

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ OCTOBER 12, 2008, PENTECOST XXII OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR

Visit our tasty Bake Sale in Helfta Hall.

The Reception of New Members into the Rosary Confraternity is at 10:30 AM as are Catechism Classes.

Vespers, October Devotions and Benediction are at 4:30 PM.

✠ THIS WEEK

This week is a quiet one at St. Gertrude the Great, once we conclude *Monday evening's procession*. Do note the many Rosary possibilities, as well as *Friday's Feast*, dear to us, of *St. Margaret Mary*. *Great St. Luke* comes on Saturday. Do remember your assigned time for Saturday morning Rosary and Benediction!

✠ OCTOBER FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

Monday, October 13th, The Rosary Confraternity is sponsoring the **Closing Candlelight Rosary Procession** at **7:00 PM**. We will meet in our usual location, at the First Watch Restaurant parking lot across from Rafferty's on Floer Road, which runs parallel with Mulhauser Road. You may enter Floer Road from either Union Center Blvd. or Mulhauser Rd. This rosary procession will conclude our season. The darkness is closing in quickly. Come to spread some light.

✠ OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The **October Devotions** (Rosary, Litany and Prayer to St. Joseph) are recited **every school day at 3:10 PM**. Every **Wednesday** the Rosary is recited **before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed at 3:00 PM**, with **Benediction and Holy Communion** at approximately **3:30 PM**. Join our children in prayer!

In addition to Wednesday and Sunday afternoons, the Rosary will be recited before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed every Friday afternoon at 5:15, and every Saturday morning at 8:45 AM, and continuing all month. We ask 1/3 of the Rosary Confraternity to attend each Saturday morning, so someone will be there.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

This is Mission Sunday. *Set your Missal:* Pentecost XXIII, with the commemoration of St. Peter of Alcantara and the Propagation of the Faith, and the Preface of the Trinity. Novena, October Devotions, and Benediction are at 4:30 PM.

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available after Mass.

✠ Aspiring Altar Servers

PARENTS....Is it taking your boys years to learn the server's responses? check out Online Altar Boy Responses at:
<http://rickmk.com/responses/mp.html>

THANK YOU!

God reward your generous alms for *Alter Christus*. Five more Masses will be celebrated for the sanctification of priests. Please pray for this intention daily.

Thanks to the impressive generosity of our faithful, we were able to send \$1000.00 to our friend Fr. Francis Miller of Lafayette, LA, for the relief of our Traditional Catholics after the two heavy hurricanes.

✠ Lost & Found

Please check our Lost & Found table in the Vestibule, these items will be here for 2 weeks. If not recovered by their owners, they will be given to the missions, so that they may be put to good use. Thank you.

Servers

OCTOBER 13 - OCTOBER 19, 2008

•MON 10/13	5:00 PM LOW: C. Ritze
•TUE 10/14	5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney
•WED 10/15	6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson 5:00 PM LOW: C. Ritze
•THU 10/16	5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney
•FRI 10/17	5:45 PM LOW: G. Keaveney, C. Ritze, M. Dirksen, J. Soli
•SAT 10/18	6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson 7:40 AM BENEDICTION: M. Briggs & G. Keaveney 8:00 AM LOW MASS: M. Briggs & G. Keaveney
•SUN 10/19	7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: A Lotarski TH: R Hill ACS; F Puglielli, B Lotarski TORCH: N Puglielli, P. Duff, J. Simpson, S Phillips 11:30 AM LOW: M Dirksen, G Wnek 4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, T. Kunkel 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller, T. Kunkel

Ushers

OCTOBER 19, 2008

7:30 AM	John Wiesman, 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, Will Wiegand
5:45 PM	John Seyfried

Collection Report

Sunday October 5th	\$4,702.83
Second Collection	\$1,552.19

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

✠ POETRY CORNER

COLUMBUS AT THE CONVENT

Dreary and brown the night comes down,
Gloomy, without a star.
On Palos town the night comes down;
The day departs with stormy frown;
The sad sea moans afar.

A convent gate is near; 'tis late;
Tin-gling! the bell they ring.
They ring the bell, they ask for bread--
"just for my child," the father said.
Kind hands the bread will bring.

White was his hair, his mien was fair,
His look was calm and great.
The porter ran and called a friar;
The friar made haste and told the prior;
The prior came to the gate.

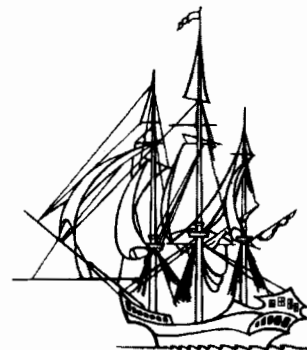
He took them in, he gave them food;
The traveler's dreams he heard;
And fast the midnight moments flew.
And fast the good man's wonder grew,
And all his heart was stirred.

The child the while, with soft, sweet smile,
Forgetful of all sorrow,
Lay soundly sleeping in his bed.
The good man kissed him there, and said:
"You leave us not to-morrow!"

"I pray you, rest the convent's guest;
This child shall be our own--
A precious care, while you prepare
Your business with the court, and bear
Your message to the throne"

And so his guest he comforted.
O wise, good prior! to you,
Who cheered the stranger's darkest days,
And helped him on his way, what praise
And gratitude are due!

J.T. Trowbridge



✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	10/13/08	ST. EDWARD, KING C School Holiday 5:45 PM Votive Low Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. <i>In Reparation for sins against Our Lord & Our Lady (Kathleen Mary West)</i> 7:00 PM Candlelight Closing Fatima Rosary Procession
TUES	10/14/08	ST. CALLISTUS I, PM 11:25 AM High Mass †Charles & Elenor Richardson <i>(M/M Mark Lotarski & Family)</i> 3:10 PM October Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass †Poor Souls for Conversions
WED	10/15/08	ST. TERESA OF AVILA, V N.B. NO 6:30 AM MASS 11:25 AM High Mass Bp. Robert McKenna <i>(Dr. & Mrs. Robert Cardinali)</i> 3:00 PM October Devotions <i>Rosary Before Blessed Sacrament Exposed, Benediction & Holy Communion</i> 5:00 PM Low Mass <i>For Patrick Anthony Omlor (Kathleen Mary West)</i>
THUR	10/16/08	ST. HEDWIG, W Purity of Mary, St. Gerard Majella 11:25 AM High Mass †Alberta Courter <i>(Mildred & William Glancy, Marie Smith, John & Faith Jones)</i> 3:10 PM October Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass <i>In Honor of Mary Immaculate (Kathleen Mary West)</i> 7:00 PM COMPLINE
FRI	10/17/08	ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, V 11:00 AM Confessions 11:30 AM High Mass Dale & Debbie Wilker <i>(Emma Wilker)</i> 3:10 PM October Devotions 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction 6:00 PM (approximately) Low Mass & Confessions <i>(In Honor of the Blessed Sacrament for Perpetual Adoration here)</i>
SAT	10/18/08	ST. LUKE, EV 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Ed Macke Family <i>(Henry & Thelma Sieverding)</i> 8:00 AM Sermon and High Mass Patrick Lotarski <i>(Johns Family)</i> 8:45 AM Exposition, Rosary & Benediction
SUN	10/19/08	PENTECOST XXIII, Mission Sunday, St Peter of Alcantara 7:30 AM Low Mass <i>Special Intention (Kathy Schweitzer)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass, †Barbara Schmeltzer <i>(Mike Briggs Family)</i> 11:30 AM Low Mass †William & Marcella Hable <i>(Jean Bischel)</i> 4:30 PM Vespers, October Devotions & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>For the people of St. Gertrude the Great</i>

✠ EJACULATIONS

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.
Indulgence: 100 days, each time.

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.
Indulgence: 100 days, each time.

Mother of love, of sorrow, and of mercy, pray for us.
Indulgence: 200 days, each time.



✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Our Lady favored us with wonderful weather for Rosary Sunday. After a beautiful High Mass, the Confraternity, clergy and faithful processed past the new shrines on our grounds as they prayed Our Lady's Angelic Psalter, "Heaven's battering ram." We first processed through the cloister towards the Lourdes Grotto with its temporary statues, and then headed to the school building whose facade is now graced by a budding Mary Garden. I owe a debt of gratitude to the donors of the especially beautiful statue of Our Lady there. Things are looking good, aren't they?

Thanks to Pat Kolb and Susan Ackley for the many, many years of faithfully feeding us at the following Communion Breakfast. How much we enjoyed the profound analysis of Murillo's Virgin of the Rosary, provided by our very erudite and learned lecturer Joseph McKenzie. He and his lovely wife Elizabeth were joined in Holy Matrimony by Fr. Cekada and myself two years ago in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I am grateful for their presence with us, and all of the sacrifices this entailed.

God willing, we will continue to make October, at home and at church, a true month of the Rosary. Will you come tomorrow evening to the candlelight Rosary procession? Don't forget the many beautiful October Devotions this month, the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed.

I thank sincerely Angie Poeppelman and son Devon for the beautifully textured walls of our newly repainted side chapel. The pictures will soon be hung, and the back wall and altar refinished in the same "faux marble" look. The effect is extremely rich, and quite beautiful at sunrise and sunset.

Fr. Cekada leaves this afternoon for his first teaching week at the seminary in Florida, which has assembled a truly international student body, with an Argentinian, a Frenchman, a German and a Russian, and a Nigerian or two when the visas come. Pray for American vocations!

Happy Columbus Day!

—Bishop Dolan



✠ MEDITATION

This type of prayer is the lifting of the mind and heart to God by means of thought.

It is thinking about the things of God, in the presence of God, and applying them to ourselves. Everyone likes to mull things over in his mind: we think about a social event, a very close friend, our vocation in life. Now whenever we mull over the things of God we are actually praying mentally. "I will pray with the spirit, I will pray also with understanding."

By "meditation" we mean thinking about some general principal, some general truth of the spiritual life, in the presence of God, and applying it to ourselves making it personal and, therefore, meaningful.

✠ SPIRITUAL READING

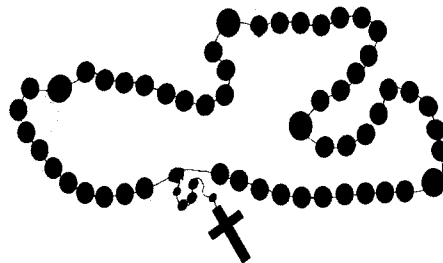
THE ROSARY – IN THE HOME

There is no history that can adequately recount or describe the devotion of the Irish people to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In the days of the worst persecution of Ireland, when Mass was infrequent or impossible, the Rosary became a substitute in the Irish home for the august Sacrifice. How much the prayer of the Rosary contributed to preserve Ireland's faith only eternity will reveal. The mysteries told of the Incarnation, of the passion and death of the Lord for the salvation of men. Meditation on the glories of the risen Master and on the life of His Blessed Mother gave the Irish the courage to suffer persecution and inspired in them the hope of receiving an eternal reward for all the sufferings endured for Christ and His faith.

We must thank God for the many and extraordinary blessings bestowed on the Church in the United States. The enemy of religion, however, is neither put out of action nor at rest. There are many lurking dangers. The Holy See deemed it well to call attention to the special dangers menacing our country and the faithful in the United States. There is, first, the attack on the sacred institution of the home "by the means so easily at hand of securing civil divorce, thereby uprooting the foundation of the family." Lack of respect for lawfully constituted authority, civil, ecclesiastic, and domestic, and a refusal to acknowledge that all authority is from God are among the gravest dangers to society in our times. The Holy See senses the presence of error and danger where the welfare of souls is in question. The Vicar of Christ has sounded a note of warning for us. We are bidden to beware of that "excessive independence which holds no authority, not even paternal, as sacred."

This insidious attack on authority is the germ of revolution against the home, the State, and the Church. Would not priests and parents do well to take not one but many measures of repression and prevention against the

enemy? It cannot be doubted that the revival of the family recitation of the beads immediately after the evening meal, or at any other time of the evening to suit the convenience of the majority of the family, will bring many a blessing on the home and will increase respect for the authority of this sacred institution. The union of many forces will contribute to the revival of this beautiful custom. The insistence of our parish schools that the children under their care become little apostles of the Rosary, both for the introduction and maintenance of the family Rosary recital in their homes; the cooperation of truly religious fathers and mothers—found to some extent in every parish—who constitute themselves promoters among their acquaintances and friends; these are forces which cooperating for the same end, can make the family recitation nation-wide, thereby calling down many blessings from God upon the homes of our country. Their work will surely do much to reestablish the idea that the home is not merely a place for sleeping and eating and drinking, but a sacred institution established by God. We are busy in the United States with many movements, and we have the well-founded hope through them to better conditions. It should be made clear to all that whatever elevates and sanctifies the home confers immeasurable benefits upon society. It is the solid and permanent foundation for social betterment. Let there be the family recitation of the Rosary in every Catholic home throughout the nation, and the prayer will become an agency most potent in our Catholic social service. Leo XIII hoped that every Catholic family would let no day pass without the family recitation of the Rosary



COLUMBUS DAY

The celebration of Columbus Day is more than mere sentiment or patriotic exultation. It is an event pregnant with consequences for every nation and every people, but especially dear to our Catholic American citizens since Catholicity was the moving spirit of the discovery. It was undertaken under the protection of the Blessed Virgin, and with the blessings of the Church and her priests. Its patroness was Isabella, the Catholic queen of Castile. Its leader was the truly Catholic Columbus. The cross was planted on these shores a quarter century before the first discordant notes of the religious rebellion disturbed the peace of Europe. Holy Mass was celebrated on its soil before the rebellious monk burned the Papal Bull before the gates of Wittemberg. Yet while we rejoice at the material advantages conferred by the discoveries of the Genoese mariner, let us not forget the intensely Catholic spirit inspiring the great Admiral. He was a devout, sincere Catholic, practising his faith with childlike affection and zeal, so much so that one day, perhaps, his name may be inscribed in the category of God's saints. When trials and failures overwhelmed him, when hunger and poverty were his portion, he drew his consolation from prayer and the sacraments, confident that God would sustain him. In the hour of triumph he hastened to the shrine of Our Lady, to lay his sheaves of victory at her feet, in thanksgiving for her aid in the hour of trial. He hoped to see zealous ministers sent to the islands that the Gospel of Christ might be preached to the natives. He longed to obtain funds to rescue the holy places from the hands of the infidels, to restore the lands sanctified by the life, labors and death of the God-Man. When death came, his last words were: "Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit." (*Luke XXIII-46.*)

We are members of the same glorious faith, and in our humble sphere are called on to perform certain duties for God and our fellow men. Every man must be an Apostle carrying the light of the faith to those in darkness. It is not sufficient to proclaim, "I am a Catholic," we must be Catholic in word and deed. He who glories in the name without practising its precepts is merely sounding brass or tinkling cymbal. The fields are white for the harvest, and the zeal of our Catholic priests and laity must decide whether Catholicism or heresy shall triumph in this fair land.

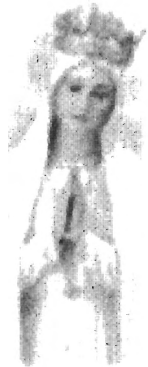
—Rev. Thomas Phelan

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

CANDLELIT ROSARY PROCESSION

Our Lady of Fatima implores us to pray the Rosary
The Most Holy Rosary is the KEY to our salvation

Please join us to pray for our
Families, Church, and Country



MONDAY EVENING

OCT. 13, 2008



After the 5:45 p.m. Mass, approximately 7:10 PM; Starting in the
First Watch parking lot, corner of Union Center and Floer Dr.