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Luke 18:7

October 16, 2022



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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

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Mass Times**Monday**

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

Tuesday

8:30AM.....Christ the King

Wednesday

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

Thursday

8:30 AM.....Christ the King
Second Thursday of the month (Anointing Mass)
12:10 PM.....Christ the King

Friday

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude
9:00 AM – 10: 00AM (Holy Hour)

Saturday

8:30 AM.....Christ the King
9:00 AM – 10: 00AM (Holy Hour)
4:00 PM.....St. Gertrude
5:30 PM.....Christ the King

Sunday

8:00 AM.....St. Gertrude
9:30 AM.....Christ the King
10:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:15 PM-3:45 PM.....St. Gertrude
Saturday, 9:00 AM.....Christ the King
(or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the anticipated date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation Class
Second Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM at Christ the King. Must be scheduled in advance.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:30 AM Dorothy Keddie

Wednesday, October 19

Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions

8:30 AM John and Patricia Reilly

Friday, October 21

8:30 AM Margaret Gardetto

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday, October 22

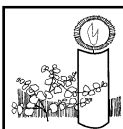
St. John Paul II, Pope

4:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. Ubaldo Macino
and Don Macino

Sunday, October 23

8:00 AM For the Parish

10:30 AM Deceased of CDA Court 1006



Memorial Candle: October 23

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FEATURING
FATHER JAMES SICHKO
AS GUEST SPEAKER

When: October 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM
October 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM
October 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Where: St. Gertrude Church

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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

|                     |                  |                         |                    |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| October<br>22 & 23  | (EM)             | (L)                     | (AS)               |
| Saturday<br>4:00 PM | Shelia<br>Tilson | Sue<br>Iagnemma         | Maria<br>Safranyos |
| Sunday<br>8:00 AM   | Patty<br>Keibler | Fran<br>Milie           | Art<br>Ambrose     |
| Sunday<br>10:30 AM  | Gerri<br>Michela | Crystal<br>Dellemonache | Dom/Rachael        |

*Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the soul of the recently deceased

**Dolores Nasser**

May the consolation of the Lord be with her family

## Weekly Collections

October 8 & October 9

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Offertory         | \$ 6,544.00 |
| Loose                    | \$ 514.00   |
| Utilities                | \$ 5.00     |
| Restoration              | \$ 283.00   |
| Seminar/Clergy Formation | \$ 25.00    |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$ 5.00     |
| World Mission            | \$ 20.00    |
| Retired Religious        | \$ 5.00     |
| Votives                  | \$ 123.00   |
| Accent                   | 20.00       |
| All Souls                | 20.00       |

### CD of A CANDY BARS

The Catholic Daughters of America will be selling Sarris chocolate candy bars for \$1.00 each after the 4:00 PM Saturday mass and the 10:30 AM Mass on Sundays at St. Gertrude's. This is a fundraiser that will be ongoing for a while. We are raising money for the Food Bank and other charities. There are 4 varieties of candy bars, milk chocolate, roasted almond, peanut butter, and crisped rice. Halloween is right around the corner so you might want to grab a few candy bars for your special trick or treaters. Thank you!

Christ the King Parish

# Mass Intentions For The Week

**Tuesday, October 18**

*St. Luke*

**8:30 AM** Ed Minarcin  
*by Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Wilmot*

**Thursday, October 20**

*St. Paul of the Cross*

**8:30 AM** Richard Tedeski  
*by Bill and Kathy Daugherty*

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday, October 22**

*St. John Paul II*

**8:30 AM** For the Parish

**5:30 PM** Frank Huskuliak  
*by Wife and Family*

**Sunday, October 23**

**9:30 AM** Charles Kettering  
*by Family*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS  
OF OUR PARISHES.



## NEW MASS SCHEDULING PROCEDURE BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2022

### SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be scheduled **ONE MONTH PRIOR** to the month in which you would like a Mass said. For example: if you would like a Mass scheduled for any day in January 2023, the earliest you may do so is December 1 (one month prior to January).

Additionally, due to the limited number of weekend Masses, only **ONE weekend Mass a YEAR** for a deceased family member or special intention may be scheduled.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

|                  |            |                            |                      |
|------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| October 22 & 23  | GREETERS   | LECTOR                     | EUCCHARISTIC MINSTER |
| Saturday 5:30 PM |            | Sisters of Mary Immaculate | Debby Vargo          |
| Sunday 9:30 AM   | Tony Buyny | Jack Billak                | Carol Ferretti       |

## Weekly Collections

October 8 & October 9

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Adult                       | \$ 4,180.50 |
| Monthly                     | \$ 455.00   |
| Loose                       | \$ 254.00   |
| Utilities                   | \$ 90.00    |
| Votives                     | \$ 135.00   |
| Cemetery                    | \$ 115.00   |
| Accent                      | \$ 61.00    |
| All Saints                  | \$ 5.00     |
| Seminarian/Clergy Formation | \$ 75.00    |
| World Mission               | \$ 10.00    |

Sincere thanks for your financial stewardship.  
\* Please remember your parish in your will \*



## CHRIST THE KING THANKSGIVING CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE



**ALL PARISHIONERS** are invited to share their time and talent by participating in our parish holiday bake sale. We need your help to make this sale a great success!

The schedule is as follows:

**Saturday, November 5th - 9 AM:** Hall set-up will take place (men...we need your muscles!).

**Sunday, November 6th - 10 AM:** Measure ingredients and grind nuts.

**Monday, November 7th - 8 AM:** Baking will begin.

Donations of Crisco, All Purpose Gold Medal Flour and Domino Sugar are greatly appreciated! Donations may be dropped off at the parish office prior to the start of the bake sale, or they may be placed in the container marked "BAKE SALE" located in the gathering space of the church by the coat rack.



# PROCLAMATION

- Whereas, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas was instituted as an organization in 1903 for women with the purpose of growing in spirituality and working in faithful service and love for God, and
- Whereas, Since its beginning, the Catholic Daughters have consistently and unselfishly used their God given talents and time to work for quality of life and defense of humanity, and
- Whereas, Catholic Daughters have worked for social justice and show compassion for those in our parishes, community, nation, and world who are vulnerable, homeless, voiceless, and most in need and
- Whereas, Catholic Daughters participate in the March for Life, pray and work effortlessly to defend the right to Life at all stages from conception to natural death as designed by God's creation, and
- Whereas, Sunday, October 16, 2022, has been designated by the National Board of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas as Catholic Daughter Sunday; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, that I hereby proclaim Sunday, October 16, 2022, as Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day.

Signed

*Rev. James H. Lee, OMD*

This

11

day of *October*, 2022



### Fall 2022 Calendar

Please note that this is an updated calendar. The Parish Mission date has moved to October 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is not a mandatory Faith Formation Session, but parents are invited to attend with their children. Youth Ministry (Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) should meet in the church for the Parish Mission. Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> is a regularly scheduled class at St. Gertrude's, where we will meet in the classroom.

### Session Dates

#### 2022 CTK/SG Calendar:

Faith Formation:

October—16, 23<sup>rd</sup> (Parish Mission for all grades at 6 PM at St. Gertrude Church), 30<sup>th</sup>

November—6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>

December—1<sup>st</sup> (Advent Walk Practice), 4<sup>th</sup> (Advent Walk), 18<sup>th</sup>

***\*\*Parents are expected to work with their child(ren) on assigned homework during the Parent-led week.***

First Reconciliation Parent meeting/workshop at CPOP for all four churches:

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

First Reconciliation—at Penance Service (date TBA)

Youth Ministry:

Every week until December 18<sup>th</sup>

We are inviting 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to please volunteer at the St. Gertrude Spaghetti Dinner in the Hall on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:45 PM-7:00 PM. Please contact Katie Tyliniski to sign up by Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Have YOU  
Thought About  
BECOMING  
CATHOLIC?

#### Got life questions? Looking for peace?

#### Needing hope?

If you (or someone you know) would like to hear more about Jesus, we invite you to contact Katie Tyliniski for information regarding inquiry process of the Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). During the inquiry process you do not assume a commitment. We look forward to chatting with any interested individuals.

#### **FR. JAMES SICHKO MISSION (THE DATES HAVE CHANGED)**

Please join Fr. Jim Sichko for his presentation mission of Do You Want To Be a Saint? on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Gertrude Church at 6:00 PM.

#### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Next week, we join Catholics around the world for celebration of World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions. Thank you!

#### **FUNDRAISERS**

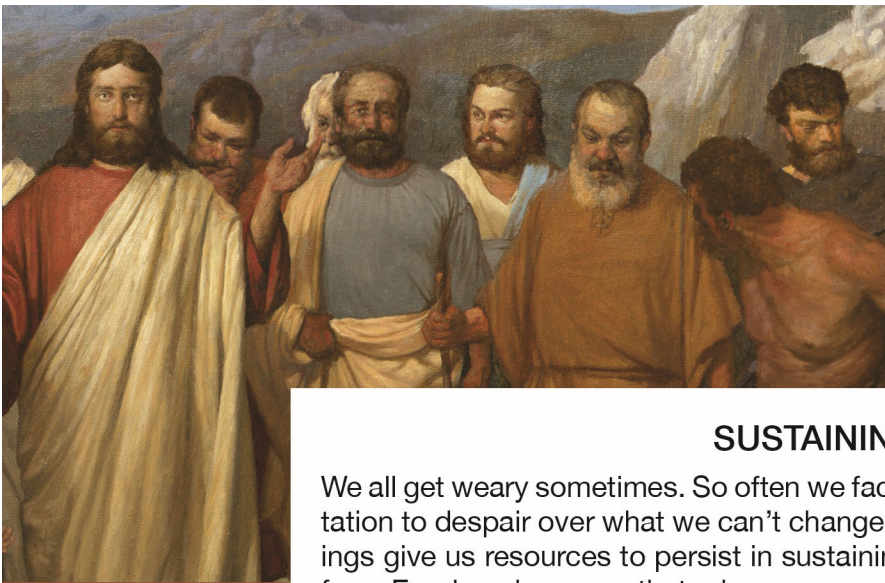


Seeking Parishioners from **CTK & St. Gertrude's** for the Lottery Cash Calendar Committee & the Hoagie Sale Committee - Two of the many \$\$\$ Money Fund Raising Ideas from the Town Hall meeting that we would like to expedite. Please contact the parish office.

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#### **HIS/HER FUNDRAISER**

A 21-and-over, BYOB "His/Her Fundraiser Bash" is set for Sunday, Nov. 6, from 2-5 PM at St. Gertrude Parish hall, Vandergrift, to raise funds for new flooring in the church. Tickets (\$30, including food and drink) are on sale now, and only 150 tickets are being sold. For tickets or to donate, contact Megan Kiebler at 724-882-5035. Donations for a Chinese auction are being accepted.



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## SUSTAINING HOPE

We all get weary sometimes. So often we face frustration, discouragement, and temptation to despair over what we can't change in our lives, or in the world. Today's readings give us resources to persist in sustaining hope and trusting in God. The reading from Exodus shows us that when our arms get weary, we are not alone, that God provides us companions to sustain us. The letter to Timothy reminds us that we are rooted in scripture, the story of God's past actions and promises for the future. The Gospel passage from Luke gives us the image of a persistent widow, who has a passion in her heart to sustain her relentless efforts to secure justice. This passion, this faith and hope, are God's gifts. But they require ongoing practices of prayer to stay alive and growing. Let us encourage each other in prayer when our arms get weary.

## GOD'S PERSISTENCE

Today's Gospel is set within Jesus' instruction to his disciples to prepare for a future after his ascension, and before Christ's final return. The early Church lived in an unjust and violent world, and likely wondered when Christ would return to complete his work. In this context, we hear a parable of a corrupt judge and a widow seeking justice. The widow has no worldly resources to affect the judge, but only her own persistence. And that was enough.

We today also live in an unjust world, and we the Church long for Christ to fulfill God's promises. But we are not asked to wait passively; instead we must join God's work in bringing justice. We can imitate the widow with our persistence in prayer and action to be instruments of peace in our own place and time. These efforts might well extend beyond our own lifespans, but God will inspire new instruments of peace in future generations. God's persistence will be enough.

## A DEEP BREATH

In today's passage from 2 Timothy, we hear that "all scripture is inspired." The Greek word translated as "inspired" literally means "God-breathed." That is, God breathes God's own life in and through scripture. We can see ourselves also as "God-breathed," as God's creation was the result of God's speech in Genesis, and as the Church received the Spirit from Jesus' breath (John 20:22). God breathes in and through these writings, and in our encounters with each other, to enliven and to transform us.

Using this word, Paul invites Timothy to engage with scripture, to allow it to teach, correct, and train. Scripture is not a set of rules or an answer book, but a breath of God's fresh air. It is the record of flawed human beings encountering a loving yet mysterious God. It is the story of God and humanity where we can place our life stories in dialogue with God's story. Take a deep breath.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 17:8-13  
Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2  
Luke 18:1-8



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