Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

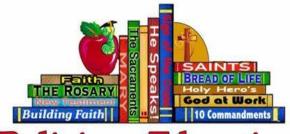
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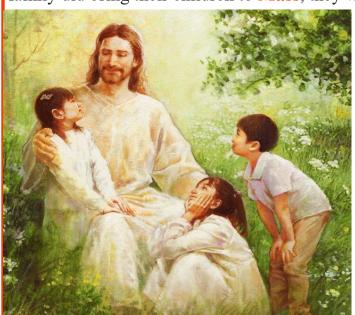
From the Gusset

It is impossible for anyone to make us **love** Jesus. Our **CCD teacher** may **encourage** us to **love** Jesus by **teaching** us about all the things that God's Son has done for us, but it is beyond a **teacher's ability** to teach us how to **love**. Rather we, **human beings**, learn how to **love** by being **loved** ourselves. For example, a **mother** awakens **love** for **herself** in the heart of her



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children by Mom loving each child. This is what our Lord does as well. Jesus loves us, and this great love that God gives to us — motivates us to love Him back. That is why it is so important to bring children to Mass every Sunday and allow them to receive the Eucharist — the gift of God's love for them. If we merely take our children to CCD class every Sunday, although they will learn many facts about God and the Catholic Church — they will never fall in love with God. Last year, we reinstated Religious Education Fees. We had not charged for Church School for 4 years; requiring only that a family be active parishioners; that is, families who attended Mass every Sunday. We went back to charging a CCD fee, because parents were taking their kids to CCD classes at 9:15am, but not taking them to Mass afterwards at 10:30am. If a family did bring their children to Mass, they would be reimbursed the full cost of tuition.



Sadly, there were only two families last year that the Church had to reimburse. We will continue to charge tuition for CCD: one child \$100, two children from the same family will be charged \$75 per child, and the tuition for the 3rd child and each additional child will be \$50. I hope parents will allow Jesus to teach their children by their reception of the Eucharist in the Holy Mass—how to love God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength; and their neighbor as themselves. I pray that this year every family will be reimbursed for their child's tuition.

Yours on the Path Fr. Randy

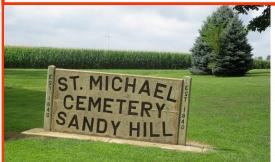
2024 MISSION COOPERATION WITH THE SOLT MISSIONARIES

This weekend Fr. Peter Marsalek will be celebrating the Holy Mass for us, and talking about the missionary work of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity and their work in twelve countries throughout the world. Of course he is asking for your prayers, and if you are able to financially support their Mission, you may write a check to your Parish and just put in the memo section of the check that this donation is for the SOLT missions.



The Sunday of Labor Day weekend will find us celebrating the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time at Woodhaven Lakes Campground at 12:15pm at the amphitheater! Please bring a chair for your own comfort.





The Monday of Labor Day weekend will find Fr. Kramer celebrating our annual Mass at Sandy Hill Cemetery. The

collection taken at this Mass goes toward

the mowing and upkeep of this historic site where St. Michael's Church once stood. Your generosity will fulfill the 7th Corporal Work of Mercy: "to bury the dead."



Our Ten Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims already introduced themselves to us, and told us what they hoped to gain spiritually by attending the Congress in Indianapolis. Now that they have returned – would you not like to hear, first hand, what spiritual gifts God presented them with? In the next month or two, each of our Churches will host a night when the Pilgrims will come and tell a few of the special stories of how the Holy Spirit impacted them at the Congress. Keep watch of this space in the Bulletin to find out when



you can come and ask questions and implore the Ten Pilgrims to pray for a special member of your family, who has wandered far from the Catholic Church.



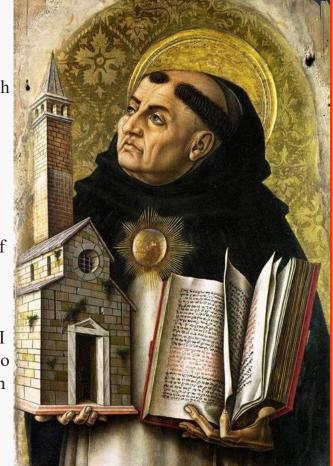


THE MASS AND THE SAINTS

Arguably, the smartest man of all time, St. Thomas Aquinas, told us that Adam enjoyed a special relationship with God. Adam enjoyed effortless communion with God. The first man had no difficulty raising his mind to God, which means that prayer (talking to God) was as easy for Adam as falling off a log is for us! However, 'the Fall' ruined this communion with God, and now **mankind** has difficulty in even **thinking** about God. Now, Fr. Randy's thoughts are, for the most part, about the things that my senses are picking up or my thoughts are about things that I **remember** happened in the past or I can **imagine** the way things might be in the future. Since I think mostly about material things, God uses some of these material things to lead me back to thinking about the Almighty. St. Thomas says, "God bends down toward us – taking some **material things** and using them to bring mankind back into communion with our Creator." The Catholic **Church** tells us that the most **powerful material things** that lead us back to God are the **seven Sacraments**, and the greatest **Sacrament** is that of the Holy Eucharist. This is why the Catholic Church builds what we call 'rites' around each of the

Sacraments, and there is a special 'rite' called the Holy Mass which

uses visible and audible and tactile and olfactory and palliative means to draw us back into **communion** with God! Since the Catholic Mass contains not only the power of grace, but also contains the Author of **Grace**, Himself, Jesus Christ (in the Eucharist) – the Mass is exceedingly beautiful. I hope in this new column called: The Mass and the Saints – to expose you to the drop dead, gorgeous beauty, which is the Catholic Mass by breaking down the different parts of the Mass and allowing the Saints of Heaven to tell you – what they saw in the Mass. Though I will publish another 104 articles on this topic in this space of the bulletin over the course of the next two years – I will never be able to expose you to all this **beauty** in so short a time. Thus, I will also use our RCIA classes in the coming year to broach this subject matter of the beauty of the Mass through the eyes of the Saints.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 24th Feast of St. Bartholomew

(+) Mary Malloy (mother of Bishop Malloy) &

(+) Therese Bissinger (mother of Fr. Karl Bissinger)/ Fr. Randy

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

5:30 pm, SMA (+) Mike Widolff/ Mr. & Mrs. James Devine

Sunday, August 25th, 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am, St. Patrick (+) Thomas Sharkey/Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Blaine

10:30 am, OLPH (+) Ernest Painter/ Mr. & Mrs. Randy Faber Monday, August 26th

(+) Jean Ritola/ Bernie Roemmich

Tuesday, August 27th

(+) Carol Widolff/ Gerard Widolff

Wednesday, August 28th Feast of St. Augustine

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

Thursday, August 29th Passion of John the Baptist

(+) Rita Haefner/ Holly Full & (+) Sister Chikaodi Ekeji/ DDL Friday, August 30th

(+) Richard Cardot/ Mr. & Mrs. Steve Klein & (+) Sister Paschal Igili/ DDL Saturday, August 31st

(+) Msgr. Mahowald/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, OLPH (+) Sue Leffelman/ Shawn Leffelman &

(+) Larry Leffelman/ Carlene Schuhler

5:30 pm, SMA (+) Robert Bresson/ Charlotte Bresson Sunday, September 1st, 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am, St. Patrick (+) Wendell & (+) Dorothy Brown/ Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Full

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

12:15 pm, Woodhaven Lakes (+) Amelia Cymerman/ Maria Franklin &

(+) Elden & (+) Carol Blevins/ Roger & Richard Fronek &

(+) Raymond & (+) Jean Ritola/ Fr. Randy

Living Mass Intentions:

OLPH: Tyler & Laura Jackson, Alex and Alyssa Leffelman, Jason Malach, Neal Vaessen

SMA: Stephanie Schaefer, Brian and Kimberly Mumm, Janet Widolff

St. Patrick: Tyler & Aubrey Burke, Marty & Dinise Bickett



