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MAY 19, 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples:
"When the Advocate comes
whom I will send you from
the Father, the Spirit of
truth that proceeds from
the Father, he will testify
to me." - Jn 15:26

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Parish 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 multicultural 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.



St. Gertrude

OFFERTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! It is by the risen Christ that we are given this inauguration into the Kingdom of God. Baptism is the restoration of true life, the life that was lost in sin. When we renew our baptismal promises each year at Easter, The Father, Son and Holy Spirit renews us and transforms us. It is in the Body of Christ that



Christ the King

we are restored. Because Baptism is a unity of faith, hope and love, Baptism is not a solo act. It is by the church nurturing its people in the unity of the Holy Spirit that the Christian grows. The Easter Season encompasses light, hope and resurrection just as the rebirth of nature in the springtime. Thanks be to God for the hope we have because of the death and resurrection of Christ! He is risen and this gives us hope that we serve a living God who not only created but also sustains the whole universe, and who gives us hope for both today and forevermore!

Parish Office

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Monday to Friday.....9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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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

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

Must have a Baptism Preparation Class.
Must be scheduled in advance.



All bulletin submissions must be and turned into the parish office by Tuesday, 12:00 noon.

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



St. Gertrude Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE	
Monday, May 20 <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	
8:30 AM	+ Charles Kirk, Jr. <i>by Christopher and Christine Retarides</i>
Wednesday, May 22 <i>St. Rita of Cascia</i>	
8:30 AM	+ Melinda Silvestri <i>by Jim Soska</i>
Friday, May 24	
8:30 AM	+ Ernie Pomatto and Tina <i>by JoAnn Pomatto</i>
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY	
Saturday, May 25	
4:00 PM	+ Aunt Twila and Tina <i>by Niece, Kate Bartoe</i>
Sunday, May 26	
8:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Gertrude and Christ the King Parishes
10:30 AM	+ Lena and Frank Trozzi <i>by Family</i>

Memorial Candle for the week of May 26, 2024
 In Memory of : Pearl Snyder
by Debbie and Patty

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
May 25 & 26	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Saturday 4:00 PM	Margaret Summerville	Gail Lightner	Nick Pityk
Sunday 8:00 AM	Patty Kiebler	Christine Lamanna- Smith	Art Ambrose
Sunday 10:30 AM	Sheila Tilson	Crystal Dellemonache	Dom

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
May 11 & 12	
Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,438.00
Loose	\$ 442.00
Restoration	\$ 95.00
Votives	\$ 193.00
Energy	\$ 30.00
Ascension	\$ 735.00

2024 DLA TARGET	DLA TO DATE	AMOUNT OVER
\$ 46,274.00	\$ 89,442.00	\$ 43,168.00

PENTECOST
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
 "Knowledge of faith is possible only in the Holy Spirit: to be in touch with Christ, we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit. He comes to meet us and kindle faith in us." (CCC, 683)



Christ the King Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEULE	
Tuesday, May 21 <i>St. Christopher Magallanes</i>	
8:30 AM	Brian Weiss (for healing) <i>by Sisters of Mary Immaculate</i>
Thursday, May 23	
8:30 AM	+ Vonnice Ferretti <i>by Margaurite Yurchick</i>
Saturday, May 25 <i>St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi</i>	
8:30 AM	+ Robert Kepics <i>by Ron and Sylvia Ravotti</i>
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	
5:30 PM	For the Living and Deceased Members of Christ the King and St. Gertrude Parishes
Sunday, May 26	
9:30 AM	+ Victoria and Dominic Ravotti <i>by Christopher and Christine Retarides</i>

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
May 25 & 26	Hospitality	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5:30 PM	Pam Pastiva	Kathleen Uncapher	Mary Jane Gruber
Sunday 9:30 AM	Andy Balbo John Lucjak	Valerie Zanotti	Sisters of Mary Immaculate

MEDITATION

"Come, Holy Spirit!" Yes, in any discernment of God's call, we need to call on the Holy Spirit to come to fill and inspire us. Do we think to call on the Holy Spirit? Pentecost reminds us to do this not just on one feast during the year . . . but every day.



WEEKLY COLLECTION	
May 11 & May 12	
Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,020.00
Monthly	\$ 935.00
Loose	\$ 263.00
Votives	\$ 54.00
Cemetery	\$ 197.00
Accent	\$ 3.00
Ascension	\$ 653.00
Mother's Day	\$ 233.00
Father's Day	\$ 5.00
Communications Media	\$ 30.00

2024 DLA TARGET	DLA TO DATE	AMOUNT OVER
\$42,725.00	\$ 49,640.00	\$ 6,915.00

Priestly Ordination

Deacons

Craig Alexander

David Slusarick

John Torres

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 at 10:00 AM

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

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From the Pastor –

As a reminder, Deacon Romuald Duchene, O.S.B., is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 25th at 10:00am at Saint Vincent Basilica in Latrobe. All are invited to attend. And, that same day, Saturday, May 25th, he will celebrate Mass at 4:00pm at Saint Gertrude and then celebrate Mass at 5:30pm at Christ the King. There will be a reception for him, with food, in the church hall following the Mass at Christ the King. Again, all are invited to attend these Masses and the reception. At the reception, he will be offering his first priestly blessing to all who request it. Please consider coming out to show your support for him on these special occasions, and please remember to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, marriage and committed single life. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

ATTENTION COOKIE BAKERS

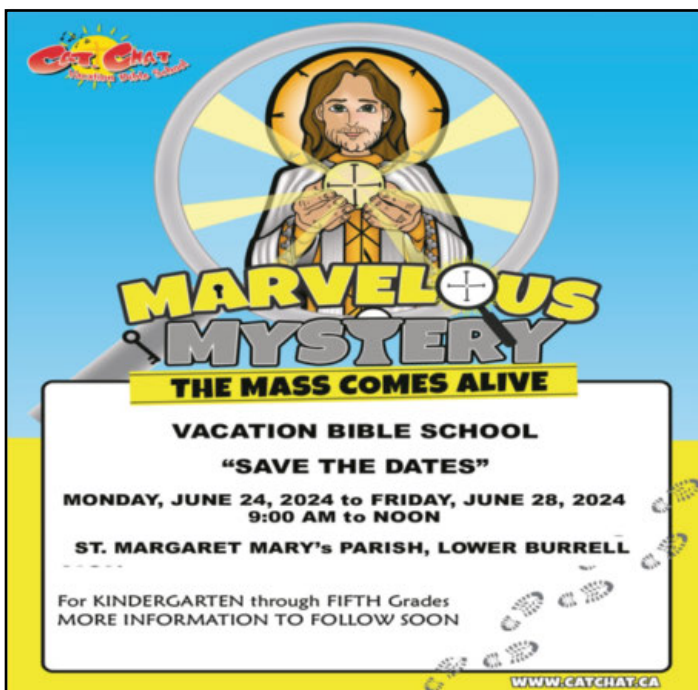
We are preparing for Deacon Duchene's Ordination/Mass of Thanksgiving reception following the 5:30 PM Mass at Christ the King on May 25th. We would like to ask for any cookie bakers to donate cookies for the celebration. Cookies can be delivered to Christ the King's Assumption Hall the morning of the event. Thank you!

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS INVITATIONS

All 2024 seniors graduating from high school are invited to a special Mass at Saint Gertrude honoring all the graduates on Saturday, June 8 at 4:00 PM.

Invitations to this special Mass were mailed this week. If you are graduating and have not received your invitation.... Please contact Heather Hensley at the parish office.

**** Youth ministry is having a movie night on Wednesday, June 12th at SMM from 6:30-8:30 ****



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Registration forms will be in the back of both churches for parents to pick up and complete - children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited. Hope to see you there!



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Do you know when you see a young Catholic and think, "Wow, he would be a great priest!" or "She would make a great sister!" Now you can let the Vocations Office know by submitting a form on the website.

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What happens when you submit a name?

1. Father Bandura will send them a letter of encouragement.
2. The Vocation Office will invite them to events.
3. The Vocation Office will offer gentle support as they discern their vocation.

Thank you for being the voice of Christ!

SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites of Latrobe (Community of Jesus, Mary and Joseph) are lay men and women and diocesan priests who live out a vocation of prayer and apostolic activity in the world in the spirit of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and St. Therese of Lisieux. We are open to receive visitors May 19 and June 9. If you are a practicing Catholic and feel you are called to a Carmelite vocation, please contact us for more information about our order at ocdspa07@gmail.com.

Feast of Corpus Christi Procession Sunday, June 2, 2024

The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, JCL, Bishop of Greensburg, will lead a Eucharistic procession from Blessed Sacrament Cathedral to Courthouse Square in Greensburg on June 2, 2024, the Feast of Corpus Christi. The procession will follow the 11 AM Mass at the Cathedral, which will be celebrated by Bishop Kulick.

At Courthouse Square, there will be an area for adoration and benediction. For those unable to walk the distance between the Cathedral and Courthouse Square, a shuttle bus will be provided.



EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION THROUGH THE DIOCESE

Designed to be a powerful, once-in-a-lifetime witness of how Jesus Christ invites us to encounter Him in the Eucharist, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will process through the Diocese of Greensburg Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11-12. The Diocese is on the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route, one of the pilgrimage's four procession routes. The pilgrims will begin their journey in New Haven, Conn., and travel to Washington, D.C., on their way to the National Eucharistic Congress. A number of family-oriented events are scheduled in the Diocese to coincide with the pilgrimage. To see the upcoming events and to register now, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org.

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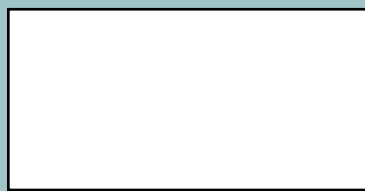
Join fellow pilgrims from the Diocese of Greensburg at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Ind., July 17-21. The Diocese has reserved 100 five-day adult tickets to the event and a block of hotel rooms (families with children are encouraged to purchase discounted family tickets directly from the National Eucharistic Congress website). Registration includes one adult five-day ticket, bus transportation to Indianapolis, transportation to the event center each day and a four-night hotel stay. Reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is \$900 per person (double occupancy; single occupancy is \$1,200). *Financial aid is available through the Francis Fund. For more information, contact Vincent Reilly, Managing Director of Faith, Family and Formation, at vreilly@dioceseofgreensburg.org.*

2024 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE

Mark your calendar and plan to join in a Diocese of Greensburg pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., Saturday, Sept. 21, led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. This will be the first Diocesan pilgrimage to our magnificent National Shrine since 2006, and is sure to be a very holy and special experience. Further information on the itinerary, transportation options and cost will be announced soon.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit of light and love,
 you are the substantial love of the Father and the Son;
 hear my prayer.
 Bounteous bestower of most precious gifts,
 grant me a strong and living faith
 which makes me accept all revealed truths
 and shape my conduct in accord with them.
 Give me a most confident hope in all divine promises
 which prompts me to abandon myself
 unreservedly to you and your guidance.
 Infuse into me a love of perfect goodwill,
 and act according to God's least desires.
 Make me love not only my friends but my enemies as well,
 in imitation of Jesus Christ
 who through you offered himself on the Cross for all people.
 Holy Spirit, animate, inspire, and guide me,
 and help me to be always a true follower of you.
 Amen.



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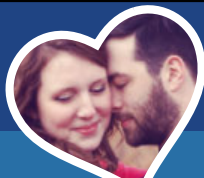
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