

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 17, 2006 - SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY - PENTECOST XV - STIGMATA OF ST. FRANCIS

The **High Mass** is from September 15th, with the commemorations of the Sunday and the Stigmata of St. Francis with the Proper Last Gospel of the Sunday. The Low Masses are of the Sunday.

Our annual **Blessing of the Sick** follows all Masses today, and after that, **Expectant Mothers**. Please come up after the sick (unless you're sick, too...in that case get in on both blessings!)



PARISH PICNIC

Our Annual Parish Picnic is this afternoon from **1-5:00 PM** at "Council Bluffs Shelter" in Sharon Woods Park. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin for directions to the park.

OUR LADY OF LASALETTE

A Triduum in honor of Our Lady of LaSalette (the *Weeping Virgin of LaSalette*) begins Monday after the 11:30 AM Mass and concludes on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY CHOIR PRACTICE

The first choir practice of the season is this Wednesday, September 20th, from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. If you like to sing and would enjoy taking a more active part in the liturgical life at St. Gertrude, please join us.

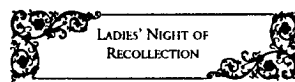
EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the Fall Ember Days. Catholics between the ages of 21-59 are bound to the Laws of Fast; those who have reached their 7th year must abstain from meat on Friday. All may eat meat but once, at the principal meal, on Wednesday and Saturday. The Ember Days were instituted for a good harvest and to draw down God's blessings upon the September ordinations. Pray for priests!

HOLY HOUR IN HONOR OF THE HOLY CROSS AND THE SEVEN SORROWS / LADIES EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

This Friday we are having a **Holy Hour** to honor the *Holy Cross and the Seven Sorrows* beginning at **5:00 PM** with Exposition, Meditated Rosary and Devotions. At **5:45 PM**

the Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction will be followed by a Sermon. **Holy Mass** will be offered at approximately **6:10 PM**.



Following Holy Mass at approximately

7:00 PM we encourage all the ladies of the parish to join us for our **Ladies' Evening of Recollection** with a *Spiritual Talk* and opportunity for questions and discussion. Confessions will be heard before the talk. Refreshments conclude the evening.

LESSONS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Bishop Dolan or Father Cekada are now offering a systematic study of the Catholic Faith — for all — especially converts and interested non-Catholics, or Catholics who would simply like to learn more about their Holy Faith. Please invite, and even accompany, anyone who may be interested. Join us Saturdays at 3:00 PM.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of the Month. **Confessions** will be heard *before and during all morning Masses*. **Childrens' Confessions** are at **10:40**. All our little ones are invited to receive their **Guardian Angel Blessing** after all the Masses, as we continue our beloved annual custom of *Angel Sunday*.

Set your missal: **September 24th. Pentecost XVI** with the commemoration of Our Lady of Ransom. **PREFACE: Trinity. PR. LAST GOSPEL: BVM.**

HOLY HELPER VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, September 23rd: Katie Bischak, Wilker Family.

Hishers

SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

7:30 AM Kent Maki, Joe Andreotta, Tom Kamphaus
9:00 AM Jim Gebel, Richard Smith, Dale Wilker, Bernie Brueggemann
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Kirby Bischel, Dennis Hille, John French
5:45 PM John Seyfried

Servers

SEPTEMBER 18, - SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

*TUE 9/19 5:45 PM LOW: G. Keaveney
*WED 9/20 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
*FRI 9/22 5:00 PM EXPO, BENEDICTION & LOW: Briggs, Bayer, Ritze, Keaveney
*SAT 9/23 7:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
9:00 AM HIGH: Briggs &/or Keaveney
*SUN 9/24 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: R. VandeRyt; AG: S. & S. Cozzens; TH: D. Poepelman; TORCH: T. Simpson, B. Lotarski, G. Wnek, F. Puglielli
11:30 AM LOW: G. Miller, I. French
1:10 PM VESPER & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: C. Ritze

Collection Report

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2006 \$4676.00

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

✠ POETRY CORNER

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

They had been so happy in those days.
The mother and her Boy.

Such was her reward.
Thus was she rewarded.

For having borne.
Given birth to.

Fed at the breast.
Carried.

In her arms.
Him who died for the sins of the world.

For having borne.
Given birth to.

Fed at the breast.
Carried.

In her arms.
Him who died for the salvation of the world.

For having borne.
Given birth to.

Fed at the breast.
Carried.

In her arms.
Him through whom the sins of the world
will be forgiven...

And now she had seen Him treated in a way
that no mother would care to see her son
treated.

Maltreatments. Maltreatments. Blows.
Unspeakable abuse.

Insults. Maltreatments and the least said
about them the better.

Unspeakable maltreatments.
And death to cap it all.
With death to cap it all.

You have such trouble with children.
You bring them up and afterwards.
She felt all that went on in His body.
Particularly His sufferings.

All that children give you is worry.
All that was in His body.

In her body as well as in His.
She felt her body as well as His.

Because of her motherhood.

She was a mother.
She was His mother.

His mother according to the works of the Spirit
and His mother according to the flesh...

She knew how much He suffered.
She well felt how much it hurt Him.
She suffered in His head and in His side
and in His four Wounds.

—CHARLES PEGUY

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D.)



FEED THE HUNGRY!

Ladies and/or gentlemen of the parish, our priests are looking for *a few good women or men* who would be willing, now and again, to cook a meal for three priests and drop it off at church on either Sunday, Monday or Tuesday. Please call the Church Office if you can help. 645-4212.

OCTOBER 1ST:

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROSARY CONFRATERNITY OPEN ENROLLMENT

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Rosary Confraternity, please complete an Enrollment Sheet prior to October 1st and read the following:

As Pope Leo XIII said in his encyclical on the Confraternity, "Whenever a person fulfills his obligation of reciting the Rosary according to the rule of the Rosary Confraternity, he includes in his intentions all its members, and they in turn render him the same service many times over."

Each member includes deceased fellow members as well; and thus he knows that in turn he will be included in the prayers of hundreds of thousands both now and hereafter.

OBLIGATIONS:

Each member strives to pray the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary each week (this does not bind under sin), and must have his/her name inscribed in the register of the Confraternity.

THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY'S BENEFITS:

1. The special protection of the Mother of God.

2. A share in the prayer of countless thousands of members the world over, and this even after death.
3. A share in the prayers, Masses and apostolic works of the entire Dominican Order.
4. The intercession of the entire heavenly court.
5. Various plenary and partial indulgences. Over 400 years indulgences for every Rosary using blessed beads.

ROSARY INDULGENCES:

For members of the Rosary Confraternity, a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, is granted:

- a. The day of enrollment in the Confraternity.
- b. Christmas (December 25)
- c. Feast of the Purification (Candlemas Day, February 2)
- d. Feast of the Annunciation (March 25)
- e. Easter Sunday
- f. Feast of the Assumption (August 15)
- g. Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7)
- h. Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8)
- i. Any day when prayed in a church, public oratory, as a family, or with a pious association.
- j. Otherwise a partial indulgence of 400 years is granted.

NEXT ENROLLMENT INTO THE CONFRATERNITY:

October 1, 2006, after the 9:00 AM Mass, Bishop Dolan will enroll new members who have filled in the enrollment sheet and have read this notice. Also, write your name on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.



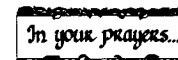
!OCTOBER 8TH:

ROSARY SUNDAY / ANNUAL ROSARY

CONFRATERNITY COMMUNION BREAKFAST Our annual **Rosary Sunday** blessing of roses to be carried in the procession may be purchased before the 9:00 and 11:30 AM Masses. The Rosary Confraternity will lead the outdoor procession after the 9:00 AM Mass.

All Rosary Confraternity members are invited to attend the High Mass in a body, wear their rosary medal and walk in the procession, as well as attend the breakfast afterwards.

The **Annual Rosary Confraternity Communion Breakfast** follows the High Mass and Procession. Mr. Bernard Hall will be our speaker this year, talking about the "*Rosary's Background and the Church's Prayer: The Divine Office.*" Join us for a delightful breakfast after the Procession and an interesting and informative talk and a chance to socialize. Purchase your tickets from Confraternity members at **\$7/person and \$20/family.**



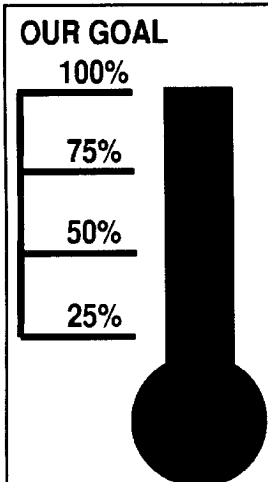
!Please remember to keep John Wiesman in your prayers. He is home recovering from serious surgery. Betty Richter (last Sunday's 90th birthday girl) had a bad weekend and needs your prayers. Also remember all of our sick and shut-in in your prayers this week.

!SUMMER CAMP PICTURES

If you haven't seen them yet, check out the "picture gallery" bulletin board in Helfta Hall. Connie Wozny has some really wonderful pictures of the children who took part in the summer camp.



Happy Birthday to one of our dear shut ins - Shirle Downing. While she can't get out much, Shirle would love to hear from you: Shirle A. Downing, 47 E. Charlotte Ave., Wyoming, OH 45215-2113.



SEPTEMBER RECTORY FUND

This appeal is *monthly*, and on-going. It is Fall, and September is a very busy time, what with school starting and all the activities going on at church, so it's easy to be distracted from our immediate need (*an extra donation*). However, we *really do* need your \$25.00 a month donation, and it would help significantly if more of you could donate. Before you decide whether to donate, or whether to become a regular monthly donor, consider this—the cost of one dinner at Mc Donalds for a family of four is approximately \$25.00!

Your support is needed and appreciated!

Never omit carrying a corsage of the holy sufferings of Christ on the altar of your heart, gathering the flowers in the morning in the flowering meadow of the divine mysteries undergone for our salvation by the Son of God.

—Saint Paul of the Cross

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	09/18/06	ST JOSEPH CUPERTINO, C 11:30 AM High Mass † <i>Special Intention - C.M. (Alberna Courter)</i> Opening of Triduum in Honor of OL of LaSalette
TUES	09/19/06	ST JANUARIUS, BPM & COMP, MM - OUR LADY OF LASALETTE 11:30 AM High Mass - Triduum II <i>Special Intention of Patrick Lotarski - (The Wilker Family)</i> 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>Don Holbrook Family & Intentions (Arlinghaus Family)</i>
WED	09/20/06	Ss EUSTACE & COMP, MM - VIGIL OF ST MATTHEW - EMBER WEDNESDAY - FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE 6:30 AM Low Mass <i>Poor Souls (B. & F. Bradley)</i> 11:30 AM High Mass <i>John Wiesman (B. Brueggemann)</i> Closing of Triduum in Honor of OL of LaSalette 7:00 PM First Choir Practice of the Season
THUR	09/21/06	ST MATTHEW, APÉV 11:30 AM High Mass † <i>Corman Diehl (Cindy Beaver)</i> 7:00 PM Compline
FRI	09/22/06	ST THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BpC - Ss Maurice & Comp, Mm - EMBER FRIDAY - FAST & ABSTINENCE 11:00 AM Confessions 11:30 AM High Mass <i>Thanksgiving (Barb Steinmetz)</i> 5:00 PM Holy Hour: Exposition, Meditated Rosary, Devotions 5:15 PM Confessions 5:45 PM Novena, Benediction, Sermon 6:10 PM (Approx.) Low Mass, Confessions <i>The Faithful Departed of Our Parish (B. & R. Brueggemann)</i> 7:00 PM (Approx.) Ladies' Evening of Recollection
SAT	09/23/06	ST LINUS, PM - ST THECLA, VM - EMBER SATURDAY - FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass <i>Holy Souls Intention Zack & 3/8 Marines (Marge Kitchen)</i> 8:45 AM Confessions 9:00 AM High Mass <i>Special Intention of Gerry Keaveney (The Wilker Family)</i> 3:00 PM Lessons in the Catholic Faith 4:30 PM Confessions
SUN	09/24/06	ANGEL SUNDAY - PENTECOST XVI - OUR LADY OF RANSOM CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEFORE AND DURING MORNING MASSES 7:30 AM Low Mass <i>Special Intention (Kathy Schweitzer)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass <i>MIM Kirby Bischel (Jennifer)</i> 10:40 AM Catechism Classes / Childrens' Confessions 11:30 AM Low Mass <i>Thanksgiving - Special Intention (Sue Kurtz)</i> 1:10 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>For the People of St. Gertrude</i>

We hope at long last to finish the job of installing proper roof caps. This should arrest the leaks (we hope) and enable us to repair the damage we have suffered. The roofing firm will be out next month.

Last of all, remember the picnic today. Do stop over for awhile this afternoon. Fr. Cekada and I always look forward to seeing many of you as we "work the crowd" and greet and chat with as many as possible. An annual chat doesn't seem like too much, but it is important.

After we have feasted today, let us fast this week on the Ember Days for a good Autumn, for God's blessings on all of our endeavors, and especially our priests, seminarians, and the two deacons who will be ordained later this year. Remember Our Lady of La Salette, who predicted with tears the terrible time we are now living through, the "eclipse of the Church." Her sorrows continue. May it be our joy to console Our Lady by devout lives as true Christians.

May Our Lady bless us all.

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Last week we celebrated with joy, the joy of the Holy Ghost, Our Lady's Birthday and Holy Name. This same ineffable Spirit of God leads us to compassionate the Sorrows of Mary today, to see our own sorrows in the light which enflames her heart—the Holy Ghost. We bless our sick today, and pray for them all, confiding them to Mary's motherly Heart.



But we cannot help but be joyful today, and not only to suffer in and for Our Lord. We rejoice that His mercy has given us another season to work for His glory, and we rejoice in the good start we have already had this September.

I thank God for a PERFECT celebration of His Mother's Birthday on the 8th. After a beautiful Mass in the Sanctuary decorated in Our Lady's honor with the lovely shrine of her "venerated cradle," we processed outside under Marian Blue skies, singing "O Come Little Children," for the Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings. When Fr. Cekada had concluded this sacramental the children each came up to take a flower and a packet of seeds from yet another beautifully decorated altar, which had been set up in the cloister garden. Finally we hosted a hall-full of happy and hungry children for cake and ice cream, a proper birthday party for "Baby Mary," complete with a beautifully decorated cake.

On Sunday the adults were treated to a fascinating lecture from Dr. Droleskey, replete with history and papal teaching (as well as humor!) on the Kingship of Christ. I regret we were so limited in time, but have invited Dr. Droleskey to return and speak again when he can, as a kind of ongoing adult education class while the children are at catechism.

I had good reports on the first day of Sunday School. It is always interesting to question and test the children at the beginning of the year. It seems there was some confusion with the little ones (and older ones, too)? about the Mass, which gives us a good starting point. Parents, work with your children every day on catechism.

Fr. Cekada has been visiting our school classrooms to stress the importance of reading—not just for completing an assignment but for pleasure as well. Reading is the key to a good education.

Fr. Saavedra is with us now from Sunday afternoon through Wednesday, and is enjoying his work with the children, as he teaches religion in the school. We hope to establish an after school activity group for boys under Father Saavedra's direction.

A man has appeared out of nowhere, a true answer to my prayers, whom we are paying to cut down the wicked weeds which had overtaken so much of our property. In addition to this, a number of men are volunteering regularly to do the many jobs yet to be finished at church. John Wiesman has always been so faithful in this kind of work, but now needs our prayers as he recovers from serious surgery.

✠ MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

§A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!

Father Martin Stepanich and Sister Mary Olive are elderly Franciscan Traditional Religious who are very independent yet needing assistance of light duties throughout the week—cooking, cleaning errands, etc. Father offers daily Mass in his chapel—at the age of 91.

- Unique live-in, or live-out. Located 30 - 40 minutes from Chicago.
- Daily Traditional Latin Mass offered in private chapel.
- Cincinnati 5 hours by car. Car may be provided for light use.
- Paid position. Part-time hours. Light work, easy maintenance.
- Room is provided in shared accommodation. Privacy provided.
- Extensive library available for good Catholic reading.
- Spiritual life and daily Mass / recitation of prayers / hymns.
- Regular breaks / vacation can be taken as needed.
- Current valid driver's license would be helpful.

Position would suit one having another part-time job, a student, overseas visitor, or care/nurse. Religious are preferred, yet all applicants will be considered. This would also suit a female who is very modest in dress, and aspires to the spiritual life.

If you would like to be considered for this position, or receive more information, please express your interest a.s.a.p. to Cecilia Omlor at ceciliaomlor@hotmail.com with current resume and 3 references.

✠ OUR LADY OF SORROWS

For "there stood by the cross of Jesus His Mother." O words full of compassion! For how much, O my heart, ought they to move thee in all thy depths, the sorrows and afflictions of so loving a Savior hanging upon the cross, and yet decreeing, for us alone, that we who were once enfolded in the darkness of our sins have now been led back again to the light, with the help of the Mother of God. It is fitting to suffer with such a Mother standing by the cross, bearing in her heart to the full the boundless sorrow of her suffering Son, and in some way, more special and more particular, to endure with her all that our innermost hearts could feel. It is indeed just that we, who in our miseries are constantly consoled by her, should also suffer with her in her sorrows. And even if we may not suffer with her as we should, at least, by calling to mind her dolor, let us stir up in faith, so far as we can, our heart's devotion. The depths of the of the grief of that loving Mother we do not know, but let us seek from afar, by surmising them, from the sorrows that we have been shown. So let every lover ask himself how much he would be made to mourn, if he were to see whatever it is, so lovable, which he loves so deeply, given over to a shameful death, and with what vehement compassion he would be moved, even though a heart that does not love should find in itself nothing like this. Let a loving mind turn these things over, and from this he will well believe all that can be said of the sorrow of her who loved and mourned more than all mortal men, when she saw her dear One condemned to the vilest death.

✠ THE HOLY CROSS

§IN YOUR CHARITY...

Albert Daniel Kinnett (parishioner and Catechism T.A.) is in need of a ride to church on Sundays from the Dayton area—Wright State University. If you can help, please call him at 513-205-9225.



**"I ADORE, I VENERATE,
I GLORY!"**

*St. Anselm's Prayer to the
Holy Cross*

What if you walked into a friend's house one day and saw a picture of an electric chair prominently displayed in the living room? Or, going through the checkout line, you noticed a miniature guillotine hanging from a chain around the cashier's neck. Even stranger, what if your friend and the cashier spoke about these symbols with reverence, respect, and even affection? Wouldn't it make you uncomfortable?

In the early years of the Church, Christian veneration of the Cross must have seemed no less odd to those who had not embraced the Gospel. And even for Our Lord's first followers, the surprise may have never worn off: *Who could have imagined it? An instrument of execution is the way to everlasting life!*

But this is the way God chose to redeem us, by making the greatest evil into the source of the greatest good. The deepest sorrow has given way to the greatest joy. As the prophet said: *"Who would believe what we have heard?... Upon Him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by His stripes we were healed"* (Isaiah 53: 1,5).

Today, however, the Cross has become so familiar to us that we sometimes need to be reminded of the awesome paradox it represents. And it is with this in mind that we offer St. Anselm's "Prayer to the Holy Cross."

St. Anselm (1033-1109) was a gifted Benedictine monk whose leadership made the monastery of Bec, in northern France, a center of holiness and learning. A profound theologian, he was also revered for his holiness. What's more, from 1093 when he became Archbishop of Canterbury, St. Anselm also proved a courageous leader. The position was a cross itself, involving conflicts with the king, but St. Anselm held firm and faithfully cared for the English church to the end of his life.

St. Anselm's prayer reveals a man who loved Our Lord deeply and who had a profound reverence for the salvation He won for His people. So as you read this prayer, ask the Holy Ghost to give you the same passionate love for the Cross of Christ that St. Anselm himself experienced!

(See following page for the prayer.)

*O Venerable Cross, which has
brought health to the sick, with what
praises
shall I praise you, since you have
prepared for us life in heaven?*

*The Blessed Cross shines, on which hung the
Lord in His flesh; and in His Blood He has
bathed our wounds. There pierced in His hands,
He has redeemed the world from disaster,
and with His burial He has
closed the way of death.*

✠ PRAYER TO THE HOLY CROSS - ST. ANSELM

Holy Cross,
which calls to mind the cross
whereon our Lord Jesus Christ died,
to bring us back from that eternal death
to which our misery was leading us,
to the eternal life we had lost by sinning.
I adore, I venerate, and I glory in that cross
which thou dost represent to us,
and by that cross I adore our merciful Lord
and what He has in mercy done for us.
Cross, worthy to be loved, in whom is our salvation,
our life, and resurrection.
Most precious wood, by whom we are saved and set free,
sign to be revered, by which we are sealed for God,
glorious cross, we ought to glory only in thee.

We do not acknowledge thee because of the cruelty
that godless and foolish men prepared thee to effect
upon the most gentle Lord,
but because of the wisdom and goodness of Him
who of His own free will took thee up.
For they could not have done anything
unless His wisdom permitted it,
and He could not suffer except that in His mercy He willed it.

They chose thee
that they might carry out their evil deeds;
He chose thee
that He might fulfill the work of His goodness.
They that by thee
they might hand over the righteous to death;
He that through thee He might save sinners from death.
They that they might kill life;
He that He might destroy death.
They that they might condemn the Savior;
He that He might save the condemned.
They that they might bring death to the living;
He to bring life to the dead.
They acted foolishly and cruelly; He wisely and mercifully.
Therefore, O Cross to be wondered at,
we do not value thee
because of the intention of their cruel folly,
but according to the working of mercy and wisdom.

In what way, then, shall I praise thee,
how shall I exalt thee,
with what love shall I pray to thee,
and with what joy shall I glory in thee?
By thee hell is despoiled,
by thee its mouth is stopped up to all the redeemed.
By thee demons are made afraid and restrained,
conquered and trampled underfoot.
By thee the world is renewed and made beautiful with truth,
governed by the light of righteousness.
By thee sinful humanity is justified,

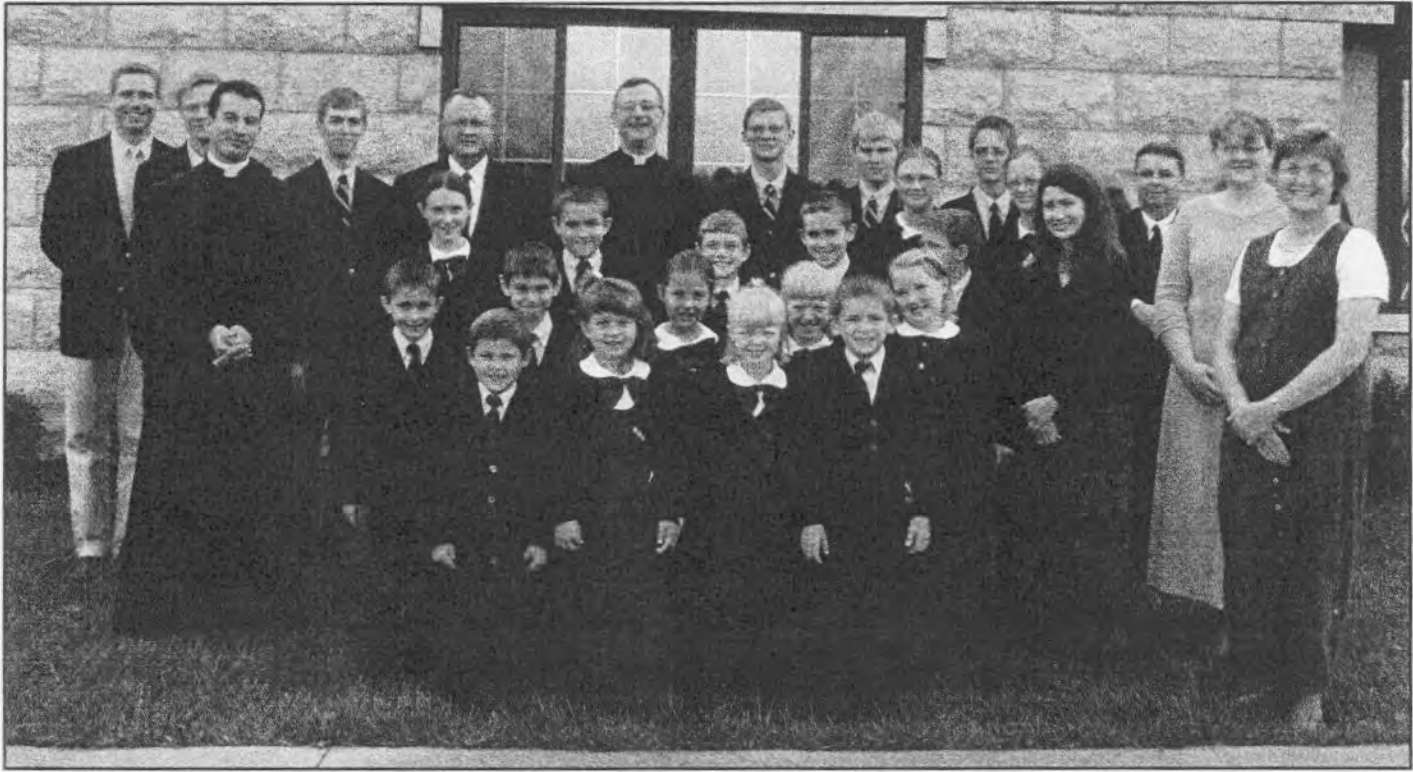
the condemned are saved,
the servants of sin and hell are set free,
the dead are raised to life.
By thee the blessed city in heaven
is restored and made perfect.
By thee, God, the Son of God willed for our sakes
"to become obedient to the Father, even unto death,"
because of which He is exalted and has received
"the name which is above every name."
By thee "His throne is prepared" and His kingdom established.

O Cross, chosen and prepared for such ineffable good,
the work that was accomplished on thee exalts thee more
than all the praises of human or angelic thought and tongue.
In thee and through thee is my life and my salvation;
in thee and through thee is the whole and all my good;
"forbid that I should glory save in thee."
For why was I conceived and born, and given life,
if afterwards I am to descend to hell?
If that is to be my fate it were better for me
if I had never been conceived.
And it is certain that it would have been so
if I had not been redeemed by thee.

With what love shall I glory in thee, O Cross,
when without thee
there would be nothing for me to glory in,
and in eternity I should have the grief and misery of hell.
With what delight will I rejoice in thee,
when by thee the servitude of hell which I inherited
is exchanged for the kingdom of heaven.
With what jubilation shall I laud thee,
when without thee I faced that future
which horrifies me, even if it had lasted only a moment,
and through thee I now expect to rejoice in eternity.
Though now I serve God between hope and fear,
I am sure that if I give thanks, love, and live to thy glory,
through thee I shall at last come to that good.

So let my glory be through thee and in thee;
let my true hope be through thee and in thee.
by thee, my sins are wiped out,
By thee my soul is dead to its old life
and lives to the new life of righteousness.
I beseech thee, wash me by baptism from the sins
in which I was conceived and born,
and cleanse me again from those that I committed
after I was reborn,
so that by thee I may come to those good things
for which man was created,
by the might of the same Jesus Christ our Lord
who is blessed for ever and ever. Amen.

Back to School at St. Gertrude's



The faculty and student body of St. Gertrude the Great School, September 2006.

Wednesday, September 6, 2006 saw the re-opening of our school after an all too brief summer recess. Mid-August saw the faculty organizing their classrooms and writing lesson plans, parents were busy buying books and supplies, and students were coming to terms with getting their minds back in gear.

The school is happy to welcome some new members this year, both among its faculty and student body, and we all look forward to working together to make our school a success.

As in previous years we look forward to resuming daily Mass. Our team of servers continues to grow as the younger boys take on some of the more complex liturgical roles of master of ceremonies, thurifer and acolyte, and the boys' schola continues to make progress singing the chant.

One of the classrooms now has a set of computers for the students to use for some of their courses, and we are hoping to add to our resources during the course of the coming year in many other ways. Various fundraisers are being planned with this in mind, and as our school grows, we intend to provide all the tools necessary to give our students an environment in which they can learn to make their way in the modern world, while at the same time being rooted in the traditional faith and moral values.

Rosary Sunday, October 8, 2006

Join us as we celebrate Rosary Sunday, October 8th. Roses will be sold before the 9 AM and 11:30 AM Masses.

A Rosary procession will take place after the 9 AM Mass. Following the procession, there will be an excellent breakfast in the Social Hall. The cost is \$20.00 per family or \$7.00 per person.

Mr. Bernie Hall will give an interesting talk on the breviary and the Rosary. Please join us!



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If you are interested in becoming a member of the Rosary Confraternity, please fill in an Enrollment Sheet prior to Oct. 1st and read the following:

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Each member includes deceased fellow members as well; and thus he knows that in turn he will be included in the prayers of hundreds of thousands both now and hereafter.

OBLIGATIONS

Each member strives to pray the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary each week (this does not bind under sin), and must have his/her name inscribed in the register of the Confraternity.

THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY'S BENEFITS

1. The special protection of the mother of God.
2. A share in the prayer of countless thousands of members the world over, and this even after death.
3. A share in the prayers, Masses and apostolic works of the entire Dominican Order.
4. The intercession of the entire heavenly court.
5. Various plenary and partial indulgences...Over **400 years** **indulgences** for every Rosary using blessed beads.

ROSARY INDULGENCES

For members of the Rosary Confraternity, a **plenary** indulgence, under the usual conditions, is granted:

- a. The day of enrollment in the Confraternity.
- b. Christmas (December 25)
- c. Feast of the Purification (Candlemas Day, February 2)
- d. Feast of the Annunciation (March 25)
- e. Easter Sunday
- f. Feast of the Assumption (August 15)
- g. Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7)
- h. Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8)
- i. Any day when prayed in a church, public oratory, **as a family**, or with a pious association.
- j. Otherwise a partial indulgence of **400 years** is granted.

NEXT ENROLLMENT INTO THE CONFRATERNITY

Oct. 1, 2006, after the 9:00 AM Mass, Bishop Dolan will enroll new members who have filled in the enrollment sheet and have read this notice. Also, write your name on the signup sheet in the vestibule.

St. Gertrude the Great
ROSARY CONFRATERNITY
Enrollment Sheet

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

As a member of the Rosary Confraternity, I will pray 15 decades of the Rosary every week.

Sign Name _____

(Annual Dues are \$10.00)