

Ascension Sunday

May 12th, 2024



Living Mass Intentions for the Week

OLPH: Christina Mini, Sue Fassler, Jeanne Shanyfelt, Judy Antosiak

SMA: Karen Bonnell, Judy Truckenbrod, Paula Henkel

St. Patrick: LaVerne Klein, Velma Quest

From the Gusset

When **Dante** enters the sphere of the sun, which he also refers to as **the Choir of Angels** where **the Power Angels** reside (see the Art and Architecture column in this bulletin) — **Dante** meets a soul, whom he calls “*more than a man.*” This **Saint** (and really all **the Saints** in this area of **Heaven**) was known for his **wisdom** on earth or his **contemplation** of



God while he was alive. This soul shines so brightly with God's **love** that **Dante** mistakes this **Saint** for **an Angel** rather than a **man**. **Dante** says, “*in his contemplation (of God) he was more than a man.*” My **friends**, **Dante** hits on **the goal of our life**: to be more than a **man**, to be more than a **woman**, to be more than a **firefighter**, to be more than a **wife**, to be more than a **husband**— to fulfill our **humanity** is to be in **contemplation** with God. That is, to be one with God— to be *more than a man* is to be a part of **the Body of Christ**! Jesus Christ is true God and **true man**. Jesus is more than a **man**. He is God. Jesus is totally in **love** with His Father. The Son and the Father **contemplate** each other— They think only of the Other; so much so, that Jesus wants only to do His Father's will! What is the Father's will? The Father's will is only that Jesus would make each one of us His brothers and sisters. Jesus makes us a part of His own Body by giving us His **flesh** and His **blood** to eat and drink that we might **contemplate** God— that we might make God's will our will. When **the Catholic** receives **Holy Communion**— **the Eucharist**— he is more than a **man**, she is more than a **woman**— we become members of the Body of Christ— we become Christ-like by our reception of **the Eucharist**— we are both **human** and **Divine**.

Happy Easter!

Yours on the Path

Fr. Randy





Happy Mother's Day



HOLY MASS FOR ALL WHO FACE MENTAL ILLNESS OR ADDICTION OF ANY TYPE

Many things can go wrong with **the human body**; likewise, many things can go wrong with **the human intellect** (our psyche). **Doctors** call this **mental illness**; and yet, there is such a stigma to **mental illness**—when this should simply not be the case. The more complicated a piece of machinery the more things that can go wrong with it. The human mind is infinitely more complex than **the human body**—for we can contemplate God! Consider praying **the Holy Mass** with **Bishop Malloy** at the **Cathedral of St. Peter** in **Rockford**, or remember to make **a Spiritual Communion** for those who **suffer** from **mental illness** and can't come to **Mass** any more.



Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30pm



Easter Retreat

Pope Benedict encouraged **priests** to conduct **a Holy Hour** with **First Communicants** before they received **the blessed Sacrament** for the first time. Wouldn't it be something, if our **First Communicants** worked **a Plenary Indulgence** with their first reception of **Holy Communion**?!! To give them this **honor**, we will have a **retreat** on **Saturday, May 25th**. We will be out at **St. Patrick's Church** in **Maytown** at **10:00am** for a **Holy 1/2 Hour** (one of the works for a **Plenary Indulgence**) and **the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Then when they receive our Lord on **Corpus Christi Sunday**—they may tell our Lord, whom they are working this **indulgence** for! All parishioners are invited to this **retreat**!



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!



Jesus was **true man**, and so He had a **guardian Angel**. Jesus was a **priest**, and so He had a **priestly Angel** from **the Power choir**. These are the **two Angels** that adorn the doors of **the Tabernacle** in **Maytown** at **St. Patrick's Church**. Both the Gospel of Luke and the Gospel of John say that **Mary Magdalene** saw these Angels on **Easter Sunday morning**—one at the head and one at the feet of where **the**

Body of Jesus had been. The Body of Christ, **the Eucharist**, is what is kept inside of our **Tabernacle** in **Maytown**; and so here we find **the two angels** of the Christ. **Eucharistic Prayer One** prays, *“in humble prayer we ask You, Almighty God: that these gifts be borne by the hands of Your holy Angel to Your altar on high in the sight of Your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar received the most holy Body and Blood of Your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.”* Whether you buy **the Theology** that **Fr. Randy** has both a **guardian Angel** (because I am a **true man**) and a **priestly Angel** (because of my **Ordination**)— or whether you believe that a **Catholic priest** only has **one Angel** (a **guardian Angel**) and that I borrow our Lord's **Angel** from **the Power choir**— in either case, **the priest prays** this prayer at **the Holy Mass** and an **Angel** from **the Power choir** takes the bread and **the wine lickety-split** to **Heaven** and then replaces them with the Body and Blood, the Soul and Divinity of our Lord in **Holy Communion**. What is left over after we are given **the Bread from Heaven** in this Sacred Meal is placed in reserve in our **Tabernacle**. In **St. Patrick's Church in Maytown**, **the two holy Angels** of Christ watch over our Lord, who is **really, truly**, and **substantially** present in **the Blessed Sacrament**.

Happy Easter!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 11th

(+) Raymond Adams/ Mr. & Mrs. Howard McInnis

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Florence Kuebel/ Family &
(+) Rich Wertz/ Shawn Leffelman

5:30 pm, **SMA** Pro Populo & (+) Deceased Mothers/ Fr. Randy

Sunday, May 12th Ascension Sunday

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Joann Burke/ Mr. & Mrs. Dan Leffelman

10:30 am, **OLPH** Mark & Tammy Henkel & (+) Deceased Mothers/ John Gorman

(+)Catherine Vanco & (+)Catherine Schauer & (+)Geraldine Fronek/ Rick and Roger Fronek

Monday, May 13th Our Lady of Fatima

(+) Mary Zapf/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vaessen

Tuesday, May 14th Feast of St. Matthias

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Cletus Okeke/ Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Wilson

5:30 pm, **St. Peter's Cathedral** Mental Health Mass w/ Bishop

Wednesday, May 15th Feast of St. Isidore

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Sophia O'Hare/ Mr. & Mrs. Doug Klein

6:00 pm, **Sacred Heart** Baccalaureate Mass Newman HS

Thursday, May 16th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Bill Hoffman/ DDL

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) James & (+) Celeste Schmitt/ Mr. & Mrs. John Corcoran

Friday, May 17th

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Dennis McCoy/ Mr. & Mrs. Jason Streit

Saturday, May 18th

Jason Gerhardt/ Mr. & Mrs. Jim Meznarich

4:00 pm, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Quin & (+) Josephine Torri/ Torri Family

Sunday, May 19th Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Joseph Quest/ Velma Quest

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Clement Henkel/ Family &

(+) Elizabeth Henkel/ Mr. & Mrs. Louis Vaessen

(+) Ronald Fronek & Roger Fronek/ Fronek Family

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