

The Prayer of St. Gertrude

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family.
Amen.

From Fr. Christopher Ankley

Dear Friends,

Today's gospel gives us an end-of-the-world feeling but Jesus doesn't give us any specific information as to when it will happen. He does, however, warn us to be alert and to be on the lookout. He doesn't want us to live carelessly or superficially but at the same time he doesn't want us to get into a panic about the end of the world.

What Jesus announces in today's Gospel isn't harmless: "There will be hardship." But when it'll happen we aren't sure because we aren't given any dates. And even if we aren't visited by earthquakes, famines, or pestilences, smaller things may occur: our health may fail, marriages may struggle, death will take away our loved ones, businesses may fail, and jobs are sometimes lost. These are hard and when they happen to us they can feel like the end of the world. So how do we deal with it? Jesus gives the answer and his reply is stand firm, **trust in me**; I will not let you fall. I will give you the wisdom, I will give you the words I will give you the strength. **"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."**

In our Gospel we heard, **"Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky."** Hearing this reminds us of so many horrific events that have occurred throughout the centuries even up to our own day. I have a story from a time period of great suffering when the world around many people was ending. And it's a story about a woman named **Irena Sendler**. And for those whose world was ending she acted as the **heart, hands, and voice** of Christ.

Irena Sendler was a Catholic social worker at the time of the German invasion of Poland. And was a senior administrator in the Welfare Department. In 1942 the German

army herded hundreds of thousands of Jews into a 16-block area that came to be known as the Warsaw Ghetto. The Ghetto was sealed and all the Jewish families behind its walls awaited a certain death. Irena was so outraged by what was happening that she wanted to fight back so she joined **Zegota**, the Council for Aid to Jews, organized by the Polish underground resistance movement.

With her connections in the Welfare Department Irena was able to get a pass in order to gain access into the Ghetto. She visited everyday bringing food, medicine, and clothing. But 5000 people were dying every month from starvation and disease. She had to do more, she thought, and that's when she decided to help the children get out. Irena at first began smuggling the children out one at a time in an ambulance. But that was too slow so she recruited workmen to help with the smuggling. Children were taken out in gunnysacks, body bags, toolboxes, potato sacks, and even coffins. Some entered a church in the Ghetto which had two entrances. One entrance opened into the Ghetto, the other opened into the Aryan side of Warsaw. The children entered the church as Jews and exited as Christians. Irena accomplished much of her incredible deeds with the assistance of the Church. She once said, **"I sent most of the children to religious establishments; I knew I could count on the sisters."** No one ever refused to take a child from her.

With her connections in the Welfare Department Irena was able to give each child a forged identity document. They were placed in homes, orphanages, and convents and Irena carefully noted, in coded form, the child's original name and his or her new identity. She kept the only record of their true identities in jars buried beneath an apple tree in a neighbor's back yard.

Eventually the Nazis became aware of Irena's activities and in October of '43 she was arrested, imprisoned, and tortured. Her legs and feet were broken but they couldn't break her spirit. She trusted. Irena was hated for doing the work of our Lord. Yet she trusted our Lord knowing He would help her through it all. He would not let her fall. Sentenced to death Irena was saved at the last moment when members of the underground resistance bribed one of the Gestapo agents to halt the execution. She escaped from prison but for the rest of the war she was pursued by the Nazis.

After the war she dug up the jars and used the notes to track down the 2500 children she had saved and tried to reunite them with their families. However, most of their families were dead. Irena never considered herself a hero and always said, **"I could have done more."**

Because of our Baptism we can say along with St. Paul as he writes to the Galatians, **"I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me."** And for those children whose worlds were ending Irena was Christ's heart, hands, and voice. Our Lord will help us through any difficulty, any hardship giving us his wisdom and strength, maybe even using you in the process to help another.

Let us imitate Irena, probably not on the same grand scale, but let us trust in our Lord when someone's world seems to be ending and let us be as Christ forgetting about ourselves and acting the way Christ himself would act, because maybe God is using you to be as his **heart, hands, and voice**.

Peace and all good,

Fr. Christopher J. Ankley

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 12 - Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm † Margaret & Basil O'Reilly by Family

Sunday, November 13 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Peter & Theresa Chiang by Angie Cheng

10:00 am † All Deceased Members of St. Vincent DePaul Conference by Current Members of St. Vincent de Paul

12:00 pm † Deceased Members of Tannert Family by Haefner Family

2:00 pm † The People of St. Joseph and St. Jerome **Burmese**

5:00 pm † Tony Bello **Spanish**

Monday, November 14

8:00 am † Helena Lan by Family

Tuesday, November 15

8:00 am † Nathan Lindstrom by Neil & Nancy Haack

Wednesday, November 16

6:00 am Breakfast With Jesus - Middle School

8:00 am † Jayna Ankley by Pat Fellabaum

Thursday, November 17

8:00 am † Robert Francisco by Francisco Family

9:00 am † Dr. Harold Green by Family **School**

5:00 pm Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday, November 18

8:00 am † Pam Allen by Francisco Family

8:30 am Adoration

4:45 pm Benediction

8:00 pm Lucernarium

Saturday, November 19

8:00 am † Louis Guerra

3:30 pm Holy Hour for Life

3:30 pm Confessions

Saturday, November 19 - Vigil: Our Lord Jesus, Christ the King

5:00 pm † John Peter Abramowicz by Linda Abramowicz

Sunday, November 20 - Our Lord Jesus, Christ the King

8:00 am † Bonnie Harter by Mary Ann Lupina

10:00 am † Sister Cyrilla by Bob & Kathy Valkner

12:00 pm † Veronica Harter by Phil & Mary Pat Harter

2:00 pm † The People of St. Joseph and St. Jerome **Burmese**

5:00 pm † Maria Romero (2nd Anniversary of Death) by Diaz Family **Spanish**

Readings For

Our Lord Jesus, Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm: 5:1-3, Col 1:12-20, Lk 23:35-43



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- Monday 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Church **Spanish**
- Wednesday 9:00 am - Saturday 9:00 am in St. Philip Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel at the Seton Center
- Thursday 5:00 to 6:00 pm Holy Hour for Vocations
- Friday 8:30 am - Benediction 4:45 pm St. Joseph Church
- Saturday 3:30 - 5:00 pm Holy Hour for Life in St. Joseph Church

St. Joseph: To sign up for a Holy hour or to be on the sub list for Friday Adoration, please call Marlene: 962-8641 and leave your name and phone number.

St. Philip: Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel at the St. Philip Seton Center, Wednesday 9:00 am to Saturday 9:00 am, call Betty Dillard: 962-8255 to sign up.

Opportunities for Prayer

- Liturgy of the Hours** See page 4 for QR code.
- Parish App** Text App to 55321.
- Pray for those who are home-bound.**
- Pray for those who are sick or in need.** See page 5.
- Pray for Priests & Deacons** See below.
- Rosary** After 8 am Mass weekdays, before 10 am Mass Sunday, First Friday, November 4 in the Parish Center Chapel.

Priests & Deacons to pray for starting Sunday

Fr. Max Nightingale, Fr. Raul Gomez, Deacon Mark Chrusciel, Seminarian Hector Saldarriaga, Deacon Jim Nelson, Fr. Gabio Garzon, Fr. Christopher Derda

Connecting with Mercy

During this season of thanks we want to express our appreciation for all that you do and the many ways that you support the life and growth of our parish. Small thankyou cards have been placed at each entrance. Take one for yourself to help celebrate this season of gratitude, or pay it forward by sharing it with someone who could use a boost. We are grateful for YOU.

Minister Schedule

November
19 & 20

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM	Sunday, 12:00 PM
Cantor	Pat Squires	Beverly Kelley	Heather Chick	Annette Kukla
Reader	Annette Pratt	Angela Adamson	JoEllen Campos, Eleonor Stark	Jacqueline Clem
Server	Charlie Buckley Ryder Gowin Renzo Sanchez	Jean Khim Augustine Lan Victoria Mawi	Alonso Campos, Nick Lian Oliver Lui Sum Thang Jovani Mejia-Hernandez	Nicholas Thang Rehna Weiss Brenden Baily-Vega
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Light of Patriarchs, Pray for Us



The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: **844.324.3374**.

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

2023 March for Life in Washington, DC

The Washington, DC March for Life will take place on January 20. This will be the 50th anniversary and will celebrate the overturn of Roe v. Wade. However, there is still much work to do to truly have a culture of life in our country. We would like to invite high school and college students as well as adults to attend this amazing experience. The Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry and the Tri-Parish Youth Group are working with Grand Rapids Right to Life to secure a bus for this trip. The tentative plans are to leave from Battle Creek on Wednesday, January 18th. There will be time for sightseeing and to attend the Vigil Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, January 19th. After the March for Life on Friday, the group will return to Battle Creek. The cost of the bus trip and two nights in a hotel is approximately \$370. This does not include meals. For those who need financial help to attend, the Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry has money available to assist you. Please let us know by December 1st, if you are interested in going. Contact Cathy at 269-968-4639 or prolifeministrybc@yahoo.com.



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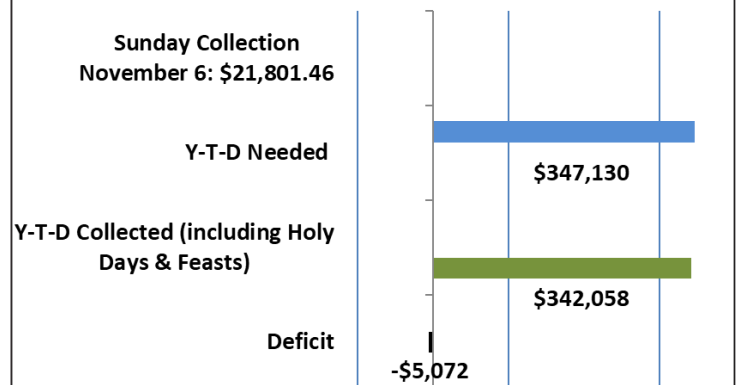
Liturgy of the Hours, eBreviary

The Liturgy of the Hours prayer for the current hour is offered using the QR code pictured, courtesy of ebreviary.com. Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer & Night Prayer are available for every day.



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Financial Information



Special Collections

- November 13 BCACS Endowment Fund
- November 20 Home Heating Assistance
- November 24 Thanksgiving
- November 27 Flower Fund

Maintenance Position Opening

Custodian needed for St Joseph School. 40 hours per week Monday through Friday. Hours from 3 pm-11 pm. The custodian will be responsible for general cleaning of rooms in school building.

Benefits include a competitive salary, medical & dental insurance and retirement. School tuition reduction program is available for the employee's children.

Contact Barb Kincaid bkincaid@bcacs.org or 269-962-0165 if you are interested in this position.

Bulletin Deadline Please send bulletin articles to Ellen: etiption@bcacs.org, no later than 9 am Monday for the following Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

Early Bulletin Deadline prior to Thanksgiving

The November 27 bulletin is due by noon Friday, November 18. Therefore please send bulletin items for that bulletin to Ellen: etiption@bcacs.org no later than 9 am on Wednesday, November 16. Thank you!

Sponsor of the Week



Our sponsors make it possible for our bulletin to be published free of charge to our parish. Please thank them for advertising in our bulletin.

Council of Catholic Women We are holding our annual pie/bread sale after Masses the weekend of Nov 19 & 20. Get your pies for Thanksgiving and support our CCW!

Connecting with Mercy

"Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul." What or whom are you grateful for?

Youth Events

- November 18 Lucernarium
- December 1 High School Breakfast with Jesus
- December 5 Agappe Latte

Knights of Columbus

The Knights will be selling "made in America" Christmas cards, magnets, signs, and pins the weekend of November 12-13 and 19-20 after each Mass in the Narthex.

St. Joseph's Rosary Makers

This past week, the Rosary Makers donated an additional 500 hand made rosaries to Catholic Charities. The rosaries are being used in the Migrant Workers Ministry, the Hispanic Ministry and the Caring Network. In the past 8 months, the Rosary Makers Guild has donated 2000 Rosaries to Catholic Charities, 300 Rosaries to various Ministries in St. Joseph Parish, and over 200 Rosaries to the Rosary Rack in the vestibule of the Church. If interested in becoming a Rosary Maker, please call Angie Disher, 850 380-7593.

St. Francis Retreat Center

- **Cultivating Joy - Prayer in Motion Retreat:**
November 12, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
- **The Interior Life: One Day Seminar with Sheri Wohlfert:** November 17, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
- **Women's Contemplative Retreat**
November 18-20

More information and registration for these events can be found at www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321.



Pastoral Care of the Sick

Do you have a loved one who is unable to attend weekly Mass due to age, living location or physical limitations? Would they like to receive a weekly visit from a Eucharistic minister to receive Holy Communion? If so, contact Linda Kellogg at 269-965-2074 or email her

at kellogglinda22@gmail.com for information.

Blood Drive at St. Philip Catholic High School

Parish Center, 20 Cherry Street, Wednesday, November 16, 9:30 am to 2:15 pm. Register at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: StPhilipBC or call 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767). More info on the flyer on Facebook.



Prayers for the Sick/Those in Need

Timothy Adair, Jeannette Aleo, Phillip Avery, Chris Bradley, Michael Broas, Chuck Brown, Eric Burtrum, Gerry Campbell, Jessica Clark, Carolann Craum, Linda Cumback, Melody Dufyea, Patricia Elliott, Bernadette Emmons, Margaret England, Travis Eveleth, Mary Faber, Dr. Stephen Fedele, Michael John Fisher, Jeannette Gagnon, Bernadette Heldt, Theresa Henderson, Mary Hepler, Linda Holcomb, Donna Hoxie, Judy Jacobs, Carolyn Kewley, Pat Kukla, Joseph Lerner, Robert Lindstrom, Jakob Livingston, Victor Lupina, Scott Marko, Curtis Mason, Walt Matyasac, Lori Ann McAdam, Katie Miller, Laurie Morris, Pat Murphy, Mike O'Hare, Jeannette Peevers, Sandy Power, Donald Price, Sally Ringle, Jack & Betty Roy, Cheryl Scales, Julie Schoder, Shirley Springer, Carole Skalka, Carol Strobe, Michael Sutton, Frank Swart, David Tipton, Devi Umapathi, Michael Wells, Elizabeth Wells, Carol White, Allen Wiseman, Sara Wixson, Dee Wygant, Tiffany Yager, Christine Ybarra

Prayers for the Deceased

Charles Kazmar

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Catholic Men's Fellowship

("Men's Group") is a group of Christian brothers who meet in Knights room in the Parish Center at 6 pm on Thursdays. We welcome any man 18 years and up (Catholic or not) who wishes to join us in Christian fraternity and encounter spiritual growth. Please reach out to Ryan Hoch with any questions, he can be reached by email at ryanmatthew1970@gmail.com.

St. Joseph Prayerline

Did you know that there is a team of Prayer Warriors in our parish? We are ready to pray for any need: surgery, health issues, employment issues, and any other concern that you might have about your family and friends. Names are optional. To request prayer, or, to become a Prayerline participant, call Linda Opack at 962-7339.



*Give blood.
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St. Joseph Church will be hosting a blood drive in the Parish Center on Tuesday, November 29 from 12 pm to 5:45 pm.

Whether you are a seasoned donor or would like to have the opportunity to help for the first time, we need you! **Every donation is critical and you can make a lifesaving difference.** Even if you have had COVID, you can donate blood. Please sign up today at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>.

Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools

Education for Living – Faith for Life



The St. Joseph Middle School 8th graders attended Michigan Career Quest at the Kalamazoo Expo Center. They learned a lot and got some fun, hands-on experience!



The Station 5 Crew from the Battle Creek Fire Department had a great time teaching our St. Joseph Elementary PreSchoolers all about fire safety!

GOAL: \$250,000



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Homebound Pat Fellabaum 589-7300

Sacrament of Baptism

Parishioners should call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays 3:30 pm, First Friday 12:00 pm,
 First Saturday 8:30 am, and by appointment.

Sacrament of Eucharist

Sacrament of Confirmation

Contact our Schools or our Director of Faith Formation.

Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners must contact one of the parish priests at least six months before setting a wedding date.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

If you or someone you know has a vocation, contact a parish priest for assistance.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

In case of an accident, surgery or other emergency, call 962-0165.

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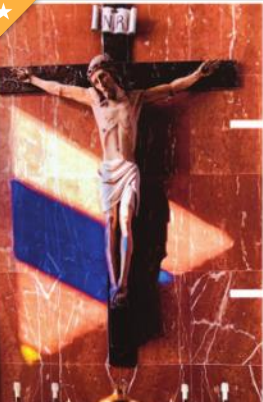
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