

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
September 15, 2024*





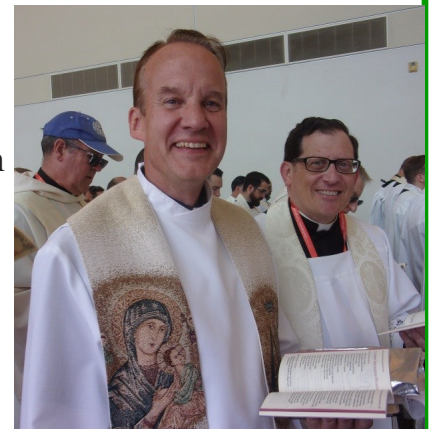
## From the Gusset

### WALKING WITH ONE

Part of leaving **Seminary** in **the United States** and starting my **Theological studies** in **Rome** meant that I had to get a new **Spiritual Director**. I remember **the North American College** put all of us “new men” in **the refectory**, and the 8 or so **Spiritual Directors** that served **the College** in **the Eternal City** took turns speaking to us about their call to the priesthood and how they viewed **spiritual**

**direction**. After the formal program, we had **refreshments** and a chance to ask the **Spiritual Directors** more poignant questions and ask one of them, if they would consider being our **Spiritual Director**. I would like to do something very similar for all the parishioners of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Mary of the Assumption, and St. Patrick’s Church**. There are **ten Eucharistic Congress pilgrims**, who each had a unique experience **celebrating Mass**, adoring God in **Holy Hours**, walking in **Eucharistic Procession**, and going to different talks on **the Catholic Faith** in **the Holy Eucharist**. On **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30pm**, there will be a **Holy Hour** in **Sublette’s Church**. During **the Holy Hour**, **the pilgrims** will give a short talk about their experience encountering Jesus at the Congress, what **graces** did they receive from our Lord, and how did God **transform** them during this once in a lifetime event? After the **Holy Hour**, we will retire to **the Hall** for **refreshments** (**one pilgrim** is making homemade pies for us!), and you will have time to ask **the pilgrims** any questions you might have and ask them if they would **pray** for someone from your family to have a **greater love** of our Lord in **the Blessed Sacrament**. Each of **the pilgrims** was given a special **Rosary** (made specifically for **the 10<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Congress** and touched to first-class relics of **St. Fr. McGivney** and **the six Mexican martyrs**) and I am asking **the pilgrims** to pray their **Rosary** everyday – dedicating one decade of **the Rosary** to one person/family from each of our three Churches, the fourth decade for a member of their own **family**, and the fifth decade for **an elected government official**. Wouldn’t that be special, if one of **the pilgrims** joined you in **praying** for a member of your **family** to come back to the practice of their **Catholic Faith** or become Catholic?! I’m sure that you will be touched by something **one pilgrim** said during their witness talk, and then the Holy Spirit will prompt you to ask that **pilgrim** for their **prayers**. This is all part of the **U.S. Bishops’ WALKING WITH ONE PROGRAM**. **Bishop Cousins** said, ‘what could be greater than a nation with 70 million Catholics? A nation with 140 million Catholics!’ If each of us brings just one person to a greater **understanding** of the Son’s true presence in **the Eucharist** – how great will our **country** be in God the Father’s eyes?!

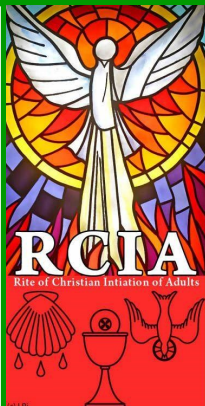
**Yours on the Path Fr. Randy**





# Collection Amounts for the Month of August

|                         | OLPH             | SMA             | St. Patrick     |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Loose Collection        | \$1,149          | \$155           | \$75            |
| Envelopes               | \$3,708          | \$1,805         | \$1,390         |
| Total                   | \$4,857          | \$1,960         | \$1,465         |
| <b>Monthly Expenses</b> | <b>\$10,921</b>  | <b>\$4,184</b>  | <b>\$3,695</b>  |
| Diocesan Appeal         | \$7,270/\$10,655 | \$1,900/\$3,280 | \$7,470/\$2,603 |
| Assumption              | \$185            | \$550           | \$10            |
| Mission Appeal/ SOLT    | \$1,329          | \$420           | \$330           |



Talk to any **non-Catholic Christian** and they are most baffled by **the Mass**. Why all this sitting, standing, and kneeling? Why are those **bells** being rung and what is with all that **smoke**? Why do **Catholics** keep Jesus on the **Cross**? Do **Catholics** really believe that they are eating the **flesh of Christ** in **Holy Communion**? Many of our **families** have **non-Catholic Christian** within them, why not bring your **loved** one, who is not yet **Catholic** to our **RCIA meetings** this year? We will meet in **the hall in Sublette** at 6:30pm on **Tuesday's** starting on **September 24th**.



## CEMETERY MASS AT MAYTOWN

I would like to **celebrate** a **cemetery Mass** at **St. Patrick's Church** before the weather gets **uncooperative**. We will tap into the regular **Sunday Mass schedule** and **celebrate the Eucharist** at **the Cemetery Altar** at **8:00am** Sunday, **September 29th**. If it is too cold or rainy, we will have the **Mass** inside; yet, it will still be **celebrated** for all buried in **the Maytown cemetery**.

## ANGELS TO THE RESCUE

We will close out the month of **September** with a **Novena of Masses** to the **Guardian Angels**. Starting on **Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** and concluding on the **Feast of the Guardian Angels' – October 2<sup>nd</sup>** – we will both **thank** God for giving us our **Angel** and **pray** for a greater **docility** that we might obey our **Angel** more readily. These **Masses** will be **prayed** that you might fall more in **love** with your **Guardian Angel**, because **human beings** tend to listen better to the one they have given their **heart's care** to!



# THE MASS AND THE SAINTS / *VISIO DIVINA*



We will be learning the subject matter of **the beauty of the Mass** through **the eyes of the Saints** for our **RCIA classes** this year, but we will supplement the knowledge gained by our study of **the Mass** with a new prayer technique called: ***Visio Divina***. I think most of us are aware of, or at least have heard of, **the prayer technique** called: ***Lectio Divina***. ***Lectio Divina*** may be translated: **'sacred reading.'** This is a way of meditating on **Sacred Scripture** by immersing ourselves in the stories of **the Bible**, so that we actually become a **'character'** in **the Biblical scene**. ***Lectio Divina*** prevents **the Scriptures** from remaining at a safe distance and not being applied **personally** to us. Such as, reading **the Good Samaritan story** and then saying: **'Oh, I would never be**

**like the priest or the Levite and pass the wounded man by. I would have stopped and helped him. I always help those, who need my help.'** Rather, ***Lectio Divina*** allows God's word (**the Bible**) to **personally engage me** by involving me **intimately** in my reading of **the Word of God**. ***Lectio Divina*** is a greatly practiced **prayer technique** in the Western Church. In the Eastern Church, **Icons** decorate their **worship space**, and the practice of ***Visio Divina*** developed as a **prayer technique**— simply another way to allow God to come into our **hearts**. **St. Paul** says that **"the eyes of your heart maybe enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to God's call...."** (Eph 1:18) In ***Visio Divina***, one allows an **Icon** to communicate **Catholic truths** to us in visible form. Although any artwork could accomplish this holy action, **Icons** are particularly suited to inspire quiet, **contemplative** study and since **Icons** are written to decorate Churches and be used in **Divine Liturgy (the Mass)** – we can trust that **Icons** (like **Sacred Scripture**, Itself) are used by God to **illumine** our minds and **hearts**. ***Visio Divina*** is a new topic of study for **Fr. Randy**, and that is why I will be using it in our **RCIA classes** this year; because, I have always insisted since coming here **July 1<sup>st</sup> in 2014** – that **RCIA** is not just for those who wish to become **Catholic**. No, **RCIA** is **adult catechesis** for any, who wish to learn more about their **Catholic Faith**. For we could never learn all there is to know about God; and yet, the more we learn about God, the more we realize how **passionately** God is in **love** with us! Every lover is **humbled** by how much his beloved **loves** him. Come to our **RCIA classes** on **Tuesday nights** (starting **September 24<sup>th</sup>**) and fall deeper in **love** with **the Tremendous Lover** we call God.





## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, September 14th Feast of the Holy Cross

(+) Charles & (+) Sylvia Schauer/ Fr. Randy

11:00 am **Theiss Cemetery Mass** (+) Deceased Buried in the Theiss Cemetery/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Delmer & (+) Joan Dinges/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vaessen & (+) Janet Wagner/ Family

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

### Sunday, September 15th, 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Anthony Parla/ Mr. & Mrs. Doug Klein

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

### Monday, September 16th

(+) Ruth Ann Payne/ Family & living intention of Sr. Cornelius/ DDL

### Tuesday, September 17th Feast of St. Robert Bellarmine

(+) Marilyn Henkel/ Fr. Randy & (+) Jeffrey Lemer/ Marilyn Bonnell

### Wednesday, September 18th

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Larry Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Chad Bromenschenkel & (+) William Kozeal/ Stella & Nancy Kawich

### Thursday, September 19th Feast of St. Januarius

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Robert Bresson/ Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Bresson

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) James Trybul/ Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bures

### Friday, September 20th

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Sylvia Montavon/ Mr. & Mrs. Westin Montavon

### Saturday, September 21st

(+) Greg Leurck/ Fr. Randy & living intention of Mark Stewart/ Mr. & Mrs. Pat O'Connor

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Carol Bonnell/ Carlene Schuhler & (+) Carol Widolff/ Mr. & Mrs. Greg Henkel

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Rita Haefner/ Mr. & Mrs. Don Dinges

### Sunday, September 22nd, 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Richard Cardot/ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Henkel & (+) Mary Ann Cardot/ May Township

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

### Living Mass Intentions:

**OLPH:** Steve & Kathy Leurck, Al & Rose Ann Greig, Judy Marschang, Christina Mini

**SMA:** Judith Scroggins, Karen Bonnell, Ron Haefner

**St. Patrick:** Gerard & Wendy Legner, Judy Sharkey

