

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ OCTOBER 10, 2010

• PENTECOST XX •

• ST. FRANCIS BORGIA •

Please visit Helfta Hall and patronize our Bake Sale. Our goodies sell themselves. You won't regret it!

Catechism Classes are this morning at 10:40 AM. Rosary Devotions with Benediction call you back to church at 5:15 PM.

✠ THIS WEEK

On **Monday**, the civil holiday (one of our best, **Columbus Day**) coincides with a Church holiday or special feast day, of the **Maternity of Mary. Morning Mass** is only at **8 AM**; pray the **Rosary** with us at **4:30 PM** before the **5:00 PM Mass**. The **Knights of the Sacred Heart** meet in tournament as usual at **4:00 PM**. Parents, send your boys. The school children sing the **Votive Mass of Our Lady on Tuesday** at **11:20 AM**. **Wednesday** we honor **Our Lady of Fatima** with many services, especially the **5:45 PM Mass**, and closing **Candlelight Rosary Procession** at **7:10 PM**. The week ends quietly, but do remember **Friday's Adoration** and **Rosary** at **5:15 PM** and **Saturday's** feast of the beloved **Mothers' Saint, Gerard Majella**.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Feast of St. Margaret Mary. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is offered after all Masses. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM, and Vespers, with Rosary and Benediction, are at 4:30 PM. Keep Holy the Lord's Day, all day. Sanctify the Sabbath afternoon with us.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost XXI, commemoration of St. Margaret Mary. Trinity Preface.



If the Family Rosary is new, start with one decade for a week. Then go to three for a week. Then go to five decades on the third week. Then don't ever stop.



✠ ALTER CHRISTUS

\$315.00 for Mass stipends was donated for Masses for the sanctification and support of priests. Thank you for your generosity.

✠ 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 2:45 PM**, with **Benediction and Holy Communion** at approximately **3:15 PM**. Come join our children in prayer! The Rosary is also recited, **before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed on Friday** afternoon at **5:15 P.M.**, followed by **Mass at 6:00 P.M.** Saturday's Rosary is at 8:45 A.M. Sunday the Rosary is prayed at 7:10 and 11:10 A.M., and (approx) 5:15 P.M.

✠ UPCOMING EVENTS

All Saints Day Procession and Presentation: Before and After the 9 A.M. Mass on Sunday, November 7th.

Forty Hours Devotion, Solemnity of St. Gertrude the Great, celebrating Thirty Years "under roof": November 19 - 21st.

✠ PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for Kent Maki, who was back with us at church last Sunday; Ernie Nellenbach, who is in New York for awhile; John Kolb, Pat's son, dying of cancer and needs the Sacraments (keep on praying for Joe Prell's father for the same intention); Kim LeBlanc, who will be in Jewish Hospital (card....visit?) for awhile;

The repose of the soul of †Ruth Bastaja of Columbus, who was one of our St. Clare faithful all the way through; and several special intentions phoned in to us last week. Your prayers are precious! Thank you for sharing them with those in need.

✠ LUMEN CHRISTI

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

POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

(Katie Bischak)

✠ POETRY CORNER

October

*October's skies wear Mary's blue
Portraying to the world anew
In sunlit clouds the grace-filled soul
Of Mary, Gateway to our Goal.*

*With Jewel leaves He clothes the trees
Like multi-colored rosaries;
The golden yellow, red and green
Give glory to October's Queen.*

*Then older grows the month and wise
Displaying love through sacrifice,
So, stripping off the regal gown
October dons Franciscan brown.*

—Elizabeth Jane Graham

"I am far from doing what I know I ought to do, but the very desire to do it brings me peace."

—St. Therese of Lisieux

✠ CALLING ALL COOKS

If you would like to prepare meals for our priests you can now go to our meal planning website, **Cucina Clerical** part of the Lotsa Helping Hands network, and sign up for any available days on the monthly calendar.

www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/622747/

✠ Servers

OCTOBER 11 - OCTOBER 17, 2010

•MON 10/11 5:00 PM LOW: J. Gunsher
•TUE 10/12 5:00 PM LOW: J. Gunsher
•WED 10/13 2:45 PM: J. Lotarski, A.D. Kinnett, B. Loatarski, J. Lacy
5:45 PM: T. & J. Simpson
•FRI 10/15 6:00 PM LOW: Simpsons, J. Gunsher
•SAT 10/16 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:00 AM LOW: M. Briggs
•SUN 10/17 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Hill, J. Lotarski
Th: T. Simpson (Training S. Lawrence)
ACs: R. VandeRyt, N. McClorey
TORCH: J. Lacy, J. Simpson, A. Richesson, P. Lawrence, S. & L. Arlinghaus
11:30 AM LOW: F. & N. Puglielli
4:30 PM VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: G. Miller, J. Gunsher
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

✠ Ushers

OCTOBER 17, 2010

7:30 AM Scott Pepiot, Volunteer, Volunteer
9:00 AM Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand, Paul Puglielli
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer
5:45 PM John Seyfried

Collection Report

Sunday October 3rd\$3,008.00
Second Collection\$1,042.00

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

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	10/11/10	MATERNITY OF OUR LADY COLUMBUS DAY - NO SCHOOL
		8:00 AM Low Mass †Thomas H. Kamphaus (<i>Joyce Greene</i>)
		4:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart
		4:30 PM Rosary Devotions
		5:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls in Honor of the Maternity of Mary
TUES	10/12/10	FERIAL DAY OUR LADY OF EL PILAR
		8:00 AM Low Mass †Paul Puglielli Sr. (<i>Paul Puglielli Jr.</i>)
		11:20 AM Votive High Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary †Tom Kamphaus (<i>Friends & Family</i>)
		3:10 PM Rosary Devotions
		5:00 PM Low Mass †Tom Kamphaus (<i>Matt & Lisa Breitenstein</i>)
		6:30 PM Choir Practice (N.B. Special Time)
WED	10/13/10	ST EDWARD, KING, C OUR LADY OF FATIMA
		11:20 AM High Mass Special Intention (<i>E. Wanke</i>)
		2:45 PM Exposition, Rosary Devotions, Benediction, Distribution of Holy Communion
		5:45 PM Votive Low Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Poor Souls in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima
		7:10 PM Candlelight Fatima Rosary Procession
THURS	10/14/10	ST CALLISTUS I, PM
		8:00 AM Low Mass †Tom Kamphaus (<i>Lynne & Mike Nix</i>)
		11:20 AM High Mass Special Intention (<i>H.O. & Becky Hinton</i>)
		3:10 PM Rosary Devotions
		5:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls - Special Intention (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>)
FRI	10/15/10	ST TERESA OF AVILA, V
		8:00 AM Low Mass †Tom Kamphaus (<i>Gary Breitenstein</i>)
		10:45 AM Confessions
		11:20 AM Low Mass Poor Souls - Intention of Becky Mattingly
		3:10 PM Rosary Devotions
		5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		5:15 PM Rosary Devotions
		5:45 PM Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
SAT	10/16/10	6:00 PM Sermon and Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gough & Family (<i>C. Simpson Family</i>)
		ST HEDWIG, W PURITY OF MARY ST GERARD MAJELLA
		7:15 AM Confessions
		7:30 AM Low Mass In Honor of St. Catherine of Siena (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>)
		8:00 AM Sermon and Low Mass †Tom Kamphaus (<i>B.C.A.</i>) Confessions
SUN	10/17/10	8:45 AM Rosary Devotions, Confessions
		PENTECOST XXI MISSION SUNDAY
		7:30 AM Low Mass †Bruce Maki (<i>Kent Maki</i>)
		9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude
		10:40 AM Catechism and Adult Education Classes
		11:30 AM Low Mass In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph & for all who helped up relocate (<i>Margaret & A.D. Kinnett</i>)
		4:30 PM Vespers, Rosary Devotions and Benediction
		5:45 PM Low Mass †Sr. Gerard Vincent (<i>S. & C. Niehaus</i>)

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

How was your first Rosary week? Did you remember to shove back the plates, and pass out the beads, and pray together? For our part, we have been fervently praying Rosaries here in church before the Blessed Sacrament. Let's all be motivated to pray the Rosary by our country's great needs, and pray to and for the Poor Souls so we have their powerful assistance. Remember: Thirty days of Rosaries for our Land.



What a great Rosary Sunday we had. Surely, as bidden, St. Dominic arose and chased the gloom away. From a shining High Mass and Procession to the brightly decorated Confraternity Breakfast, everything spoke of serene faith and renewed, joyful dedication. Fr. Ercoli's fine talk on his road to the priesthood held everyone's interest. You'll be hearing from us soon, Confraternity members, about meeting plans and Rosary making instructions.

This holiday weekend ends with a beautiful and fitting tribute to Catholic hero and navigator Columbus, coinciding with the feast of the Motherhood of the Virgin Mary. I am in Milwaukee for the weekend, and Fr. Cekada leaves early this afternoon for his first seminary teaching week of the school year. Fr. Larrabee is preaching today, and I know you'll all be happy for the change.

Our days are dry, but the drought is almost hidden by blue skies and favorable temperatures. Take advantage of a fine October evening and turn out this Wednesday for the final Fatima Rosary Procession. Its candlelight stands for giving light to a dark, dark world.

May Our Lady and her Rosary brighten your days with Christ's Light. I send a blessing,

—Bishop Dolan

*By the rosary the darkness of heresy
has been dispelled.*

—Saint Pius V

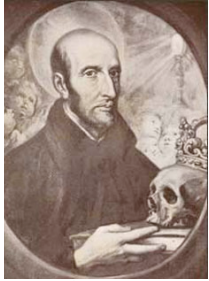
The Father and the Family Rosary :

The father sets the example. I recommend that the father kneel for the whole Rosary. This communicates importance and solemnity to the Rosary. Children attach importance to what dad does, e.g. mowing lawn, going to work, driving the "dad car," etc.

When I was a boy I used to watch my father stooped across a chair as we all knelt saying the family rosary, my mother beside him. Somehow, you expect your mother to be a person of prayer, but there is something powerfully impressive about watching your father at prayer. It is an image that has stayed with me all my life and, to this day, has been the best sermon I have ever "heard" on prayer.

—Fr. Scallan, C.M.

St. Francis Borgia



Francis Borgia, Duke of Gandia, was one of the handsomest, richest and most honoured nobles in Spain, and it was while he

was the Emperor Charles V's viceroy in Catalonia that, as he tells us himself, God prepared him to be father general of the Society of Jesus. He was born in 1510, and his career "in the world" came to an end with the death of his beloved wife in 1546. When he had settled his children, he became a Jesuit, and where he had ruled as viceroy he went about in an old tattered habit, preaching Christ crucified to the poor. He had entered the Society of Jesus to cut himself off from any chance of dignity or preferment. But in 1565 his order chose him to be its head. Francis only abased himself the more, and an ever-growing sense of his sins, though his life had always seemed so stainless, made him feel the lowest of all. He had practically founded the Society in Spain and Portugal, and he now undertook its final organization as a whole; he sent the first Jesuits to the Americas, and was virtually the founder of the Roman College. But he did not confine himself to the duties of his office: when Rome was stricken by plague, he organized a relief-fund, and sent the fathers out two by two to attend the sufferers. When Pope St. Pius V sent a cardinal on a mission to France and Spain, he chose Francis to accompany him, and, worn out though he was, the saint obeyed at once. The fatigues of the embassy exhausted what little life was left. On his return to Rome in 1572 he died within two days, after sending his blessing to each of his children and grandchildren as their names were rehearsed to him by his brother.

Contempt of Self

St. Francis Borgia learnt the worthlessness of earthly greatness by long experience of the world; he learnt the dignity of Christian humility in meditation on our Lord's humiliation. Do we learn anything about ourselves in the same ways?

For six years, Francis told his novices one Maundy Thursday, he had taken his place - the one he best deserved - at the feet of Judas; but that day he had found Christ our Lord there, washing, drying and kissing those feet. There was now no fit place left for him, Francis, at all.

A Spanish nobleman said once to Borgia, "How can you bear the fatigues and hardships of your journeys, made as they are in such a poverty-stricken way?" "There is nothing to be surprised at," was the reply. "We do not travel so unprovided as you imagine. I always send someone on before to see to lodgings and whatever else we require." The gentleman was rather puzzled. "Sir," St. Francis added, "knowledge of myself, and the tale of my demerits which justly deserve hell, are my outriders and foragers."

"He that hath been humbled shall be in glory; and he that shall bow down his eyes, he shall be saved." - Job xxii, 29.

In you, O Mother of God, I have unbounded confidence.



If we have Mary, we possess everything.
-Saint Gabriel Possenti

Tips for praying the Family Rosary

The Family Rosary is one of those bedrock devotions for the family recommended by the saints and spiritual masters. The Blessed Virgin Mary herself asked all Christians to pray the "one third (i.e., five decades) of the Holy Rosary daily" in her message at Fatima.

The Popes have also attached a plenary indulgence to those who pray five decades of the Rosary "as a family" (when the other usual conditions are met). This plenary indulgence *cannot* be obtained by private recitation - only in the context of a "family" recitation. This stipulation demonstrates that the Catholic Church privileges praying the Rosary as a family. The reason for this is that the Rosary is the "rose garden" of sanctity for children. As the Holy Ghost teaches us: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Pray using alternation (The father prays first half of the Our Father and everyone else prays second half - same goes for the Hail Mary and Glory Be.)

Pray the Holy Rosary always at the same place at the exact same time. Devotions become strong - even invincible - by constant custom and habit.

Dim the lights and light candles when you begin. If you let the little ones light the candles, they will love it. Kids love fire. Make this a "special time" different from other times. We even burn incense on our domestic altar on feast days. (You can do this easily by placing a little metal screen over a votive candle and then by placing a few grains of incense on the screen. It's fast and easy. This way you don't have to use charcoal.)



OUR LADY OF FATIMA CANDLELIGHT 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

**WEDNESDAY EVENING
OCTOBER 13, 2010**



After the 5:45 PM Mass approximately 7:10 PM;
starting in the First Watch parking lot, corner of Union Centre Blvd. and Floer Dr.

Saint Louis de Montfort gives us another eight reasons for praying the rosary daily:

- 1. It gradually gives us a perfect knowledge of Jesus Christ.*
- 2. It purifies our souls, washing away sin.*
- 3. It gives us victory over all our enemies.*
- 4. It makes it easy for us to practice virtue.*
- 5. It sets us on fire with love of Our Blessed Lord.*
- 6. It enriches us with graces and merits.*
- 7. It supplies us with what is needed to pay all of our debts to God and to our fellow men, and finally, it obtains all kinds of graces for us from Almighty God.*
- 8. It gives us the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the science of salvation through our meditations on His life, death, Passion and glory.*

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Remember that love follows knowledge...

and then comes service.

Things you should know about Saint Gertrude the Great church...

In the very first issue of this publication a question was asked regarding which church window was different and why. Of course all those who checked know that the windowpane above the Blessed Virgin Mary's side altar is clear whereas the other 13 panes are tinted. On the authority of Father Cekada who oversaw the construction of the church building, the reason for this difference is aesthetic. "It just didn't look right with that window being tinted." **Charles Simpson was the first to e-mail the correct answers. His reward... \$5 cash.** Bishop Dolan was observing this payout while standing nearby and showed more than a little interest. (Perhaps His Excellency was planning to get his answers to future questions sent in faster so he too might win a cash prize?) **Ina Harpen** also e-mailed the correct answers and received the \$1 cash runner-up prize.

Charles Simpson in his colorful writing style shares his experiences while in Sharonville raising money for our current church in West Chester.

"I was one of the fundraising blokes in those days. Father Cekada learned himself all about fundraising, and several men from church formed two-man teams and would travel to parishioners' homes with a neato-keen architectural video of the proposed church, featuring an appeal from His Excellency Bishop "One-Take" Dolan. Dems were some pretty exciting times, I tell you."

The VHS video tape by Bishop One-Take himself is available for viewing; simply talk to Charles or send us an [e-mail](#).

Good news... the Rosary Sunday Breakfast talk by Father Ercoli on his path to the priesthood with an introduction by His Excellency was recorded and is available. On request you will receive an e-mail containing links to these audio files (two separate files) and a few other links as well.



Did You Know...? The Saint Philomena shrine located on the left side of the church toward the rear has been updated. Ten pink votive candles on a wrought iron stand, polished brass vase with fresh cut flowers, matches, long wood sticks, and a receptacle for donations. And a close to life size statue of our saint who is “powerful with God.” Light a candle, make your intention, say a prayer, and she will go to work for you.

Did You Know...? Look to the right of the main altar just under the statues of Saint Hedwig and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux; there is a decorative wooden cabinet known as an aumbry which is kept locked. It contains the holy oils blessed by Bishop Dolan on Holy Thursday and used throughout the year in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, holy orders, and extreme unction. Deeply carved into the dark-brown hardwood door is the Latin phrase *Olea Sancta*. Ask a sacristan, Katie or Gloria, to show it to you up close. It is a work of art.



From left to right: aumbry featuring the *Olea Sancta* door carving, Gloria opening aumbry, rare view of holy oils, and view of aumbry below the saints’ statues; if you look closely you can see the relic frame and fresh flowers honoring Saint Thérèse whose feast day was October 3rd. Hope you enjoyed this issue of the *GERTRUDIAN*.

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