

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 19, 2006 - SOLEMNITY OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT - PENTECOST XXIV

Today is the Third Sunday of the Month. The **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** follows the *Low Masses*.

We welcome today Father Nicholas Desposito. Father is offering the 9:00 AM Solemn High Mass to celebrate the feast of the Solemnity of St. Gertrude the Great, and the 3rd anniversary of our new church. Father Desposito will give his **First priestly blessing** after Mass.

All parishioners are invited to a **Reception** in Helfta Hall in honor of the Solemnity of St. Gertrude and the newly ordained Fr. Disposito following the High Mass.

Exposition, Rosary and Benediction are at 5:00 PM.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS

Please remember, school confessions are now heard after school (approx. 3:30 PM) every Tuesday afternoon during the School Year. *You* are welcome as well. In addition, Confessions are heard at about 11:15 AM on Friday morning, and 10:45 AM on First Friday.

THANKSGIVING

Join us for a special holiday Mass with patriotic music on Thursday, November 23rd, at 9:00 AM. Holy Mass is the best way to give thanks! Let's joyfully and thankfully stress the religious character of this holiday. The *abstinence* is traditionally *dispensed* on the *Friday* after Thanksgiving and meat may be taken.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of the Month. **Confessions** will be heard before and during all Masses.

Set your missal: November 26th.

Last Sunday after Pentecost with the commemorations of St. Sylvester, Ab, and St. Peter of Alexandria, BpM. **PREF:** Trinity.

Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

VISITATION SOCIETY

The Visitation Society is sponsoring a membership drive organizational meeting

on Sunday, December 3rd following the 9:00 AM Mass. Bishop Dolan will be speaking at the meeting. Please bring contact information of people who need visiting. Contact Kathy Bayer at 779-0212 if you have questions.

Arts & Crafts **CALLING THE CRAFTY**
If you're a "crafty" kind of person, perhaps you would like to help make a success out of our Sunday, December 17th, Christmas Craft Sale. You are welcome to drop off items at the church office, or call Connie Kamphaus 513-892-1469 for more information. Thank you so much for your help, time and creativity.

We are planning a Christmas Bake Sale for the same Sunday morning. Please mark your calendar, and plan on sharing some of your Christmas goodies with us to make this a great fundraising booster.



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Hashers

7:30 AM John Wiesman, 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

NOVEMBER 20- NOVEMBER 26, 2006

Servers

*TUE 11/21 5:45 Low: Keaveny
*WED 11/22 6:30 Low: C. & T. Simpson
*THU 11/23 9:00 Low: Keaveny & Rize
*FRI 11/24 5:45 Low: Briggs, Bayer, Rize, Keaveny
*SAT 11/25 7:30 AM Low: C. & T. Simpson
9:00 AM HIGH: Keaveny and/or Briggs
*SUN 11/26 7:30 AM Low: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: A. & J. Lotarski; AC: L. Schappacher, R. Hill.;
TH: D. Poppelman; TORCH: Eilerman Bros., Poppelman Bros.
11:30 AM LOW: S. & S. Cozzens
5:00 PM EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2006 \$4905.00
SECOND COLLECTION \$ 148.00

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

✠ POETRY CORNER

NOVEMBER

BY MARIE COUDERT BELLINGER

"Blow winds, blow,
'Tis almost time for snow,
Carry me o'er the meadow,
Bear with me through the plain
To the little stone house that faces the south.

I must look in that window pane,
They may not call me in,
They may not see me—out,
But my heart will beat to the moan o' the winds,

The words I may not shout.



PSALM FOR ORDERS

BY WILLIAM NOÉ FIELD

Make of me what Thou wouldst,
My God:

A plough, a sword, an eagle black
against the sky:

A book, a torch, a battle flag to fly:

A root, a tree, a square-set cornerstone:
A temple of my very flesh and bone.

Beat me out upon Thy forge,

Fan the puring flames with Love
Divine:

Test me hard against Thy Hand
With all devices that are Thine.

Only use me, Lord, a poor, mis-shapen
thing . . .

Then may I wander not
To serve another King.



A PRAYER TRADITIONALLY ATTRIBUTED TO

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

*"Eternal Father, I offer Thee
the most Precious Blood
of Thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses said
throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the universal church,
those in my own home and
within my family. Amen."*

✠ THE CALENDAR

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER



- MON 11/20/06** **ST FELIX OF VALOIS, C**
 11:30 AM **High Mass** *Poor Souls, Isaac's Intention*
 4:15-6:00 PM **Knights of the Sacred Heart** (Sharon Woods Park)
St. Angela Merici Girls' Group (Sharonville Library)
- TUES 11/21/06** **THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY**
 11:30 AM **High Mass** †*Harry Hall (Bernard Hall)*
 3:30 PM Confessions
 5:45 PM **Low Mass** *Special Intention (Gerry Keaveney)*
- WED 11/22/06** **ST CECILIA, VM**
 6:30 AM **Low Mass** *In Honor of St. Joseph (C. Simpson Family)*
 11:30 AM **High Mass** *For the Remission of Sins (Michael DiSalvo)*
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- THUR 11/23/06** **ST CLEMENT, PM - ST FELICITY, M**
THANKSGIVING DAY
 9:00 AM **Low Mass** with Special Patriotic Observance
George & Loraine Wissing - 60th Wedding Anniversary
- FRI 11/24/06** **ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, CD**
ST CHRYSOGONUS, M
 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
 5:45 PM **Low Mass**, Sacred Heart Novena,
 Benediction, Confessions *Bernard Brueggemann*
(Diane Brueggemann & Family)
- SAT 11/25/06** **ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VM**
 7:15 AM Confessions
 7:30 AM **Low Mass**, Confessions *In Honor of St. Gerard*
(C. Simpson Family)
 8:45 AM Confessions
 9:00 AM **High Mass**, Confessions *Special Intention (H.O.*
& Becky Hinton)
 4:30 PM Confessions
- SUN 11/26/06** **LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
ST SYLVESTER, AB - ST PETER OF ALEXANDRIA,
BPM - St Leonard of Port Maurice, C
CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEFORE AND DURING ALL MASSES
 7:30 AM **Low Mass** *My Son Jimmy (Joan Weigand)*
 9:00 AM **High Mass** †*Nick DiBerardino - 7th Anniversary*
(Sr. Mary Magdalen)
 11:30 AM **Low Mass** †*Anna Kurtz - Birthday Remembrance*
(August & Suzanne Kurtz)
 5:00 PM Exposition, Rosary & Benediction
 5:45 PM **Low Mass** *For the People of St. Gertrude*

Blessed Feast of St. Gertrude the Great! It is a privilege for us to welcome Bishop Sanborn and so many priests this Sunday as we observe the Solemnity of St. Gertrude the Great, the third anniversary of the dedication of our new church, and the supreme joy of yet another priestly ordination, Father Nicholas Desposito.

Father Desposito is from Argentina, and two brothers, priests from his native land, are with us today: Fathers Julian and Pio Esposito. Joining us too is Father Rafel Trytek—a young priest from the “old world,” Cracow, Poland. Welcome, reverend Fathers!

I'll write up a little report on the Ordination for next Sunday. Today I wish to thank everyone who helped with lodging and feeding our seminarians, priests and guests, as well as those responsible for today's beautiful celebration. God reward you!

Last Sunday afternoon I was pleasantly surprised to see so many hale and hearty souls show up to say the fifteen decades for the Poor Souls at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. “No fair-weather Catholics here,” one of our faithful commented, and how true it was. The day was dark and damp and cold, but still we prayed, and visited a number of graves as well. This is an excellent and charitable tradition we have at St. Gertrude for November.

On Sunday morning we marked the old Armistice Day a day late with an Absolution over the Catafalque, and the Sorrowful Mysteries. Thanks again to all who came and all who helped, especially young Andrew Prell who carried a very cold brass bucket of holy water at the cemetery visit.

Let me close by wishing you a very happy Thanksgiving Day. I shall be happy to see many of you on Thursday, giving thanks the perfect way, by holy Mass.

With a blessing,

—Bishop Dolan



✠ PRAYER TO JESUS

(Our Lord promised St. Gertrude, that if any one should praise God for her, and give Him thanks for the love wherewith He had chosen her from eternity, He would assuredly grant him whatever he asked, provided that it tended to his salvation.)

O most compassionate Jesus, Giver of all good and all grace, may all that are in the round world, and the depth of the sea and the compass of heaven, give thanks to Thee, and praise Thee with that infinite, everlasting, and unchanging praise, which floweth forth from Thee, and floweth back unceasingly upon Thee again, for the exceeding love wherewith Thou didst shed into the heart and soul of Thy beloved Spouse Gertrude, so great a flood of graces, and of loving kindnesses, and didst reveal to the world the mysteries of Thy tender compassion through her, Thine own chosen and peculiar instrument.

Wherefore, from my inmost heart, I render Thee utmost thanks; and I beseech Thee, on behalf of all in heaven, on earth or in purgatory, through that ineffable divine love, wherewith Thou didst from all eternity, elect to special grace Thy loving and most faithful servant, and didst in Thine own appointed time, draw her so sweetly to Thee, and unite her so intimately to Thyself, and dwell with such delight in her heart, and crown her life with an end so blessed, that Thou wouldst condescend graciously to hear and answer my petition.

I recall to Thy mind now, O most Compassionate Jesus, the promise Thou didst make to Thy beloved spouse, in Thy great and superabounding goodness, that Thou wouldst most assuredly grant the prayers of all who come to Thee, through her merits, and intercession in all matters concerning their salvation, binding Thyself, moreover, if Thou didst not at once grant their petition, to bestow on them threefold in Thine own good time, from the omnipotence, the wisdom, and the tender kindness, of the Adorable Trinity. Amen.

✠ A SHORT TOUR THROUGH PURGATORY: SEVEN DAYS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

SUNDAY

What do you regret, holy souls in purgatory, about the earth that you have left?

"I regret the time lost... I did not think those moments on earth to be so precious, so fleeting, nor so irreparable... If I had only known... Precious time!... Today, I appreciate you as you deserve. You were given to me to be used entirely in the love of God, for my sanctification, for the edification of my neighbour. I used you for sinfulness, for pleasure, for works, which are now causing me such bitter regrets! O time lost, you have passed now, with no hope of ever being retrieved."

"O you who still live on earth, consecrate on our behalf to the Heart of Jesus, a few of these hours where grace is so abundantly and freely offered unto you! We thank you in advance."

Spiritual bouquet: "The sufferings of the souls in purgatory are so great that one day seems like a thousand years to them." (St. Vincent Ferrier)

Prayer: O Lord, God Almighty, by the very precious Blood of Jesus shed in the Garden of Olives for the most forgotten of souls in purgatory, I implore Thee, lead that soul into Thy place of glory, so that Thou mayst be adored and blessed throughout eternity. Amen.

Sweet Heart of Jesus, grant that I may love Thee more and more. (*Our Father, Hail Mary, Miserere*)

MONDAY

What do you regret, holy souls in purgatory, about the earth that you have left?

"I regret the gifts that I wasted... My fortune, my health, my talents, my social standing: all this could have been for me a powerful means of salvation if only I had used them for the glory of God. All these gifts vanished from my sight at the moment of my death! Ah! if I were rich today with these perishable gifts, what would I not give away to increase by one degree the glory that God has reserved for me in heaven, and to spread the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and make it known on earth."

"Oh, you who, on earth, still possess some worldly treasure, you will be held accountable... Think about this... Use that treasure justly, in piety and in charity. Pay your debts to the living and to the dead. We thank you in advance."

Spiritual bouquet: "Alms open wide the gates of heaven." (St. John Chrysostom)

Prayer: O Lord, God Almighty, by the most precious Blood of Jesus shed during his cruel scourging, I implore Thee to deliver the souls in purgatory, especially those who are to enter soon into Thy glory, so that they may begin immediately to praise Thee for all eternity, and constantly intercede for us. Amen.

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation. (*Our Father, Hail Mary, Miserere*)

TUESDAY

What do you regret, holy souls in purgatory, about the earth that you have left?

"I regret the graces I scorned... They were offered to me in such great abundance, at every instant of my life: Christian regeneration, a vocation, the sacraments, the word of God, holy inspirations, good examples, favours following the forgiveness of my sins. What graces! I refused some, reluctantly accepted others, and abused most of them. Ah! If only for an instant I had the liberty to quench my thirst at these sources of mercy gushing from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, spurned by sinners as well as by the indifferent!"

"Oh you on earth, listen to St. Margaret Mary telling you from heaven above: There is no one in the world who cannot experience all sorts of relief if he or she had for Jesus Christ an appreciative love such as that shown by the devotion to His Sacred Heart."

Spiritual bouquet: "The benefit of one single grace is greater than all the worldly goods of the whole universe." (St. Thomas Aquinas)

Prayer: O Lord, God Almighty, by the most precious Blood of Jesus, shed during his painful crowning with thorns, I implore Thee to deliver the souls in purgatory, especially those who are to be the last to leave this place of torments, so that they may not be delayed in praising

Thee in Thy glory and in blessing Thee for all eternity. Amen. Eternal Father, I offer Thee the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, in expiation for my sins, and for the needs of the holy Church. (*Our Father, Hail Mary, Miserere*)

WEDNESDAY

What do you regret, holy souls in purgatory, about the earth that you have left?

"I regret the evil that was done... It seemed so easy and gratifying then.

I would stifle feelings of remorse amidst pleasures. Now, its weight cripples me, its bitterness is my torment, its memory pursues me and tears me apart. Mortal sins forgiven, but not yet atoned for; venial faults and minor imperfections, it is too late to understand all their harmful effects! Ah! if I could return to life. No promise, no pleasure, no wealth, no enticing words would be able to induce me to commit the smallest sin."

"Oh you who still enjoy the freedom to choose between God and the world, think of the thorns, the Cross, the flames which have tortured the Heart of Jesus; they will tell you what our sins have cost Him in suffering. Think about the belated and painful regrets which you will have for your sins in purgatory; as for now it would cost you so little to confess all your past sins in the sacrament of reconciliation, and to avoid them in the future."

Spiritual bouquet: "For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?" (*Mk 8:36*)

Prayer: O Lord, God Almighty, by the most precious Blood of Jesus, shed along the sorrowful Way while He carried so heavy a Cross on His sacred shoulders, I implore Thee, deliver the souls in purgatory, especially those who have the most merit in Thy eyes, so that, elevated to the sublime positions they are expecting, they may not be delayed in praising Thee on high and blessing Thee for all eternity. Amen.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I give you my heart, my spirit, and my life; help me in my final agony, that I may die peacefully in your company. (*Our Father, Hail Mary, Miserere*)

(To be continued.)

✠ SUNDAY AFTERNOON READING



DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP ABOUT RATZINGER

By Most Rev. Donald J. Sanborn

(This is a series with Bishop Sanborn's question and answer explanations of Pope Benedict XVI - Joseph Ratzinger.)

12. Q. So what should our attitude be toward Ratzinger?

A. The same as toward Wojtyla: that he is not a Catholic because he is a heretic, and that he is imposing a false religion upon Catholics. For both of these reasons he cannot be a Catholic pope. We must continue as always, all the time praying to God, that He restore to us one day a true Catholic pope. It is only through a true Catholic pope that our Catholic Church and our Catholic lives will return to normal.

SUMMARY

- Ratzinger is a heretic principally because of his stance on ecumenism and the new ecclesiology, both of which have been condemned by the Church.
- Ratzinger is an evolutionist with regard to the very nature of the Church, which shows a heretical attitude toward the Church, as it is an object of our faith.
- Ratzinger says that Catholics do not have the whole truth about God, and must dialogue with non-Catholics in order to find it.
- We need to persevere in our resistance to Modernism by holding Ratzinger to be a false pope, and by continuing to hold fast to what we have received from our ancestors as the Catholic Faith.

(Conclusion)

TO BE A PRIEST

The priest's office is to bring home to men, with the elements of time and space, and through human attention, the spiritual, the supernatural, the hidden, the things above. He is to do this by acting personally on persons, a living pressure on the living. He is a man of mysterious powers, not to be investigated or classed by human sense or science, which makes men feel that they are in presence of the Unseen. He necessarily demands from men the exercise of humility and of the childlike Gospel spirit, being endowed as he is, and yet so human and frail. And his very existence is designed to keep human faith alive, by his presenting to faith, in his own person, a constant visible religious presence, which somehow should never grow common, or stale, or ineffectual. As Christ said by Isaias: "The Lord hath anointed Me... and the ancient deserts shall flourish once more: And you shall be called the priests of the Lord: Ministers of one God, shall be said to you!" (Lxi, 6.)

—Bishop Hedley

EMMANUEL, September, 1922

"They are My anointed ones, and I call them My Christs, because I have given them the office of administering Me to you, and have placed them like fragrant flowers in the mystical body of holy Church. The angel himself has no such dignity, for I have given it to those men whom I have chosen for My ministers, and whom I have appointed as earthly angels in this life. In all souls I demand purity and charity, that they should love Me and their neighbor... But far more do I demand purity in My ministers, and love towards Me and towards their fellow-creatures, administering to them the Body and Blood of My only-begotten Son, with the fire of charity and a hunger for the salvation of souls, for the glory and honor of My name."

—St. Catherine of Siena: *The Dialogue*. (14th Century)

The priest has the primacy of Abel, the patriarchate of Abraham, the government of Noe, the order of Melchisedech, the dignity of Aaron, the authority of Moses, the perfection of Samuel, the power of Peter, the unction of Christ.

—Blessed Peter of Blois: *Sermons to Priests*, 60 (16th Cent.)



FOR AN ORDINAND

God give His flame of Love
To light the fires of your heart:
The puring Pentecostal Flame
To every priestly grace impart.

God give the Flame of knowledge clear
To light the Fibres of your brain,
And send sure words of wisdom out
Your priestly lips . . . a glad refrain.

God give the Flame of courage bright
The Flame of consolation for
Yourself and those who seek your care:
God give you these a hundred fold and more.

—WILLIAM NOË FIELD



The priest should be adorned with all the virtues, and give an example to others of a righteous life. Let his conversation be not according to the common and vulgar ways of men, but with the angels and with men that are perfect.

—Thomas a Kempis: *The Imitation of Christ*, 4, 5. (15th Cent.)

If I were to meet at the same moment one of the blessed come down from heaven and a poor priest, I should go first to the priest in order to honor him, and I should hasten to kiss his hands because they handle the Word of Life and are something superhuman.

WORDS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

—Thomas of Celano: *Legenda* 2, pt 2. (13th Cent.)

A brother asked Abba Poemen what he should do about his sins. The old man said to him, 'He who wishes to purify his faults purifies them with tears and he who wishes to acquire virtues, acquires them with tears; for weeping is the way the Scriptures and Fathers give us, when they say "Weep!" Truly, there is no other way than this.'

—THE SAYINGS OF THE DESERT FATHERS

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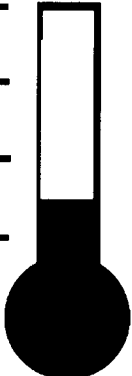
OUR GOAL

100%

75%

50%

25%



NOVEMBER RECTORY FUND FIGURES

November Monthly goal	\$5000.00
Received to date	\$1850.00
Percent of goal received	37%
Possible contributors	200
Contributors to date	42
Percent contributing	21%

Your support is needed and appreciated!