

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ☿ FEBRUARY 17, 2008 - LENT II- THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

The **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** follows all Masses. Early Lenten **Vespers and Benediction** are at 1:10 PM.

### ☿ CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

This year our Children's Day of Recollection will take place this **Wednesday, February 20th**, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, for *both* Grade School and High School Students. Separate spiritual talks will be given for both groups. Please make every effort to have your children attend this spiritually enriching day. *Please call the school (513-645-4216) by Monday, February 18th* to let us know if you plan to have your children attend. A lunch will be provided. No charge!

- 9:00 AM: Opening of the Day of Recollection
- 11:25 AM: High Mass
- 2:50 PM: Closing Stations & Benediction

### ☿ FRIDAY NIGHTS IN LENT

Join us for our traditional "*Evening of Recollection*" including 5:45 PM Mass, sermon and Sacred Heart Novena.

### ☿ LENTEN POTLUCK PLUS SUPPER

The Friday night Lenten Parish Potluck Plus Suppers continue, following the Mass and before Stations of the Cross. The "theme nights" are again a big success. There's always plenty of food, and the attendance is growing. Won't you join us? **Feb. 22nd: Soup, Salad, Bread Night**

**Feb. 29th: Tuna Night**

**March 7th: Mac & Cheese, Salad Night**

**March 14th: Baked Potato Night**

A sign-up sheet is be posted in Helfta Hall. *Please let us know* which Friday night you would like to sponsor. **The church will cover the expense of the ingredients.** If you plan to eat with us we ask that you *bring a dish to share* that will coordinate with the theme, such as vegetables, salad, pasta, etc. *Please, since it is Lent, no desserts.* Bon appetit!

*Fasting is a kind of wall, then, for the Christian, impregnable to the devil, inaccessible to the enemy.*

—ST. MAXIMUS OF TURIN

### ☿ SECOND ANNUAL JOG-A-THON

The Jog-A-Thon is a great plan to reach out to the *community* to help bring in funds for our church, school and youth groups. We hope *everyone*, this year, will get involved. (Look at what we did with only 69 [mostly children] last year!) Packets of forms and all the necessary information will be handed out by the ushers after all of today's Masses. If you can run, jog, walk or crawl around a 1/4 mile track - get a sponsor - that's how easy it is. We hope to hold this event on April 26th, again at the Lakota Freshman Track, so we don't really have that much time. Once you have a chance to look over the information supplied in your packet, there will be someone in Helfta Hall before and after the 9:00 AM Mass to answer any questions. We **KNOW** this a wonderful fund raiser for our church, school and youth groups. What will make it successful again this year is **YOUR** participation. **YOU** are the only limit to our potential. Pick up your packet today. And should you run out of forms - the Book Store will always have more. Do your part, don't get left behind!



### ☿ CONGRATULATIONS

Our prayers and best wishes to David and Megan Mann, whose daughter, Gianna Maria, was baptized yesterday.

### Ushers

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

### Servers

•MON 02/18 5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney  
•TUE 02/19 5:00 PM LOW: J. Bayer  
•WED 02/20 6:30 AM LOW: T. & C. Simpson, Sr.  
5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney  
•THU 02/21 5:00 PM LOW: C. Ritze  
•FRI 02/22 5:45 PM LOW: T. Simpson, T. Simpson  
7:30 PM STATIONS & BENEDICTION: T. Simpson, T. Simpson, M. Briggs, J. Bayer  
•SAT 02/23 7:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson, Jr.  
8:00 AM HIGH: G. Keaveney  
•SUN 02/24 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann  
9:00 AM CHAPLAIN: R. VandeRyt, J. Lotarski; TH: A. Lotarski; ACs: B. Lotarski, T. Kunkel; TORCH: A. Richesson, P. Duff, T. & J. Simpson  
11:30 AM LOW: G. Wnek, F. Puglielli  
1:10 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller  
5:45 PM LOW: M. Derksen

### Collection Report

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2008 ..... \$4710.00  
ASH WEDNESDAY ..... \$ 321.00  
SPECIAL LENTEN ALMS COLLECTION ..... \$1847.00

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

## ✠ POETRY CORNER

### THE LORD'S PROVISION

BY MARY ANN W. COOK

In some way or other the Lord will provide;  
It may not be *my* way, it may not be *thy* way;  
And yet in His *own* way, "The Lord will provide."  
At some time or other the Lord will provide;  
It may not be *my* time, it may not be *thy* time;  
And yet in His *own* time, "The Lord will provide."  
Despond, then, no longer, the Lord will provide.  
And this be the token—no word He hath spoken  
Was ever yet broken: "The Lord will provide."  
March on, then, right boldly; the sea shall divide;  
The pathway made glorious, with shoutings victorious  
We'll join in the chorus, "The Lord will provide."



"FIAT"

To follow Thee to Thabor's height  
Ah! 'twould be sweet!  
With Peter, James and John to stay  
At Thy dear feet.  
Thy love has traced the way for me,  
'Tis up a hill;  
And lo! beneath Thy Cross I find  
God's holy Will.

—R. M. C.



### PRAYER OF A POOR BEGGAR TO JESUS St. Bernadette

*O Jesus, give me I pray 'Thee the bread of humility, the bread of obedience, the bread of charity, the bread of strength to break my will, and make it one with Thine, the bread of interior mortification, the bread of detachment from creatures, the bread of patience to bear the pain my heart endures, O Jesus Thou dost desire to crucify me, Fiat! Then give me the bread of strength that I may suffer well, the bread to see Thee and Thee alone in all things and always. Jesus, Mary, the Cross, I desire no other loves but these.*

# ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D.)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday - March 7th:** *Knights of the Sacred Heart:* Father / Son All Night Lenten Adoration - 9:00 PM, closing with 6:30 AM Mass on Saturday the 8th.

## NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of the Month - **Confession Sunday.** Confessions will be heard before and during all Masses. Early Lenten **Vespers and Benediction** are at **1:10 PM.**

Set your missal: **February 24th. Lent III** with the commemorations of Our Lady and All the Saints and for the Living and the Dead. **PREF:** Lent.



## THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS

**First Testing & First Confessions:** **Saturday, April 12th.** (Baptismal Certificate must be presented before testing, and form filled out.)

• **Obligatory Day of Recollection for all First Communion Children:** Thursday, May 8th.

• **Confirmation:** Saturday, May 10th.

• **First Holy Communion:** Sunday, May 25th.

Parents, please remember to submit to the Office *by March 11th*, the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great. If your child is not enrolled in the school or Sunday School, please let us know if you are planning on bringing him to be tested in April. Unless we have the Baptismal certificate, we will be unable to do the necessary testing. Sometimes it is difficult to tell if a child is ready for the Sacraments. Please consult the priest. The Church earnestly desires all children to receive Our Lord as soon as possible.



## THE HUMBLE EXALTED

The work of love not only heals the roots of sin, but nurtures practical goodness. When it is authentic you will be sensitive to every need and respond with a generosity unspoiled by selfish intent.

Anything you attempt to do without this love will certainly be imperfect, for it is sure to be marred by ulterior motives.

Genuine goodness is a matter of habitually acting and responding appropriately in each situation, as it arises, moved always by the desire to please God. He alone is the pure source of all goodness and if a person is motivated by something else besides God, even though God is first, then his virtue is imperfect. This is evident in the case of two virtues in particular, humility and brotherly love. Whoever acquires these habits of mind and manner needs no others, for he will possess everything.

—THE CLOUD OF UNKNOWING

The *Cloud of Unknowing* was written in Middle English by an unknown mystic of the fourteenth century.

Cell phones are *forbidden* in our church. Please, out of respect for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and in consideration of the priest at the altar or in the pulpit, as well as the members of the parish in the pews —

**DO NOT BRING YOUR CELL PHONE INTO CHURCH. LEAVE IT IN YOUR CAR. UNLESS YOU ARE A POLICE OFFICER OR A DOCTOR, NO ONE NEEDS YOU SO URGENTLY THAT YOU MUST BRING YOUR CELL PHONE INTO CHURCH WITH YOU.**

Leave your phone in the car, not in your purse, ladies (where you can't find it), or in one of your jacket pockets, gentlemen (where you can't find it, either.)

*"My Father's house is a house of prayer."*

The following Mass requests have been sent to one of our Missions to be offered. These Mass offerings help to support our good priests here in the United States and in the missions. Thank you once again for supporting our Missions.

†Bill Brodberger  
Eric Nies Family

The Kueblers

Angela Schmidt  
The Kueblers

All Traditional Priests  
ACC

Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Joe Praszak & Sheila Hagerty

All Of Our Priests  
ACC

†James & Josephine  
Hagerty

Bishop Dolan &  
His Priests  
ACC

Joe Praszak & Sheila Hagerty

Bishop Sanborn &  
His Priests  
ACC

Tom & Linda Hagerty  
Joe Praszak & Sheila Hagerty

Father McGuire  
ACC

Special Intention  
(†Morgan Burns)  
Troy Burns

Father Gilles Roger  
ACC

In Honor of Dr. Jesus  
for Our Sick  
Bishop Dolan

Father Guepin  
ACC

Special Intention  
(†Marion Ficke)

Our Priest Friends  
ACC

Mary Rose Uhlenbrock

Our Sick or Suffering  
Priests  
ACC

†Special Intention  
Michael DiSalvo

For the Intentions of  
Everyone Who Prayed  
for My Safe, Healthy  
Delivery—Erriana Grace  
Sheenan

My Godchildren  
Constance Wozny

Special Intention  
Barb Steinmetz

Patricia Carpenter  
Bishop Daniel L. Dolan

Frank Reiman & Family  
Barb Steinmetz

Thank You for special  
Intention to BVM  
Frances J. Amico

Special Intention -  
†Deceased

Special Intention -  
†Deceased  
Ernie Nellenbach

Barb Steinmetz

Paula Baxter

Ann Arlinghaus &  
Families  
Paul & Marlys Arlinghaus



## ✠ GOD HEALS OUR WOUNDS!

ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS ON THE HEALING POWER OF GOD

How happy is this woman! In the midst of such a great multitude she was so much alone with Christ that only she was aware both of her restoration to health and His exalted power!

Happy is she who found such access that no one could stop her. Happy is she who by such a path struggled and crept up to her Creator, before she was upbraided by anyone because of her illness, and before she was free from its repugnance.

She knew that with men and through their power the way to full health was closed to her. Men are more accustomed to shrink away from wounds than to cure them. God cleanses human wounds; He does not despise them. Nor does He detest the uncleannesses that come from the body. Rather, He cleanses them. God cannot, He cannot, be soiled through contact with His creature.

Taken from *St. Peter Chrysologus, Sermon 36—On Mark 5.22-34*, translated by George Ganss, S.J.

## ✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	02/18/08	FERIAL DAY - ST SIMEON, BPM - ST BERNADETTE, V - PRESIDENTS' DAY - FAST
	11:25 AM	High Mass <i>Our Children &amp; Godchildren (M/M Scott Richesson)</i>
	4:15-6:00 PM	Knights of the Sacred Heart (St. Gertrude the Great) St. Angela Merici Girls' Group (St. Gertrude the Great)
	12:15 PM	Vespers
	5:00 PM	Low Mass <i>In Honor of St. Bernadette</i>
TUES	02/19/08	FERIAL DAY - FAST
	11:25 AM	High Mass <i>Purgatorial Society</i>
	12:15 PM	Vespers
	5:00 PM	Low Mass <i>Special Intention - Birthday (J. Ramey) (Rescheduled from 2/12)</i>
WED	02/20/08	FERIAL DAY - FAST
		CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION
	6:30 AM	Low Mass <i>Connie S. Montford's Intentions (Barb Steinmetz)</i>
	9:00 AM	Opening of the Day of Recollection
	11:25 AM	High Mass <i>†M/M Joseph Ostertag &amp; Al Arlinghaus (The Paul Arlinghaus Family)</i>
	12:15 PM	Vespers
	2:50 PM	Children's Stations of the Cross, Benediction & Holy Communion
	5:00 PM	Low Mass <i>Special Intention for Brothers &amp; Sisters (GPK)</i>
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
THUR	02/21/08	FERIAL DAY - FAST
	11:25 AM	High Mass <i>†Paul Puglielli, Sr. (Paul Puglielli, Jr.)</i>
	12:15 PM	Vespers
	5:00 PM	Low Mass <i>Thank You Dr. Wozny (C. Simpson Family)</i>
	7:00 PM	Compline
FRI	02/22/08	ST PETER'S CHAIR AT ANTIOCH - FAST
		THE HOLY SHROUD
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass <i>Ms. Katie Bischak-Special Intentions (Dale Wilker Family)</i>
	12:15 PM	Vespers
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:35 PM	Infant of Prague Novena IX
	5:45 PM	Low Mass & Sacred Heart Novena <i>†Stanly Zatosky (Tom Simpson)</i>
	6:45 PM	Parish Potluck Plus Supper - <i>Soup, Salad &amp; Bread Night</i>
	7:15 PM	Confessions
	7:30 PM	Stations, Sermon, Sorrowful Mother Novena VI & Blessing of the Sick, Benediction, Holy Communion, Confessions
SAT	02/23/08	ST PETER DAMIAN, BPCD - VIGIL OF ST MATTHIAS - FAST
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass, Confessions <i>†Cheryl Maki (My Godmother) (Peter Duff)</i>
	8:00 AM	High Mass, Confessions <i>Pro-Life (Rosary Confraternity)</i>
SUN	02/24/08	LENT III
		CONFESSIONS HEARD BEFORE & DURING ALL MASSES
	7:30 AM	Low Mass <i>Special Intention (Kathy Schweitzer)</i>
	9:00 AM	High Mass <i>Bernard &amp; Rita Brueggemann (John &amp; Lisa Brueggemann)</i>
	11:30 AM	Low Mass <i>Dean McClorey-Birthday (Carolyn McClorey)</i>
	1:10 PM	Vespers and Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass <i>For the People of St. Gertrude the Great</i>

## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER



This past week, the first full week of Lent, we caught up a little on our winter and, I hope, our rest. It has been a "mad dash" of late, with the demanding days of early February which saw us move from Christmas through Candlemas and into Lent, and then a funeral to boot! The Lenten weekends at St. Gertrude offer quite a bit, and are very demanding. So, I'm sure no one was too disappointed when the Good Lord sent us snow and rain and ice, "bless the Lord!"

Still, we need to be thinking Spring and the soul's growth in her enclosed spiritual garden. Take time to pray in Lent. Keep the fast, and your practices. Come to Mass as often as you can.

This week Fr. Saavedra and I will again be offering the annual Children's Day of Recollection. Please pray that this year will see a full, enthusiastic attendance, and lasting fruit of piety among our young.

I read in last Monday's paper that Joel Osteen, a T.V. prosperity/power of positive thinking preacher packed the U.S. Bank Arena on a very cold night with 16,000 paying customers. That's positive thinking! Some paid up to \$179 a person for the privilege of hearing his "message". God Himself, however, is daily sacrificed on our altars, and sheds His Precious Blood anew, and only three or four of our four hundred some flock, assist on an ordinary week day. I think we could use a little positive thinking!

Bea Lutkehaus has been warning us for years of the evils of imports from Communist China, and now even Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk has alerted his flock to what must be the ultimate import scam. Before we were concerned about slave labor, then imported poisoning here, now we are invited to pay to see the eerily preserved and presented Chinese cadavers at the Museum Center. Who knows how, or in what circumstances these poor people died? For Communists, the Chinese have become excellent capitalists, in partnership with an American firm which has made many millions of dollars by exploiting\*the dead. I'd ask what has become of our country, but we already know the answer, don't we?

"Penance, penance, penance!" The words of our gracious Lady at Lourdes, should sound softly in our hearts, and open them to Her Heart. Heed the admonition to do penance, for shuckster preachers and Communist body snatchers, a gullible public with a huge appetitie for sensation, and a country on its way to chastisement. Make this your best Lent ever.

I send a blessing to this effect, in Mary's name,

—Bishop Dolan



A life of love lived here below,  
Means not delight of Thabor,  
But crucified on Calvary's height,  
With Christ, our King and Saviour.



# 2nd Annual Jog-a-thon

## COME JOIN THE FUN



Welcome! Here is a great chance for children and adults of all ages to get involved and have a great time.

*We started last year with a dream of \$10,000. We exceeded that! This year we want to work hard towards \$30,000.*

*We would like everyone to participate. If you know someone (grandchildren, etc.) who would like to join us, let's get them involved as well!*

## **Saturday, April 26, 2008**

## **Lakota Freshman Track**

**What you need to do:**

- 1. Pick up a packet.** (There are 10 fliers in each. You are not limited to 10; more are available.)
- 2. Fill in the the name(s) of your child(ren) on the flier.**  
Fold and include the return envelope with your name and address as the recipient. That way, you know if you are being sponsored, and you can thank your sponsor.
- 3. Stamp and mail, or deliver, to friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors.**
- 4. Turn in to the office or bookstore any one-time donations you may be given.**
- 5. Show up on the April, 26 ready to do your best. A signed permission slip is required for minor children who will participate. Get ready to run!**
- 6. Enjoy the event and the party that will follow.**
- 7. Collect from persons that sponsored *per lap* and return donations by May 25th.**

*You can collect sponsors for yourself or a youth.*

*If you cannot walk, a youth will be designated to walk for you.*

*If you are interested in going to a store to ask the public for support, please contact by e-mail: [parishoffice@sqq.org](mailto:parishoffice@sqq.org) or drop a note at the church office.*

*The fundraising committee will handle the funds and keep track of your forms. When you are sponsored by someone for the laps you run, it is up to you to collect the funds.*

## **PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED**

### **MOST LAPS COMPLETED! -- MOST FUNDS COLLECTED!**

### **COME HAVE SOME FUN, and RUN, RUN, RUN!**

## MY SUNDAY AFTERNOON CATECHISM FOR LENT II

At the Introit today the Church asks of God the grace to fall no more into sin: "Remember, O God, Thy bowels of compassion, and Thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world, lest at any time our enemies rife over us; deliver us, O God, from all our tribulations. To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul. In Thee, O God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed" (Ps. xxiv.).

**PLEASE READ TODAY'S EPISTLE: I Thess. iv. 1-7**

St. Paul exhorts all Christians to live chastely and honestly, and continually to aspire to higher perfection. Such is the will of God, Who has called us to holiness, and will punish severely all impurity and injustice.

### Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that, according to my vocation, I may never be addicted to earthly and fleshly lusts like the heathen, who know Thee not, but may live in modesty, chastity, and holiness, and adorn my name as a Christian with good works. Amen.

**PLEASE READ TODAY'S GOSPEL: Matt. xvii. 1-9**

*Why was Jesus transfigured before His disciples on Mount Thabor?*

1. To give them a manifest proof of His divinity
2. To prevent all doubt on their part when they should see Him on Mount Calvary.
3. To encourage all the faithful to patience under agony and suffering.
4. To show us how our glorified bodies shall rise from the dead (I. Cor. xv. 52).

*Why did Moses and Elias appear with Our Lord?*

To testify that Jesus was the Saviour of the world spoken of by the law and the prophets.

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## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR THE FAMILY (Cont'd.)

*6. Thou shalt keep a fixed order of the day!*

On awaking in the morning, sign yourself with the Sign of the Cross and begin the day in the name of God. A prompt rising is the first triumph over the weakness of the flesh, the first test of the love of order. The morning exercise of the soul is the *morning prayer*. Thank the Lord for the night's repose, on your knees, if possible, and ask Him for His blessing for the new day. ***The best morning prayer and the most powerful would be the Holy Mass, also on week days.***

As the beginning, so should also the close of the day be dedicated to the Lord

by a devout *evening prayer*. Thank God for the protection of the day, examine your conscience, excite contrition for the disorders of the day, recommend yourself into the hands of the Father, and pray also for those who will die during the night. Let not your weariness and fatigue be an excuse for omitting the night prayer. Finally, sign yourself once more with the Sign of the Cross.

During the course of the day let the biblical watchword prevail: "*Let all things be done decently and according to order*" (1Cor. xiv. 40). "*All things have their season*" (Eccles. iii. 1). The orderly change of day and night announces to man: There is a time for work and a time for rest. First work, then recreation! First the bitter duties, then the sweet! All things in their order! Also the meals with the *table prayer!*

*7. Thou shalt keep Sundays and feast-days holy!*

In the regular change of six to one, the working days of our life are alternated with Sunday, so that man may draw breath and rest, not becoming a machine and forgetting his soul. From time to time the feast-days occur, bringing extraordinary joy into our lives. This is the ordinance of God: *We may and should care also for our body, our health and recreation in a reasonable measure.*

The Sundays and feast-days should be days of rest for our bodies and days of blessing for our souls. To hear Holy Mass devoutly on Sundays and holy days is a strict commandment of the Church. If possible, one should also hear a sermon, to grow in the knowledge of our religion. "*Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it*" (Luke xi. 28). Likewise, one should read at least one paragraph of the holy Gospel on Sundays and holy days. Order would be ***out of bounds if the days of rest were used for excessive sports which tire the body***, if the days of blessing were misused for sinful amusements and the desecration of the soul.

Sundays and holy days become feast-days of the higher life especially by the *reception of the holy sacraments*. The sacrament of penance delivers the soul from dead works (Hebrews vi. 1) and gives rise to a newness of life (Rom. vi. 4). Holy communion preserves the soul to eternal life. A greater service one cannot render to one's soul than to go to the sacraments often during the year.

Sundays and holy days also bring with them the quiet hours to visit the poor and sick and to do other works of *Christian mercy*.

On Sundays and holy days, set aside time for family catechism, religious reading and rosary. Oh, and don't forget some time for fun, too – games, a good video, a treat. On Sundays and holy days, *holy joy in the family circle* is to be cultivated. Put flowers on the table, let the children sing and play, let it be Sunday in all hearts! "*Rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice*" (Phil. iv. 4). Joy in the Lord is the zenith of the Catholic order of life.

*(To be continued.)*