

*Eleventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
June 14th, 2026*



***The U.S. Bishops consecrated our  
country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus!***



## From the Gusset

There are two key aspects of the Spirituality of the **love** of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**.

Because all **love** mimics the **love** of the Trinity, you could apply this **Spirituality of Love** to any **love** affair you like: marriage, **love** of a close friend, **love** of **Country**.... In order for a love affair to be successful, a person's **love** must imitate the **Spirituality of Love** of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**; and of course, this is no small feat. **Mankind** from **Adam** to the young groom who gets married this coming weekend to the three men ordained to **the priesthood** for **the Rockford Diocese** last weekend – we all struggle mightily to **love** as God **loves** us! The two aspects of the **Spirituality of Love** are called: *“returning love”* and *“making reparations”* (they have better names in Latin, but I don’t want to make this any more complicated). When you first experience God’s **love** – the Lord’s **love** is so intense, so passionate – you could say *“hot”* if you like – Jesus’ **love** for you actually **inflames** your heart, catches your heart on **fire**; and all you want to do is return that **love**! But the problem is – the **love** God has given to you is so great (think of the volume of the **Pacific Ocean** here) and all you can return to God is just the tiniest bit (think of a **thimble full of water** here). Since we are unable to return the **love** to God in any amount that would be **commensurate** with the **love** we have received – we might start to have a panic attack. We feel so helpless – that we cannot love God as He should be **loved** – that we vow to *make reparations* – in a sense make up for the times that we, our loved ones, our **neighbor**, and even our **enemy** have failed to **return God’s love**. We start to make up for the times that we failed in the past to **love** God as we should – in a sense we do **penance** for our **past sins** against God; and still, we cannot **return enough love** to God – and so we even do **penance** for other persons that we know, who have not **loved** God as they should have! This is called *making reparations*. Last week, all the **U.S. Bishops** went to Florida on retreat to **Consecrate** our **Country** to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. They were *returning love* to the **Sacred Heart** by thanking Jesus for all the **blessings** He has bestowed on our **Country** in our 250 year history, and they asked our Lord to bestow even more **blessings** on our great Land; but that was just a small part of the **Consecration** to the **Sacred Heart**. Since there is no way possible to return to God how much **love** the Almighty has given to our **Country**, the Bishops vowed to *make reparations* for all **the sins** (especially **sins** against **life**) the **U.S.** has committed over the last 250 years and will commit in the future! We (just like the **U.S. Bishops**) **love** the **United States of America**, and so when we **Consecrated** ourselves individually to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>; we joined the **Bishops** in *making reparations* for our own sins, our families’ sins, our Church’s sins, and our **Country’s** sins against God. You see, we *make reparations*, because as we pray in our **Act of Contrition Prayer**: “...because You, Almighty God, are all Good and deserving of all my love.” Just one way you and I can make **reparations** is by attending our **Holy Hour** on Wednesday evenings in **Sublette**. As good **Catholics** let us continue to celebrate our **Country’s** Centennial, *return love*, and *make reparations* to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. **Sacred Heart of Jesus...have mercy on us!**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary...pray for us!**      **Yours on the Path**    **Fr. Randy**

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL PROGRESS REPORT:

**Parish Goal** for **St. Patrick's Church** is \$30,044

**Total Funds Raised:** \$4,100

**Percent to Goal:** 13.7%

**Parish Goal** for **St. Mary of the Assumption** is \$43,388

**Total Funds Raised:** \$7,600

**Percent to Goal:** 17.5%

**Parish Goal** for **OLPH** is \$115,881

**Total Funds Raised:** \$80,548

**Percent to Goal:** 69.5%



When your **Campaign Packet** was mailed to your house it included a **“Pledge Ask”** by the **Bishop** and a **Pledge Card**. Being in **Wave 2**, our Pledge period will end in late July. Even if you have discerned from **the Holy Spirit** that you are unable to give to the **Capital Campaign**, please still return your **Pledge Card** with a “zero” pledge amount and assure us of your **prayers** for the success of **the Bishop's Campaign**. Remember how **generous** the Church has already been with your Family: maybe She celebrated **the Funeral Mass** when your beloved died, or remember the last **Baptism** the Church did for the newest member of your Family, or perhaps your Family just celebrated a **1st Holy Communion** or a **Confirmation**. Perhaps you are still **excited** about one of your Family members going through **RCIA** and became **Catholic!** God has done so much for us—your **pledge** is one way of making a return of God's **generous love** to you. If you haven't done so already, take your **Campaign Packet** to **Mass** with you and **pray** together to discern your **Pledge amount**. Thank you to **the Eleven Families**, who have already turned in their **Pledge Cards**—you have been very, very **generous**. Thank you!



Our **First Communicants**  
allowed our Lord under their **roof** for  
the first time on **Corpus Christi Sunday!**  
**Congratulations** to:  
**Abigail Burke**  
the daughter of Tyler and Aubrey Burke  
&  
**Oaklen Scully**  
the son of Sean & Danielle Scully

A **gracious ‘thank you’** to **Janet Widolff** and  
**Theresa Machen** of our **CCD** program.

## *The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci*

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee approached Jesus with her sons and did Him homage, wishing to ask Him for something. He said to her, “What do you wish?” She answered Him, “command that these two sons of mine sit, one at Your right and the other at Your left, in Your Kingdom.”

Jesus said in reply, “you do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?” They said to Him, “We can.”

—Matthew 20:20-22)

It seems that our Lord always had an ear for **mothers**. Remember, His own **mother**, **Mary**, asked Him to do something about **the wine shortage** at **the Wedding Feast** in Cana. The Lord's time for working **miracles** had not yet arrived, but at the behest of His **mother** – the Divine Plan of God was changed! Remember **the wailing widow** of Nain was so overcome with grief at the death of her only son – that Jesus brings the man back to **life** – and remember **the parents** of the little girl who had died – that Jesus gives **Mom** and **Dad** back their daughter – these things happened even before God the Father had planned that Jesus should raise **Lazarus** from the dead! I always say, **Leonardo da Vinci** knew the Sacred Scriptures like the back of his hand for here on **Holy Thursday** evening, **Leonardo** paints **St. John** to our Lord's right and **St. James** to our Lord's left! The **mother** of the sons of Zebedee appears to have gotten her “**wish**.” I always tell **Moms**, who are distraught about their children no longer going to **Mass**: ‘Make a **Spiritual Communion** for them!’ That couple at Cana did not ask for more **wine** – the bridegroom appears to be completely unaware that the **wine** was growing short. Yet, the couple receives the **miracle** that they never asked for. Why would someone begiven **the graces** of **Holy Communion**, who was too blinded by **sin**, **ignorance**, and **selfishness** to go to **Confession**, come to **Mass**, and receive **the Eucharist**? Only because you asked the Lord to give the person those **graces** of the **Eucharist** – they never asked, but you asked for them; and the Christ responded in kind! The devotion to **the Sacred Heart of Jesus** is as old as **Holy Thursday** night almost 2,000 year ago. **St. John** rested his head on the Lord's breast, and listened to **the Sacred Heart of Jesus** beating! Our Lord asked **St. John** and **St. James**, if they can drink the cup (of suffering) that He will drink – when they say that “they can,” our Lord allows them to share in His sufferings. The **Catholic**, who comes to **Mass** to drink of the Chalice at the **Last Supper**, is allowing Jesus to add the Lord's **sufferings** to the sufferings the person is already experiencing! That person allows Jesus to draw him closer to His **Sacred Heart**. When you **consecrate** yourself to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** – you allow the Lord to call you: **the beloved disciple**! Remember it was **the beloved Disciple** and his brother, **James** – who did indeed sit one at His right and the other at His left – a **mother's wish** fulfilled!



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, June 13th Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

(+) Lynn Peterson/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Anita Vaessen/ Judi Henkel

**Sunday, June 14th Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am, **St. Patrick**(+)John Burke & (+)Robert & (+)Joyce Setchell/ Mr. & Mrs. Jim Burke

10:00 am, **SMA** (+) Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Noon **OLPH** (+) Delbert Bonnell/ Nadene Larson & DeeAnn Smith

**Monday, June 15th**

The Schoenfeld Family Members/ Dr. & Mrs. Fred Schoenfeld

**Tuesday, June 16th**

(+) Rita Haefner/ Cheryl Nauman & (+) Sister Anglica Hraback/ Fr. Randy

**Wednesday, June 17th**

(+) Michael Widolff/ Fr. Randy

**Thursday, June 18th**

(+) Howard McInnis/ Fr. Randy

**Friday, June 19th**

(+) Richard Cardot/ Mr. & Mrs. Earl Barnickle

**Saturday, June 20th**

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

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Raymond & (+) Jean Ritola/ Mary Lynn Valentin & (+) Gene Leffelman/ Shawn Leffelman

**Sunday, June 21st Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Urban & (+) Helen Ann Becker/ Fr. Randy

10:00 am, **SMA** (+) Don & (+) Elaine Henkel/ Family

Noon **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy



## MISSION SUNDAY

### WEEKEND OF JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>

The **Diocese of Warangal** is a relatively new Diocese founded in 1952, it is situated in the **Telangana State** in **South India**. Most of the **Catholics** of the Diocese are **farm laborers**. They have undertaken **the education of Orphans**, **the care of a home for the Aged and**

**Elderly**, and **the health care of those with HIV/ AIDS**. **Fr. Joji Thirumalareddy** will celebrate **the Eucharist** for us and speak on his **Missionary work in India**. Remember: you may make a **donation** to our **Missionary Priest** for up to three weeks after he preaches. All the donations go to **Rockford**, and then the Diocese will issue a check to **the Propagation of Faith Office**, and they will make sure the **Diocese of Warangal** receives the much needed aid that you have been so **generous** to offer. Simply write out a check to your **Parish** and put **“Mission CO-OP”** in the memo. Thank you in advance for your **generosity!**

