

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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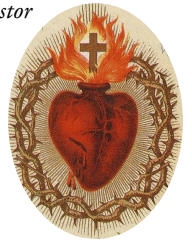
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9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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June 29, 2025

Ss. PETER & PAUL, APP

**SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE
SACRED HEART • PENTECOST III**

¶ SACRED HEART SUNDAY

Today is the feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, and the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Vespers & Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday is the feast of the **Most Precious Blood**, with the continuation of the Summer Novena after all Masses. You may still submit your intentions for the novena. **First Wednesday** is the feast of the Visitation of Our Lady. Remember St. Joseph as well! Our Holy Hour for Priests will be at 5 PM on **First Thursday**, followed by the servers' pizza party. Independence Day falls on **First Friday** this year. The abstinence is traditionally dispensed. Masses are at 7, 8 (with hymns) and 9:15 AM. **Please note, there is no All Night Adoration.**

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

7:00 AM Low Mass

8:00 AM Low Mass with
hymns, Benediction

9:15 AM Low Mass

NO All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for His Precious Blood.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Chad Horton, Megan Mann, and all of our sick and shut in.

Collection Report

Sunday, June 22nd\$5,717.00



¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Confessions, Rosary

7:30 AM Low Mass

8:05 AM Salve & Meditation

8:15 AM High Mass

First Saturday Intention: In reparation for every offense in word or writing against the Mother of God in our own land.

¶ MASS REQUEST ENVELOPES

When submitting your Mass intentions, *please remember to use the Mass Request envelopes provided for this purpose*, not sheets of paper or random envelopes and post-it notes. Mass envelopes can be found just inside the main church doors to the left (on the rack with the rosaries), or in the bookstore. One intention per envelope, unless you are submitting multiple Masses for the same intention. Using the appropriate envelopes will help to ensure your Masses are not misdirected or delayed. Your intentions are important, and we do not want them to get lost! Thank you for your cooperation.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood. The second collection for our Oblates is taken up at the Offertory, and the "Little Church" will be in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be avail-

able at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Vespers & Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

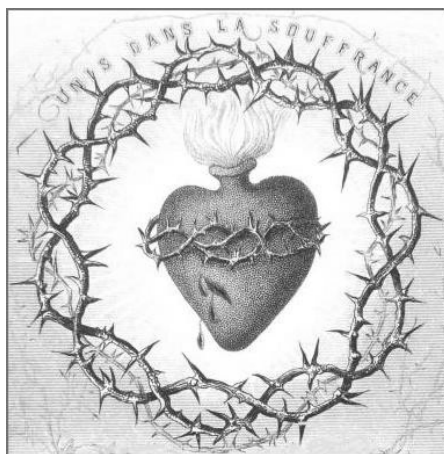
Set Your Missal: Low Masses: Pentecost IV, second collect of Ss. Peter & Paul, Trinity Preface. **High Mass:** The Most Precious Blood, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost IV. Preface of the Holy Cross.

THE ROAD TO CHRIST

The Church has the right to rule men for Christ and for eternal life. We likewise have the duty to allow ourselves to be caught by Peter in the net of the Catholic Church. "All power is given to Me in heaven and in earth; going, therefore, teach ye all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:18-19). "He that heareth you, heareth Me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth Me" (Luke 10:16). The road to Christ and eternal life is directly through Peter and the Church.

"Thine they were, and to Me Thou gavest them" (John 17:6). But we were given to Christ, not merely as companions of His struggles and sufferings, but as very members of His Body. "Father, I will that where I am, they also whom Thou hast given Me may be with Me; that they may see My glory which Thou hast given Me" (John 17:24). We shall see and in our own body experience and enjoy His glory with Him. We await with great longing this revelation of the glory of our sonship in God, which will be made to us in Christ and in His Church. There we shall learn "what the hope is of the glory of His inheritance in the saints" (Eph. 1:18)....

— Dom Benedict Bauer



"Jesus, the Center of the Heart! Yes, He is the very life and center of the heart if we consecrate our hearts to Him; if we make Him the King." — Rev. A. Wolf, "Meditations"

Lumen Christi

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

Eternal peace for Joseph Marull
(Carmel Marull)

Wedding Banns

Third time: Michael Hudson & Marcella Arlinghaus

✠ LOOK AHEAD: JULY

YAG 2025: July 11-13

Fatima Rosary Procession: Sunday, July 13, 7:15 PM

Girls' Camp: July 22-24

Boys' Camp: July 29-31



Guard, O Lord, Thy people. Keep them ever under Thy protection, who put their trust in the patronage of Thy holy Apostles, Peter and Paul. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

— Roman Missal. Indulgence 300 days

THE LONELY HEART OF JESUS

Apart from the noise and turmoil,
From the world with its cares and sin,

I seek in the noonday hour
The Heart of my Jesus within.
His dwelling so humble and lowly,
Poorer far than the Manger cave
Where Mary and holy Joseph
In rapture adored the sweet Babe.

Only a lamp faintly gleaming
Keeps vigil throughout the long day—
How few are the worshippers kneeling
Their reverence and homage to pay.

Oh! lonely the Heart of Jesus,
Patiently waiting to hear
My little joys and sorrows,
Each anxious hope or fear.

From out His humble dwelling
I seem to hear Him say:
"My love is all-sufficient
To meet thy needs today."

— Rose Margaret Coughlin



COMPLETE TRUST IN GOD

O Lord, help me not to look forward to the changes and chances of this life with fear, but rather to look to them with full confidence that Thou, in Thy love, will enable me to profit by them. Remind me that Thou hast guided me thus far in life: let me but hold fast to Thy dear hand, leading me safely through all trials. Whensoever I cannot stand, carry me lovingly in Thine arms.

Help me not to look forward to what may happen tomorrow, but rather to trust that Thou Who dost take care of me today will take care of me tomorrow, and every day of my life. Help me to firmly believe that Thou wilt either shield me from suffering, or give me unfailing strength to bear it.

Help me to be at peace then, and to put aside all useless thoughts, all vain dreads, and all anxious imaginations. Amen.

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Today is the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the two great pillars of the Catholic Church. The story of their martyrdom is both edifying and most interesting. Read it in Butler's Lives of the Saints or in the Liturgical Year. But today also marks the priestly anniversaries of several priests. Bishop Dolan would have been a priest for 49 years, Fr. Cekada 48. **Bishop Sanborn** celebrates his 50th anniversary. Each one has done a tremendous amount of good in his priesthood. A prayer of thanksgiving to God is fitting and good.

Two new priests, **Fr. Andrew Nowrouz** and **Fr. Christian Ingham**, were ordained by Bishop Sanborn on June 24th. Fr. Nowrouz will go to California to assist **Fr. Zapp** and **Fr. Larrabee** while Fr. Ingham will go to Florida to work with **Bishop Selway**. **Fathers McKenna, Brueggemann** and I went to the ordination which took place at Queen of Martyrs in Fraser, Michigan. There were four bishops and sixteen priests in attendance, some coming from as far away as France. It was nice to see them all.

What a great attendance for the St. John Bonfire this year! It sure was a hot day, but that did not keep anyone away. Thanks to all who helped organize the celebration! Someone asked if Fr. McKenna was going to breathe fire again, but I had to tell him that he retired from doing that a long time ago—much to this person's disappointment.

Thanks to the Sisters, we are slowly working through Fr. Thielen's belongings and getting the garage cleaned out before YAG. This is such a big project that it seemed overwhelming. Some of the items will eventually be shipped off to **Fr. Mardones** in Mexico should he need any of it for the missions there. **Fr. Lehtoranta** is at St. Hugh of Lincoln in Milwaukee this weekend, while **Fr. Simpson** is in Dallas where he had a baptism on Saturday. Fr. Brueggemann is on vacation.

We decided to rent a house for the Oblates until they can move into the convento. (The addition project is taking an unbelievably long time. They never taught us how to build when we were in seminary, and it is rather difficult to keep up such an active apostolate while running a building project, so there are a lot of headaches along the way as we figure this out.) As just mentioned, we decided to rent a house in the subdivision across the street, but just as soon as we gathered all the information and were about to call it had been rented to someone else. The search continues. Hopefully, we will soon see some actual, visible progress. I am thankful to Billy Young for helping us find

a contractor to begin building. All in God's time!

We begin the month of the Precious Blood later this week. The feast itself is on July 1st. Honor this great price of our redemption by coming to an extra Mass and receiving Holy Communion. You are bought by a great price...the Blood of God. Your soul belongs to God now. Do not cheapen it or give it to the devil by giving in to mortal sin. The price of a soul is immense since it was bought and paid for by the Savior's Blood. Precious Blood of Jesus, save us!

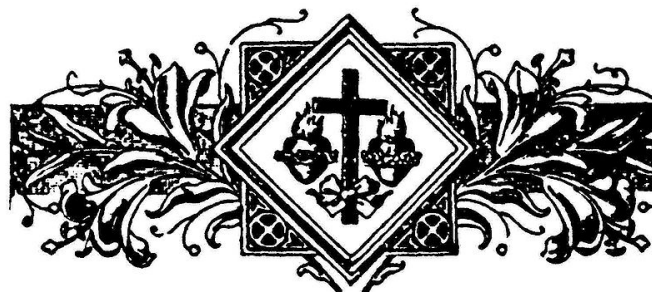
— **Bishop McGuire**



UNION WITH CHRIST THROUGH HUMILITY

...If one asks: "How am I to become humble?" the immediate answer is "by the grace of God," and that is indeed the truth. Only the grace of God can give us that insight into our own condition and realization of His exaltation that make for humility. But even though it be a grace, it is a grace with which we must cooperate. The first thing to do is to ask in prayer for the grace of humility, and to ask sincerely. The second thing is to accept humiliations when they come our way; but, let us never forget that there is an enormous difference between being humble and being humiliated. The next thing is to accept as lovingly as we can our own limitations, our own defects, our own lowliness; and even to be resigned—if we cannot be glad—when these shortcomings become known to others. Human nature being what it is, all this is not easy; in fact, without confidence in God, it is morally impossible.

*Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,
make our hearts like unto Thine!*



✠ CALENDAR

MON	6/30/25	COMMEMORATION OF ST. PAUL, AP WITHIN THE OCTAVE
		8:00 AM Low Mass †Kirby & †Jean Bischel (<i>Doby Curran</i>)
		11:25 AM Low Mass †Brian McMahon
TUE	7/1/25	THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
		7:00 AM Low Mass Our children (<i>Collin & Alyssa Smith</i>)
		8:00 AM Low Mass John Reiss – Happy Birthday (<i>Alfonso & Emily Capetillo</i>)
		11:25 AM Low Mass For the conversion of Doug & Mary Lou Brown (<i>Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III</i>)
		5:00 PM Low Mass †Mr. Tom Simpson (<i>The Richesson Family</i>)
WED	7/2/25	VISITATION OF OUR LADY • FIRST WEDNESDAY SS. PROCESSUS & MARTINIAN, MM
		7:00 AM Low Mass Lisa McConnell (<i>Dominic McConnell</i>)
		8:00 AM Low Mass The Oblates (<i>Doby Curran</i>)
		5:10 PM Low Mass Dad & Mom (<i>Anna & Cecilia Brueggemann</i>)
THU	7/3/25	ST. LEO II, PC • FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS WITHIN THE OCTAVE • <i>EUCCHARISTIC HEART OF JESUS</i>
		8:00 AM Low Mass Jerald & Kathleen – 55 th Wedding Anniversary
		11:25 AM Low Mass †John Dombrowski (<i>Francis Caggese</i>)
		5:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests: Low Mass For the sanctification of priests (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) Altar Boys' Pizza Party
FRI	7/4/25	FIRST FRIDAY • OCTAVE DAY OF THE SACRED HEART WITHIN THE OCTAVE • <i>ALL THE HOLY ROMAN PONTIFFS</i> INDEPENDENCE DAY
		7:00 AM Low Mass For the Ballesteros family (<i>Faith Ballesteros</i>)
		8:00 AM Low Mass with hymns In reparation to the Sacred Heart for our country (<i>Bishop McGuire</i>) Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
		9:15 AM Low Mass For the intentions of Fr. Thomas Simpson (<i>Michael & Catherine Thurlow</i>) NO ALL NIGHT ADORATION
SAT	7/5/25	FIRST SATURDAY • ST. ANTHONY MARY ZACCARIA, C WITHIN THE OCTAVE
		7:05 AM Confessions & Rosary
		7:30 AM Low Mass Special intentions deceased (<i>ENR</i>)
		8:05 AM Salve, Meditation
		8:15 AM High Mass Eddie & Renee Fernandez – Congratulations! (<i>Matthew Giese Family</i>)
SUN	7/6/25	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PENTECOST IV • OCTAVE DAY OF SS. PETER & PAUL
		7:05 AM Rosary
		7:30 AM Low Mass Darrell & Rita Eberling (<i>Jim Soli</i>)
		9:00 AM High Mass The Holy Souls (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
		11:05 AM Rosary
		11:30 AM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Tom Simpson (<i>Joseph & Elizabeth Prell</i>)
		4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction
		5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

THE CROSS

Another day Our Lord said to a little shepherdess: "Can you guess how to make something very beautiful from two bits of wood?" As she could find no answer, Jesus said: "Bring Me those two sticks. See, they are quite like any others, though perhaps a little crooked." Then, making them into a *Cross*, He said, smiling: "Look, can anything be more lovely now. Not even the angels could make anything more precious and more holy. Soon I, Myself, will fasten you to the Cross and if, in spite of all, you love Me more even than you do today and if you offer all for sinners, I promise by this Cross to give you many souls and to make you an apostle of My love." – "Jesus, King of Love," Rev. Mateo Crawley-Boevey



PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

How great, O my Jesus, is Thy excessive charity! Thou hast prepared for me Thy most precious Body and Blood as a divine banquet, wherein Thou givest me Thyself without reserve. What hath urged Thee to this excess of love? Nothing but Thy own most loving Heart. O adorable Heart of my Jesus, furnace of divine love, receive my soul in the wounds of Thy most Sacred Passion, that in this school of charity I may learn to make a return of love to that God who has given me such wonderful proofs of His love.

Servers

FRI 7/4	7:00 AM LOW: T. & J. Capetillo
	8:00 AM LOW: I. & J. Smith
	9:15 AM LOW: M. & F. Caggese
SAT 7/5	7:30 AM LOW: Rabjohns
	8:15 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, B. Constantino, I. Smith
SUN 7/6	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann
	9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson, N. McClorey TH: D. Hudson ACS: J. Rabjohns, T. England TBS: J. Smith, B. Constantino, J. Stewart, J. & N. Hudson, P. Caggese
	11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. Smith, A. Constantino
	5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey