



Saint Gertrude Parish

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The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Baptisms
By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes

Marriage Arrangements must be made at least 8 months in advance. No marriage dates will be given until meeting with the priest and all preparation is ready.

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

See Bulletin for daily Mass Schedule
Holy Day Mass Schedule
Holy Day ~ 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00
Friday- Closed
Confessions Saturday ~ 3:15-3:45pm or by Appointment

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

DO NOT
REJOICE
BECAUSE THE
SPIRITS ARE
SUBJECT
TO YOU,
BUT REJOICE
BECAUSE
YOUR NAMES
ARE WRITTEN
IN HEAVEN.

LUKE 10:20

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Pastoral Council Mission Statement

We, the partnered parish communities of St. Gertrude and Christ the King, are faith-filled Catholics who have been called by our Baptism and empowered by the Good News of Jesus Christ to be Church for all. Although made up of multi-cultural faith communities we are ever united by our common faith.

We are committed to "building up the Body of Christ" through Word, Worship, Evangelization, Leadership, Service, Stewardship, and Fellowship. Dedicated to deepening our love of Christ and one another, together we strive to become a living reflection of Christ for our region.

We willingly accept our obligation to be the "Light of the World" for others and in that spirit we promise to use our resources to practice gospel justice, to heal divisive wounds among God's People and to join with all people of good will in addressing the spiritual and physical needs of all.

Treasures from Our Tradition

It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are among the missing. Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the sabbatical rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship. For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshipping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situated us in community, and evoked a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7 Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Today's Readings

First Reading --As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you (Isaiah 66:10-14c).
Psalms -- Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).
Second Reading -- May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14-18).
Gospel -- Jesus sends out the seventy-two (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]).

God's Providence

Today's readings celebrate God's providence. No matter how wonderful (or heartbreaking) our relationships are, God always provides for us. No one cares for us the way God does. Isaiah delights us with a deep-

ly intimate image of God caring for us as a mother comforts her child. The prophet describes us not as the usual children of God, but as babies. We should not resist this image, but rejoice in it. Trusting in God's care, we can all let down our guard and rest like infants in the lap of our mother. Saint Paul's trust in God allows him to be at peace like this. He boldly declares that no one can make troubles for him, because he has given himself completely to Jesus. And when Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and heal, he challenges them not to provide for themselves, but to let faith be their guide.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training

A Level I formation course for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be held July 15-19 and July 29-Aug. 2 at St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Francis Fund applications are available at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org and can be completed online. The application is due by July 1. Contact Diane Cawley or Mary Beth Palko at the parish office, 724-463-2277, or at dcaley@dioceseofgreensburg.org or mpalko@dioceseofgreensburg.org with questions or to get more information. A course brochure will be provided at that time.

*Sanctuary Lamp
Judy & Bud Veltri
By Mark, Terri & Mel*

*Memorial Candle
Nick Loperfido
by Family*

*Memorial Candle
Domenic & Saveria Gallo
By Family*

July 13th & 14th

4:00p.m. ~ Derek & Zachary
Hald

8:00a.m. ~ Nicholas & Joey
DiFilippio

10:30a.m. ~ Joseph Collini
Ashley Scanga

Benedictine Annual Appeal

Next Saturday and Sunday at all Masses a special collection will be taken up to support the work of the Saint Vincent Benedictine Community. The Benedictines are sincerely grateful for your generous support in the past, and ask for your help in meeting urgent new challenges ~ particularly education costs of new members and health care of the sick.

Summer Vacation

Many of our parish families are planning to get away from some summer fun and relaxation in the next few months. We pray that your vacation time will be safe and a source of many happy memories. However, please don't take

your parish offering with you. Sunday offerings decrease significantly in the summer months. Please consider electronic giving through your bank.

Knights of Columbus News

Upcoming Events:

July ~ Member's Picnic
August ~ Family Picnic and our booth at Festa Italia

The St. Gertrude's Men's Club

The St. Gertrude's Men's Club— Save the date-- On Sunday, August 18th we will be going to cheer on the Altoona Curve baseball team. We will be traveling via coach bus. We will join FUSED 4 Youth Ministry .and the active St. Gertrude's/Christ the King altar servers at the game. More details forthcoming.

St. James

St. James Monthly Vendor Fair
2nd Saturday of each month starting July 13th from 8am-2pm in the St. James Parish Hall All vendors needed With electric \$20/table Without Electric \$15/table Please call Linda Grimm at 724-882-8776 to register
All shoppers welcome!

Virtus

A Virtus Session is being offered at St. Florian Church on Saturday, July 13th at 9:00 to 11:30 am. Please call the parish of-

fice to register at 724-423-4431.

Memorial Mass

The annual Miscarriage, Infant or Child Loss Memorial Mass will be celebrated July 30 at 6 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Latrobe. A keepsake rosebud will be given to all families that attend, and refreshments will be served after Mass. Please RSVP and register your child's name by contacting Debbie Vanden Berk at 878-295-7665 or debdvd@yahoo.com.

Pathways registration

Registration is open for Pathways, which is the diocese's commitment to adult faith formation and nurturing mature discipleship. There are 12 evening sessions, three workshops and a closing retreat. Pathways will be held Thursdays from 6:30-9 p.m. at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City. To register online, go to www.dioceseofgreenburg.org/pathways. Or email pathways@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship at 724-552-2598. Financial assistance is available from the Francis Fund. For information or to apply for a scholarship, call 724-837-0901, ext. 1249.

Cecilia Parish

Cecilia Parish, Whitney, will hold a Burger Bash July 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dine in or take out. For information, call 724-423-3777.

Please check out the opportunities to be involved in Youth Ministry this summer for those who are entering 6th-12th grades in the fall and recent high school grads! Lots of fun!

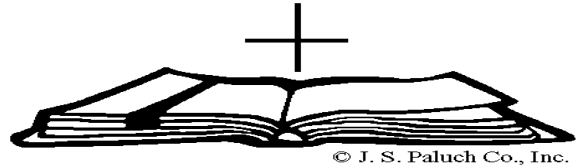
Save the date for a service opportunity! We are looking for volunteers to help with the Fresh Express (food distribution for the poor) at St. Gertrude's parking lot Monday, July 15th from 3:00-5:00 PM. Please sign up by calling the Youth Ministry Office by Monday, July 8th. Pizza will be provided after. Help those in need!

Open to those entering 6th-12th grades: Please join us for the Wave Pool at Boyce Park on Thursday, July 18th. Meet at St. James at 12:15 PM and we will return to St. James around 6:30 PM or 7:00 PM. Only \$8. Cash is preferred. A pizza dinner is included. Money and permission slips are due no later than Monday, July 8th. Bring a friend!

Open to those entering 6th-12th grades: Save the date! Our Youth Ministry has a fundraising opportunity at Festa Italiana on August 11th. We will be selling fried dough and fried dough sandwiches.

Open to those entering 6th-12th grades: Save the date: On Sunday, August 18th we will be going to cheer on the Altoona Curve baseball team. This trip is also open to St. Gertrude's and Christ the King active altar servers who will attend for free. The St. Gertrude's Men's Club will also be joining us on their own bus. More details forthcoming.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 6, The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary

Time

4:00p.m. †Zigmund & Rose Majeran

Sunday, July 7, The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary

Time

8:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish

10:30a.m. †Salvatore & Mary Palattella

Monday, July 8, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Stephen A. Filiopek

Tuesday, July 9, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Mass at Christ the King

Wednesday, July 10, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Angeline Vallosio

Thursday, July 11, St. Benedict

10:30a.m. Anointing Mass at Christ the King

Friday, July 12, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Eugene Iagnemma

Saturday, July 13, Weekday

8:30a.m. Mass at Christ the King

Saturday, July 13, Vigil, The Fifteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. †Louis Zanewicz

Sunday, July 14, The Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary

Time

8:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish

10:30a.m. †Jerry & Mary Ann Stokes