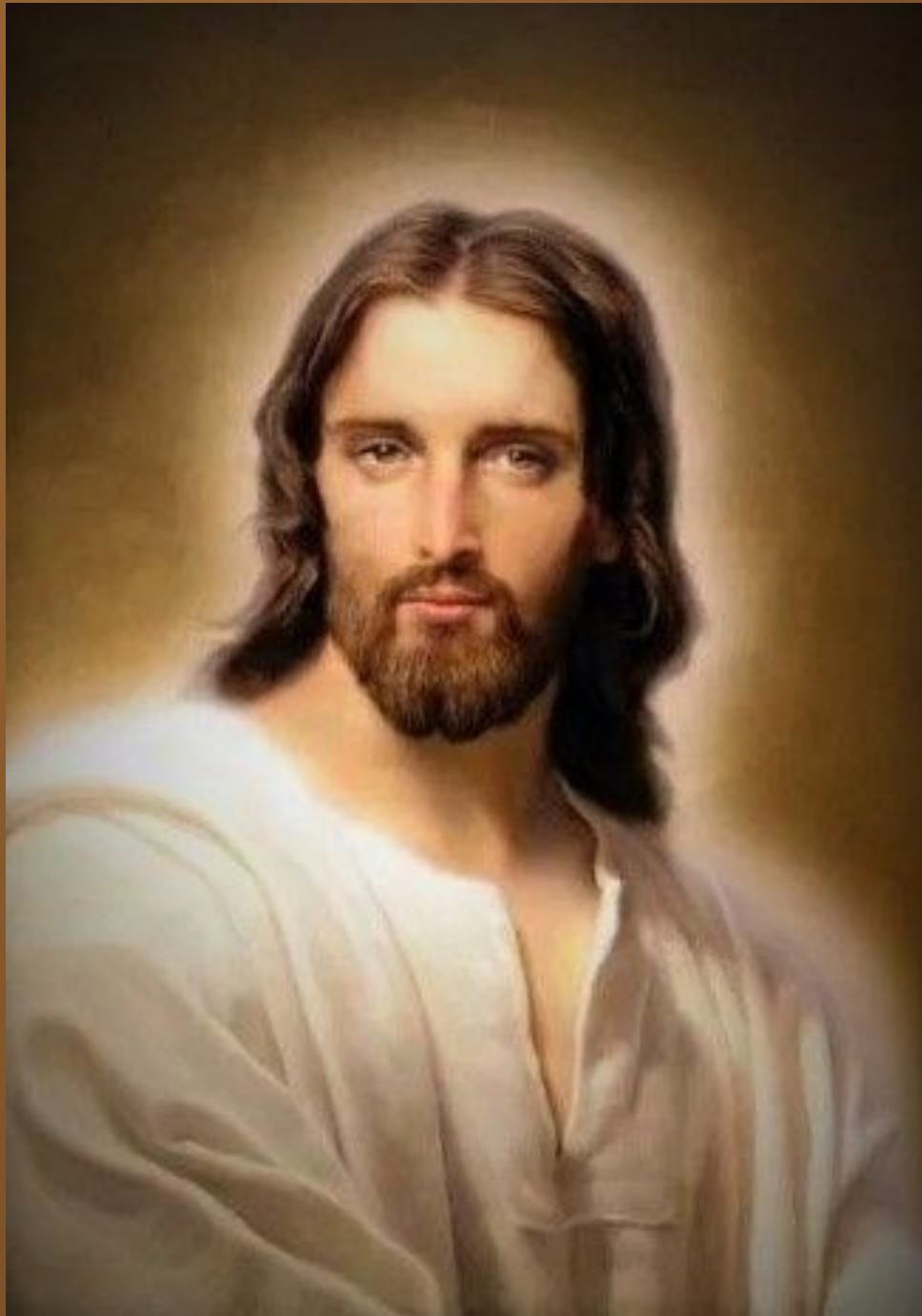
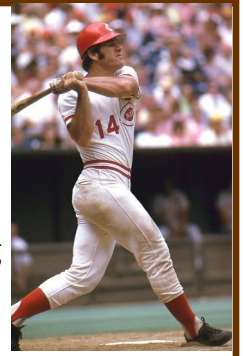


*Twenty-eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 13, 2024*



From the Gusset

I had gotten into a **fight** with one of my **brothers** and I was being **punished**. I had to sit in a chair facing the wall. My **brother** was in another room, also facing the boredom of another wall. Now, I don't remember what **the fight** was about, but it was in late **October** of the year – I do remember that. **Dad** knew we were both **Pete Rose** fans, and **Charlie Hustle** had just hit a leadoff homerun



in the **World Series**. **Rose** was not known for the long ball, so we were pretty **excited** by a new facet of our **hero's** game. **Dad** gave us something to think about as he administered his **penalty** for **fighting**. **Dad** said, *“having a brother should make you as proud as hitting a homerun in the World Series.”* (This is what we were supposed to be thinking of while we looked at that blank wall.) Well, at the time, we were pretty sure **Dad** was off his rocker on that one. We figured **Dad** was just tired of using **the belt** and was trying some **new psychology** on us; but of course, what he said is perfectly true. What **a gift** God gives us when we have **brothers** and **sisters**! I find it **fascinating** that **St. Luke** does not mention the town of **Martha** and **Mary**, when he introduces these two **sisters**. We know from **St. John** that the **sisters** are from the town of **Bethany**, but **Luke** just says, *“Jesus entered their town....”* – he doesn't mention the town's name. **Mary** and **Martha** are great Saints in **Heaven**, and so they have **eclipsed** the town they are from. We focus on **the Saint** so much more than where they were born or lived or worked. Just as **St. Mother Teresa** is considered **great** the world over though everyone knows she worked in **Calcutta**. Just as **Pope St. John Paul the Great** is universally known though we all know he was from **Poland**. All of us **American men** are so proud of **St. Fr. McGivney** though we know this founder of **the Knights** was from out **East**. **Dante** has **St. Martha** looking with great **love** and **holy pride** upon her **sister**, **St. Mary** in the Paradiso, but the funny thing is: **Dante** has **St. Mary** looking up at her **sister**, **St. Martha** with nothing short of **filial adulation**. Our **brothers** and **sisters** will one day (because of our doing **penance** for their **sins** against us and for they, themselves using **the Eucharistic graces** of **Holy Communion** to do good things for God's glory) – our **brothers** and **sisters** will become **Saints** in **Heaven**. Should we not **thank** God for allowing us to live with them for a time here on **earth**.

St. Martha... pray for us!

St. Mary...pray for us!

St. Lazarus... pray for us!

Yours on the Path **Fr. Randy**



29th Annual

Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference

“Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.” (Matthew 5:8)

Saturday, November 23rd

8:50 am—4:00 pm

At the Holmes Student Center of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill.

Once again **the men** of our parish have the opportunity to go on a **one-day retreat** at **the Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference**, the Saturday before **Thanksgiving**. Talks specifically given **to inspire a man's spirituality, confession, adoration, and Mass** with **Bishop Malloy** are all in store for **retreatants**. It is so important for **the man** to be **the spiritual leader** of the home that your **Parish** will pay for your **registration**—just let **Fr. Randy** know of your interest to go. I always like **the Men's Conference**, because it is emceed by **Wayne Messmer—the National Anthem Singer** for **the Chicago Cubs!**



GREAT LAKES
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

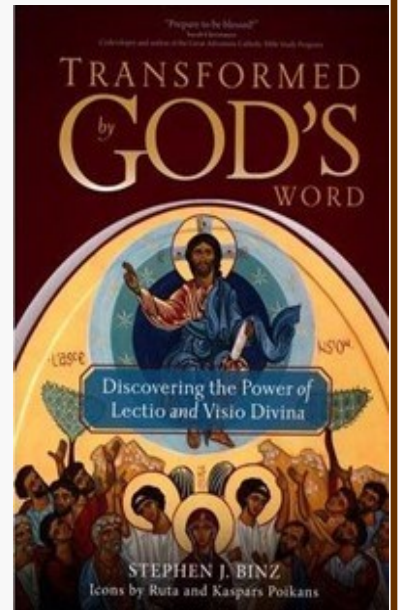


Holy Hour

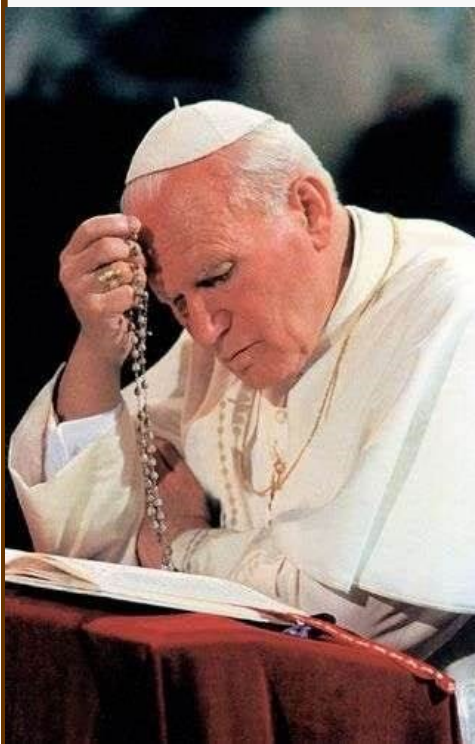
Holy Hour for CCD Students on Sunday, October 20th from 9:20 am—10:10 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. All Parishioners are invited to come and help the students adore our Lord.

THE MASS AND THE SAINTS/ *VISIO DIVINA*

We are supplementing our **RCIA** reading of **The Mass and the Saints** book with another book on prayer called: **Transformed by God's Word**. The author, **Stephen Binz** will teach us how to pray with **Icons** using a technique called **Visio Divina (Divine Seeing)**. First off, we are introduced to the ancient technique of **Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading)**. Theologians and the Church Fathers of the West have always encouraged us to **personally encounter** God through the reading of **Sacred Scripture (the Bible)**. **Lectio Divina** is a **spiritual technique** where we don't read **the Bible** simply to acquire more knowledge, or get advice, or form an opinion about a passage in **Sacred Scripture**. No, when **Lectio Divina** is employed to read **the Scriptures**, we become the object that is acted upon and **shaped** and **formed** into **the image** of Jesus Christ. You see, each of us was made in **the image** and



likeness of the Son of Man, but our bondage to **sin** prevents us from **looking** like Jesus. God's Word is then spoken to us that we might be **transformed** into the immortal creatures who will live forever **in** God, because (in the language of **Bishop Flores**) – we have allowed God **to pour** all of His **Divine Love** into us, which makes us think, speak, and act like the Son of God, Himself! **The Catholic Church** teaches us that **Scripture** is written under **the inspiration** of the Holy Spirit. **St. Paul** would say, "**theo-pneustos**," which means: "**God-breathed!**" (2Timothy 3:16) God did not write the words of the texts, nor did God dictate the words to **human beings**; rather, **human beings moved by the Holy Spirit spoke under the influence of God**. (2Peter 1:21) Today, the Holy Spirit continues to **breathe life** and **power** into **the Sacred texts**, so that we encounter the living Word of God and God's breath leads us into a personal, **formative** encounter with God to the extent that we open ourselves up to their **transforming power**. The



Spiritual Fathers **encourage** us to involve all of our senses when reading **the Bible** and to be **participants** in the scenes of **Sacred Scripture** – not just 'outsiders' looking in, but 'insiders' allowing God to teach us, change us, make us more like His Son. **Binz** ends the first chapter by talking about **the necessary dispositions** you and I must have if we are to allow God's Word to **transform** us. They are **1) Reverence** – the understanding that we are entering into **the Mystery** of God and we will not always understand God, but we still treasure His Words as **Mary** did. **2) Openheartedness** – that when we open **the Bible**, we must also open our **hearts** and allow God to **form** us into a greater **image** of His Son. **3) Expectation** – we have confidence that God is present and is speaking to us. **4) Faithfulness** – it is going to take some time for God to change us – this is a gradual process, but the more we get to know God through our reading of **Scripture**, the more we grow in **love** with God.



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Saturday, October 12th

(+) Mary Henkel & (+) Charles Henkel & (+) Rose Theiss/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Richard Wertz/ Shawn Leffelman &

(+) Roland Schuhler/ Fr. Randy

5:30 pm, **SMA** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Sunday, October 13th 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Doug Blaine/ Diane Blaine

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Kathryn Balik & (+) Arthur Shanyfelt/ Jeanne Shanyfelt

Monday, October 14th

(+) Max Schmaling/ Mary Schreiner & (+) Gerald & (+) Janet Hornung/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, October 15th

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

Wednesday, October 16th Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Ronald Vaessen &

(+) Edward & (+) Mary Overright/ Ruth Ann Vaessen

Thursday, October 17th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Carol Widolff/ Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Widolff

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Dennis McCoy/ Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Klein

Friday, October 18th Feast of St. Luke

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Mary Helen Leffelman/ Family

Saturday, October 19th

(+) William Muetze & (+) Raymond Muetz/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Joseph & (+) Marion McNally/ Family &

(+) Carol Ziller/ Mr. & Mrs. Doug Klein

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Rita Haefner/ Family

Sunday, October 20th 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Betty Henkel/ Mr. & Mrs. Mike Brady &

(+) Roland Schuhler/ Carlene Schuhler



Living Mass Intentions:

OLPH: Rudy & Diane Mazanec, Rory McGinn, John & Nancy Cicchetti, Joan Walker

SMA: Don & Teresa Farris, Jameson Russie, Mark & Judy Bresson

St. Patrick: Cole & Kathryn Faber, Troy & Lisa Quest



ROSARY FOR FARMERS & SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Saturday, **October 19th**, at 1:00pm will find us at the **grotto** on the grounds of **St. Mary of the Assumption Church** **praying the Rosary** for a **safe and successful harvest for our farmers**, and **for the success of small business**

owners. We make sure we pray for them and make a **Spiritual Communion** for them, so that if their long hours at **work** prevent them from coming to **Mass**, God will still **pour out** His **love** to them in **the Eucharist!**