

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Invenies me in corde Gertrudis"

"You will find Me in the heart of Gertrude"

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

Most Rev. Charles J. McGuire, *Pastor*

Rev. Stephen McKenna

Rev. Vili Lehtoranta

Rev. Thomas Simpson

Rev. Anthony Brueggemann



January 5, 2025 • THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS • ST. TELESPHORUS, PM

¶ THE HOLY NAME

Today is the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. The Second Collection at the Offertory is for our Oblates. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail. The "Little Church" is in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. Catechism Classes resume today at the usual time of 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

Our Parents

Todd & Jennifer Porter

My Parents, Richard & Martha

Brueggemann

Regina Gilliam

Deceased Miller, Riggs Families

John & Denise Riggs

Donald & Geraldine Gilker

Gary & Debbie Hubbard

Ryan Greenwell &

Brian McMahon

Colleen Greenwell

Sr. Margaret McMahon

Mr. & Mrs. Denis McMahon

Ryan Greenwell & Brian McMahon

David Turis Miller

Robert Brockman

Jane Brockman



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: THE HOLY FAMILY

Catechism Classes at 10:40, Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** The Holy Family, second collect of the Sunday Within the Octave, third of the Epiphany. Preface of the Epiphany.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of †**Kirby Bischel**, who died on Monday, December 30. His funeral will be on Wednesday, January 8, at 11:25 AM.



The Epiphany of Our Lord

MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH

*All are invited to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany with a special High Mass at 5:30 PM tomorrow. Don't let the snow stop you! Our annual **Appreciation Dinner** follows the Mass in Helfta Hall. Join us for a **delicious Italian supper**. May God bless all our church workers, volunteers & parishioners!*



Collection Report

Sunday, December 22nd\$11,667.00
Wednesday, December 25th\$7,489.00
Sunday, December 29th\$7,865.00

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

"In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10).

Christ's name is chosen in heaven and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: *"Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son and thou shalt call His name Jesus."*

It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means *"savior."* The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

The name of Jesus is the sweetest of all names and He who bears it is most worthy of all love. He who calls Jesus his friend, can be assured that this Friend is the most devoted and unselfish of all friends.

Jesus is our all.

In His name, we may pray to the Father with assurance of being heard.

In His name, the Church administers all her sacraments.

In His name, she offers all her prayers and blesses homes, the fields and the sick.

In the name of Jesus, she casts out evil spirits, and at the hour of our death bids us, "Go forth, Christian soul."

She assures us that whoever shall call upon this name will be saved. When our soul has departed this life to seek its eternal home, the Church asks in the name of Jesus, "Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord."



— Fr. Benedict Baur, OSB



THE POWER OF THE HOLY NAME

If we call to our minds the Name of Jesus, it brings before us His most meek and humble Heart and gives us a new knowledge of His most loving and tender compassion. The Name of Jesus is the purest and holiest, the noblest and most indulgent of names, the Name of all blessings and of all virtues; it is the Name of the God-Man, of sanctity itself. To think of Jesus is to think of the great, infinite God Who, having given us His life as an example, has also bestowed the necessary understanding, energy and assistance to enable us to follow and imitate Him, in our thoughts, inclinations, words and actions.



¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Rose Beckerich, Mary Patt, Margaret Walz & family, Anne VanderPutten, Charlie Henry, Lucia Constantino, Jeremiah Moore, Adam McKnight, and for the repose of the soul of †Frank Beaver.



THE RIDING OF THE KINGS

In a far land upon a day,
Where never snow did fall,
Three Kings went riding on the way
Bearing presents all.

And one wore red, and one wore gold,
And one was clad in green,
And one was young, and one was old,
And one was in between.

The middle one had human sense,
The young had loving eyes,
The old had much experience,
And all of them were wise.

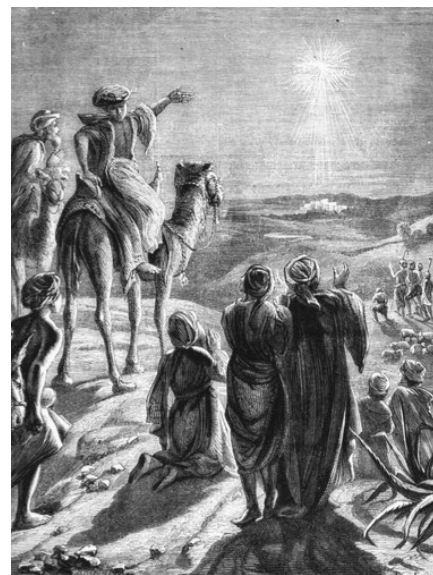
Choosing no guide by eve and morn
But heaven's starry drifts,
They rode to find the Newly-Born
For whom they carried gifts.

Oh, far away in time they rode
Upon their wanderings,
And still in story goes abroad
The riding of the Kings.

So wise, that in their chosen hour,
As through the world they filed,
They sought not wealth or place or power,
But rode to find a Child.

— Eleanor Farjeon

Dedicated gratefully to all who give of themselves all year long, in many gifts, to make St. Gertrude great.



It is a very blustery Friday morning as these lines are being written. The sun, which has been hiding for most of the winter, has been shining beautifully since yesterday and it is most welcome. Snow is being called for Sunday night into Monday afternoon. Please say a prayer that it does not interfere with the Epiphany Mass on Monday evening—it is one of the greatest feasts of the year, greater even than Christmas!



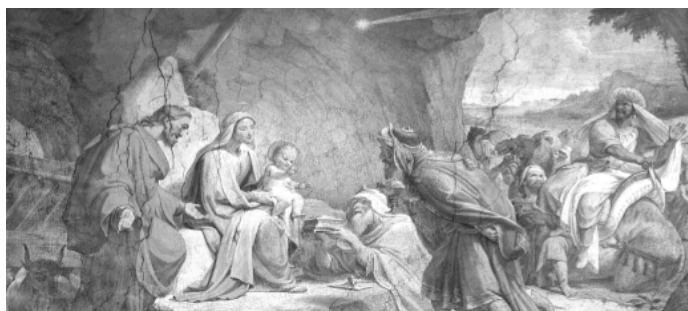
Last Monday was spent cleaning out Fr. Thielen's house. **Fathers Simpson** and **Brueggemann** rented a U-Haul truck and drove it there. **Fr. McKenna** joined us a little later in the day and very cheerfully brought us some food and helped clear everything out. We nearly finished it all in a day. There is still a little more to take care of though.

It was Monday evening when a very longtime parishioner of ours, Kirby Bischel, died. His was a peaceful death and he was wearing his scapular and received conditional Extreme Unction and Apostolic Blessing. Kirby was a very devout and friendly soul who was often seen around church, attending the extra weekday Masses, reciting the Rosary, gardening, and just chatting. **Fr. Lehtoranta** and **Bishop Nkamuke** were very close to him, sometimes even travelling down to Florida or Kentucky with Kirby. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Say a prayer for his soul, or better yet, come to his funeral Mass this Wednesday! Say a prayer for his children and grandchildren as well. Surely, they could also use a prayer and an encouraging word.

Fr. McKenna has been doing a lot to help out this weekend, even volunteering to preach on Sunday. He goes to visit his folks this week and will be back again sometime the following week. **Fr. Ercoli** will be here until Tuesday, and **Fr. Romero** will come for a short visit on Monday.

I would like to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and Epiphany once more. May Our Infant Savior draw you to Himself!

— **Bishop McGuire**



MEDITATION: THE MAGI

The fidelity of the Magi was generous. Their departure was attended with the greatest obstacles. They were kings, if tradition may be believed; how could they abandon their kingdom? They were Wise Men of the East, some say; how could they compromise their reputation by a step which public opinion would tax with folly? Then, the star was going to conduct them into a distant and unknown country. What fatigue to surmount! What risks to run! What dangers to traverse! But nothing stops these generous travelers. When we love, and when we have given up ourselves wholly to God, we go forward without reasoning. They, therefore, set off upon their road, and, after a long journey, they arrived at Jerusalem. There they encounter another obstacle: the star disappears. It is not in the midst of the world that we find the grace which guides us. They did not then any longer know where to find the Messiah they were seeking. At the same time, they were not discouraged. When we do not know, we ask advice. They inquired, therefore, publicly, and even at the court of Herod, where was the Messiah, King of the Jews, Who had just been born (Matt. 2:2).



O miraculous Infant Jesus! Prostrate before Thy sacred image, we beseech Thee to cast a merciful look on our troubled hearts. Let Thy tender Heart, so inclined to pity, be softened at our prayers, and grant us that grace for which we ardently implore Thee. Take from us all affliction and despair, all trials and misfortunes with which we are laden. For Thy sacred infancy's sake hear our prayers and send us consolation and aid, that we may praise Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, forever and ever. Amen.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	1/6/25	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD 8:00 AM Low Mass †Frank Youngworth (<i>Diane Puglielli</i>) 5:15 PM Blessing of Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh 5:30 PM Pontifical High Mass For our church workers Appreciation Dinner
TUE	1/7/25	WITHIN THE OCTAVE 8:00 AM Low Mass †Ruth M. Hanna 12 th anniversary (<i>Janine Oleyar</i>) (from 1/6) 11:25 AM High Mass †Kirby Bischel – Rest in Peace (<i>Sr. U</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Our Parents & Godparents (<i>Matthew & Leanne Giese</i>) 4:00-7:00 PM Visitation for †Kirby Bischel at Mueller Funeral Home, Mason OH Rosary at 6:00 PM
WED	1/8/25	WITHIN THE OCTAVE 8:00 AM Low Mass Patt Family (<i>Sr. Regina</i>) 11:25 AM Requiem Mass †Kirby Bischel Burial at St. John's Cemetery, Harrison OH 5:10 PM Low Mass †Ernie Nellenbach anniversary (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>)
THU	1/9/25	WITHIN THE OCTAVE 8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Poor Souls – Thank you! (<i>Terri Young</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Intentions of the Mothers' Consortium Mothers' Consortium
FRI	1/10/25	WITHIN THE OCTAVE 8:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. James Thielen (<i>Jim Soli</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass Mother, Regina Gilliam – Happy Birthday (<i>Martha Gilliam</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena III 5:45 PM Low Mass †Mr. Kirby Bischel – Rest in Peace (<i>Sr. Eulalia & Sr. Regina</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	1/11/25	WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. HYGINUS, PM 7:05 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Thou knowest O Lord (<i>Cora Arlinghaus</i>) 8:10 AM Alma Redemptoris, Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass Anthony (<i>Michael Simpson</i>)
SUN	1/12/25	THE HOLY FAMILY WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. BENET BISCOP, AB 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Fr. James Thielen – Rest in peace (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass The Brindle Family – Thank you! (<i>The Hudson Family</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday – Andrew Prell (<i>Mom & Dad</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

The greatest fault among those who have a good will is that they wish to be something they cannot be, and do not wish to be what they necessarily must be. They conceive desires to do great things, for which, perhaps, no opportunity may ever come to them, and, meantime, neglect the small which the Lord puts into their hands. There are a thousand little acts of virtue, such as bearing with the importunities and imperfections of our neighbors, not resenting an unpleasant word or a trifling injury, restraining an emotion of anger, mortifying some little affection, some ill-regulated desire to speak or to listen, excusing an indiscretion, or yielding to another in trifles. These are things to be done by all; why not practice them? The occasions for great gains come but rarely, but of little gains many can be made each day; and by managing these little gains with judgment, there are some who grow rich. Oh, how holy and rich in merits we should make ourselves, if we but knew how to profit by the opportunities which our vocation supplies to us! Yes, yes, let us apply ourselves to follow well the path which is close before us, and to do well on the first opportunity, without occupying ourselves with thoughts of the last, and thus we shall make good progress.

– St. Francis de Sales



Servers

MON 1/6	5:30 PM PONT: MCS: M. Simpson, T. Lawrence, C. Richesson TH: A. McClorey ACS: N. Kolenich, S. Richesson CROSS: J. Rabjohns MITRE: I. Smith CROZIER: F. Caggese BOOK: N. McClorey BUGIA: M. Caggese TRAIN: B. Constantino TBS: W. Young, D., C. & I. Wright, M. Schneider, P. Caggese, A. Constantino, L. Rabjohns
WED 1/8	11:25 AM FUNERAL: MCS: C. Richesson, Na. McClorey TH: S. Richesson ACS: N. McClorey, P. McClorey CROSS: A. McClorey TBS: F. & P. Caggese, I. & J. Smith, T. Stanislawski, W. Young
FRI 1/10	5:45 PM LOW: Caggese BENEDICTION: MC: D. Simpson TH: F. Caggese TBS: P. & Ma. Caggese
SAT 1/11	7:30 AM LOW: Rabjohns 8:20 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, I. Smith, P. Caggese
SUN 1/12	7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: D. Simpson, S. Richesson TH: C. Arlinghaus ACS: A. Constantino, J. Rabjohns TBS: V. Horton, J. Stewart, J. & N. Hudson, Ma. Caggese, L. Rabjohns 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenich 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, F. Caggese, B. Constantino, I. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: Volunteer

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

*Little Owen Zver, John Zver,
Duane Brodman, Don Metzger*

Judy Parlett & Francis Guerin

*Little Lucy & Little Michael,
and Ane*

*The Aitkens & Quinns
All the Poor Souls that have been
forgotten
P & A*

*Fr. Francis Finn, Fr. Cekada,
Bishop Dolan, Fr. Thielen
Past Church Workers: Katie B.,
Richie V., Sharon P., Paulina S.,
Mike B., Jean B.
Renee Arlinghaus*

*Bayer, Curcio Family
Joseph Bayer*

*Paul, Patricia M., Judy Bender
Patricia Bender*

*My brothers
Kirby Bischel*

*†Dr. & Mrs. Philip Binzel, my
parents
Mary Black*

*Mark Hoopes
John & Teresa Boyd*

*Michael Briggs
Deceased Members of SGG Choir
A.M.B.*

*Stanley & Wilma Schappacher
Richard & Martha Brueggemann
Anna Brueggemann*

*Bishop Dolan, Fr. Cekada
Stanley & Wilma Schappacher
Richard & Martha Brueggemann
Kent Maki, Mr. Woods
Cecilia Brueggemann*

*Bishop Dolan, Fr. Cekada,
Sister Gerard Vincent
Our Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Brueggemann
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Schappacher
Dan, Mary & family*

*Grandpa & Grandma
Brueggemann
Stanley & Wilma Schappacher
Bishop Dolan, Fr. Cekada,
Fr. Thielen
John & Julie Brueggemann*

*The Schappacher Family
The Brueggemann Family
Maria Brueggemann*

*For Mary C.
From Keith C., Happy Anniversary*

*Ruth Reaux
Lucia Constantino*

*Our mother, Judy Cortez Puryear
Lori Crepps & Mark Cortez*

*Donald & Rachel Demers
Family Demers of Sudbury ON
Canada*

*Duke England, Tacey Hoban,
Don & Bonnie Wenzl
Andrea England & family*

*Richard Faith, Paul Faith, Laura
Faith, All the deceased of SGG
Bishop Dolan & Fr. Cekada
L. Faith & Family*

*Augustine, Ethel, & Maria
Moses; Family & grandparents
Family*

*Grandparents
Mike Briggs
Matthew & Leanne Giese*

*Grandma "Martha" Brueggemann
Kenneth Gilliam, Racheal Gilliam
Martha & Richard Brueggemann
Martha Gilliam*

*Martha & Richard Brueggemann
Kenneth Gilliam*

*Peter Gilmartin
Mary Rose Gilmartin
Thomas Gilmartin*

*Marie Rose Coulter
Eileen Haley*

*Gwyn Ritze
Rick & Theresa Hill*

*†Dennis Hille
†Richard VandeRyt
Jeanne Hille*

*H.O., Mike, & Sean Hinton
Rebecca Hinton*

*John M. Sharpe, Charles Simon,
Alexa Martin
Scott & Cari Hudson*

*Alex Joseph Keith
Brent Keith*

*Charlotte Kiernan
Michael & Grace Santacroce
Kevin & Phyllis Kiernan*

Margaret & Albert Kinnett
Albert D. Kinnett

Ronald E. Kitchen
His Family

Angelo & Mildred Zunich
Frank & Gizella Kobza
Richard & Eleanor Kobza
David J. Kobza

†Waclaw & †Zuzanna Kuzik
Zenon Kuzik

Margaret Soli, Alex Fulton
Mary Lacy

Thomas & Mary Lemonda
Thomas & Lois Lemonda

Mrs. Ethelee Clinefelter
Kenneth Linscott

†Richard VandeRyt
†Margaret Kinnett
Brendan Lotarski

†Alan C. Lotarski
†David Livingston
†Keith M. O'Laughlin
†Dr. James Long
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski

† Marko & †Zuccaro Families
Bishop Dolan, †Fr. Cekada,
Fr. Thielen, Bishop Kelly &
Deceased Parishioners of SGG
Dave & MaryAnn Marko

Jean Bischel & her sister Monica
Carolyn McClorey

Stanley & Wilma Schappacher
All our priests
Sister Gerard
Patsy

Eleanor & Robert McKeever
Jay McKeever

†Lorie Mikesell & †Shirley Reagan
Michelle Mikesell

John Metz, Aunt Annie,
Mom & Dad
Judy

Helen McDonald
Jason Murray

Ernie Nellenbach
Eva Nellenbach

Patricia Anne Oleksa
Son, Michael

Michael & Helen Oleyar
Jim & Ruth Hanna
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar

The Souls in Purgatory
The Clergy & Religious
The Rex Mugar Family
Special intentions
Paulus

Melvin & Rita Prell
Richard & Elizabeth Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell

My mom, Jean Bischel
Jennifer Richesson

Richard VandeRyt
Deceased family members
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze

Mark Sayers, Rylie Faye Dearduff
Sageflower

John Anthony Schmidt
Richard & George VandeRyt
Angela M. Schmidt

Maria Raimond-Hinners
Mrs. & Mrs. John Scanlon
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tarulli
Donald E. Scanlon, Sr.
Maureen Scanlon

Patricia Beck & Mary Beth
Grumblatt
TRCS

All my relatives
Sr. Eulalia

Joseph & Marianne Belansky
Smith Family

†Margaret Soli
Jim Soli

Poor Souls in Purgatory
Michael & Catherine Thurlow

Henry James (Jimmy) Connor
Romaine Tenney
The Knights Templar
Irena Uderska

Our parents
Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock

John M. & Elizabeth H. Reis
Kathy Verity

Ralph & Elaine Pawinski
Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III

For Gloria Zbilicki