









St. Gertrude Adopt A Family

The tags are up in the back of church at St. Gertrude for our Adopt a Family this year. Please return gifts, along with a gift receipt if possible, and the red tag by Sunday, November 29th. Gift cards can be given directly to Jamie Dressler if preferred to leaving at the back of church.

Gifts will be wrapped during PSR, Wednesday December 2nd, for anyone that would like to assist.

Thanks to all that are willing/able to help this family out this Christmas.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center

From November 20 through December 31, 2026, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Indoor activities are closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. The annual Way of Lights illuminates the season with over 1.5 million brilliant colors, visually chronicling the sacred journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Rejoice in the birth of Jesus through this luminous experience and a variety of family programs. The light exhibit has no admission fee—voluntary donations are accepted—and specific activities carry individual charges. For more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit our website at https://snows.org/wayoflights

St. Gertrude, Virgin (Patroness of the West Indies) Feast Day-November 16 St. Gertrude was born at Eisleben in Saxony. At the age of five, she was placed in the care of the Benedictine nuns at Rodalsdorf and later became a nun in the same monastery, of which she was elected Abbess. The following year she was obliged to take charge of the monastery at Helfta, to which she moved with her nuns.

St. Gertrude had enjoyed a good education. She wrote and composed in Latin, and was versed in Sacred Literature. The life of this saint, though not replete with stirring events and striking actions, was one of great mental activity. It was the mystic life of the cloister, a life hidden with Christ in God. She was characterized by great devotion to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord in His Passion and in the Blessed Eucharist, and by a tender love for the Blessed Virgin. She died in 1302.



St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Marine, Illinois is seeking an Office Manager. This is a part-time position, with 20 hours or less anticipated each week. The Office Manager's time schedule may be a hybrid work environment. Should any potential applicant want to discuss the requirements of the position further or would like to express interest, please call 618-792-2831 or 618-830-1647.





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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 14 & 15, 2026



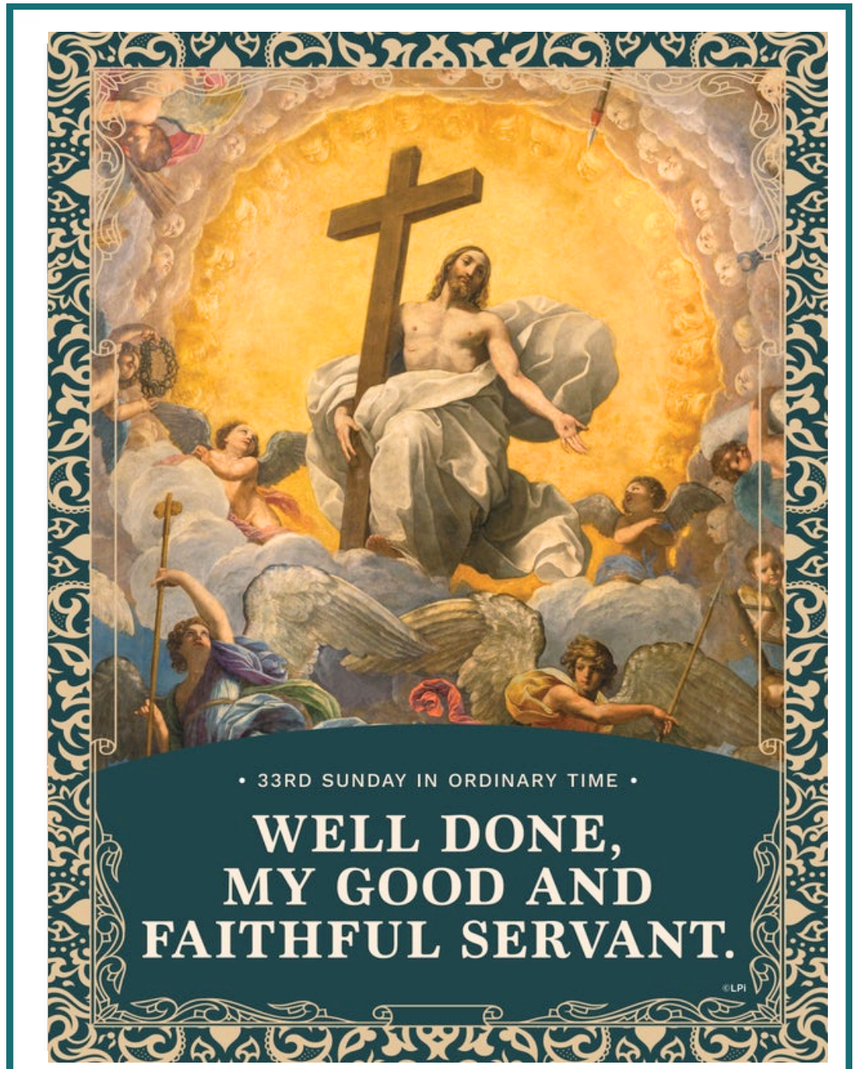
Saint Nicholas - Pocahontas



Immaculate Conception—Pierron



Saint Gertrude—Grantfork



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Mon.—Thurs. 9am to 4pm
Fridays 9am to 1pm

MassTimes

ImmaculateConception
Wed.& Fri.—8:00am
Sunday —10:00am

Saint Nicholas

Thursday — 8:00am
Saturday — 4:30pm

Saint Gertrude
Tuesday — 8:00am
Sunday — 8:00am