

*Twenty First Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 25, 2024*



***NEW COLUMN: THE MASS AND THE SAINTS**

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 **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.



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Religious Education

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.**



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

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 Fronck &

(+) 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

