


✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS


JUNE 17, 2007 - SACRED HEART SUNDAY - PENTECOST III


Happy Father's Day! All our fathers, living and deceased will be remembered at the High Mass today. The **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** is available following all Masses. **Vespers and Benediction** are at 4:45 PM.


Today is **Sunday Within the Octave of the Sacred Heart**, with the commemoration of the Octave of the Sacred Heart.

 **SUMMER NOTES**
Today we begin our summer schedule. The choir takes a well-deserved break, and the faithful are asked to help sing the Sunday High Mass. The Schola will sing *Propers* and alternate the *Ordinary* (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus & Agnus Dei) with the congregation. This is an excellent way for us and our children to become familiar with the Church's beautiful Gregorian chant.

THIRTEEN TUESDAYS OF ST. ANTHONY
We open our traditional 13 Tuesdays of St. Anthony this week at a *special 5:45 PM High Mass* followed by St. Anthony Devotions. **The Blessing of Animals** in honor of St. Anthony takes place in the Cloister at approximately 7:00 PM. Come to participate in this powerful devotion every Tuesday this Summer!

 **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCRIBES**
The St. Francis de Sales Scribes will meet on **June 24th, at 10:45 AM**, following the 9:00 AM High Mass, in the **School Office**. We will be having a special guest speaker. Anyone who writes or is interested in writing is welcome to attend.

 **CONGRATULATIONS...**
to Martin and Teresa Alter on the baptism of their son Anthony Joseph last Saturday.


 **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES**
Our prayers and best wishes to Andrew Hille who graduated from Connor High School on June 2nd; and to Kristen King who graduated from Vandalia Butler, June 1st, and will be attending Ohio State, Fall term.

If you have any news of our young people – their schools and plans, please let us know. And please remember to keep all our grade school, high school and college students in your prayers.

NEXT SUNDAY
Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of the Month. Fr. McGuire will be here to hear confessions, as noted in *The Calendar*. **Confessions** will be heard *before or during* all Masses.

Set your missal: June 24th, Nativity of St. John the Baptist, with the commemoration and Last Gospel of the Fourth Sunday After Pentecost. **PREFACE** of the Holy Trinity.

UPCOMING EVENTS
• **July 24th - 26th:** Boys' Camp
• **August 21st - 23rd:** Girls' Camp

 **REPARATION**
The Rosary Confraternity will be at the Auburn St. Abortion Clinic, Saturday June 23rd, to recite the Rosary in reparation for the crime of abortion - meet at 10:00 AM following the 8:00 AM Mass and a light breakfast. Everyone is invited to attend.

LUMEN CHRISTI
For the next fortnight the Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament:

To Console Our Sorrowful Mother
B. & R. Brueggemann

Hshers SUNDAY - JUNE 24, 2007
7:30 AM Joe Andreotta, Tom Kamphaus, John Wiesman, Kent Maki
9:00 AM Dale Wilker, Jim Gebel, Richard Smith, John French
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Tim Carney
5:45 PM John Seyfried

Servus JUNE 18, - JUNE 24, 2007
•TUE 06/19 5:45 PM HIGH: G. Keaveny, J. Bayer
•WED 06/20 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
•THU 06/21 5:00 PM HIGH & BENE: G. Keaveny, J. Bayer
•FRI 06/22 5:45 PM HIGH & BENE: Keaveny, Briggs, Ritze, Bayer
•SAT 06/23 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
8:00 AM HIGH: G. Keaveny, M. Briggs, J. Bayer
•SUN 06/24 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T. Simpson, A. Lotarski; MITER & CROZIER: T. Simpson, F. Puglielli; ACs: S. Cozzens, R. Hilli; TH: S. Cozzens; CROSS: L. Schappacher, TORCH: L. Arlinghaus, G. Wnek, F. Puglielli, T. Kunkel, B. Lotarski, S. Richesson
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, C. Ritze
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

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Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!*

✠ POETRY CORNER

ST. MARGARET MARY AND THE SACRED HEART
BY REV. JOHN MCFADDEN

God chose a child to tell us of His Heart
Which, giving love, got little in return;
The image grim that many had of Him
Left little room for fond love in the soul.
At eight years old, she lost her father dear.
•She and her mother worked at slavish toil.
Knew hunger, harshness, litany of pain
For years. Then Margaret chose
religious life,
But met with little kindness there; Alack!
Was scolded, ridiculed for vigils and
long prayers.

Meanwhile Our Lord showed her
His opened side,
Perhaps His Heart, too, saying,
"You must make
Your dwelling here, now and forever;
"Then adds,
For sins of her community and the world.
She compiled
The flame of charity; it must be spread
Abroad by means of thee.

In the next vision she was told to urge
every month
The Eucharist on First Fridays
To honor the Heart of God, which was His
Heart of flesh.
Christ asked of her to be a victim
For sins of her community and the world.
She compiled
And soon her trials began: contempt, rebuke.
Made mistress of the novices she asked on
her feast day
That they give Christ the gifts brought for her.
She died in transports ardent of Christ's love.
The Sisters saw how beautiful she appeared;
"How beautiful the generation chaste
with glory!"

The cult we pay the Sacred Heart was not
Without opponents. A book in its defense
Was put on th' Index, as savoring of Quietism.
The devil saw it threatened his domain,
Some scholars looked on it as a thing profane.
To simple souls it showed the very vein
Of God's great love spelt out in pain
For us to imitate.



✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	06/18/07	ST EPHREM, CD - WITHIN THE OCTAVE 8:00 AM Low Mass <i>TM/M Charles Richardson (M/M Mark Lotarski & Family)</i> 4:15-6:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart (Sharonville Park) St. Angela Merici Girls' Group (Sharonville Park)
TUES	06/19/07	ST JULIANA FALCONIERI, V - WITHIN THE OCTAVE - SS GERVASE & PROTASE, MM 11:30 AM Low Mass & Opening of the 13 Tuesdays of St. Anthony <i>To St Anthony for Several Intentions He Helped to Answer (Bill & Pat Bendel)</i> 5:45 PM High Mass & Opening of the 13 Tuesdays of St. Anthony <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory (E. Bartels)</i> 7:00 PM St. Anthony Blessing of Animals
WED	06/20/07	WITHIN THE OCTAVE - ST SILVERIUS, PM 6:30 AM Low Mass <i>Poor Souls (Tom & Stella Simpson)</i>
THUR	06/21/07	ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, C - WITHIN THE OCTAVE - EUCHARISTIC HEART OF JESUS 5:00 PM HOLY HOUR: High Mass & Benediction in Honor of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus <i>Purgatorial Society</i>
FRI	06/22/07	OCTAVE DAY OF THE SACRED HEART - ST PAULINUS OF NOLA, BPC 5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions 5:45 PM High Mass, Novena, Benediction, Confessions <i>Grandma & Grandpa Brueggemann (James, Michele & Family)</i>
SAT	06/23/07	VIGIL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 6:30 AM Low Mass, Confessions <i>Holy Family (Kent Maki)</i> 7:45 AM Confessions 8:00 AM High Mass, Confessions <i>Pro-Life (Rosary Confraternity)</i>
SUN	06/24/07	NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST - PENTECOST IV CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEFORE OR DURING ALL MASSES 7:10 AM Confessions - Fr. McGuire 7:30 AM Low Mass <i>Special Intention (Kathy Schweitzer)</i> 8:45 AM Confessions - Fr. McGuire 9:00 AM High Mass <i>For the Faithful Departed of Our Parish (B. & R. Brueggemann)</i> 10:45 AM St Francis de Sales Scribes Meeting 11:00 AM Confessions - Fr. McGuire 11:30 AM Low Mass <i>For My Sisters-Donna, Karyn, Lori, Julie (Sharon)</i> 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>For the People of St. Gertrude</i>

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER



Happy Father's Day! I always think it a happy coincidence when this day falls on Sacred Heart Sunday, as He is the perfect pattern and model for our fathers. I think today of a good group of our men, most of them fathers, meeting one Friday last February for the first of our Evenings of Recollection in a very cold Helfta Hall. Quiet, serious, sober even, and concerned about what really matters, generous for home and church, for God and His cause — this is how I think, with admiration and gratitude, of so many of the fine fathers who make up such an important part of our family at St. Gertrude the Great. Let's all keep them in our prayers.

The young father who's been working to establish the Holy Name Society here, Rusty Halm, will soon be moving his family to Florida, and we will miss them. I hope one of the other men in the Holy Name Society will step forward to continue this important work, especially the organization of regular Evenings of Recollection.

Well, last Sunday's Solemnity of Corpus Christi was a tremendously beautiful and moving day, with Solemn Adoration, First Communion, Procession and the traditional three Benedictions. Many were indeed moved to tears. I am sure many graces were won, and devout inspirations given.

On days like these we see a real distinguishing quality of our church: the piety and hard work of so many souls to honor Our Lord as we maintain our Catholic traditions in solemn worship, as well as by educating our young. Devoted church workers are a true blessing to all of us at St. Gertrude the Great, as are the sweet innocent children in their piety, prayer and sacrifices, earning their Golden Pennies for Jesus. Deo Gratias!

Today our Summer Season starts. Please note the little changes in the Mass schedule. I was so edified to see several of our First Communicants return to make a second Communion during the week, along with our school students who are privileged to do so daily.

Now that school is out, let's not allow our piety to take a trip....Remember, let's use these summer days to show our love for the Mass and Holy Communion, for visits and Benedictions by making the effort to work our Lord into our busy lives, now that we do have more time, during vacation.

God bless you all, God bless your rest and vacation time, your trips and travels. Let us pray for each other. Father Cekada has his last seminary trip this week. Fr. Saaavedra is preparing a wonderful boys' camp for July.

May the Fatherly Heart of Jesus bless our fathers!

Bishop Dolan

✠ HEART OF JESUS, OUR RECONCILIATION

Guilty! The verdict is my own. I confess that I have sinned. I have offended my Heavenly Father. Like the prodigal son I have abandoned my home and fled into a far country to squander the wealth of my soul.

But now fear grips my heart. Friendless, alone, with the anguish of bitter remorse gnawing at my soul, with justly earned punishment hanging over me, what can I do? Whither can I turn? Is there still hope or must I perish in black despair?

Ah, yes, thank God, there is hope! A kindly, merciful Friend holds out His hand to lift me up and lead me back to my Father again. The dear Heart of Jesus will be my reconciliation with the Father Whom I have so deeply offended. He will plead in my behalf. He will win pardon for me. O blessed, saving truth! Magdalen, Peter, the dying thief—these He won back to His Father's love. He has made saints of countless sinners—He will do the same for me.

Yes, so it is. The Divine Heart of Jesus is our Reconciliation with our Heavenly Father. On the cross He pleaded for us with His Precious Blood. On the altar each day that same Precious Blood begs for pardon for sinful man. In heaven, too, the Divine Victim, once offered on Calvary's hill, still remains a Victim pleading ever for our wayward souls.

Ah, never, then, must I yield to despair with so powerful an Advocate pleading my cause.

Heart of Jesus, our Reconciliation, have mercy on us.

Of all the noble organs of the human body, the heart is the noblest. It is placed in the center of the human frame like a king in the midst of his states. It is immediately surrounded by the most important members, which are, as it were, its ministers, its officers. It animates them, gives them activity by communicating to them the vital heat of which it is the reservoir. It is the source from which impetuously flows the blood that is spread through every part of the human organism, to give it life and health. This blood, becoming impure in its journey, returns from every part to the heart, there to regain vital heat and new life.

What is true of the human heart in general, is true of the adorable Heart of Jesus Christ. It is the most noble portion of the body of the Man-God, hypostatically united to the Word, and thereby deserving the supreme worship of adoration due to God alone. It is important not to separate in our veneration the Heart of Jesus from the Divinity of the Man-God, for that is united to It by indissoluble bonds. The worship that we pay It stops not at It alone, but in the Adorable person who possesses It, and to whom It is forever united.

It follows, consequently, that we may address to this Divine Heart the prayers, the homage, the adoration that we offer to God Himself. It is, also, a consequence, of the same truth that they who, hearing the words, "The Heart of Jesus" limit their idea of It to the material organ, are deceived. They look upon this Heart but as a member without life or love, just as they would regard a holy relic. Lastly, they, too are deceived who think that this devotion divides Jesus Christ and restricts to His Heart alone a worship that ought to be rendered to His whole Person. They do not reflect that in honoring the Heart of Jesus, we do not suppress the rest of the divine compound of the Man-God; for in honoring His Heart, we wish to celebrate all the actions, all the life of Jesus Christ, which are but the outward diffusion of His Heart.

As in the sun are formed and from it proceed the burning rays that fertilize the

earth, giving life to all that lives, so it is from the heart that come forth the sweet and strong influences that carry vital heat and vigor into all the members. If the heart languishes, the whole man languishes with it; if it suffers, all the other members suffer; if it performs its functions abnormally, the whole organism feels it. The function of the Heart of Jesus was, then, to vivify, to strengthen, to sustain all the members, all the organs, all the senses by Its constant influence, so that It was the principle of the actions, the affections, the virtues, and the whole life of the Word made Flesh.

According to the opinion of all philosophers, the heart is the seat of love and, as the spring of the whole life of Jesus was love, it is to His Heart that we ought to refer all His mysteries and all His virtues. "As it is the nature of fire to burn," says Saint Thomas, "so it is natural



for the heart to love; and because it is in man the first organ of feeling, it is proper that the act commanded by the first of all the precepts should be rendered sensible by the heart."

In the same way that the eyes see, and the ears hear, does the heart love. It is the soul's organ in the production of love and the affections. Ordinary language has confounded to expressions, and we use the word heart to express love, and vice-versa. The Heart of Jesus has, then, been the organ of His love; It has co-operated with His love, It has been its principle and seat. It has experienced all the impressions of love that can touch the heart of man, with this difference, that the Soul of Jesus Christ loving with an incomparable and infinite love, His Heart was a furnace of love for God and for us. The most ardent and pure flames of divine love incessantly escaped from It. They inflamed It from the first instant of His conception until His last sigh; and since His Resurrection, they have not ceased, and they never will

cease, to consume It. It has produced, and It daily produces, innumerable acts of love, every one of which honors God more than all those that the angels and saints will ever make. It is, then, of all created creatures, that which contributes most to the glory of the Creator, and which merits more the worship and love of angels and men.

All that belongs to the Person of the Son of God is infinitely worthy of veneration. The least part of His Body, the smallest drop of His Blood, deserves the adoration of heaven and earth. Things the most vile in themselves become venerable by the mere touch of His Flesh, as appears in the cross, the nails, the thorns, the sponge, the lance, and all the instruments of His Passion. But how much should we venerate His Heart, whose excellence is founded on the nobility of the functions that It exercises, upon the perfection of the sentiments which It produces, and of the actions which It inspires. If Jesus was born in a stable, if He lived poor at Nazareth, if He died for us, we owe it to His Heart. It was in that sanctuary that were formed all the heroic resolutions, all the designs that inspired His life. His Heart ought, therefore, to be honored as the Crib, in which the faithful soul beholds Him coming into the world poor, and abandoned; as the pulpit from which He preaches His precept "Learn of Me that I am meek and humble of Heart"; as the Cross on which He expired; as the Sepulchre from which we contemplate Him rising glorious and immortal; and as the eternal Gospel which teaches us to imitate all the virtues of which It is the accomplished model.

The soul devoted to the Sacred Heart will at times give herself especially to the exercise of divine love, because this heart is, above all, the seat and the symbol of that love; and, as the Most Blessed Sacrament is the sensible and lasting pledge of love, it is from His Eucharistic Heart that she will learn to love.

INVOCATIONS TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Fire of the Heart of Jesus,
Inflame my heart.

Charity of the Heart of Jesus,
Fill my heart.

Strength of the Heart of Jesus,
Sustain my heart.

Mercy of the Heart of Jesus,
Pardon my heart.

Patience of the Heart of Jesus,
Forsake not my heart.

Reign of the Heart of Jesus,
Establish Thyself in my heart.

Wisdom of the Heart of Jesus,
Teach my heart.

Will of the Heart of Jesus,
Dispose of my heart.

Zeal of the Heart of Jesus,
Absorb my heart.

Immaculate Virgin, pray for us to the Heart of Jesus.

ADORABLE Trinity, we thank Thee for all the graces with which Thou hast loaded Thy servant, St. Margaret Mary; and beg through her intercession for the favors we hope to obtain through this prayer.



SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

Third Sunday After Pentecost

On Me a Sinner

Saint Luke 15: 1-10

There are many phrases in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that take on a deeper, more affectionate meaning on this Sunday within the octave of the feast of the Sacred Heart.

On that feast we thought gratefully of the promise of the Sacred Heart: "Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy." Hypocrites (if there are really any such in the world) and the spiritually conceited (and they are surprisingly many) and the narrow-minded may pretend to be shocked that "this man welcomes sinners and eats with them." The rest of us, sinners ourselves and keenly conscious of our sinfulness, can only be thankful that there is "joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

After all, Christ became man and lived and died because he had a deep love for man. He knows that most men are not meanly malicious. We are ignorant, we are thoughtless, we are weak. We mean to do the right thing. We want to offer to God, day by day, a spotless, generous offering of ourselves, and we are sincerely ashamed of ourselves when we forget, when we fall victims to our own weakness.

That is why it is good to know that He understands, He still loves, He is always willing to forgive. When we bow our heads at the foot of the altar and make a sincere confession before the whole court of Heaven, that "I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed," we know

AN EVENING PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

Let my eyes take their sleep, but may my heart always keep watch for Thee. May Thy right hand bless Thy servants who love Thee.

A PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

May I be united with the praise that flows from Thee Lord Jesus, to all Thy saints; united with the gratitude drawn from Thy Heart, good Jesus, that causes Thy saints to thank Thee; united with Thy Passion, good Jesus, by which Thou didst take away our guilt; united with the divine longing that Thou hadst on earth for our salvation; united with every prayer that welled from Thy Divine Heart, good Jesus, and flowed into the hearts of Thy saints.

—ST. PETER CANISIUS

ACT OF LOVE

Reveal Thy Sacred Heart to me, O Jesus, and show me Its attractions. Unite me to It for ever. Grant that all my aspirations and all the beats of my heart, which cease not even while I sleep, may be a testimonial to Thee of my love for Thee and may say to Thee: yes, Lord, I am all Thine; the pledge of my allegiance to Thee rests ever in my heart and will never cease to be there. Do Thou accept the slight amount of good that I do and be graciously pleased to repair all my wrong-doing; so that I may be able to bless Thee in time and in eternity. Amen.

that He hears our confession, that He loves us all the more for our formal admission of our wrong-doing, that He stands ready to give us a hand and pull us out of our sinful way.

The *Kyrie Eleison* (Lord, have mercy on us) becomes a fervent prayer for forgiveness and for strength. "Lord, have mercy on us," we pray for ourselves and for all men. We need His mercy; we need His strength and, as we pray that short Litany, our thoughts go to all men throughout the world, all sinful men for whom Christ died on the Cross. *Kyrie Eleison*, because, after all, O Lord, you loved sinners. And you did praise that prayer of the poor publican, "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner."

All through the Mass, it is with a realization that we are sinners that we send our prayers to God. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is all the more ours because we are sinners. "Lamb of God," we pray in the *Gloria*, "Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us...hear our prayer...Accept, O Holy Father this spotless host which I, Thy unworthy servant, offer to Thee for all my numberless sins, offenses and negligences...With contrite and humble heart we beg Thee, O Lord, to accept this offering of ourselves...grant that we may be saved from eternal damnation...This is the chalice of My Blood which shall be shed for you and for many for the remission of sins...*nobis quoque peccatoribus*...to us also sinners and Thy servants who hope in the multitude of Thy mercies, graciously grant...fellowship with Thy Holy Apostles and Martyrs...Look not upon my sins but upon the Faith of Thy Church...Lamb of God, have mercy on us...O Lord, I am not worthy...."

All through the Mass it runs, this realization of our sinful unworthiness but, side by side with it, runs a confidence in the mercy and the forgiving goodness of the Sacred Heart, and a daring resolve to come ever closer to this Heart in spite of our sinfulness.

"This man eats with sinners." That is not remarkable. This man becomes daily food for sinners, and we have such faith in the all-forgiving goodness of the Sacred Heart that even this amazing miracle of goodness is only what we expect of Him, the source of all goodness.

—THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC