

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **NOVEMBER 8, 2009 • PENTECOST XXIII • OCTAVE DAY OF ALL SAINTS • OUR LADY OF SUFFRAGE •**

Today we open our annual indulgenced devotion of the **Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel**, with great gratitude and confidence.

This afternoon at **3:00 PM** we meet at the New St. Joseph Cemetery for our **annual Rosary Procession**.

Simple Benediction follows the 11:30 AM Mass this morning.

¶ THIS WEEK

The Knights of the Sacred Heart meet this afternoon at Sharon Woods Park. Fr. McGuire will be driving in today from Milwaukee for a visit, and to visit our sick. It may be that Fr. McGuire will be able to join our boys as well. **Monday** is a great feast in the Holy Roman Church, the dedication of the church we call **St. John Lateran**. **Tuesday's St. Andrew Avellino** is invoked against sudden death. **Wednesday** we pray great **St. Martin of Tours**, himself a veteran, for all of the Poor Souls of our veterans. Come at **11:00 AM**. **Friday the 13th** is a blessed, not an unlucky day. Come to honor the **Sacred Heart**, and the humble, heavenly patron of cooks, **St. Didacus**. Pray for all Eastern Rite Catholics, and the conversion of the Orthodox schismatics, on **St. Josaphat, Saturday**. Pray all week long for the Poor Souls.

Veteran's Day

The bittersweet tradition of **Veterans' Day** is dear to us here, as we pray for the Poor Souls of our wars, and remember the futility of war, "a punishment for sin," which we impose on ourselves. Come then on **11/11 at 11:00 AM** for the Absolution, Sermon, and Mass of St. Martin, himself a veteran, and a patron of soldiers.

¶ FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Large homemade Nativity House in the corner of the social hall.

¶ **NEXT SUNDAY: ROSARY CONFRATERNITY**
Enrollment in the Rosary Confraternity follows the High Mass, at approximately 10:30 AM. If you have never been received as a member of this wonderfully indulgenced body, make a point to read the literature available in the vestibule, and give your name in to the office.

Set your missal: Pentecost XXIV (Epiphany VI), commemoration of St. Albert the Great, secondary patron of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

¶ OUR SICK

This week please remember all of our sick, as noted last Sunday, and our shut in, especially, George and Lorraine Wissing, Marty Lierl, Lorraine Gates, Fred Hauserman, Craig Byrne, Joan Wiegand, Iris Wilson, and anyone else in need of your good prayers.

¶ CONGRATULATIONS

To all of our little saints who participated in the procession and costume judging. Following are the results of the contest:

1st Place - Most Outstanding
Emma Wilker (St. Eulalie)

1st Place: - Preschool
Raphael Kuebler (St. Raphael)

1st place - Kindergarten
Hannah Lacy (St. Lucy)

1st Place - 1st/2nd grade
Carley VanDerRyt (St. Lucy)

1st Place - 3rd/4th grade
Joseph Simpson (St. Januarius)

1st Place tie - 5th/6th grade
Jacinta Simpson (St. Rose of Lima)

Felicity Lotarski (St. Catherine of Sweden)
Most Authentic

Katie Lynch (St. Germaine)
James Lacy (St. Nicholas)

Best Representation of a Religious
Grace McClorey (St. Claire)

Aidan Wanke (St. Paul of the Cross)
Andrew Richesson (St. Vincent de Paul)
Emma DiMare (St. Scholastica)

Group Presentation

1st Place - tie
Arlinghaus Family
Puglielli Family

✠ POETRY CORNER

EARTH, AT WORSHIP

*A reverence is in the hills,
A silence on the land;
Along the banks of little rills
Half-hidden angels stand.*

*The burning leaves like incense rise
Upon the holy air;
The wind in supplication sighs,
Each tree recites a prayer.*

*This is the annual matins time
When nature bends her knee,
As to October's vesper chime,
Earth thumbs her rosary.*

—Virginia M. Evans

This is a classic Catholic poem. The author uses the imagery of the liturgy (prayer, incense, vesper chime and the rosary) to describe nature these days. The good God made them both!

—Bishop Dolan



¶ CONGRATULATIONS

To Joseph and Martha Schappacher on the Baptism of their daughter Stacie Schappacher on 11/1/09.

Collection Report

Sunday November 1\$5,129.00
Second Collection\$1,325.00

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

Ushers

NOVEMBER 15, 2009

7:30 AM Joe Andreotta, Kent Maki, Scott Pepiot, Volunteer
9:00 AM Gerry Keaveney, Mark Lotarski, Volunteer, Volunteer
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer
5:45 PM John Seyfried

Servers

NOVEMBER 9 - NOVEMBER 15, 2009

•MON 11/9 5:00 PM Low: C. Ritze
•TUE 11/10 5:00 PM Low: J. Bayer
•WED 11/11 5:00 PM Low: G. Keaveney, Wnek
•THU 11/12 5:00 PM Low: C. Ritze
•FRI 11/13 5:45 PM VOIUTE LOW: G. Keaveney, J. Bayer, C. Ritze,
AC's: A. Richesson, G. Wnek TORCH: D. Wnek, J. Lacy,
J. Simpson, N. McClorey
•SAT 11/14 7:30 AM Low: J. Simpson, T. Simpson
8:00 AM Low: M. Briggs, G. Keaveney
•SUN 11/15 7:30 AM Low: A. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM High: MC: T. Simpson
TH: R. Hill, T. Simpson
AC's: A. Richesson, G. Wnek TORCH: D. Wnek, J. Lacy,
J. Simpson, N. McClorey
11:30 AM Low: M. & A. Ribar
5:45 PM Low: C. Ritze

✠ THE CALENDAR

- MON 11/9/09 DEDICATION OF ST SAVIOR'S BASILICA**
ST THEODORE, M
11:20 AM Low Mass †Charles & Elinor Richardson
(M/M Mark Lotarski & Family)
4:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart
5:00 PM Low Mass All those whose names are on the altar
- TUE 11/10/09 ST. ANDREW AVELLINO, C**
Ss TRYPHON & COMP, MM
8:00 AM Low Mass †Nadine Henry *(Jane Donadio)*
11:20 AM Low Mass Deceased Dominican Family *(Mr. & Mrs. Johns)*
5:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls for Mattingly family conversions
- WED 11/11/09 VETERANS' DAY**
ST MARTIN OF TOURS, BPC ST MENNAS, M
6:30 AM Low Mass In honor of St. Joseph *(Tom & Stella Simpson)*
11:00 AM VETERANS' DAY OBSERVANCE
Absolution at the Catafalque, Sermon
11:30 AM Low Mass For all of our Veterans in Purgatory
5:00 PM Low Mass †Debbie Wnek *(Robert Wnek)*
6:30 PM Choir Practice
- THUR 11/12/09 ST MARTIN I, PM**
8:00 AM Low Mass Bishop McKenna *(Jim Gates)*
11:20 AM Low Mass Jack & Alice Hagerty *(M/M J. Praschak)*
5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention of Charles Henry
(M/M Patrick Harte)
- FRI 11/13/09 ST DIDACUS, C**
8:00 AM Low Mass †Rita Brueggemann *(Jim & Margie Soli)*
11:00 AM Confessions
11:20 AM Low Mass Lotarski Family *(Chris Ritze)*
5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:45 PM Low Mass Mike Hagerty - Happy Birthday
(M/M Joe Praschak)
Novena and Benediction, Confessions
- SAT 11/14/09 ST JOSAPHAT, BPM**
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Stella Simpson *(Charles Simpson Family)*
8:00 AM Sermon and Low Mass In honor of the B.V.M.
(Tom & Stella Simpson)
- SUN 11/15/09 PENTECOST XXIV**
ST ALBERT THE GREAT, BPCD
7:30 AM Low Mass †Robert DeChristofaro Jr.
(Rob & Jane Brockman Family)
9:00 AM High Mass Special Intention *(H.O. & Becky Hinton)*
10:30 AM Catechism Classes
11:30 AM Low Mass Anna Kurtz *(August W. Kurtz)*
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

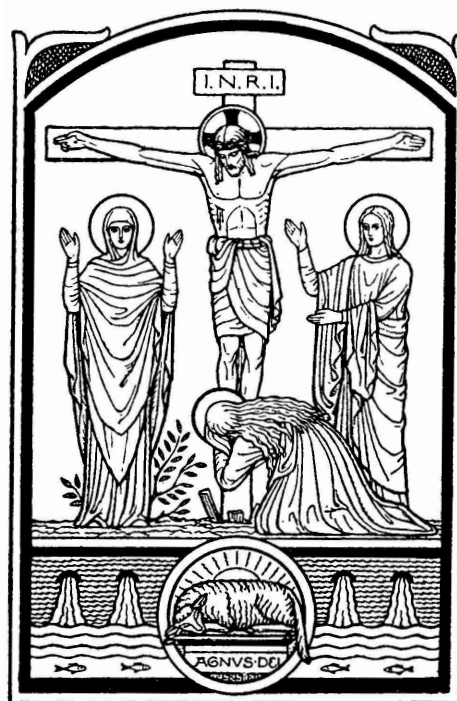
Last Sunday was another beautiful day, as all the saints came marching in to the High Mass of All Saints, at the beautifully decorated altar, ornamented with the relics of so many saints. After Mass, we retired to Helfta Hall, and each group of saints came up in turn to identify themselves. Such cute concepts, such imaginative costumes! We are proud of all our little saints, and of their creative parents. My personal pick for best duo was little William "Professor" Lynch as the irascible St. Jerome, with his little sister Margaret, as the lioness he tamed after removing a thorn from her paw.

How edifying was our attendance all day on Monday for All Souls. From Fr. Cekada's first Masses until well after the closing Rosary and Benediction, there was a steady stream of devout souls to gain the indulgences for the Poor Souls, going, as is the custom, in and out; and to hear Holy Mass for them. The High Mass, provided by our own school children and an ad hoc schola of men directed and accompanied by Fr. Cekada, produced an interesting sound both sweet and, at times, almost a rumbling roar, as befits the terrible words of the Dies Irae. May their lesson not be lost on us, the living even as we pray for the dead.

Come this afternoon with us to visit New St. Joseph Cemetery for an indulgenced Rosary Procession. Let us continuously pray for the Church Suffering, and count on their purified prayers for us and for our needs.

Remember our dear Veterans come Wednesday. May Mary reward you for your charity.

—Bishop Dolan



✠ OUR LADY OF JOYS AND SORROWS

SEVEN FOR SORROW, SEVEN FOR JOY

The Franciscan Order, like other religious orders, has feasts of its own. Among them, there are two outstanding feasts in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On the last day of May, there is one entitled “Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces,” which adopts the opinion of most theologians that, just as we received the Savior from Mary, so we also receive all graces merited for us by the Savior through the hands of Mary. The other feast is the “Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin,” which occurs in the month of August. The Universal Church has a feast in honor of the Seven Sorrows, and approves the feast of the Seven Joys for the Franciscan Order. The special Rosary of this Order, consisting of seven decades, also commemorates the Seven Joys.

Why always seven? Certain numbers, such as 3, 4, 7, 12, are sometimes called sacred numbers because they occur most frequently in religion, pagan, Jewish, and Christian. Seven is the most popular of all, due perhaps to the seven days of creation. Seven would denote completeness. As the creation was completed in seven days, so we have the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, denoting the fullness of His gifts; the seven capital sins, which comprise all vice; the seven capital virtues, which are the source of all virtue; the Seven Sorrows, i.e. the fullness of sorrow; and the seven Joys, the fullness of joy. Originally the Church had the Mass in honor of the Sorrowful Mother; the title was changed in the Middle Ages to Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Mother. And the enumeration of the Sorrows are not always the same; some books give the betrayal of Judas as one of them. So also there is variation in computing the Joys. The Franciscan Rosary adds the Presentation of Jesus to the Magi, the finding of Jesus in the Temple, and the first appearance of Jesus to His Mother after the Resurrection, to the five Joyful mysteries of the ordinary Rosary, while the Assumption and Coronation of

Mary are combined in one mystery in order to preserve the required number of seven.

Mary had the plenitude of sorrow and the plenitude of joy. That is what the number “seven” would indicate. Her sorrows were not confined to seven instances of her life, nor her joys. In her life, as in every human life, sorrow and joys overlapped and at times were felt simultaneously. She was sorrowful when she had reasons to be so, and joyful when she had reasons for that. We do well in honoring her holy sorrows and her holy joys. We shall find her sympathetic in whatever mood we are.

Abbe Fisher in his book “Cathedral in the Sun” tells the story of an Indian in one of the early California missions, who had a natural bent for carving and was employed by the missionaries to make a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Carefully, he studied the pictures of the Virgin, and then set proudly to work with the crude instruments at hand. When the statue was nearly completed he came one day, sad and dejected, to the monastery and related his great misfortune. The knife had slipped while he was putting the finishing touches to the face, and as a result one side of the countenance looked depressed. The Franciscan Padre, whom years of experience had taught how to meet reverses, promptly consoled the poor artist. “It is well so,” he said, “for Mary is not only the joyful Virgin but also the sorrowful Mother. The mission cannot afford two statutes; so this one will serve both purposes. They who are downhearted can approach her on the sad side, and they who are happy on the other side.”

The Gospel says: “You will be distressed, but your distress will be turned into joy.” (John, XVI, 20). It is difficult to keep a proper balance between sorrows and joys. The middle course is widely proclaimed as the desirable course to adopt. Extremes should be avoided. In practice, however, there are few who maintain that middle way of virtue. We allow ourselves to be

distressed by things which should not distress us and on the other hand we become boisterously joyful over childish trifles. Prophets who mean well, desiring to preserve us from one extreme give advice which plunges us into the other. A laughing hyena in human form is repulsive so our prophets expound to us how serious life is and urge us not to laugh away the important hours. When they are thinking of sadness and sourness, they tell us to cheer up, not to leave all the laughing to the Guardian Angels, a good Christian is always smiling. And people, who are not particularly interested in religion and not yet Christians, also practice hard to keep the balance of poise. Hence we have the slap on the back, the Rotarian handshake, and the smile like melting lard; the embrace of one extreme to avoid the other.

The statue of our Californian Indian can teach us Christians equanimity. Like the Blessed Virgin, we wish to accept the sorrows and the joys of life with a peaceful mind; and, because we are erratic in our judgements, we go to her with our joys and with our sorrows. Edgar A. Poe, our own American poet, expressed the idea in these colorful lines:

In joy and woe—in good and ill—
Mother of God, be with me still!
When the hours flew brightly by,
And not a cloud obscured the sky,
My soul, lest it should truant be,
Thy grace did guide to thine and thee;
Now, when storms of Fate o’ercast
Darkly any Present and any Past,
Let my Future radiant shine
With sweet hopes of thee and thine!



*The humble Mary, will communicate
to you a portion of her profound
humility.* —Saint Louis de Montfort

✠ NOVEMBER THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

By devoutly hearing Holy Mass and reciting the Seven Dolor Rosary for seven consecutive days, for the following intentions in favor of the Suffering Souls in Purgatory, it may be confidently hoped that God will favorably listen to our petitions and grant our requests, provided they be according to His Holy Will, and for our greater spiritual benefit.

1st day: For the Souls in Purgatory for whom one is in duty bound to pray.

2nd day: For the most forsaken Souls.

3rd day: For the Souls who suffer most.

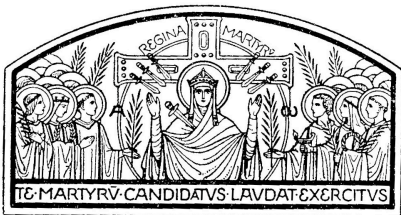
4th day: For the Soul next to be released.

5th day: For the Souls who suffer longest.

6th day: For the Soul most pleasing to the Most Holy Trinity.

7th day: For the Soul most dear to the Mother of God.

N. B. – The Beads may be said at any time during the day, but the intention should be formed during Holy Mass. It is highly commendable to receive Holy Communion every day if possible or at least, as often as one can, during the NOVENA.



Rest always in the Lord, for He is the eternal rest of the saints.

A MOST ACCEPTABLE ASPIRATION

As Thou willest, O Lord, and as Thou pleasest, so do with me. Amen.

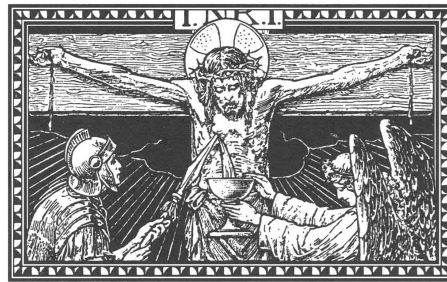
In Heaven, We'll Understand



*Not now, but in the coming years
It may be in the Heavenly Land,
We'll read the meaning of our tears;
Some day, in Heaven we'll understand.*

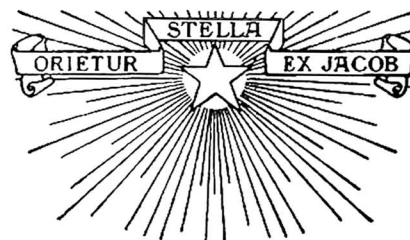
*We'll know why clouds instead of sun
Were over many a cherished plan;
Why smiles have ceased when just begun;
Some day, in heaven, we'll understand.*

*Then trust in God, through all thy days;
Fear not for He doth hold thy hand;
But, whilst you live, still sing and praise
Some day, in Heaven, you'll understand.*



A Precious Offering recommended by St. John Vianney (Curé of Ars) to obtain special graces.

Mary Mother of Sorrows, I beseech thee by the inexpressible tortures thou didst endure at the death of thy Divine Son Jesus, offer to the Eternal Father in my stead thy beloved Son all covered with Blood and Wounds for the grace.....[here mention request] and to bewail all the sins of my life, and to repair before my death all the loss of grace I have incurred by my malice and misfortune. Amen.



☉ Mary, Gate of Heaven, pray for us.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

An Indulgence of Seven Years and Seven Quarantines, each day, and a Plenary Indulgence, once during the month. Any daily devotions, public or private, will suffice.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SOULS

O Holy Souls, tormented in most cruel pains, as one truly devoted to you, I promise never to forget you, and continually to pray to the Most High for your release. I beseech you to respond to this offering which I make to you, and obtain for me from God, with Whom you are so powerful on behalf of the living, that I may be freed from all dangers of soul and body; I beg both for myself and for my relatives and all benefactors, friends and enemies, pardon for our sins, and the grace of perseverance in good, whereby we may save our souls. Set us free from all misfortunes, miseries, sicknesses, trials, and labors. Obtain for us peace of heart, assist us in all our actions; succor us promptly in all our spiritual and temporal needs; console and defend us in our dangers. Pray for a Supreme Pontiff, for the exaltation of Holy Church, for peace among all nations, for every Christian ruler, and for tranquility among peoples; and obtain that we may one day all rejoice together in Paradise. Amen.

The means of obtaining new graces is to thank Our Lord and the Most Holy Virgin for those that we have already been granted.

—Saint Bernadette

GOD'S WILL

He always wins who sides with God,
To him no chance is lost,
God's will is sweetest to him when
It triumphs at his cost.
Ill that He blesses is our good,
And unblest good is ill,
And all is right that seems most wrong,
If it be His sweet Will.