necessity, the lepers banded together. Of deliberate choice, evil people seek out and find their own kind—*similia similibus*. Surveys have time and again shown that bad companions are more often the cause of many degrading and sinful practices than any other factor, such as movies or reading. When we have been cleansed of our sins, we ought to avoid all persons, places, and things which might lead us to sin again.

The Jewish lepers were restored to physical health, could now circulate freely among men. We have been given far greater spiritual gifts: first, supernatural life through baptism and penance, and then, freed from the devil's clutches, the promise of heaven and life forever with God. We should be always thanking God for these great and undeserved gifts. Thank Him for the little things (everyday pleasures, health, etc.) as well as for the big ones.



## Church Picnic

### PARISH PICNIC

Our Annual Parish Picnic is next Sunday, **September 18**. Join us anytime between 1-5:00 PM at "**Council Bluffs Shelter**" in Sharon Woods Park for an afternoon of games, good food and great company. We're providing the hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks; you bring the rest.

#### Servers

SEPTEMBER 12 - SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

•WED	9/14	9:00 AM HIGH: School Servers, T. & J. Simpson
•FRI	9/16	5:45 PM LOW: T. & J. Simpson, J. Gunsher
•SAT	9/17	7:30 AM LOW: Simpson
•SUN	9/18	7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann
		9:00 AM HIGH: MC: Thomas Simpson
		ACs: S. Arlinghaus, P. Lawrence
		TH: R. Hill
		TORCH: P. Omlor, J. & J. Morgan, J. Simpson, M. Simpson, J. Lacy
		11:30 AM LOW: F. & N. Puglielli
		5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

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## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

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Summer's stormy exit early morning last Sunday left us with cool, overcast and early Autumn for Labor Day, and ... left us in the dark. The first Mass in the still warm church was offered by candlelight on Sunday morning, and our deacon, under such adverse conditions (no microphone at all) acquitted himself admirably for his first sermon, shedding light on the priest as the Good Samaritan. The light itself returned during the High Mass at the "Lumen de Lumine" of the Creed, surely a Gertrudian moment.



Meanwhile, I had a perfectly smooth (except for some bumpy moments on the plane) trip to Louisiana. I thank you for your prayers. Two brothers were confirmed and made their First Communion, and I was able to visit with quite a few of the stalwart faithful of Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel, which celebrated its thirty-sixth anniversary on September 7th. The devout Dominican, then **Father McKenna**, (now bishop) offered the first Mass in the converted general store.

I also had a nice visit with the local friendly friar, **Fr. Francis Miller, OFM**, of **Christ the King Chapel** in Lafayette, La. Father has been very generously helping us with the chapel sick calls, and funerals, which spare us northerners the long trip. This fraternal assistance also demonstrates the true charity which should animate those who are one in faith.

I spoke with **Fr. Florian Abrahamowicz** of Treviso, Italy the other day. Father paid us a quick but warm visit last May, and reports that his tour of sedevacantist North America and now, of Europe, was most enlightening and encouraging to him. Priests everywhere told him the same thing about the state of the Church and papacy, even though, everyone says, they may disagree with their brethren on other topics! For a priest who only recently left the Pius X Society, this was a real eye opener.

Fr. Abrahamowicz lives near the birthplace of St. Pius X at the "Marcel Lefebvre House," and was happy to report an attendance of 130 for the feast day of St. Pius X last Sunday. Father wishes to honor the good legacy of the Archbishop, and not that of unfortunate compromise and confusion.

Meanwhile, Ratzinger, preparing to pay his homage to the Lutherans in Germany, summons this week the Lefebvrians to Rome for more "negotiations." In my day, you just obeyed the pope. St. Pius X himself was rather strict on the subject, as I recall.

How wonderful this past Thursday to see so many children for Mary's Birthday Mass and blessing and party! The innocence and the enthusiasm of our little ones always cheers us, and is its own reward for our selfless school and catechism teachers. Our school year has begun, and we are looking forward to our kindergartners this week.

I leave this Friday for three Sundays in France. Fr. Roger is severely short on priests, and I thought I would offer to help a little, even though it entails so long an absence. God willing I will return on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th, just in time for Forty Hours.

We plan to observe Rosary Sunday (October 2nd) this year with the Blessing of Roses before the High Mass, at the Lourdes Grotto, followed by a procession into Church for Mass.

Forty Hours opens on First Friday, on the feast of the Rosary itself, October 7th, with 5:45 PM Mass and Procession. Our Seminarians will be with us for the three Solemn High Masses. On Sunday morning October 9th, we hope to make up last June's missing Blessed Sacrament Procession combined with the Rosary, and then conclude with the annual Confraternity Communion Breakfast. The Forty Hours will conclude, as usual, on Sunday evening with the closing procession and litany. Plan to pray and process with us these days of grace, as we interlink the Mysteries of the Rosary with the Mystery of Faith.

I've asked our own John Lynch, who with his wife Rhonda (Philothea Press) published Fr. Cekada's monumental **Work of Human Hands**, to be our Communion Breakfast speaker this year. John will speak to us about the book, the Mass, the Modernist victory the New Mass represents, and the Catholic reconquest now fully underway. This will be a very interesting talk to conclude a wonderful and uplifting morning. The church services are open to all, but the Confraternity Breakfast is by ticket only. Ask Gloria to save you one today! You will not want to miss this breakfast, or one single part of this year's "Rosary Forty Hours."

Speaking of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, I do want to thank those who watched and prayed with us on First Friday night, as well as the good sized group which turned out for the Masses, and to make a Communion of reparation.

May the Holy Name of Mary comfort and cheer you for the combat, and lead you to victory.

—Bishop Dolan





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## ✠ THE HOLY NAME OF MARY ✠

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### The Holy Name of Mary

(September 12)

In celebrating this feast of the Mother of God, we dwell lovingly upon the majestic beauty of her name, which, in its Hebrew form: “Miriam” signifies “Sovereign Lady.” This venerable name is endeared to us by our realization that, in all probability, it was the first word pronounced by the Infant Jesus as He lay within the shelter of His Mother’s arms. Because our Lord has commanded us to regard Mary as our Mother, we seek the protection and assistance of her powerful prayers. In the inspiring icons of the East and the magnificent mosaics of the West, Mary is depicted in the regal role implied by her name. Theology, art and poetry urge us to love and venerate the Queen-Mother of the Universal King. Jesus and Mary are the Holy Names invoked by us, “now and at the hour of our death.”

#### Prayer

*Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that as Thy faithful people rejoice in the Name of the Most Holy Virgin Mary and enjoy her protection, so, by her loving intercession, they may be delivered from all earthly evil and found worthy to attain the unending joys of heaven. Through our Lord, etc.*



**“For thou wert dwelling in the Eternal Mind,  
Creation’s crown! ere heaven and earth were made;  
And when the world’s foundation had been laid  
Thou wert the chosen Mother of mankind,  
Alone most perfect, in whose peerless state  
All God’s created glories culminate.”**

—*Mariale Novum*

#### Prayer to the Blessed Mother

O Mary in thee is fulfilled the purpose of the Most High. Thy face and form, dear Mother, are like the morning star, which is thy emblem, bright and musical, breathing purity, telling of heaven, infusing peace. O Harbinger of Day! O Hope of the pilgrim, lead us still as thou hast led us in the dark night across the bleak desert; guide us to our Lord Jesus, guide us to our heavenly home.

### NAME OF MARY



Dear, honored name, beloved for human ties,  
But loved and honored first that One was given  
In living proof, to erring mortal eyes,  
That our poor flesh is near akin to heaven.

Sweet word of dual meaning; one of grace,  
And born of our kind Advocate above;  
And one, by mercy linked to that dear face  
That blessed my childhood with its mother-love,

And taught me first the simple prayer: “To thee,  
Poor banished sons of Eve, we send our cries.”  
Through mist of years, those words recall to me  
A childish face upturned to loving eyes.

And yet, to some the name of Mary bears  
No special meaning and no gracious power;  
In that dear word they seek for hidden snares,  
As wasps find poison in the sweetest flower.

But faithful hearts can see, o’er doubts and fears,  
The Virgin-link that binds the Lord to earth;  
Which, to the upturned trusting face, appears  
Greater than angel, though of human birth.

The sweet-faced moon reflects, on cheerless night,  
The rays of hidden sun that rise to-morrow;  
So, unseen God still lets his promised light,  
Through holy Mary, shine upon our sorrow.

—*John Boyle O’Reilly*



#### Prayer to our Mother of Confidence

*O Immaculate Mary, when we venerate thee under the gracious title of Mother of Confidence, how our hearts overflow with the sweetest consolation, how we are moved to hope for every good gift from thee! That such a name should have been given to thee is a sign that none have recourse to thee in vain. Receive, then, with a mother’s compassion these acts of homage, with which we earnestly pray thee to be propitious to us in every necessity. Above all, we ask thee to make us live ever united to thee and thy divine Son Jesus. Under thy escort we shall safely walk along the straight road; and so shall it be our lot to hear on the last day of our lives those consoling words: Come, O faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord. Amen.*