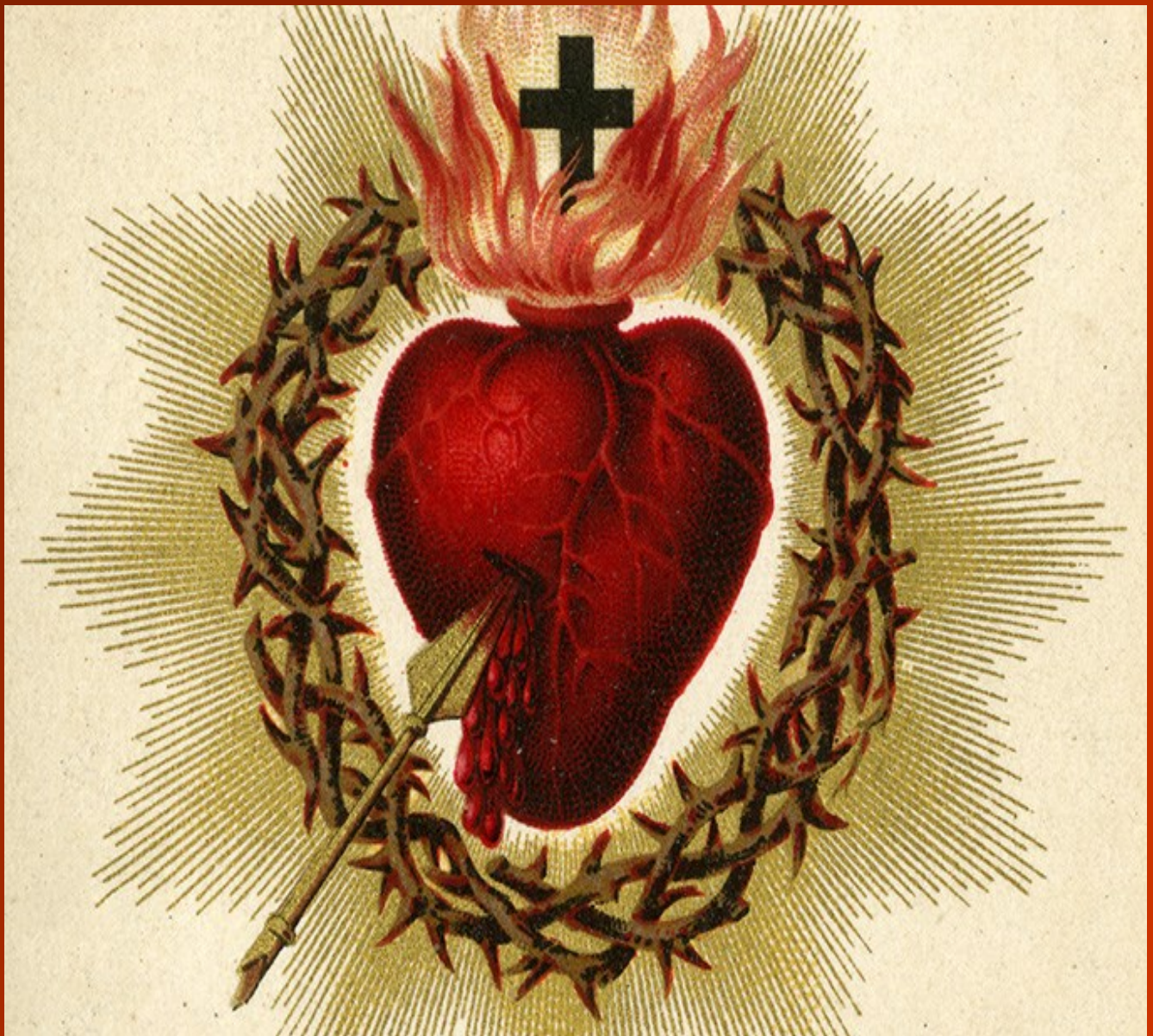


*Thirty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
November 10, 2024*



From the Gusset

“For our struggle is not with flesh and blood, but with the Principalities, with the Powers....” Ephesians 6:12

Tradition holds that God made **nine choirs of angels**. Each of the three Persons of God made **three choirs of angels** to serve Him; thus, 3 times 3 is 9. But of **all the Choirs** – there were two, which gave God the most trouble: **the Power angels** and **the Principality angels**. These two groups of angels had the highest rate of **defection**; that is, a great number of **Power angels** and **Principality angels** turned evil – they **sinned** against God and fell from grace. This is what **St. Paul** is pointing out to the Ephesians and us, that we don't have trouble so much with **flesh** and **blood** – that is other **human beings**, but our struggle is mainly with these **evil angels**. We all have trouble being **obedient** to those who are placed in **authority** over us, this is because we are egged

on by **the evil Principality angels** not to be **docile** to the guidance of rightful superiors, and we all have trouble acknowledging **the power** of the **grace** that comes to us in **the Sacraments of the Catholic Church**. This is because **the evil Power angels** trick us: that God could not possibly **love** us, so much, that the Father gives to us the very same **love** He gives to His Son (because God the Father thinks we are His **sons** and **daughters**!) when we receive **the Eucharist** (and the other **Sacraments**). **St. Paul** recommends **six things** in his letter to the Ephesians, if we are to **win the battle** with these **evil angels**. **NUMBER 1: hold your ground**. God said He adopted you as His **son** or **daughter** on the day of your **Baptism**—that God **loves** you – just keep repeating this to yourself as often as you can: **“I am God's beloved. He is well pleased with me.”** **NUMBER 2: gird your loins and hold fast – be righteous** – be perfectly **content** with your **vocation**. If you are **single**, thank God you are **single**, if you are **married**, thank God you are **married** and especially to your **particular spouse**. Don't desire a different **vocation** or don't desire **a different spouse**. **NUMBER 3: be prepared to bring the Gospel to others – how beautiful are the feet of the messengers of God's Word**. **NUMBER 4: hold on to your Catholic Faith**. Believe that Jesus died for you to win for you a **crown in heaven**. The **crown** you will wear for all eternity is all **polished up** and ready to go – perfectly sized to fit your noggin. **NUMBER 5: take up the scriptures as a fencing artist** would take up his **foil**, and attack these **bad angels** as Jesus did in **the desert**; that is, with **Scripture**. And finally, **the SIXTH way** to prepare to parry **the evil angels** is to **pray** at every opportunity for help from the Holy Spirit. There are **six weapons** to fight **evil angels**, because God creates **‘in sixes;’** that is, there were **6 days of creation**, and so there are **six ways** to stand firm against the tactics of the Devil.

Yours on the Path Fr. Randy



YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR PARISH: OLPH ___ SMA ___ ST. PATRICK ___ OTHER _____

NAME OF PERSON WHOM I WOULD LIKE YOU TO PRAY FOR:

THEY ARE REGISTERED AT: OLPH ___ SMA ___ ST. PATRICK ___ OTHER PARISH ___
NOT CATHOLIC _____

PRAY THAT THEY WOULD: Go to Mass every Sunday ___, Go to Confession more often ___, have a greater understanding of the Eucharist ___, become Catholic ___, trust Jesus more ___, get help with an addiction ___, other _____

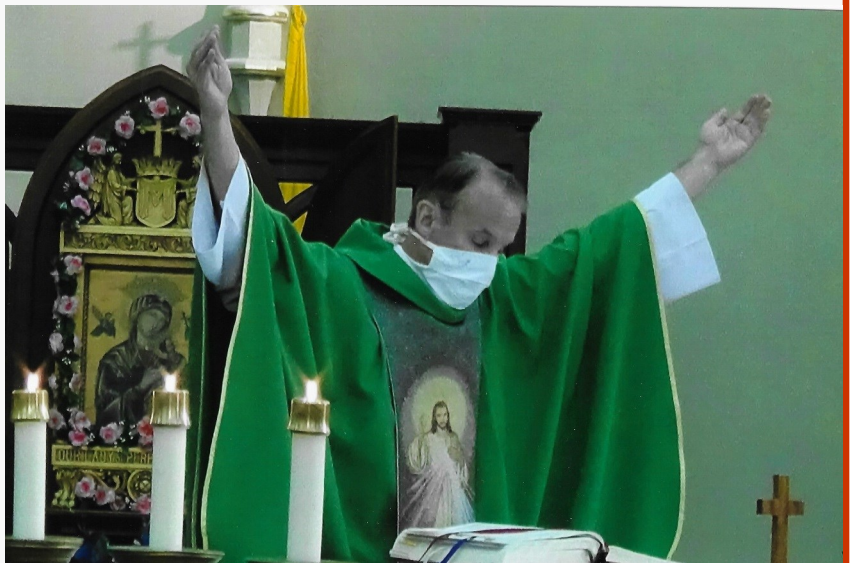
**EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PILGRIMS
WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU BRING BACK
A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY
TO THE PRACTICE OF THEIR CATHOLIC FAITH**

Fr. Randy, **Mark Lauer**, **Sister Mary Paul**, **Sister Cornelia**, **Brad and Michelle Zentmyer**, **Deacon Steve and Flo Jolly**, and **Pat and Char O'Connor** went to **the Eucharistic Congress** in Indianapolis last July. **Bishop Cozzens** told us that there are 70 million **Catholics** in the **United States** – that would it not be **a great thing** that the next time we hold a **Eucharistic Congress** that there would be 140 million **Catholics**! Launching **the Walk-with-One** initiative was one of **the fruits** of **the Congress**. That **the Pilgrims** would return to their **Parishes** and **pray** with a Parishioner, who has already been **praying** for a **family member** or friend to return to the practice of their **Catholic Faith**. Our **ten Pilgrims** will **pray** daily their **Eucharistic Congress Rosaries** for your **intentions**. Simply fill out the form at the top of the page, clip it out, and give it to one of **the Pilgrims** or put it in the Sunday collection basket. Our **ten Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims** are so **zealous** – they want more than anything to help you bring someone you **love** back to the practice of their **Catholic Faith**. Wouldn't it be great, if you didn't have to attend **Sunday Mass** by yourself, but could have your **loved ones** surround you as your **family glorifies** God together?



THE MASS AND THE SAINTS

We call it **‘the opening prayer,’** but its proper title is **‘the collect.’** **St. Albert the Great** said, that the prayer is called **the collect** for two reasons. First, **the priest**, who knows **‘the secrets’** of his people, **collects** all these **secrets** and offers them in **prayer** to our Lord. See, the people tell their **secret** wants to **the priest**: ‘Fr. Randy, my **daughter** wants to get **married** – would you please pray her **Wedding Mass**, and ask God to make her and her fiancée **one flesh**,’ or ‘Fr. Randy, my wife has just **died** – would you please pray her **Funeral Mass**, and ask Jesus to come **to earth** and take her **spirit** back with Him – when Jesus returns to the righthand of His Father,’ or ‘Fr. Randy, the one, whom we **love**, is **sick** – would you please pray **a Mass** for their **healing**, and ask God to restore them to **good health**, so they may continue to glorify God with their **vocation.**’ Or **the priest** prays **the Sunday Mass**, because he knows **the secrets** of his Community – that they wish to have **the blood** of Christ fresh on their lips that they might thank God for giving them the great gift of **the Eucharist** again for yet another week that Jesus might come along with them as they **journey on the path** that leads to **Heaven**. The second reason, this **prayer** is called **the collect** is because it is made for the people who are **collected** in a Community before **the priest** and God. See, **the work** of God is always **to collect** (to gather) – the work of **the Devil** is always **to scatter** (to disperse). **St. Alphonsus Liguori** (1696-1787) said **the collect** asks God for **the graces** bound up with **the Mystery** of the day. For example, during **Easter Season**: to ask for **the grace** to rise with Christ, or at **the Ascension**, to ask for **the grace** to dwell with Jesus in **spirit** in **Heaven**, or to ask for **the graces** that we wish to receive through the intercession of **the Saint**, whose **Feast Day** we are **celebrating**. The number of petitions in **the collect** should be ‘uneven;’ that is, either one, three, five, or seven – but no more than seven (because Jesus taught **the Apostles** to pray for 7 petitions in the **“Our Father,”** and to do more would be to speak too much and weary our God and lessen our **devotion!**). You see, ‘even’ numbers are based on the number 2, and two is a departure from **unity**. According to **St. Augustine** (354-430), this is why, when God **created the world**, He did **not bless the works** of the second day, even though He **blessed the works** of all the other days. It is said; therefore, that God **loves** uneven numbers, because God detests **division** in all matters. Remember, God said, **“a father will be against his son, and a daughter against her mother,....”** **The collect** almost always ends with: **‘through our Lord.’** For we are heard by God not for our **own merits**, but for Christ’s, and so **the priest** – **prays** in the person of Christ – and so concludes **the prayer** as if it is the Son, who is asking these things from His Father! Knowing these few things about **the collect** – will you ever look at this **prayer** in the same way again? Find out even more **interesting facts** about **the collect** by coming to our **RCIA class** next Tuesday night!





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Saturday, November 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

(+) Sister Margaret Ann Floto & (+) Sister Angelica Hraback/ Fr. Randy
11:00 am, **OLPH Anointing Mass** All of the Sick of our Parishes/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Gene & Sue Leffelman/ Shawn Leffelman &
(+) Jacque & (+) Dolores Setchell/ John Gorman

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

Sunday, November 10th 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Thomas Sharkey/ Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Full

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Catholic Order of Foresters/ St. Mary Court #1382

Monday, November 11th St. Martin of Tours Feast Day/ Veterans' Day

(+) Justin & (+) Anna Corcoran/ Fr. Randy & (+) Thomas Dvorsky/ Roger & Rick Fronek

Tuesday, November 12th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Carol Bonnell/ Mr. & Mrs. Chris Klein

Wednesday, November 13th Feast of St. Frances Cabrini

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Dennis McCoy/ Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Colleen Henkel &
(+) James Fronek/ Fr. Randy, Roger, and Rick Fronek

Thursday, November 14th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Rita Haefner/ Mr. & Mrs. Rich Studebaker

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Bernice Jakacki/ Carlene Schuhler

Friday, November 15th St. Albert the Great Feast Day

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

Saturday, November 16th

(+) Joseph & (+) Mary McCoy/ Barbara Maria McCoy

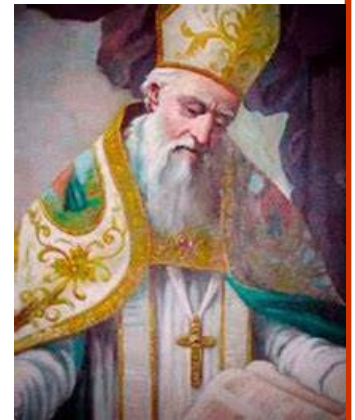
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Stacey Wertz/ Shawn Leffelman

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) James Wolf/ Mr. & Mrs. John Schmidt and Family

Sunday, November 17th 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Sharon Apple/ Mr. & Mrs. Mark Henkel &
(+) Rose Theiss/ Mr. & Mrs. Doug Klein



Living Mass Intentions:

OLPH: Pat & Char O'Connor, Mark & Cindy Streit, Sylvia Leffelman, Judy Henkel

SMA: Deacon Steve & Flo Jolly, Paula Henkel, Darlene Gehant

St. Patrick: Scott & Lisa Bickett, Joe & Marci Hebert

St. Patrick Fund Raisers



At the back of all of our Churches is a tote for the winter coat drive. **St. Patrick's Church** is again having a coat drive through **December 1st**. New or used coats, mittens, or hats can be dropped off in the back of any Church. **St. Patrick's** is still having a scrap metal drive. Help us fill our fourth dumpster, and bring in revenues for our Church repairs.

