

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose fault is removed, whose sin is forgiven. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no deceit. Because I kept silent, my bones wasted away; I groaned all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength withered as in dry summer heat. Then I declared my sin to You; my guilt I did not hide. I said, "I confess my transgression to the Lord," and You took away the guilt of my sin. Therefore every loyal person should pray to You in time of distress. Though floodwaters threaten, they will never reach him. You are my shelter You guard me from my distress; with joyful shouts of deliverance, You surround me. I will instruct you and show you the way you should walk, give you counsel with My eye upon you. Do not be like horse or mule, without understanding; with bit and bridle their temper is curbed, else they will not come to you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked one, but mercy surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous; exult, all you upright of heart.



Living Mass Intentions for the Week

**OLPH: Larry & Rose Leffelman, Steve & Catherine Klein,
Nancy Neal, Paul & Sue Henkel**

SMA: Steve & Pam Kromm, Herb Kaelin, Patrick Guilfoyle

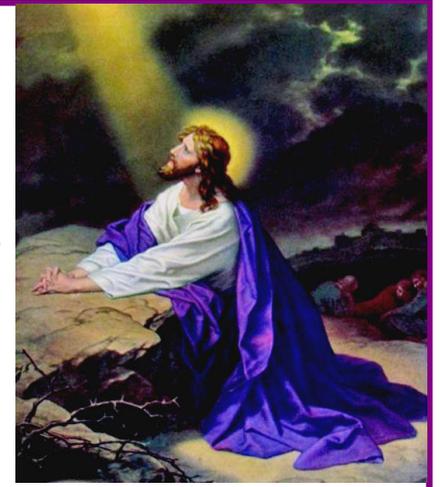
St. Patrick: Marty & Lynn Montavon, Diane Blaine, Norbert Weber

From the Gusset

God knows that we, **human beings**, need **3 things**. **We need to worship God. We need to allow God's will to prevail in our lives.**

We need to forgive our enemies. And don't tell me you don't have any **enemies**. For your **enemy** is anyone who has **sinned** against you, or you can make another your **enemy** by **sinning** against them. **Sin is rampant in our world**; we all have **enemies**! Now, I always find it **fascinating** that God thinks we need **3 things**; in order for you and I to become **like** God. Are there not three Persons in **the Trinity**? God wants to give us these **3 things**, because God wants us to become

Divine. God is Father to us. He created us – He **loved** us into existence, and so we need to **worship God** and thank Him for being God. This is why Jesus taught us to pray “**hallowed be Thy Name.**” We **bless** the Name of God – we **worship God** – when we pray the **Our Father** or celebrate **the Mass**. God is Son to us. Jesus did the will of His Father. He came to **earth** as a man to bring **God's Kingdom** amongst us. God the Father told His Son to go into **the desert** for 40 days after His **baptism**, and so Jesus went into **the desert**. God told His Son to **forgive us our sins**, to **heal us of our diseases**, and to **drive out our demons**; and so, Jesus did those things. God the Father tells Jesus drink **the chalice of our sins** and become **sin** for You who never sinned! So, our Lord carried **the Cross** and died on **It**. We need to do **God's will** in our lives – **not** our own wills, but **God's will**; and so, we pray, “**Thy will be done by me on earth**, just as Your **Angels** and **Saints** do **Your will** in **Heaven** – just as Your Son, Jesus did **Your will**. Finally, we need to **forgive others their sins against us**, and ask God for forgiveness when we sin against others. But, remember, no one can **forgive sins** except God alone; and so, in order to **forgive others**, we must ask God for His **power** to forgive others. We pray in **the Our Father Prayer**: “**forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**” Those are the **3 things** we all need from God: to **worship Him**, to **allow His will to prevail in our lives**, and to **forgive our enemies**. Now, I always find it **fascinating** that Jesus teaches us to pray for these **3 things** from God, but the question might **arise**: once we have asked for and received these **3**



things (that God **thinks** we need) – why didn't Jesus say: “*After you have prayed for these 3 things then you can ask God for the stuff you want to have.*” The answer is: if you **worship God**, if **you do God's will**, and if **you forgive others** – you will find that you don't really have any other needs, because you have become **like** God; and God doesn't need anything!

Yours on the Path
Fr. Randy



Thank-you to **the Knights of Columbus from Council**

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for providing **the donuts** for our social after the **Anointing Masses on World Day of the Sick**; and a thank-you to the

St. Anne Sodality in Sublette, and **the Altar and Rosary Societies of West Brooklyn and Maytown** for making **the coffee** and **decorating** the tables.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The USCCB has a version of the Stations of the Cross that can be prayed for an increase in religious vocations, which if prayed on the Fridays of Lent can obtain a plenary indulgence. We will be praying this version of the Stations on March 1st, in Maytown at St. Patrick's Church at 5:00pm. We will of course have confessions at 4:30pm and the celebration of the Holy Mass at 5:30pm, so that you can obtain a plenary indulgence for one of your beloved dead all in one night!



I have likened **Dante's** pilgrimage through **Purgatory** as being similar to our pilgrimage through **Lent**. **The Psalms** are deeply important to **Dante** and they are **sung** on every level of **Purgatory mountain**; indeed, **Dante** called **King David** "*the singer of Paradise.*" It was by reading **the Psalms** that **Dante** was taught how to **hope** for **Heaven** through poetry. For our next **RCIA class**, we will again venture into **Purgatory** and learn how to **love** well. Join us in the first classroom at **the Hall in Sublette** on Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30pm.

N.I.C.E. WISH LIST FOR MARCH OF 2024

Side mixes (Pasta, Rice, Potato), sugar, salt/pepper, seasonings

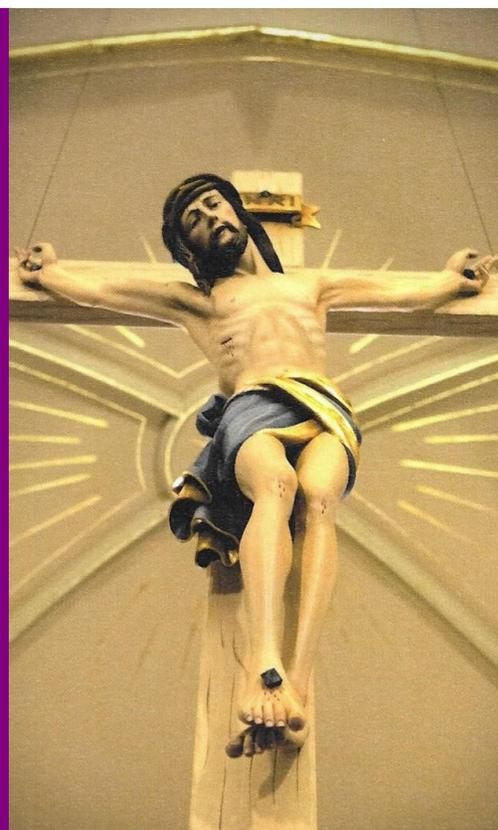
The Art and Architecture of our Catholic Churches

How is it that the Catholic Church where one worships God —
can be so influential on one's Faith!

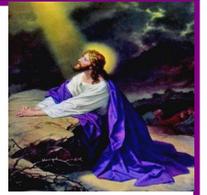
All of our Churches have **magnificent Crucifixes** in them – a constant reminder that our Lord has asked of **everyone**, who would be His **disciple**, that we must **pick up our Cross daily and follow Him.** (Matthew 16:24) I like what one of **the greatest Popes** of all time had to say about the Cross. **Pope St. John Paul** the great said, “there is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no **Cross** to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us. And on the far side of every **Cross** we find the newness of life in the Holy Spirit, that new life which will reach its fulfillment in the resurrection. This is our Catholic Faith. This is our witness before the world.” My favorite **Church Father, St. Augustine**, in talking about **the pilgrimage** that each one of us is on, said that: “we make progress toward **Heaven** by means of trials. No man knows himself except when he is faced by trials, nor does any man receive a crown except after being victorious over the trial.” His words **ring** so true to me, because I am not the victim of my **temptations**; but rather, who I am is a man, who defines himself as a **lover** of Jesus Christ. I show my **love** of Christ whenever I strive to overcome **the temptations** that the enemy sends to trap me in. **St. Rose of Lima** (who deserves to be on my **Dream Team**) put it this way: “without the burden of **afflictions** it is impossible to reach the height of **grace**. The gift of **grace** increases as the struggle increases!” The next time you come to **Church (this Sunday)** look at **the Crucifix**, and then might I suggest you pray **the prayer** of the great **St. Francis de Sales**. Just pray this **Prayer** and ask our Lord to help you carry **the Cross** that His Father made for you!

“Your Cross”

The everlasting God has in His wisdom foreseen from eternity the Cross that He now presents to you as a gift from His inmost Heart. This Cross, He now sends you, He has considered with His all-knowing eyes, understood with His Divine Mind, tested with His wise justice, warmed with loving arms, and weighed with His own hands to see that It be not one inch too large and not one ounce too heavy for you. God has blessed It with His holy Name, anointed It with His grace, perfumed It with His consolation, taken one last glance at you and your courage; and then, sent It to you from Heaven. A special greeting from God to you, an alms of the all-merciful love of God.



Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 24th

(+) Joseph Schauer/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Joseph Kuebel/ Mary Kuebel &
(+) Carol Bonnell/ Marilyn Bonnell & Family

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Justin, (+) Anne, & (+) Steve Corcoran/ Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Corcoran

Sunday, February 25th Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Richard Cardot/ Mr. & Mrs. Mike Vaessen

10:30 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Monday, February 26th

(+) Thomas Berry/ Carol Moss & (+) Fidelis & (+) Racheal Ezenagu/ Sister Cornelia

Tuesday, February 27th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Sister Callista Ekwe & (+) Sister Petra Chukwudike/ DDL

Wednesday, February 28th

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Dennis McCoy/ Carlene Schuhler &
Special Intention for Rynn Dinneen/ Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Wilson

Thursday, February 29th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Justin Corcoran/ Mr. & Mrs. Rick Cardot

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Sylvia Montavon/ Mr. & Mrs. Greg Henkel &
(+) Joseph Schauer/ Roger and Rick Fronck

Friday, March 1st

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Ed & (+) Marie Madden/ Mr. & Mrs. Ed McLaughlin

5:30 pm, **St. Patrick** (+) Thomas Sharkey/ Mr. & Mrs. Scott Bickett

Saturday, March 2nd

Chris Hendrickson & (+) Joseph & (+) Catherine Schauer/ Fr. Randy

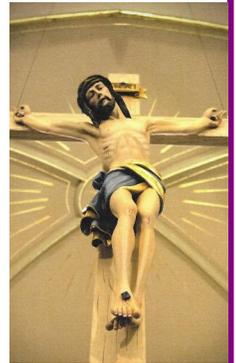
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Gene Leffelman/ Shawn Leffelman

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Robert Bresson/ Judy Truckenbrod

Sunday, March 3rd Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Charles Henkel/ Family & Living Intention for Janet Widolff Family



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