

St. Gertrude the Great Roman Catholic Church

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June 16, 2013

Pentecost IV

Fathers Day



The Most Reverend
Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor

The Rev. Anthony Cekada
The Rev. Charles McGuire
The Rev. Vili Lehtoranta
The Rev. Stephen McKenna

**Traditional
Latin Mass**

Sunday Masses
7:30 AM Low Mass
9:00 AM High Mass
11:30 AM Low Mass
5:45 PM Low Mass

Weekday Masses
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New at St. Gertrude's? Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules for the reception of Holy Communion. There is also a Visitor's Card to fill out if you want more information on St. Gertrude's or on the traditional Catholic Faith and the Latin Mass. A free information packet is available to newcomers; ask an Usher or inquire in the **Gift Shop**. Stop by **Helfta Hall**, our social hall, after Mass for refreshments.

Dress Code: *Ladies & Girls*—Please wear a modest dress and a head-covering. No tight fitting, low-cut, short, slit, or sleeveless dresses. No pants or shorts. *Men & Boys*—Please wear a shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes for Sundays and Holy Days. No T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans or sports logo jackets at any time.

Registration: Please complete a card at the Gift Shop or phone the church. Collection envelopes will be mailed.

Mass Intentions: Individual Mass intentions as well as Purgatorial Society enrollments are available in the vestibule, and may be given in with the collection or at the church office.

Votive Candles: You may light candles before the numerous shrines located throughout the church and in the baptistery. The suggested donation for a seven-day votive candle is \$5.00. The suggested donation for a six-hour votive candle is 50 cents.

Confessions: Fridays during the school year, at 10:55 AM, Friday evenings and Saturday mornings (*please consult THE CALENDAR inside for times*); most Sundays before the morning Masses.

Baptisms: Saturday morning by appointment. *At least one parent as well as the sponsor (only one sponsor is required) must be practicing Roman Catholics who do not belong to the Novus Ordo religion. Novus Ordo and non-practicing Catholics may not serve as sponsors. The Church will provide a sponsor in case of necessity.* The Churching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony.

Blessing of Religious Articles: First Sunday of the month after all Masses.

Blessing of Expectant Mothers: Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

Rosary Chain: To request prayers for special intentions, or to assist in the Rosary Chain, please call the office.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

**¶ JUNE 16, 2013 • PENTECOST IV •
• FATHERS DAY •**

The High Mass is offered for all the fathers, living or deceased, whose names are on the altar. The blessing of expectant mothers is available after all Masses today. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA AND THE BLESSING OF OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS



We commence our Summer Novena, consisting of the traditional *Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony* with a Novena prayer to *Our Lady of Perpetual Help*, this **Tuesday, June 18th** after the 8:00 AM Mass, our monthly Purgatorian Requiem. The annual *Blessing of the Animals* in honor of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Antony of the Desert will take place in the Cloister at **7:30 PM**.

¶ CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

We congratulate *Mariah Patton*, who graduated from Eighth Grade at Adams County Christian School, and *Steven Lawrence*, a High School graduate of Mater Dei Academy in Omaha.



*"I wish to smile, resting on Thy Heart
and there tell Thee again and again
that I love Thee, O my Lord."*

— St. Thérèse of Lisieux

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

First Vespers of St. John the Baptist, with Benediction, at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost V with commemoration of Our Lady and all Saints, third collect Priest's choice. Trinity Preface.

¶ PRAYERS, PLEASE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Sr. Michelle Teff, who died recently in Covington, Kentucky. She was a gentle and generous soul who loved God and her faith, and suffered much for them in her life. Pray, too, for Fr. David Baryj who is having surgery tomorrow.

Lumen Christi

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before
the Blessed Sacrament for the next
fortnight for the following intention:*

**The conversion of
my 17-year-old son, Andrew,
to the Traditional Catholic Faith**
(Joy Bartel)

¶ FOR THE GIRLS

It's only a month until *Girls' Camp!* We have many great activities planned and it's only possible with your help! Won't you consider making a donation... all funds are used so that *your* daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and other young ladies of the parish can take part in three days of spiritual encouragement and fun, in good Catholic company. Cash or checks may be brought to the church office or given to Sharon Patton. God will reward your generosity!



¶ CHURCH SUPPORT

With vacation and travel during the summer, things like your weekly envelope might easily be overlooked. Please mail in your weekly contribution if you are away from home. Our expenses never take a vacation!

*As God is above all created things,
honors, possessions, so should our internal
esteem of His Divine Majesty surpass our
esteem or idea of anything whatever.*

— St. Aloysius Gonzaga
(Feast Day, June 21st)

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

St. John the Baptist: Monday, June 24th High Mass in honor of our Lord's Forerunner is at xxx PM, followed by a **Barbecue & St. John's Bonfire** (*with a special entertainment!*) The church will provide burgers and franks; you bring the rest (but most of all, bring yourselves)!

Ushers: JUNE 23, 2013

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

Creature of God

That God stands tall, incomprehensible, infinite and immutable and free, I know. Yet more I marvel that His call trickles and thunders down through space to me;

that from His far eternities He shouts to me, one small inconsequence of day. I kneel down in the vastness of His love, cover myself with creaturehood and pray.

God likes me covered with my creaturehood and with my limits spread across His face.

He likes to see me lifting to His eyes even the wretchedness that dropped His grace.

I make no guess what greatness took me in.

I only know, and relish it as good, that I am gathered more to God's embrace

the more I greet Him through my creaturehood.

— Sr. Miriam, O.C.D.

This Carmelite Nun's poem could be read in conjunction with today's Epistle: "The creature also itself shall be delivered from the servitude of corruption unto the liberty of the glory of the children of God."

— Bishop Dolan

SERVERS: JUNE 17 - 23, 2013

FRI 6/21 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers

SAT 6/22 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:15 AM LOW: M. Briggs

SUN 6/23 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Soli, B. Lotarski ACS: P. Lawrence, J. Simpson
TH: S. Lawrence **TORCH:** J. Lacy, A. & T. Lawrence, A. Soli
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, P. Omlor
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

Sunday, June 9th\$3,242.00

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

ONLY A DAD

Only a dad with a tired face,
Coming home from the daily race,
Bringing little of gold or fame
To show how well he has played the
game;
But glad in his heart that his own
rejoice
To see him come and to hear his
voice.

Only a dad with a brood of four,
One of ten million men or more
Plodding along in the daily strife,
Bearing the whips and the scorns of
life,
With never a whimper of pain or
hate,
For the sake of those who at home
await.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,
Merely one of the surging crowd,
Toiling, striving from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his way,
Silent whenever the harsh condemn,
And bearing it all for the love of
them.

Only a dad but he gives his all,
To smooth the way for his children
small,
Doing with courage stern and grim
The deeds that his father did for
him.
This is the line that for him I pen:
Only a dad, but the best of men.

— Edgar A. Guest



From henceforth thou shalt catch men

JUNE

Roses, full-blown
A subtle fragrance impart!
*This is the month of the
Sacred Heart.*

— Rose Margaret Coughlin



*O sacred Hearts of Jesus and
Mary, truly worthy of possessing
all hearts and of reigning over men
and angels, You shall be my models;
I will try to copy You. May my
heart live always in the Hearts of
Jesus and Mary, and may their
hearts live in mine, so that I may
never do anything that is not in
accordance with them.*

— Bl. Claude de la Colombiere



ST. PERFECTO (d. 850)

Cordova, Spain, where this holy man was born, lived, and died, was at that time in the power of the Arabs. Perfecto, who was exercising his priestly ministry, was stopped in the street by some Moors who asked him what he thought of Jesus and of Mohammed. He declared that Jesus was the Son of God and God Himself; as for Mohammed, Perfecto said that he was a false prophet and that they must renounce him to be saved. Perfecto was later arrested, and condemned to death as a blasphemer. His last words were to bless Christ and to curse Mohammed and his Koran.

*Not very ecumenical!
What would "Francis" say?
(J.P. II kissed the cursed Koran)*

Meditation & Prayers

for the Thirteen Tuesdays: Week 1

The devout client of St. Anthony should beg and ask favors of him only with a pure intention, because the great saint is not willing to listen to him whose aims are not in one way or another of some help to his own spiritual welfare. St. Anthony will be your protector only under this condition. Are you a sinner? Cry out for help. The saint will come at once to you. Throw yourself at his feet and he will help you to break and destroy the chain of your sin.



Here make your request.

Prayer: O glorious St. Anthony, obtain from Jesus the grace that the darkness of error may disappear from the hearts of so many unfortunate sinners. Do so in such a manner that the light of truth of the Catholic Church may always appear as a brilliant torch to them and to us. We hope through thy intercession to enjoy God forever in thy company. Amen.

St. Anthony, who raiseth the dead, pray for those Christians now in their agony and for our dear departed.

Only a "holy handful" ever turn up at church during the week for anything, even the St. Anthony/O.L. of Perpetual Help devotions. So I thought to have a "St Anthony Corner" this Summer. Save the bulletin, fold it to here, say the prayers with (or without) the family during the Rosary. Pray with confidence for the lost souls in your family, and don't forget Our Lady, whom St. Anthony loved so.

— Bishop Dolan

PS: How do some manage Mass several times a week all ear long, while most don't even come "extra" once a month, all year long? One of this church's great mysteries. I'll ask St. Anthony to find the answer this Summer, and Our Lady to lead souls to frequent Mass and Holy Communion. In the meantime, save these prayers for each Tuesday.

✠ FATHERS DAY REMEMBRANCES ✠

†John M. Reis
Kathy Verity

†William Andreotta
Joseph Andreotta

†Alfred Benhase
Barbara O'Connor

†Tony Maki, †Gerald Frost
M/M Maki

Clyde, Ron, Isaac, Zack Kitchen
†Edward Batkoski, †George Cstary
Marge

†Paul Uhlenbrock, †William Fey
Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock

Denis McMahon
A. Vander Putten

†Joseph Krebs
Rose Beckerich

†Clifford Breitenstein
Connie Kamphaus

†Walter John Harpen, Sr.
Pat & Ina Harpen

†Albert Pevnick
Warren Pevnick

†Richard Roberts
Teresa Boyd

†John J. Bischak, Jr.,
†John J. Bischak, Sr., †Ludolf Hoelzle
Katie Bischak

†John Paul O'Connell
Frank O'Connell

†Albert Smith, †Edwin Books
Richard & Elizabeth Smith

Ralph Otis, †Fred Otis
Ralph Otis

†Thomas H. Kamphaus
Lori Durante

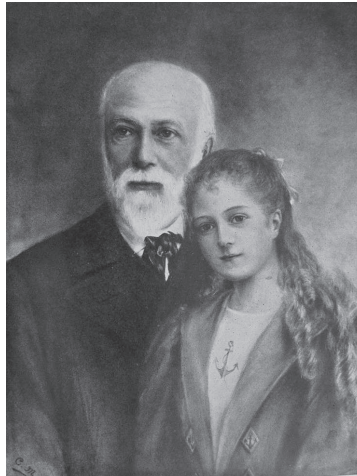
†Robert K. Duff, †Victor J. Meyer
Duff family

†John Kalenian
Stacy Neal

Dan and Richard Brueggemann,
Stanley Schappacher
Dan Brueggemann family

†Joseph J. Zbilicki,
†John J. Safrey
Richard & Gloria Zbilicki

†Alejandro Vázquez Maisouet
Edna I. Harpen



“...we went upstairs for night prayers, and my place was beside my beloved Father; I had only to look at him to know how the Saints pray.”
— St. Thérèse of Lisieux

†Joseph Moss
Leonard Moss

†John Harris
William Harris

†John Joseph Kolb,
†John F. Kolb, †John J. Sheridan, Sr.,
†John J. Sheridan Jr., †Fr. Philip
Sheridan, †Bernard Aufderheide,
†John M. Kolb
Richard, Timothy, Gregory
and David Kolb
Patricia J. Kolb

†Peter Gebel, Sr., †Emiliano Lucila,
†William Gundlach
M/M Peter J. Gebel, Jr.

†George E. Vande Ryt,
†Vernon Cooley
Doloris Ritze

Bill Current
All his children

†Dr. Philip Binzel
Mary Black

†Victor J. Ritze, Sr.
Victor Ritze, Jr.

James Soli
Joseph Soli

†John Segrist, †Michael Segrist
Angela Segrist

†Edward J. Marko,
†Salvatore A. Zuccaro
M/M David Marko

Mike Mikesell
Michelle & Marianne Mikesell

†Alfred Martin, Sr.,
†Alfred Martin, Jr.,

Our father, grandfathers,
and Godfathers
(The Briggs girls)

†Albert Kinnett
Albert Kinnett, Jr.
†Clement M. McCormick
Margaret Kinnett

†Lawrence Pomaville, †Walter
Drwiega, †Stanley Losiewicz
Charles and George Richardson,
Peter Losiewicz, Adam Kaczorowski,
Anthony, Joseph, Ronald
and Mark Lotarski
M/M Mark Lotarski & family

†Marcos González
Nathalie Andreotta

Dan Brueggemann, Stanley
Schappacher, Richard Brueggemann
Beth Brueggemann

✠ OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN ... & ON EARTH ✠

All our Spiritual Fathers
at St. Gertrude the Great
The Ritzes

†Ralph Patton, Sr., †Stephen Corbin,
†Will Corbin, †Silas Patton,
†Graham Settle
Ralph, Josh, Chris, and Bart Patton,
Dave Anderson, Dale Moore, Chuck
Gorman, Tim Bosier, Dustin Vaughn
Pat Patton & family

Our father, grandfathers,
and Godfathers
(The Briggs girls)

All Dads in my family, living and
deceased
Barbara Steinmetz

Richard Brueggemann,
Kenneth Gilliam, Matt Schneider,
Steve Brueggemen
Regina Gilliam

Charles Simpson
Thomas & Joseph Simpson

Tom Simpson, †James Peter
Charles & Beverly Simpson

†Oscar Bischel, †Bill Hable
Kirby Bischel

†Regis B. Cash
Mark Cash

**The Love of Christ for His
Father**

The heart of Christ is an immense furnace of love. The great love of Christ is that which He bears toward His Father. All His life can be summed up in these words: *"I do always the things that please My Father."*

Let us meditate these words in our prayer: only thus shall we be able to penetrate a little into their secret. This unspeakable love, this tending of the Soul of Christ towards His Father is the necessary consequence of His hypostatic union. The Son is altogether *ad Patrem*, as the theologians say: this is, if I may thus express it, His essence; the holy Humanity is carried along by this divine current; having become, by the Incarnation, the Humanity of the Son of God, it therefore belongs entirely to the Father. The fundamental disposition, the primary and habitual sentiment of the Soul of Christ is necessarily this: I live for My Father, "I love my Father." It is because He loves His Father that Jesus gives Himself up to all He wills.

—Dom Marmion



O Father of Jesus

"I know by experience that St. Joseph helps us in all our needs. I do not remember to have hitherto asked anything of him that I have not obtained. I cannot reflect without wonder upon the graces God has bestowed on me through his intercession, nor recount the many perils both of soul and body from which his prayers have preserved me; whilst those whom I have advised to have recourse to him have proved, from the favors they received, the truth of what I say. Indeed, the many benefits God grants through the intercession of this great saint urge me to persuade all the world, were it in my power, to have a strong devotion to him."

— St. Teresa of Avila



THE LITTLE FLOWER REMEMBERS HER FATHER

"(after my) lessons, I then spent the rest of the day playing in the garden near Papa. I never cared for dolls, but one of my favorite amusements was making colored mixtures with seeds and the bark of trees. If the colors were pretty, I would promptly offer them to Papa in a little cup and entice him to taste them; then my dearest Father would leave his work and smilingly pretend to drink. I was very fond of flowers, and amused myself by making little altars....When finished I would run and call Papa, and he seemed delighted with them. I should never stop if I told you of the thousand and one incidents of this kind that I can remember. How shall I make you understand the love that my Father lavished on his little Queen!"

"If St. Teresa was mentioned (in a sermon), my Father would bend down and whisper to me: 'Listen attentively, little Queen, he is speaking of your holy patroness.' I really did listen attentively, but I must own I looked at Papa more than at the preacher, for I read many things in his face. Sometimes his eyes were filled with tears...and as he listened to the eternal truths he seemed no longer of this earth, his soul was absorbed in the thought of another world. Alas! Many long and sorrowful years had to pass before Heaven was to be opened to him."

— from "Story of a Soul"

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

We are all so proud and pleased with our “new” altar, installed for Sacred Heart Sunday with a little help from above. Jim Soli carefully crafted the high gradines in wood to match the original altar (which came years ago from Wisconsin), decorated with wooden carved symbols of the Passion of Christ, which he painstakingly gold leafed. The side stands for the angels feature the dove and the “*spiritus gladius*” (spirit and sword) of St. Paul. Altogether a beautiful and more worthy altar for our church as we approach the tenth anniversary of our church dedication.



The symbols were purchased as well in Wisconsin, by Fr. Cekada a long time ago, and carefully kept all of these years. We hope to use them as well to decorate the Rood Screen. All for the greater honor and glory of God!

Graduation Sunday went well, a little ceremony at the end of the High Mass, and a crowded and very convivial reception afterwards in Helfta Hall. Most of our school children were able to return the next day, ably aided as always by some of our amiable homeschooling families, to sing and serve the Requiem for Elizabeth Reis. It was a beautiful funeral for a dear soul who was truly one of our own, made all the more so by our children sacrificing their first day of Summer vacation for this Work of Mercy: to bury the dead.

Fr. McKenna got in at 2:00 that morning from Louisiana (this happens almost every month), but finished the funeral rites at the cemetery. **Fr. Lehtoranta**, having already prudently completed his packing, assisted at the funeral and then departed for Stockholm. Again, there were airport delays, during which Father met and had a nice chat with Fr. Jenkins. It's always nice to see the Fathers from Immaculate Conception or their faithful.

Fr. Cekada served as MC on St. Barnabas' Day at the Seminary for **Bishop Sanborn's** Pontifical Low Mass of Tonsure and Minor Orders for two of the seminarians. Our **Rev. Mr. Bede Nkamuke** will be ordained deacon on Ss. Peter and Paul, and come to visit us later in the Summer. He reports that a Catholic group has now started in Ghana, and is growing, thanks to the Holy Ghost and one zealous lay apostle.

Meanwhile the zealously growing “*zizania*” (Gospel Latin for weeds) and grass over our beautiful and expansive grounds are being kept in line by Doby Curran and Brendan Lotarski, ably aiding the intrepid Dale and Eldon. Grounds maintenance is an immense task in the growing season, and we welcome and so appreciate any and all assistance, especially given the hot humid weather currently our lot.

Meanwhile, it seems the wildlife is only increasing at our park. A family of skunks was moving in under the porch of the Convento, much to the chagrin of the young Fathers, who are trying to evict them. The deer in the stand of trees, which separate us from the mobile home community, have started a family. A doe and her fawn come by for breakfast most mornings. I hope they're not the ones eating the roses and daylilies. Don't even get me started on “Miss Mikesell's groundhogs.” They're all growing up nicely.

Fr. McKenna has taken a break from wildlife control to visit the faithful in the wilds of Wisconsin and South Dakota. **Fr. McGuire** reports his other Illinois missions are doing well.

Interesting news as well this week from both Washington and Rome. “Big Brother” is monitoring all of our phone calls in the name of security. The apparatus for a police state seems firmly in place, though still partly shrouded by secrecy. Pray for our country.

No secrecy in Rome, though. Brother Bergoglio “tells it like it is” to one and all. The deceived but sincere faithful of the Pius X Society offered him a spiritual bouquet of 3,525 Rosaries after his election. Instead of appreciating the gesture (he could use the prayers) he mocked it as heretical, “*ancien regime*,” a laughable throwback to 1940. He of course is the one who is heretical and this is no laughing matter. Maybe this will open some eyes. Pray for the Church.

The cloister is shaping up with caps in place, the handsome marble statue of Christ the King securely enthroned in the black granite niche, right under the protecting sword of St. Michael the Archangel. What a fine Catholic greeting to all who approach the church.

The Christ the King statue used to stand on the grounds of our former St. Clare Church on Columbus, where it was more than once desecrated by roving late night bands of OSU students, toppled and left in the mud. But now Our Lord reigns secure in our midst, King forever.

St. Clare Chapel, by the way, is thriving in its new home in Chillicothe. Holy Mass is offered there several times a month, and a number of young families count among the faithful.

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✠ THE CALENDAR

*All Sunday Masses and most weekday Masses are webcast
Please check our website!*

MON	6/17/13	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass †Melissa Kunkel (<i>Ken & Regina Gilliam</i>)
TUE	6/18/13	ST EPHREM, CD SS MARK & MARCELLIANUS, MM 8:00 AM Requiem Mass Purgatorial Society 8:45 AM Opening of the Summer Novena 5:00 PM Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, OFM, STD (<i>Samantha Current</i>), Summer Novena 7:30 PM St. Anthony Blessing of Animals
WED	6/19/13	ST JULIANA FALCONIERI, V SS GERVASE & PROTASE, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass †Maria Duff (<i>Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock</i>) 11:20 AM Low Mass †Sr. Michelle Teff (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>) <i>N.B. No 5:00 Mass today</i>
THU	6/20/13	ST SILVERIUS, PM 7:00 AM Low Mass Godchildren-sanctification (<i>G. Keaveney</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Patrick Henry Omlor (<i>JCS</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Kunkel family (<i>Samantha</i>)
FRI	6/21/13	ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, C 8:00 AM Low Mass †Maria Duff (<i>Tom Simpson</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass †Patrick Henry Omlor (<i>Simpson family</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Devotions and Novena
SAT	6/22/13	ST PAULINUS OF NOLA, BpC 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention-G. Keaveney (<i>The Fathers</i>) 8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass For Paulina (<i>The Fathers</i>)
SUN	6/23/13	PENTECOST V 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Elizabeth Reis (<i>Katie Bischak</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Maria Duff (<i>Donna Akers</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass †Philip Donadio (<i>Jane & Rob Brockman</i>) 4:45 PM First Vespers of St. John the Baptist, and Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude the Great

THE FOLLOWING MASSES WILL BE SAID
BY FR. ESPINA IN THE MISSIONS:

For relief of all faithful departed (*Patrick Omlor*) (4 Masses)

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER

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Summer Camp planning for both boys and girls was in full swing last week. We are looking forward to this annual and essential apostolate, and welcome your contributions to defray expenses. Two of the Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas will be coming for the girls' camp. I hope *all* of our girls will be there as well!

Mark your calendar for next Monday's St. John's Bonfire, Parish Barbeque and Summer Entertainment. As usual, we'll be cooking up the burgers and dogs, and you're invited to bring the rest, and yourself. Mass of St. John starts the "longest night of the year celebration" at 5:45 PM.

Tuesday we commence our Summer Novena, with the Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony and devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. In the evening, we have that charming and singular sacramental of the blessing of the animals. Be sure to bring yours.

Dads tend pretty much to be taken for granted, don't they? But what a high and holy calling is theirs, to head the family and represent God the Father Himself. We lovingly and gratefully dedicate this day to them.

May God the Father keep you as His *little* child, secure in His embrace.

—Bishop Dolan



*“Let us pray that the Lord Jesus
Christ pour His grace into us
by means of which we ask for
and receive the fullness of true joy.”
— St. Anthony of Padua
(June 13th)*

*“O Jesus, in that hour when darkness like a cloak
shall be spread over all things, may Thy grace shine
on us in place of the earthly sun.”*

— St. Ephrem the Syrian
(Feast Day, June 18th)
