

# ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2007 - SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY - PENTECOST XVI - Ss CORNELIUS, P & CYPRIAN, BpMm

*Third Sunday of the Month - The Blessing of the Sick Follows All Masses.*

**Catechism Classes** are now in session for the 2007-2008 school year. Classes begin promptly at 10:30 AM. Classroom assignments are posted at the entry of each schoolroom. Parents it is not too late to sign your children up for this important time of instruction. Bring your children to class for late sign-up or contact the church office.



The annual church picnic is today at 1:00 PM at the Council Bluffs shelter in Sharon Woods Park.

### PASTOR'S NOTES...

Please do not post anything on Church bulletin boards, or leave literature available, without my approval.

Holy Communion may be received only once a day.

Please be considerate in the matter of Confession. For example, if I'm hearing confessions between the sermon and Holy Communion at the 11:30 Mass and you have just been a few day ago or have only a confession of Devotion (no mortal sins) it would be more charitable to allow those who haven't been lately, or live at a great distance, to make their confession. Remember that Holy Communion as well as Sacramentals, properly used, forgive venial sins.

In confessing, please do not ramble on, reflect about what you should or should not have done, or provide extraneous details. Confess your sins by number and kind, (the name of the sin) along with any details which affect the nature of the sin, and you will have enough time left for questions or spiritual guidance, or to allow someone else to go before confessions come to an end. Prepare your confessions, so you may be brief and accurate.

All teachers and parents *please* note: teach children to say this at the end of

their confession: "For these and all the sins of my life I am very sorry, especially \_\_\_\_\_." This way Father knows you have finished.

It is a sad thing to hear a child who has already forgotten his Act of Contrition. This means he - *you* - do not say night prayers. Please do.

### THIS WEEK:

#### EMBER DAYS

*Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday* 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!

### NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is **Pentecost XVII**. **Children's Confessions** are scheduled for **10:30 AM**.

*Set your missal-* Pentecost XVII with the commemorations of St. Linus, PM and St. Thecla, VM and Our Lady & all the Saints. **PREFACE** of the Trinity.

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SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

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

#### SPEUFFS

SEPTEMBER 17TH, - SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2007

\*MON 09/17 5:00 PM Low: G. Keaveney  
\*TUE 09/18 5:45 PM Low: J. Bayer  
\*WED 09/19 6:30 AM Low: C. & T. Simpson  
5:00 PM Low: C. Ritze  
\*THU 09/20 5:00 PM Low: G. Keaveney  
\*FRI 09/21 5:45 PM Low & BEN: Keaveney, Briggs, Ritze, Bayer  
\*SAT 09/22 8:00 AM Low: C. & T. Simpson  
10:00 AM High: P. Lotarski, A. Richesson, N. McClorey  
\*SUN 09/23 7:30 AM Low: D. & S. Brueggemann  
9:00 AM High: MC: J. Lotarski ACs: T. Simpson, F. Pueglielli TH: R. Hill TORCh: N. Pueglielli N. McClorey, T. Kunkel, B. Lotarski,  
11:30 AM Low: S & S Cozzens  
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

#### Collection Report

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2007 ..... \$5448.16  
SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION ..... \$85.00

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

# ✠ POETRY CORNER

## THE BALLAD OF THE CROSS

Melchior, Gaspar, Balthazar,  
Great gifts they bore and meet;  
White linen for His body fair  
And purple for His feet;  
And golden things—the joy of kings—  
And myrrh to breathe Him sweet.

It was the shepherd Terish spake,  
"Oh poor the gift I bring—  
A little cross of broken twigs,  
A hind's gift to a king—  
Yet, haply, He may smile to see  
And know my offering."

And it was Mary held her son  
Full softly to her breast,  
"Great gifts and sweet are at Thy feet  
And wonders king-possessed,  
O little Son, take Thou the one  
That pleasures Thee the best."

It was the Christ-Child in her arms  
Who turned from gaud and gold,  
Who turned from wondrous gifts and  
great,

From purple woof and fold.  
And to His breast the cross He pressed  
That scarce His hands could hold.  
Twas king and shepherd went their way—  
Great wonder tore their bliss;  
'Twas Mary clasped her little Son  
Close, close to feel her kiss,  
And in His hold the cross lay cold  
Between her heart and His!

-THEODOSIA GARRISON



**Congratulations!**  
*Kirby and Jean Bischel*  
*celebrated their*  
*Golden Wedding Anniversary with*  
*us yesterday!*

## ✠ THE CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>09/17/07</b>	<b>STIGMATA OF ST. FRANCIS-</b> 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> - †Henry Bellamey (Joe Praszak & Sheila Hageny) 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> - †Walter Drwiega (Stella Drwiega) 4:15-6:00 PM <b>Knights of the Sacred Heart</b> (Sharonville Park) <b>St. Angela Merici Girls' Group</b> (Sharonville Park)
<b>TUES</b>	<b>09/18/07</b>	<b>ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO, C-</b> 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> - †Jerome & Honor Gerrard 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> - <i>Thanksgiving to the Poor Souls</i>
<b>WED</b>	<b>09/19/07</b>	<b>ST. JANUARIUS, BPM &amp; COMP, MM – OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE - EMBER WEDNESDAY - FAST &amp; PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</b> 6:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> - †Monica Bischel Family (C. Simpson Family) 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> - <i>In honor &amp; Thanksgiving to St. Joseph &amp; St. Patrick</i> 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> - <i>In honor of our Sorrowful Lady of La Salette</i> 7:00 PM <b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>THUR</b>	<b>09/20/07</b>	<b>Ss EUSTACE &amp; COMP, MM – VIGIL OF ST. MATHEW-</b> 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> - <i>Bischel Family &amp; Relatives (Hinton Family)</i> 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> - <i>For the conversion of Ted Armstrong (Mary Rose Uhlenbrock)</i> 7:00 PM <b>Compline</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>09/21/07</b>	<b>ST. MATHEW, APEV – EMBER FRIDAY- FAST &amp; ABSTINENCE</b> 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> - †Charles & Elinor Richardson (MIM Mark Lotarski) 5:15 PM <b>Rosary &amp; Confessions</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass, Novena &amp; Benediction- Poor Souls</b> (Bernie & Rita Brueggemann)
<b>SAT</b>	<b>09/22/07</b>	<b>ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BPC -Ss MAURICE &amp; COMP. MM – EMBER SATURDAY- FAST &amp; PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</b> 6:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> - <i>Thanksgiving to St. Martin De Porres</i> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> - †Our Larry & His Aunt Martha (B & R Brueggemann)
<b>SUN</b>	<b>09/23/07</b>	<b>PENTECOST XVII- ST. LINUS, PM &amp; ST. THECLA, VM-</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> - <i>Poor Souls in Purgatory (Dale Anthony Cardamone)</i> 9:00 AM <b>High Mass</b> - <i>For the People of St. Gertrude</i> 10:30 AM <b>Children's Confessions</b> 11:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> - <i>Albert Daniel &amp; Margaret Kinnett</i> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> - <i>For all who prayed that I would be born healthly- I am (Elliana Grace Sheehan)</i>

## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER



"Pardon our Dust" you often see posted when a building is being renovated. We could have used that sign last First Friday. It was a most solemn day, being the anticipated Nativity of Mary, First Friday and the beginning of the All Night Adoration. Wouldn't you know that it was also, after our waiting all summer, the day the P.A. people chose to work a bit more on the new church speakers, and our friend Kevin of Sharonville on the Sanctuary air conditioning, both projects churning up plenty of dust.

In addition to the above, there was all of the dust generated by months of moving around free dirt in the hot, dry summer air. Last of all, the invidious dust of pollen (rag weed?) made its presence felt. No wonder there was so much coughing at the 5:45. Please pardon our dust!

Still, with the exception of the pollen, all the dust we kicked up betokens progress, for which we are grateful. Thank you for your help which makes this possible.

Sister and her crew are planning and setting up September shrines this week. Her surgery ended up quite serious, and her recovery is always quite slow. I am grateful chiefly to Katie Bischak and Mark and Patrick Lotarski for all of their help thus far, and want to appeal to more of you to help us the next few weeks. Ironing, flowers, cleaning – we need it all, and are grateful for anything we can get.

Our Lord is too, really...crumbs, mostly, but nary a peep of complaint. Our anticipated celebration of Our Lady's Nativity for the children drew only a modest crowd, as homeschoolers had been coming quite a bit lately. Our own dear students (23 this year) were mostly privileged to do the honors for our Queen's Birthday. Last Sunday we honored Her Holy Name, today it is Her Sorrows, and this with all due solemnity.

Our Sunday Catechism class has made a good beginning, as has our choir – care to join one or the other?

Do join us today for our picnic, and this week in fasting and prayer for the Fall Ember Days. You know, one of these days the "other shoe" will drop on this wicked country of ours (which kills its babies, and exports its filth, among other things). Are you at all ready, should we end up ourselves as a poor, war torn country, or under a dictatorship? Get your family ready by good doctrine, discipline and prayer. Don't be surprised on that day.

Yours in Our Lady's Sorrows,

–Bishop Dolan



### My Good Wishes to You, I Entrust to Mary Immaculate

What a treasure Jesus left us in giving us His Divine Mother! After the Eucharist, Mary is, by far, the noblest gift of His Heart. Through Her, we may ask for anything, we can obtain everything; with Her, we ought to hope for all things in spite of our shortcomings and our miseries.

*Be all for Jesus, through Mary!* Humble and peaceful under Her holy protection, pray, strive, labor, even suffer if you must, without ever growing weary. **HAVE CONFIDENCE! Nothing will be lost!** In the evening of your life, Mary, your Mother, will

reap the harvest of your efforts, and bear it Home to the Father of the family. Then, in the joy of duty faithfully performed, of sacrifice generously borne, Mary will lead you to the throne of Jesus, Her Divine Son, Who will set upon your brow the crown of immortality and conduct you into the sanctuary of the Lord. Amen

**Jesus and Mary Be With You Always!**



☞ DIVINE OFFICE

It has been a long-standing tradition here at St. Gertrude's to recite the Divine Office when possible. Vespers is celebrated regularly on Sundays and feastdays, and our high school students sing Compline every Thursday evening during the school year. Many of you, I'm sure, have attended Tenebrae during Holy Week, the Office of the Dead on All Souls Day, or maybe some of the Hours of the Corpus Christi Office sung before the Blessed Sacrament exposed.

For many, unfortunately, the complexity of the Divine Office has proved discouraging. The rubrics can prove somewhat daunting to the beginner, and until now there has been no easy "manual" for laypeople to learn how to say the Breviary. The Confraternity of Ss. Peter & Paul, based here at St. Gertrude's has now addressed this issue and has published a thorough 216-page "e-book" explaining in detail how to recite the Breviary in general, and each Hour in particular.

For those of you unfamiliar with the term, an e-book (or electronic book) is like a regular book, except it is stored in electronic format on your computer. It is very easy to download from Confraternity Books and is available for \$10.99. ([www.confraternitybooks.com](http://www.confraternitybooks.com)). Check out their website (which has over 800 traditional Catholic Books for sale) or e-mail [bhall@breviary.net](mailto:bhall@breviary.net) for more details.



☞ KITCHEN CLEANING

A gentle reminder to all groups and individuals who use our beautiful kitchen. Please wash and dry all the dishes and put them away in their assigned locations. Also, wipe clean all countertops, the stove, and the refrigerators. Remove all uneaten food unless it is designated for immediate, particular use. All floors must be swept and mopped clean. This good stewardship will discourage nasty six-legged pests from establishing permanent neighborhoods indoors. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

"MY CHILDREN HAVE LEFT THE FAITH!"

"Dear God,

I come to you with a heart of sorrows over love for my children who have drifted from the practice of the holy Catholic Faith.

Look upon these children of mine with your loving and forgiving mercy.

Bring these children back into the embrace of Holy Mother Church, that soon my children may receive once again forgiveness in your Sacrament of Penance and be nourished with your Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in Holy Communion,

"Oh patron saints of my children intercede in heaven for their salvation, Angel guardians of my children, you who were appointed to the charge of my children's souls, intercede constantly before the Heavenly Throne of the Most Holy Trinity.

Mary, Queen of the Angels, send forth all the angels of God to inspire my children to return to the path of salvation.

I have attempted to teach them. I beg my children's guardian angels to go to them and inspire them to return.

"Give me the strength to bear this cross and offer to you, O Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, the pain that I feel, so that some day my children will return and I may glorify God forever in Heaven with these children whom I love. Amen."



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee!  
My God, my God, I love Thee  
In the Most Blessed Sacrament!

A POET ON POSITIVE PARENTING

MARKS OF CHRIST'S DISCIPLES

[Christ] is the true-love and the bridegroom of men's souls: the virgins follow Him whithersoever He goes; the martyrs follow Him though a sea of blood, through great tribulation; all His servants take up their cross and follow Him, yet they look wistfully after Him, own Him a hero, and wish they dared to answer to His call. Children as soon as they can understand ought to be told about Him, that they may make Him the hero of their young hearts...

From all that might be said of Christ's character I single out one point and beg you to notice that. He loved to praise, He loved to reward. He knew what was in man, He best knew men's faults and yet He was the warmest in their praise. When He worked a miracle He would grace it with "Thy faith hath saved thee," that it might almost seem the receiver's work, not His. He said of Nathaniel that he was an Israelite without guile; He that searches hearts said this, and yet what praise that was to give! He called the two sons of Zebedee Sons of Thunder, kind and stately and honorable name! We read of nothing thunderlike that they did except, what was sinful, to wish fire down from heaven on some sinners but they deserved the name or He would not have given it, and He has given it them for all time. Of John the Baptist He said that his greater was not born of women. He said to Peter, "Thou art Rock," and rewarded a moment's acknowledgment of Him with the lasting headship of His Church. He defended Magdalen and took means that the story of Her generosity should be told for ever. And though He bids us say we are unprofitable servants, yet He himself will say to each of us "Good and faithful servant, well done."

And this man whose picture I have tried to draw for you, brethren, is your God. He was your maker in time past; hereafter He will be your judge. Make Him your hero now.

—FATHER GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS, S. J.

FATHER HOPKINS (†1889) WAS A BRITISH JESUIT PRIEST AND POET.



# Rosary Sunday, October 7, 2007



*Join us as we celebrate Rosary Sunday, October 7th. 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 Helfta Hall. The cost is \$20.00 per family or \$7.00 per person.*

***Dr. Thomas Droleskey** will give an excellent talk on the Rosary and Naturalism. Please join us!*