

*Twenty-ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
October 20, 2024*

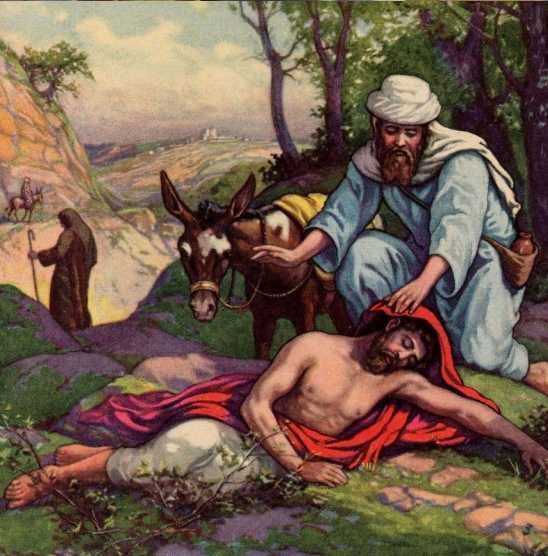


*“Can  
you  
drink  
the  
cup  
that  
I  
drink?”*

## From the Gusset



It was 35 years ago last month, that I opened up my first ever **checking account**. I **enjoyed** the responsibility of managing **the money** I was making from my first job out of college. Every month **the bank** would send me (in the mail) – all **the cancelled checks** that I had written! I **loved** to balance my **checkbook** by checking off **the cancelled checks** in my bank book. **The bank** (physically) returned each individual **check** to me! Then **the bank** went to simply making a **photocopy** of **the cashed checks** and shrinking them down so as to fit 12 checks on a page. Nowadays, unless I **pay a fee**, **the bank** won't send me any paper statements in the mail. I must go online, log onto a computer account, and balance my **checkbook**. If I want a **paper statement**, I must pay an **additional fee**, which due to my **Bohemian background**: is not going to happen. Now I don't like balancing my **checkbook** by looking at an **electronic computer screen** – I much prefer handling **paper**; but, it is so essential to my being able to write **checks** and make sure I have **the monies** to cover them – that I put up with balancing my bank statements **electronically**. **St. Paul** tells the Galatians and us, **St. Paul** says, **exercise your Faith through love! (Galatians 5:6)** **St. Paul** says, “don't count the cost – be liberal – be generous – spend your **Faith** on the poor and your neighbor as if, you had untold resources.” **Fr. Randy** would say, “**your Sugar-daddy and mine is Jesus Christ** – we have been given an endless supply of **grace** in **the Eucharist** we received on Sunday, and if we go to **Mass** during the week – an overflowing amount of **grace** has been given to us. We could never spend it all.” **The BTB Bishop from Brownsville Diocese** in Texas would say, “**God has poured all of His love into the Catholic, who receives the Eucharist** – you need never fear running out of the love, which God wants you then **to lavish** on your neighbor.” You



see my friends, it doesn't matter, if the Holy Spirit sends us **paper statements** or **electronic statements** on our ‘**Grace Accounts**’ with God. If we are receiving **the Eucharist** every Sunday, we don't need to balance our **checkbooks** ever again, because we cannot exhaust the amount of **love**, the amount of **grace**, that God has given us. We will never run out of the **love** God gives us in the **Blessed Sacrament**, and so we need never fear of going into **debt**, we need never fear spending **love** on our neighbor and passing our limits, because there is no limit to how much God **loves** us. We have been given great Faith, and that is why **St. Paul** says, “exercise your **Faith** through **love!**” Jesus would say, “give, and it will be given to you by My Father. God will pour into your lap a great measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over.” Jesus tells us, “go, be **generous** as My Father is **generous** with you – give your **love generously**, and you will not just be great, but you will be the greatest in heaven!”

Yours on the Path

Fr. Randy



## Collection Amounts for the Month of September

	OLPH	SMA	St. Patrick
Loose Collection	\$985	\$11	\$165
Envelopes	\$6,205	\$1,465	\$1,165
Total	\$7,190	\$1,476	\$1,330
<b>Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,921</b>	<b>\$4,184</b>	<b>\$3,695</b>
Diocesan Appeal	\$7,270/\$10,655	\$2,400/\$3,280	\$7,470/\$2,603
Labor Day Mass at Woodhaven	\$668	Sandy Hill Mass	\$2,100
Fall Fundraiser (Maytown)	\$1,105	Theiss Cemetery Mass	\$300



“Let the children come to Me and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

Luke 18:16

All who are young at heart may join us for the CCD Holy Hour at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Sunday, October 20th

9:20—10:10am



### Fall Thank You



\*We had a beautiful Saturday morning **Mass** (the weather cooperated, and it was not **too windy**) at **the Theiss Cemetery**. Thank you to all, who came, and donated for **the perpetual care** of the **Cemetery**. You may still make **a donation** – simply write ‘**Theiss Cemetery**’ in the memo of your check and drop it in the Sunday collection. *“May they rest in peace. Amen.”*

\*It was great to have so many come to **the Labor Day Mass** for **the Cemetery** at **Sandy Hill**. We reminded our Lord about our **beloved dead** buried there. **Fr. Kramer** called down the power of the Holy Spirit and our Lord Jesus gifted us with Himself in **Holy Communion**. It was great to have **Fr. Kramer** celebrate the **Mass** for us again – only cancer could prevent him from presiding at last year’s **Mass**.

\*Thank you to all who bought **pumpkins and Fall decorations** at **the Maytown Church** fundraiser. We always appreciate **the Cardot’s** hard work to make this time of year extra special.

\*All of us are invited to **the Wedding Feast** of the King’s Son every Sunday, but **‘work’** makes us ignore **the invitation**. ‘Getting our crops in’ or ‘getting the job done’ – blinds some to the importance of **Sunday Mass**; and so, we thank all, who prayed **the Rosary**—these last three Saturdays—and made a **Spiritual Communion** for busy farmers and busy small business owners.

# THE MASS AND THE SAINTS/ *VISIO DIVINA*



In the early centuries of **the Church**, **Sacred Scripture** and its **biblical commentary** as well as **Sacred Icons** and **the tradition** of reading **Icons** developed mutually. Though **the Western Church Fathers** (St. Ambrose, St. Augustine, St. Jerome, and Pope St. Gregory the Great) tended to pray with **Sacred Scripture**; and, **the Eastern Church Fathers**

(St. Athanasius, St. Basil, St. Gregory of Nazianzus, and St. John Chrysostom) tended to pray with **Icons**. When **the Catholic Church** split in 1054 due to differences in **language** and **culture** as well as **political** and **religious divergences**, the practice of praying with **both Scripture** and **Icons** seemed to stop – with each **Division of the Church** almost exclusively choosing to pray with only **one** method. **The West** praying with **the Bible**, and **the East** praying with **Icons**. **Pope St. John Paul II** described **the Catholic Church** and her **Western** and **Eastern spirituality** as being like ‘two lungs in the human body.’ It was **the Holy Father’s** wish that in this third Millennium of **the Church**, we would all benefit from breathing with both lungs. This is really **Stephen Binz’s** goal of writing: *Transformed by God’s Word* – that we would again learn how **to pray** with both **Scripture** and **Icons**, so that our prayer life is more **fruitful**. St. Benedict, St. Dominic, and later St. Ignatius of Loyola developed the steps to **Lectio Divina** – a technique of praying with **the Scriptures** that forms us into a person, who is a ‘**contemplative in action.**’ This four-step process of *lectio* (reading), *meditatio* (meditating), *oratio* (praying with God), and *contemplatio* (resting in God) has been described as **a ladder** with four steps that we use to climb to **Heaven**. To take advantage of **the visual prayer technique** of using **Icons**, **Binz** adds two rungs to the ladder: *visio* and *operatio*. **Scientists** say that **the human person** gets as much as 90% of his information about the world through his **sense of sight**, so it makes perfect sense that using **Icons** – looking at **Icons** and allowing **Icons** to look at us(!) – would lead not only to a changed **heart** (the function of prayer), but also to a changed **life** (the point of the Son of God becoming man). **The zealots** attending **RCIA** have already remarked how they have never heard of the practice of praying with **Icons**, and this is not unusual, which just goes to show you how **divisive** the split between **the Western** and **Eastern Churches** is. As **Catholics**, we live in an **exciting time**. How **exciting** to be learning **a new prayer technique** that combines **Lectio Divina** and **Visio Divina**! Who is a **contemplative in action**? A person, who has surrendered their **being** to God – allowing God’s **grace** to work through the person! That was the goal of **St. Paul**; and indeed, that was the goal of all **the Saints** of **Heaven**. We want that to be our goal!







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**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

**Monday, October 21st**

(+) Joan Dinges/ Sally Pry & (+) Delmer Dinges/ Myron Leffelman

**Tuesday, October 22nd Feast of Pope St. John Paul II**

(+) Justin Corcoran/ Mr. & Mrs. David Jones

**Wednesday, October 23rd**

(+) Delbert Bonnell/ Rennee, Buck, & Hazel

**Thursday, October 24th**

(+) Dennis McCoy/ William Burke

**Friday, October 25th**

(+) Richard Cardot/ Mr. & Mrs. Steve Becker

**Saturday, October 26th**

(+) Gertrude, (+) Barbara, (+) Sophia, &

(+) Josephine Hraback/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Larry Lefelman/ OLPH Choir &

(+) Gerald Leffelman/ Sylvia Leffelman

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Robert Bresson/ Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Bresson

**Sunday, October 27th 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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

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

**Living Mass Intentions:**

**OLPH: James & Donna Clinton, Don & Donna Dinges, Pat Malach, Bob & Maureen Weber**

**SMA: Steve & Pam Kromm, Henry & Michelle Orzech, Jeff & Mary Bresson**

**St. Patrick: LaVerne Klein, Mariah Quest**



**GREAT LAKES  
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**



**Free admission tickets** to any **men** from **our Parishes**, who would like to go on a **one-day retreat** right in our own backyard: **the Holmes Student Center at Northern Illinois University** in DeKalb. Simply ask **Fr. Randy** and you will be treated to inspiring talks on 'male spirituality,' **confession**, **adoration**, and **Mass** with **the Bishop**.

**Saturday, November 23rd 8:50am—4:00pm**