

*Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
June 28th, 2026*



From the Gusset

The Vatican II documents have a *spiritual theme* that is often repeated – it was written into the documents by **Pope St. Paul VI** – it is *the sincerity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus* – how Jesus gives Himself away. Now, the **Theological Principle** is this: the greater *the goodness* of the person – the more sincere is **the gift** they give!

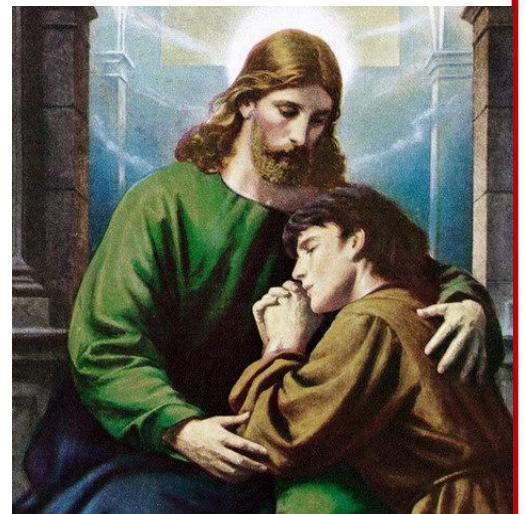


I want you to think here of **the Widow**, who put two small coins in **the Temple Treasury**. Jesus says, “**she put more than anyone else.**” How could the Lord say this when others had put in sizeable amounts? The answer is: because she gave from her **heart** – she gave *‘sincerely’* all that she had in order that God would be **glorified!** Now since Jesus is **the greatest good** – no one could be more **good** than our Lord – the Second Person of the Trinity gives up everything for us – His **Divine Life**; in order, to show us His **love** for us. Just a silly example to illustrate this: suppose a man goes on a date – takes his **girl** to a fancy restaurant, but when it comes time to order all she orders is **a crouton** (not a **whole salad**, but she orders just **a single crouton!**) and a glass of **water**. Well, the man wanted to buy her an expensive meal, so when the bill comes he actually **pays** as if the woman had ordered a 32oz steak! See, that is *the sincerity* of God’s **love** for you (and I, and everyone else). Jesus gives up His **life**, hands Himself over to **death** for His Church, for His bride, for you – to make you into **a gift** that He gives back to His Father. **A gift** without spot or wrinkle or any such blemish or sin. You see that is what **the Sacred Heart of Jesus** expects of us – that we give *the sincere gift* of ourselves back to God. Jesus calls Married couples to do this on their **Wedding day**, **Priests** to do this on the day of their **Ordination**, and Single people to do this on the day of their **Confirmation** – *sincerely* give their **life** as **a gift** back to God! Again, this is all over the place in **Sacred Scripture** – remember **St. Paul** tells the Romans: **only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves His (sincere) love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us!** Every June, **the Catholic Church** dedicates us to **the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. This June, **the U.S. Bishops** dedicated our **Country** to **the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. May we *sincerely* give **the gift** of our selves – do **penance** for our **Country’s sins** against **the dignity of human life**. Oh, that Jesus would watch what we give, and tell His Father: ‘this one gave (*sincerely*) from their **heart** – all the **love** they could,’ and God the Father would say, “You taught them well, My Son!”

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: \$11,200

Percent to Goal: 37.3%

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: \$109,163

Percent to Goal: 94.2%

Overall Campaign Goal: \$60 million

Total Funds Raised: \$21,902,128

Percent to Goal: 36.5%

Evangelization is the Bishop's **main Theme** of the **Capital Campaign**. As we realize what brings **joy** to God the Father is that God would have all His children at Home with Him **celebrating** by feasting on *the fattened calf*. Part of this **Evangelization** is that **the Campaign Volunteers** (**parishioners** that come to **Mass** every Sunday) are reaching out to others who are not experiencing **the beauty** of our Churches every Sunday. To come to **Mass** and to see these Churches, which have been **celebrating** the **Feast of the Eucharist** for well over a hundred years – to look at **stained glass windows** that their grandparents and great grandparents looked at – this is what **Bishop Malloy** means by **Evangelization**. Even if a **parishioner** returns to **Mass** but decides that they cannot at this time **make a pledge** to **the Campaign** – we have succeeded in our Bishop's **Theme** – for once **the Eucharist** is **celebrated** (as it says in **Luke Chapter 15**): then the Feast began!



4th of July Cemetery Mass in West Brooklyn at 10:00 am.
If weather is inclement, the Mass will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church.
Please bring a law chair.

The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci

Surprisingly high on every **Priest's** ranking of the Twelve Apostles is **St. Matthew, the Tax collector!** Not all Twelve have their vocation story written in **Sacred Scripture**, but **St. Matthew's** calling is spoken of in the **synoptic Gospels**. This encounter with our Lord is very brief – Jesus simply says, “**follow Me,**” and **Matthew** or **Levi** does! This is what most **Priests** can relate to – how their calling by God was ever so brief – often coming out of **the blue** with no warning. The young man must make a decision on the spot, because seldom does the Lord “**walk by again**” and ask the very same question: “**will you be a priest?**” There is a **beautiful tradition** that **St. Matthew** was **ambidextrous** – that he could write with both his right and his left hand. **Leonardo da Vinci** has **Matthew** standing amongst the three Disciples at the far right of the painting. **Matthew** is looking away from Jesus, but both of his hands gesture back to our Lord. This unique Apostle, who was Jewish, but had shaved his beard in order to be employed by **Rome**, wrote such a

beautiful Gospel, and also illustrates the Lord's saying: when you give **alms** do not let your left hand know what your right is doing. Both hands know what they are doing: writing a beautiful account of **the life** of Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God. Some **traditions** have **St. Matthew** being **martyred** by being stabbed in **the heart** with a spear. I like this **tradition**, because remember our Lord also said, “**for where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.**” The **treasure of Matthew's heart** was the Lord. I have told you already that **Leonardo's** fresco technique was one that he invented on his own. Instead of using the tried and true Fresco technique, **da Vinci** tried a new method – a method that allowed for **brighter blues**. **Matthew's blue robe** would have been eye-catching even to the extent of drawing the viewer's eye away from our Lord at the center of the painting and also with a **blue robe** on Himself. Like all **vocation stories**:

Matthew's is unique, but especially to a **second-vocation priest** (like myself) – if God wants you as His **priest** the Lord will pull at your **heart strings** until you come around to His way of thinking of things.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 27th Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

(+) Howard McInnis & (+) Jeanne Hamilton/ Fr. Randy
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Larry Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vaessen

Sunday, June 28th Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Fr. Kramer/ Sharon Becker Preston
10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Richard & (+) Leila Garland/ Family & (+) Mary Henkel/ Family
4:00 pm, **Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside** (+) Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Monday, June 29th Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul

(+) Kathleen Romanoski/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, June 30th Feast of the Holy Roman Martyrs

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Ernest Wilhelm/ Mr. & Mrs. Richard Studebaker

Wednesday, July 1st

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Howard McInnis/ Mr. & Mrs. Louie Vaessen

Thursday, July 2nd

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

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Robert Bulfer/ Mr. & Mrs. Pat O'Connor

Friday, July 3rd Feast of St. Thomas

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Thomas Sharkey/ Judy Sharkey

Noon, **St. Katherine** (+) Fr. Kramer, (+) Msgr. Willhite, & (+) Msgr. McDonnell/ Fr. Randy

Saturday, July 4th

(+) William Berger/ Fr. Randy

10:00 am, **SMA Cemetery** (+) Howard McInnis & (+) Darlene Gehant/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Delbert Bonnell/ Mr. & Mrs. Dan Jones

Sunday, July 5th Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 am, **SMA** (+) Julie Kaelin/ Fr. Randy

Noon, **OLPH** (+) Kathy Balik & (+) Arthur & (+) Jeanne Shanyfelt/ Family



**In honor of our
Lady's Feast Day
all Masses will be in
Sublette for the
13th Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

**Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am**

**Join us at the Hall after each Mass
for coffee, milk, and cake!**