

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✠ TODAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008.

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist with a commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XIX.

The **Blessing of the Sick** in honor of our **Sorrowful Mother** follows all Masses. Please come to the communion rail. The **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** is available at the communion rail afterward.

Join us for the **Parish Picnic** at the *Council Bluff Shelter* at Sharon Woods Park from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

### ✠ MEN'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

The Holy Name Society never really got off the ground because the organizer moved away early on. So, we are just using this name for our men's group. Won't you join? No fees. No meetings. Just come to the occasional spiritual talk followed by socializing. The next meeting is scheduled for this Friday evening, September 26th, at 7:00 PM. Bishop Dolan will be giving a talk titled "An Example of Courage."

### ✠ NEXT SUNDAY

All our little ones are invited to receive their **Guardian Angel Blessing** after all the Masses, as we continue our much loved annual custom of **Angel Sunday**.

*Set your missal:* Pentecost XX, Comm. of St. Wenceslaus and Our Lady and all the Saints. Preface of the Trinity.

First Vespers of St. Michael the Archangel with Benediction are at 1:10 PM.

### ✠ SIMULCAST



Homeschoolers, shut-ins, those prohibited by distance, and those who just can't make it: St. Gertrude the Great is now simulcasting our daily School Mass at 11:25 AM. Be sure to visit [sgg.org](http://sgg.org) and click on the "Mass Streaming" link. Shut-ins, you can also view our Sunday morning 9 o'clock high Mass. This pastoral provision does not allow you to fulfill your Sunday obligation, but it does provide a truly wonderful opportunity to at least be at Mass "in spirit" for those lawfully impeded from traveling to church. Stay connected!

### ✠ COOKS NEEDED



Food needed! We now have three hungry priests to feed. Could you prepare and drop off a dinner from time to time? Reimbursement for costs gladly provided. Give us a call if you can help feed the hungry—a corporal work of mercy.

#### FROM BISHOP DOLAN:

Kathleen Plumb, editor of *The Four Marks*, has seen fit to publish in the September issue my personal correspondence, and has done so without my knowledge or permission.

Furthermore, she has misrepresented our position as Catholics who refuse to be in communion with Ratzinger or his One-World Church, as well as the position I took in the aforementioned correspondence.

The issue of active participation at a Mass offered in communion with the One-World Church is one of the great issues of our time. Learned clergy such as Bishop Sanborn and Father Cekada have exhaustively researched and studied the question, and their conclusions cannot be so lightly ignored or dismissed.

It is therefore with greatest regret that I warn Catholics that *The Four Marks* now presents an occasion for confusion, if not indeed for sin.

I urge Catholics not to have anything to do with *The Four Marks*, even as I continue to pray for those who attempt to lead good but unsuspecting Catholics into communion with the forerunner of the Antichrist.

—Most Rev. Daniel L. Dolan

### Servers

SEPTEMBER 22 - SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

•MON 9/22	5:00 PM Low: G. Keaveney
•TUE 9/23	5:00 PM Low: C. Ritze
•WED 9/24	6:30 AM Low: C. & T. Simpson 5:00 PM Low: G. Keaveney
•THU 9/25	5:00 PM Low: J. Bayer
•FRI 9/26	5:45 PM Low: M. G. Keaveney, C. Ritze, J. Bayer, J. Soli
•SAT 9/27	7:30 AM Low: C. & T. Simpson 8:00 AM Low: M. Briggs & G. Keaveney
•SUN 9/28	7:30 AM Low: D. & S. Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: R. VandelRyt; Jn. Lotarski TH: A. Lotarski & T. Kunkel; ACs: T. Simpson, B. Lotarski; TORCH: S. Phillips, P. Duff, J. Simpson, N. Puglielli 11:30 AM Low: J. & M. Brugger 1:10 PM VESPERS & BENED.: Lotarskis 5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

## ✠ POETRY CORNER

### THE SCOURGING

Over the scourging-pillar, two feet high,  
Christ bends, His wrists held fast by tight-drawn cords.  
The scourging! What sufferings that horrify  
The thought! How shameful, too, beyond all words!  
The heavy, four-throged, loaded, hooked lash  
Cuts to the bone. Ah! the swish, the dull thud,  
Again and yet again. See how they gash  
The Savior's virgin flesh. With lust of blood  
All drunk, the wretches strike with furious might.  
Christ reels; He sinks down; the pool of blood; dread, awful sight!

*Rev. John J. Rauscher, S.M.*

*The Virgin of Nazareth and Other Poems*



### THE SCOURGING

O Thongs, for thirst  
Of fiends accurst,  
Ye quaffed the crimson flood!  
Ah, would that we  
Who wound, as ye  
Were guiltless of His blood!

—Fr. John Tabb

### Ushers

SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

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

### Collection Report

Sunday, September 14.....\$3,900.38

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

## ✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	9/22/08	ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BPC SS. MAURICE & COMP., MM
	11:25 AM	High Mass (from 9/15) Eldon Neukam-Special intention (Walker Family)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass for Anne & Clare Lotarski-thank you (Paul & Karen Puglielli)
TUES	9/23/08	ST. LINUS, PM / ST. THOMAS, VM
	11:25 AM	Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
	5:00 PM	Low Mass † Bill Bendel (Duff Family)
WED	9/24/08	O L OF RANSOM
	6:30 AM	Low Mass Special intention (Rob Kuebler)
	11:25 AM	High Mass † Walter Drwiega (Stella Drwiega)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass In honor of Mary Immaculate (Kathleen Mary West)
THUR	9/25/08	RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY
	11:25 AM	High Mass † Chas. & Elinor Richardson (M. Lotarski Family)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Joe & Kathy Bayer Intentions (G. Keaveney)
	7:00 PM	Compline
FRI	9/26/08	SS. ISAAC JOGUES & COMP., MM SS. CYPRIAN, M & JUSTINA, VM
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass JaAnn & Gerald Wilker (D. & D. Wilker)
		MEN'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Ge
		Benediction & Novena follow Mass
	5:15 PM	Holy Name Society Spiritual Talk "An Example of Courage" & Social Hour
SAT	9/27/08	SS. COSMAS & DAMIAN, MM
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass † Delores Maki (Kent Maki)
	8:00 AM	Sermon & Low Mass Patrick Lotarski (Gerry Keaveney)
		Confessions follow Mass
SUN	9/28/08	PENTECOST XX ST. WENCESLAUS, DUKE, M
	7:30 AM	Low Mass All our children & godchildren (The Arlinghaus Family)
	9:00 AM	High Mass In honor of the Infant of Prague for our parents (Patrick & Anne Marie Omlor)
	11:30 AM	Low Mass † Eileen Bartels (Lorraine Gates)
	1:10 PM	First Vespers of St. Michael the Archangel & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



"A sign to be contradicted!" See He comes forth wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment, and so is presented to His own people... How few there are amongst them who can recognize their King and their Savior. I, too, must choose, as all men must. Shall I accept or reject this King crowned with thorns?

-Abp. Bagshawe

## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

A hurricane in Ohio! What an unexpected chastisement (or blessing) from God. Who could have anticipated such a thing? I pray you and yours did not suffer too long, or too much a loss due to the power outage. We lost our power at Vespers, just before Our Lady's Salve. It returned Monday afternoon. May God be praised in all things.

A greater loss is that of dear souls which compromise with the One-World Religion (such a danger!) or actually go over to it. I was so sorry to hear of the betrayal of *The Four Marks*, which had shown so much promise. I was even sorrier to hear from Sarah and John French this summer that their family would no longer be attending St. Gertrude the Great Church. They believe that in conscience they should be under Ratzinger in the New Religion. This grieves me terribly, for both their souls as well as for the loss of dear friends and parishioners after so many years. Sarah was an excellent First Communion teacher, and prepared so many little ones to receive Our Lord. May God reward her. My only consolation in this is that, ever polite, she wrote a nice letter explaining their decision. Such courtesy, once common, is rare today, and therefore highly prized. Good-bye, dear friends!

On a happier note, we are all pleased and excited by the beautiful landscaping which is transforming the church grounds. I thank Gino and Phil for their devoted efforts. Enjoy!

Enjoy, too, our annual parish picnic this afternoon. I look forward to seeing you there. Speaking of enjoying, it is a delight to have our eight kindergartners with us from Tuesday through Thursday each week, as well as to hear how well the older children are already singing the Mass. You can hear them on the internet each school day at 11:25.

Let us thank God for the innocence and enthusiasm of our youth, and redouble our efforts to pass on the true unchanged holy Faith to the next generation.

We bless the sick today. Do remember to pray for all our elderly, our sick and shut-in.

I send a blessing,

—Bishop Dolan

## ✠ THE SCOURGING

These strong, brutal soldiers strip My back.

They cut Me deep with their leather whips and pointed spikes. They even laugh and curse as they lash Me. And they quit only when they are tired! Over My bleeding sores they wrap My cloak.

But when they finish, My scourging is really not over. In a way sinners go on scourging Me every day.

I am scourged when persecute My Church... when my priests are tortured and murdered.

I am scourged when My faithful flock must suffer and be imprisoned.

I am scourged when the innocent are scandalized, and falsehood is taught.

I am scourged in the torn pierced bodies of those who fall on the field of battle.

I am scourged in the cries of pain of the sick and injured.

But most of all in the sins of those whom I love so dearly.

I could stand the whipping of the pagan soldiers more easily than your sins!

**Our Beloved Dead**  
**September**

<i>Earl Eugene Roth</i> .....	September 2, 1988
<i>Dennis Kramer</i> .....	September 4, 1981
<i>Josephine Boyce</i> .....	September 5, 1982
<i>Bernard Reid</i> .....	September 8, 1983
<i>Eliza Kholbrand</i> .....	September 9, 1985
<i>Sr. M. Gerard Vincent</i> .....	September 12, 2002
<i>Frederick G. Herington</i> .....	September 21, 1990
<i>Matilda Hauserman</i> .....	September 29, 2000
<i>Ronald Kitchen</i> .....	September 30, 2002
<i>Kenneth Ripperger</i> .....	September 30, 2005

**MORE THOUGHTS ON THE  
SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR...**

Lord  
Mocked  
and scourged at the pillar,  
when Pilate made his pitiful effort  
to compromise  
by scourging Innocence.  
Christ, so gentle  
to the weakness and folly of men,  
make us patient  
with the lash and whip of circumstance,  
with the bruising of life,  
the thong for our own shoulders,  
made by our own weakness.  
malice and stupidity;  
help us to accept it  
as our just due,  
not complaining,  
but with dignity  
and humility  
of Your imperious will.

—Anonymous

Is tortured thirst itself too sweet a cup?  
Gall and more bitter mocks, shall  
make it up.  
Are nails blunt pens of superficial  
smart?  
Contempt and scorn can send sure  
wounds to search the inmost heart.

—Crashaw

**FOR A CHILD'S BOOK OF HOURS**

The Hour of Laud, in joy outpoured,  
We gaily give to Thee,  
For sun and moon, for bread and shoon,  
For life and liberty.

'Tis happy Prime, 'tis waking time!  
Before another day,  
Accept the praise we children raise,  
Creator of our day!

At Hour of Terce it may seem worse  
To have to leave our walk,  
Yet Christ-Child pure, our grief endure,  
Who knowest Baby talk.

The Hour of Sext our hearts are vexed  
By rain or broken toys,—  
Forgive us, Lord, whose heart once  
stored  
Itself in childish joys!

The Hour of None hath swiftly flown  
Since we were lesson free;  
Thine hour of pain comes round again  
As we go to tea.

At Vespertide Thy Mother cried  
To see Thee carried dead;  
Oh, bless the ending of our day,  
And guard us unto bed!

—Shane Leslie

**LUMEN CHRISTI**

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

**KATIE BISCHAK**

**THE MARTYRDOM OF  
ST. JOHN DE BREBEUF**

*Feast of the North American Martyrs  
September 26*

When the braves had assembled, the  
torture began; de Brebeuf, as the great chief,  
being the first victim. The fire was lighted  
and the flames climbed around his limbs  
while his savage Iroquois executioners  
plunged hot prongs into his flesh, pressed  
fire brands against the most sensitive parts of  
his body, cut off strips of his flesh and  
roasting them in the fire devoured them  
before his eyes; but not once during this  
atrocious torture did this wonderful priest  
wince or groan. He uttered no reproach, and  
spoke only to sustain the courage of the  
Christians around him. But his words only  
made his torturers more furious. They  
slashed off his nose and lips, shattered his  
teeth with their clubs, and filled his mouth  
with fire. His voice was now stilled, but his  
wounds spoke to all the Christians who  
stood shuddering at the hideous spectacle.

No sign of weakness had yet been  
extorted from the sufferer. Something must  
be done to make him quail, and so a flaming  
cincture of birch bark soaked in pitch was  
tied around his waist, and under his armpits.  
His scalp was torn off and a poultice of hot  
ashes applied to the ghastly wound. Not a  
single spot remained on his body that had  
not been scarified by fire or gashed with  
knives. Finally when no new species of  
torture suggested itself, and it was found that  
not a moan could be wrung from the  
sufferer, they clove his head with a  
tomahawk and thus ended his three hours of  
agony. Finally they tore out his heart and  
drank the blood, so as to imbibe, as they  
fancied, some of his wonderful courage.  
Thus died Father Jean de Brebeuf at the age  
of fifty-six.

*North American Martyrs, pray for us!*

# Rosary Sunday, October 5, 2008



*Join us as we celebrate Rosary Sunday, October 5th. 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.*

*Mr. Joseph Charles McKenzie, the Founder and President of "The Catholic Institute of Arts and Letters" will be giving a talk. Please join us!*