

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann



## June 16, 2024 PENTECOST IV FATHER'S DAY

### ¶ PENTECOST IV

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day

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The High Mass today

is for all of our fathers, whose names are on the altar. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail after all Masses. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

### ¶ GIRLS' CAMP

**Girls' Camp** is this week, **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.** Tuesday opens with Mass at 9 AM (plan to arrive by 8:30), and Mass is at 8 AM the other two days. Each day concludes at 3 PM for the younger girls. Older girls who are camping each night should be sure to have everything they need. All girls should wear church clothes and bring a prayer book and rosary.

### ¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA



The **Summer Novena** to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony begins this **Tuesday.** Don't forget to submit your intentions to be placed at St. Anthony's feet.

#### Collection Report

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.....\$6,619.00  
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST V

A quiet summer Sunday. A good day to come back for Vespers and Benediction at 4:45 PM!

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost V, Trinity Preface.

### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Gerald Kasik, Baby James, and all of the intentions recommended to us.

### ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

**St. John's Bonfire:** Monday, June 24. High Mass at 5:30 PM, followed by parish barbecue and potluck—bring a dish to share! Church provides the hot dogs. The Blessing of the Bonfire concludes the evening.



**Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul:** Saturday, June 29

**YAG 2024:** July 12-14

**Boys Camp:** July 23-25

### ¶ JUST A REMINDER

The parking spaces next to the cloister are **reserved** for our staff and religious on weekdays. **This includes temporary parking.**

Thank you for leaving these spaces open for their use.

## Lumen Christi

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

**Rest of the soul of †Aunt Dorothy**  
(Sara Kitchen)

### Wedding Banns

*Third time: Leo Arlinghaus  
& Katelyn McConnell*

**THE LOVE OF CHRIST FOR HIS FATHER**

The heart of Christ is an immense furnace of love. The great love of Christ is that which He bears toward His Father. All His life can be summed up in these words: "I do always the things that please My Father."

Let us meditate these words in our prayer: only thus shall we be able to penetrate a little into their secret. This unspeakable love, this tending of the Soul of Christ towards His Father is the necessary consequence of His hypostatic union. The Son is altogether *ad Patrem*, as the theologians say: this is, if I may thus express it, His essence; the holy Humanity is carried along by this divine current; having become, by the Incarnation, the Humanity of the Son of God, it therefore belongs entirely to the Father. The fundamental disposition, the primary and habitual sentiment of the Soul of Christ is necessarily this: I live for My Father, "I love my Father." It is because He loves His Father that Jesus gives Himself up to all He wills.

— Dom Marmion



*A FATHER'S PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH*

O holy Joseph, thou faithful companion of the Blessed Mother, thou who didst protect her and her Divine Child with such care, and didst devote thy whole life to them; I beseech thee to be also my and my children's protector and advocate with Jesus thy adopted Son. Obtain for me the grace to fulfill my duties to my children as thou and Mary have done to Jesus. St. Joseph, pray for me. Amen.



**OUR FATHER**

Our Father is God. Our Divine Lord would have us always realize this most consoling truth. His own conduct to His Father was one of sweetest filial love. He begs us to practice the same. "The Father also loveth you." If He loves us, then what will He not do for us. What will He not give us. It is good to often have a heart to heart talk with the Father. A most entertaining and profitable subject for conversation with Him, is to talk to Him about His Son. Ask Him to teach you to know the Son. "This is eternal life, to know Thee, the one true God and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent."

We will find eternity too short to thank God the Father for sending us His Son. What would the world be without this act on the part of the Father? What would the world be without Jesus Christ? The Father hath sent Him. Therefore we owe the Father immense, limitless gratitude for this greatest of all gifts. Let us often thank the Father for His Son.

**THE MAN OF THE HOUSE**

Joseph, honored from sea to sea,  
This is your name that pleases me,  
"Man of the House."

I see you rise at the dawn and light  
The fire and blow till the flame is bright.

I see you take the pitcher and carry  
The deep well-water for Jesus and Mary.

You knead the corn for the bread so fine,  
Gather them grapes from the hanging  
vine.

There are little feet that are soft and  
slow,  
Follow you withersoever you go.

There's a little face at your workshop  
door,  
A little one sits down on your floor:

Holds His hands for the shavings curled,  
The soft little hands that have made the  
world.



Mary calls you: the meal  
is ready:  
You swing the Child to  
your shoulder steady.

I see your quiet smile as  
you sit  
And watch the little Son  
thrive and eat.

The vine curls by the window space,  
The wings of angels cover the face.

Up in the rafters, polished and olden,  
There's a Dove that broods and His  
wings are golden.

You who kept Them through shine and  
storm,  
A staff, a shelter kindly and warm,

Father of Jesus, husband of Mary,  
Hold us your lilies for sanctuary!

Joseph, honored from sea to sea,  
Guard me mine and my own roof-tree,  
"Man of the House!"

— Katharine Tynan

The weather here all week long has been warm, but still quite nice. The skies have been blue, the sun has been shining, there has been a light little breeze. It was nice not having to worry about whether or not our Fatima Rosary Procession could take place outdoors...no umbrella needed, just maybe some sunscreen.



**Bishop McGuire** and all the priests spent last week out in Seattle, where the Bishop conducted the annual clerical retreat. I am sure it was an incredible and spiritually rejuvenating time for all the priests and one which is certainly well deserved for all their hard work. Following the retreat, they all scattered to various places to share the fruits of what they have gained in their time of prayer, meditation, and attending spiritual conferences. Bishop McGuire traveled to Colorado for Confirmations at **Fr. Peter Raleigh's** chapel, **Fr. Simpson** heads to Milwaukee and then to the northern missions, **Fr. Brueggemann** travels to Dallas, and **Fr. Lehtoranta** has come back here to St. Gertrude's to help me for the weekend. It's a bit ironic that the only person who hasn't had to travel this past week and during this weekend has been me! I stayed here to hold down the fort.

In writing the note for this week's bulletin, I realize that I probably need to cover the usual bulletin subjects. I spoke about the weather at the outset, so this means that it is now time to talk about the cats. Surprisingly, I haven't really seen them too often. The nice weather has them wanting to spend their days outside. They occasionally come in to get a quick bite to eat, but often then hurry right back outside. Even coming in for a meal has been inconsistent for the two cats. I think they are finding food via hunting on the property. I witnessed the fat cat catch a bunny and later a bird all on the same day! Of course, cats are basically psychopaths, so it wasn't enough to catch and slay the critters, but he dragged out the process. I saw him tossing the bird up in the air and then catching it with his paws. When fat cat eats food inside the house, he basically inhales it in seconds; however, apparently when it comes to living food, he has all the time in the world.

This upcoming week, we have our annual girl's camp, starting on Tuesday. It's always a wonderful time of games, crafts, friends, and time for Mass and prayers. Hopefully the weather will be as favorable next week as it is this week. While we are always able to find a workaround to ensure everyone has a great

time if it rains, it is much more enjoyable if everyone can go out and have some fun in the sun!

– Fr. McKenna



### A CATECHETICAL STORY

*"He and all they who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish they had made."* St. Luke, 5:9.

*"I believe in the holy, Catholic Church."*

Some years ago there lived in Paris, Kentucky, a couple who had been married several years. However, they had kept the spirit of their honeymoon, as the following incident proves. The wife had gone on a trip to Europe. When she entered the Agricultural Bank of Paris, France, and presented a check signed by her husband, it was discovered that the check was made payable to "Sweetest of the Sweet."

"Who is 'Sweetest of the Sweet'?" asked the cashier at the window. Smilingly and sweetly she answered: "Why, I am." The banker directed her to endorse the check. The good woman wrote her real name across the back of the check and handed it through the grill to the cashier. He told her that she must endorse it just as it was drawn. Again she wrote. This time, right below her own name, she wrote: "Sweetest of the Sweet." The amount the check called for was handed over to her. Later the check was framed and hung on the wall of the bank as a reminder of the tender and enduring love of a couple in the Blue Grass region.

Jesus Christ Himself has compared His relations to His Church to the relations between bridegroom and bride. Christ is to the true Church what a bridegroom is to His bride. And what a Bridegroom He is. In our story the bride was called "Sweetest of the Sweet." But in the case of the Church it is the Bridegroom who must be called by that name. Yes, He can also be called Strongest of the strong, and Bravest of the brave, and Kindest of the kind, and Purest of the pure, Gentlest of the gentle, and most Powerful of the Powerful.

The Founder of the Catholic Church was the most perfect Person who ever trod this earth. He was the sweetest and the strongest of the sweet and strong. The brief bit from the Bible which we have just read to you shows Him sweet and shows Him strong. In His sweetness He wanted to do something to help the apostles who had been fishing all night without success. In His strength He worked a miracle by giving them an unheard-of catch of fish. Little

wonder that Simon Peter and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish which they had made.



# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>6/17/24</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Poor Souls ( <i>Jim Soli</i> ) 11:25 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Our deceased relatives ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Wilker</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>6/18/24</b>	<b>ST. EPHREM, CD</b> SS. MARK & MARCELLIANUS, MM OPENING OF SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Fallen-away & lapsed Catholics to return to the true Faith & Sacraments ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Joseph Prell</i> ) 9:00 AM <b>Girls Camp Begins: High Mass</b> Holy Souls in honor of St. Anthony ( <i>The Arlinghaus Family</i> ) 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> My †parents ( <i>KLB</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>6/19/24</b>	<b>ST. JULIANA FALCONIERI, V</b> 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †James D. Hanna Jr. ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William Oleyar</i> ) 8:00 AM <b>High Mass</b> Poor Souls in Purgatory ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> ) 5:10 PM <b>Low Mass</b> †Patricia E. Bendel ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Joseph Prell</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>6/20/24</b>	<b>ST. SILVERIUS, PM</b> 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> The Schneider family ( <i>Fr. Brueggemann</i> ) 8:00 AM <b>High Mass</b> Smith family ( <i>Collin Smith</i> ) 3:30 PM <b>Girls' Camp Performance</b> 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Martin Joseph Doyle ( <i>Zach Doyle</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>6/21/24</b>	<b>ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, C</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Pat Kolb ( <i>Patsy McConnell</i> ) 11:00 AM <b>Confessions</b> 11:25 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Elizabeth Kolenich 5:15 PM <b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Mr. & Mrs. John Brueggemann ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> ) 6:30 PM <b>Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>6/22/24</b>	<b>ST. PAULINUS OF NOLA, BPC</b> VIGIL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 7:10 AM <b>Confessions</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> John & Julie Brueggemann ( <i>Fr. Brueggemann</i> ) 8:10 AM <b>Salve, Sermon</b> 8:20 AM <b>High Mass</b> Thanksgiving to the Poor Souls ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Matthew Giese</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>6/23/24</b>	<b>PENTECOST V</b> 7:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Poor Souls in Purgatory ( <i>Patsy McConnell</i> ) 9:00 AM <b>High Mass</b> Happy Birthday, Dominic! ( <i>Your family</i> ) 11:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 11:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Dominic & Florence Swinney – 1 <sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. David Swinney</i> ) 4:45 PM <b>Vespers, Benediction</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



## A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER



O Father of mercies, from whom cometh all that is good, I offer my humble petitions unto Thee through the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord and Redeemer, in whom Thou art always well pleased and who loves Thee so much; vouchsafe to grant me the grace of a lively faith, a firm hope and an ardent charity toward Thee and toward my neighbor. Grant me also the grace to be truly penitent for all my sins, together with a firm purpose of never offending Thee again; that so I may be enabled to live always according to Thy divine good-pleasure, to do Thy most holy will in all things with a generous and willing heart, and to persevere in Thy love even to the end of my life. Amen. (*Indulgence of 3 years*)

**COME TO THE SHOW!**

The Girls' Camp will be putting on a little performance on the last day of camp, Thursday at 3:30 PM. Don't miss it!

### SERVERS

<b>TUE 6/18</b>	<b>9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:</b> T. Lawrence <b>ACS:</b> T. & J. Capetillo
<b>WED 6/19</b>	<b>8:00 AM HIGH: MCS:</b> S. Richesson <b>ACS:</b> M. & N. Kolenich
<b>THU 6/20</b>	<b>8:00 AM HIGH: MCS:</b> A. McClorey <b>ACS:</b> F. & P. Caggese
<b>FRI 6/21</b>	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> Caggese
<b>SAT 6/22</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Rabjohns <b>8:20 AM HIGH: MCS:</b> C. Brueggemann <b>ACS:</b> D. Simpson, M. Brueggemann
<b>SUN 6/23</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> M. McConnell, Brueggemann <b>9:00 AM HIGH: MCS:</b> D. Simpson, S. Richesson <b>TH:</b> C. Arlinghaus <b>ACS:</b> M. Caggese, N. Kolenich <b>TBS:</b> V. Horton, M. Kolenich, J. Hudson, F. Caggese, J. & I. Smith <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> <i>Volunteer Please!</i> <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> D. Simpson, I. Smith <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> P. McClorey