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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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October 13, 2024

PENTECOST XXI

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Today is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Don't miss the **Autumn Bake Sale** in Helfta Hall after the morning Masses! Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM. The last of our **Fatima Rosary Processions** takes place by **candlelight** at 7:15 PM. Come early to get your candles!



¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday we celebrate the feast of St. Teresa of Avila, with Masses at 7, 8 & 11:25 AM and 5 PM. Honor the Sacred Heart on **Thursday** with St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. **Friday** is the feast of St. Luke, Evangelist.

¶ OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The Rosary is recited on school days at 3 PM. On Wednesdays at 2:45 it is recited before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, with Benediction & Holy Communion at 3:10 PM.



Congratulations to Ian & Rosemary Ford on the baptism of their daughter, Sybil Rose, on Thursday, October 10.

Congratulations as well to Nathan & Kinley Harkleroad on their wedding, which took place on Saturday, October 12.



¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for John Wittman and the repose of the souls of †Bishop Tissier, †Shaun Glenn, and †Joan Karian.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: FALL FESTIVAL

The **Fall Festival** takes place next Sunday after the morning Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with October Devotions and Benediction will be at **4:30 PM**. **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XXII, second collect of St. John Cantius; third of Our Lady and All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

¶ NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE

The First Communion Catechism is again available in the bookstore. A new supply of catechisms for all ages are now in as well. Children's rosaries are also a new item. One of the families has been busy having books printed. Books by our own Fathers Cekada and Lehtoranta are available for pick up. Check out the store for diamond art, great stocking stuffers for upcoming holidays.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Forty Hours, October 25-27.

Opening services begin on Friday evening and will be followed by the Chili Supper. Adoration continues on Saturday, and the Devotion closes on Sunday evening with the Procession and Benediction.

All Saints Sunday, November 3.

Prepare a costume and presentation about a saint with your child for the All Saints' Party after the High Mass!

Collection Report

Sunday, October 6th\$6,707.00
Second Collection.....\$2,742.00
Alter Christus.....\$226.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



The Sodality Fall Festival is one week away! Bring the kids for some fun and a pie for the contest. You have a chance of winning a \$50 cash prize! There will also be a second and third prize. Pies will be judged at 1pm. Don't miss your chance to show off your delicious pies. We hope to see you all there.

OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

(Continued from last week)



And if such is the care he takes of us in our lifetime, what, think you, will he not do for us at the hour of death? That hour is oftentimes the hour of cruelest dereliction: friends and relatives either leave us or are impotent to help us. But in this hour of anguish, our angel guardian does not forsake us. He stands a faithful companion beside our dying bed, knowing that to be the moment when the devil redoubles his efforts; when all hell combines to drag the unhappy soul down to perdition. He will render her the most powerful assistance. He will dispel the alarm caused by apprehension of the future; he will soothe the mind, agitated by the remembrance of past sins; he will inspire the heart with confidence in the divine mercy. He will see that we are fortified by the presence of God's ministers, and by the reception of the last rites of the Church; he will not leave us until our soul, freed from the body, stands before her judge. He will then undertake our defense, he will plead our cause, he will visit us in purgatory and obtain for us the suffrages of the faithful, never resting until by his unremitting efforts, we are admitted into our heavenly country.

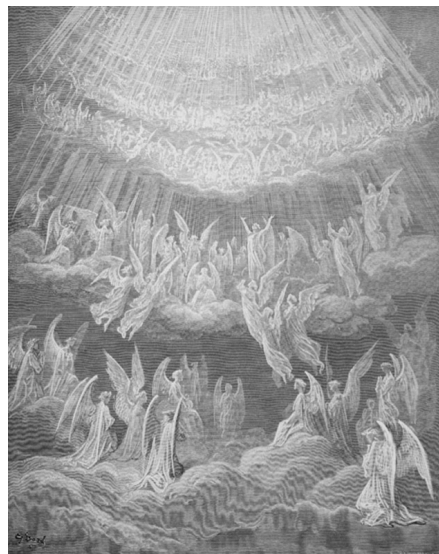
GOOD THOUGHTS

Most of the great joys of life are in our thoughts. How could we ever cope with our daily crosses were it not for the power of good thoughts? Thought rules the world; our thoughts rule us. We never rise higher than our thoughts; most of us never rise as high as our thoughts.

The most profitable time of the day is the time we spend upon holy thoughts, and directing our will to live by them.

THE VASTNESS OF THE
MULTITUDE OF THE ANGELIC
HOST

Having considered the excellency and dignity of the angels, we should now turn our attention to the multitude and order of these spiritual beings. Firstly, as regards to the number of the angels forming the heavenly host, they far exceed the total number of all human beings together. And this is not only the human beings who are now alive but all who have ever lived and all who will ever live, from the beginning of the world until the Day of Judgment. The multitude of these blessed spirits is comparable to the number of grains of sand in the sea, or the number of stars in the firmament, which the wisdom of Scripture tells us can never be counted. St. Dionysius, in the ninth chapter of his *Celestial Hierarchy*, tells us that the number of angels in any one of their heavenly ranks surpasses the total number of material things of any kind in the entire universe!



O God, Who in wondrous order dost ordain and constitute the services of men and Angels; mercifully grant that our life may be defended on earth by them that stand near Thee, evermore ministering to Thee in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

3 years indulgence

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



THE APOSTLE OF THE SACRED
HEART

Oh! holy Visitandine
At Paray-le-Monial,
The Sacred Heart of Jesus
To thee His love would tell.

While kneeling at His altar,
Thy heart upraised in prayer,
He drew aside the Sacred Veil
That hid Him from thee there.

Behold! He can no longer
Restrain the flames that dart
From out love's blessed trophy—
His own dear Sacred Heart.

He thirsts for men to love Him
In the Blessed Sacrament,
And repair the wounds inflicted
By those hearts indifferent.

Oh! Sainted Margaret Mary,
His instrument thou art
To spread this blest devotion,
His message to impart.

Enkindle in our hearts a flame
Of thy pure love today,
That drew the Sacred Heart to thee
In the Chapel at Paray.

— Rose M. Coughlin

Today is the devotional feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Although she is not commemorated in the Holy Mass, we honor her by obeying her request to pray the Rosary every day, but in a special way today by offering to her Immaculate Heart the full fifteen decades in public candlelight procession. We usually have a large crowd, each person with a flickering candle in his hand. It is a sight to behold! I know the angels will be there in great numbers to help us pray well to their Queen. That is no fairytale...truly, they will be there hovering above us, going back and forth between heaven and earth, delivering our prayers to heaven and descending with graces for the world; helping this soul to fight his distractions, and that soul to pray more fervently; even working on the poor passersby who seldom think of God or heaven. Our Lady and the Angels! What a Sunday it will be!

Did you get a chance to see the Northern Lights last Thursday evening? They were only faintly visible above the church, but some of you had very good pictures. God is wonderful in all His works, and worthy to be praised. Oh, there were the hurricanes, too, and we praise His Will for that as well. **Bishop Selway** wrote to tell me that everyone was okay. **Fr. McKenna's** parents said they were fine. There is, I am sure, going to be quite a mess to clean up though.

The Oblates made a short video asking for help in raising money for their new house. You can find it on our website as well as on **Fr. Lehtoranta's**. I did manage to find one house that is about ten minutes away and seems to have all that they would need, including room for growth. At present, one could without too much inconvenience fit eleven people there. It is a little on the higher end of what we thought we would need to pay for a house in this area. But it has five bedrooms, three bathrooms, and is in a quiet neighborhood. We are seriously considering that location, but are continuing to look at different options. Please say a prayer to St. Joseph.

This week is a "quiet" one, but there are still plenty of opportunities for Mass and, of course, daily October Devotions. Our students get Columbus Day off. I am sure they are happy about that. They do work hard and have been so well behaved this year.

I think that is all for now. Remember the Rosary and the Angels! How great is our holy Faith!

– **Bishop McGuire**



OF FORGIVENESS

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I lovingly call to mind Thy commandment that we forgive our enemies and do good to those who treat us ill. I wish, therefore, to forgive all those who have injured me for Thy sake. Give me, my God, the great grace of a forgiving heart!

Thou hast pardoned my innumerable sins; Thou art never weary of forgiving. Let me, likewise, for Thy sake, pardon those who have offended me; and the more they have grieved me, the more may my pardon be generous and full. Remove from my heart all the remains of resentment. Make me realize the prayer in the Our Father, "Forgive us as we forgive." Grant, also, Lord, the same spirit of forgiveness to all those whom I love and to my enemies as well.

*"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But Thou alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.*

*How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?*

*In blazing light Thy Cross reveals
The truth we dimly see:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
Forgiven as we be.*

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our Lives will spread Thy peace.*



PARENTS' PRAYER TO THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

Heavenly Father, Thy infinite love for us has chosen a blessed angel in heaven and appointed him our guide during this earthly pilgrimage. Accept our thanks for so great a blessing. Grant that we may experience the assistance of our holy protector in all our necessities. And thou, holy, loving angel and guide, watch over us with all the tenderness of thy angelic heart. Keep us always on the way that leads to heaven, and cease not to pray for us until we have attained our final destiny, eternal salvation. Then we shall love thee for all eternity. We shall praise and glorify thee unceasingly for all the good thou hast done us while here on earth. Do thou especially be a faithful and watchful protector of our children. Take our place, and supply what may be wanting to us through human frailty, short-sightedness, or sinful neglect. Lighten, O ye perfect servants of God, our heavy task. Guide our children, that they may become like unto the Heart of Jesus, may imitate Him faithfully and persevere till they attain eternal life. Amen.

MON 10/14/24	ST. CALLISTUS I, PM COLUMBUS DAY – <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
8:00 AM	Low Mass with hymns For Intentions for Frank Kiernan (<i>Phyllis Kiernan</i>)
	October Devotions
9:00 AM	Low Mass Holy Souls (<i>Kolenich Family</i>)
TUE 10/15/24	ST. TERESA OF AVILA, V
7:00 AM	Low Mass St. Dymphna
8:00 AM	Low Mass Ann Garrison (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i>)
11:25 AM	High Mass Thomas Young – Happy Birthday (<i>Grandma & Grandpa</i>)
3:00 PM	October Devotions
5:00 PM	Low Mass My Godfather, Bob Senus (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>)
WED 10/16/24	ST. HEDWIG, W <i>PURITY OF MARY • ST. GERARD MAJELLA</i>
7:00 AM	Low Mass Arlene Hagle (<i>Mike Hagle</i>)
8:00 AM	Low Mass Michelle Lodrini in Thanksgiving (<i>Judy</i>)
11:25 AM	High Mass Keith Christensen (<i>Mary Christensen</i>)
2:45 PM	Exposition, October Devotions
3:10 PM	Benediction, Holy Communion
5:10 PM	Low Mass My Godchildren – Arthur & Tsvetilina (<i>Abigail Lawrence</i>)
THU 10/17/24	ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, V
7:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>KL B</i>)
8:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday, Levi (<i>C. Simpson family</i>)
11:25 AM	High Mass Bishop McGuire & our clergy (<i>Sr. U</i>)
3:00 PM	October Devotions
FRI 10/18/24	ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST
8:00 AM	Low Mass Thanksgiving to the Infant of Prague (<i>Michelle Lodrini</i>)
11:00 AM	Confessions
11:25 AM	High Mass Spiritual healing for Wilma, Billie & Jennifer (<i>Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock</i>)
3:00 PM	October Devotions
5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM	Low Mass Sr. Regina – Happy Birthday! (<i>Sr. Eulalia & Sr. Ulrica</i>)
6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT 10/19/24	ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA, C
7:05 AM	Confessions
7:30 AM	Low Mass Our Godchildren (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Wilker</i>)
	Salve, October Devotions, Sermon
8:30 AM	High Mass My †grandparents (<i>Cecilia Brueggemann</i>)
SUN 10/20/24	PENTECOST XXII • ST. JOHN CANTIUS, C <i>MATER ADMIRABILIS</i> FALL FESTIVAL AFTER MORNING MASSES!
7:05 AM	Rosary
7:30 AM	Low Mass For the Brueggemann Families (<i>Anna Brueggemann</i>)
9:00 AM	High Mass †Sr. Gerard Vincent – 22 nd anniversary & our Oblates (<i>C. Simpson family</i>)
10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
11:05 AM	Rosary

SEVEN WAYS OF INCREASING IN LOVE FOR GOD

1. Take three seconds before each action to say to God: “I offer You this action because I love You.”
2. Take three seconds to reflect when anything displeases you, and say: “In union with Your Sacred Sufferings I offer this to You, in atonement for my sins.”
3. Take three seconds to say to Our Blessed Lord: “Lord Jesus, forgive me, and let me love You”—if you have been guilty of any sin or fault.
4. Take three seconds, when envy or jealousy stirs up within you, to say: “May every soul love You, my God; increase in my soul Your Love.”
5. Take three seconds, when you are tired and weary, to say: “I am glad to suffer this weariness and fatigue with the weariness and fatigue You suffered when upon earth. I love You.”
6. Take three seconds, to make a resolution not to neglect any duty because it is difficult, and say: “Lord Jesus, I will do this task immediately, and in doing it, I will be loving You.”
7. Take three seconds, many times a day and look up to Jesus and say: “With all my soul, I love and thank You for Your countless blessings to me.”



ACT OF RESIGNATION TO THE WILL OF GOD

May the most just, most high, and most amiable will of God be done in all things, be praised and magnified forever!
To all who devoutly say this ejaculation: An indulgence of five hundred days each time.
To all who say it every day: A Plenary Indulgence is granted once every month under the usual conditions, confession, communion, and prayer for the Mind of the Church.
To those who have recited this ejaculation frequently during their life, a Plenary Indulgence is granted at the hour of death, if after due preparation they accept death with resignation from the hands of God.

SERVERS

FRI 10/18	5:45 PM LOW: M. & P. Caggese BENEDICTION: MC: D. Simpson TH: M. Caggese TBS: P. & Ma. Caggese
SAT 10/19	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 8:30 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, T. & J. Capetillo
SUN 10/20	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson TH: M. Caggese ACS: F. Caggese, L. Rabjohns TBS: V. Horton, B. & A. Constantino, I. & J. Smith, N. Hudson 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs 4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: <i>Volunteer</i>

11:30 AM	Low Mass All those who prayed for †Laura & the donors who helped with funeral expenses (<i>Linda Faith</i>)
4:30 PM	Vespers, October Devotions, Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great