

*Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 5th, 2026*





From the Gusset

At the end of the first chapter of St. Luke's Gospel **St. John the Baptist** is born and given his name, and **the Scripture** says: **and all were amazed** and then just two sentences later it says: **then fear came upon all**. This happens on almost every page of **the Bible** – first there is **amazement** – **amazement** that God has come to us, and this **amazement** is then followed by **fear**! I can still remember, when I received my **first call** to **the priesthood** (and my **second call**) – I was **amazed**. That God was calling me to be a **priest** – I couldn't believe it! This was then quickly followed by **fear** – how could I live **the vocation** that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, lived?! All **the Saints** are

amazed and filled with **fear**, but they became such **great Saints**, because they translated **amazement** and **fear** into **gratitude** and **humility**! **The U.S. Bishops**, for the first time ever in 250 years, **consecrated** our **Country** to **the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. We, **Catholics**, are truly **amazed** – **amazed** that God **loves** our **Country** so much that the Almighty has given **America** so many, many gifts throughout her history. We first off, **thank** God for all these gifts – we express our **gratitude** to God. Each **Bishop** will celebrate a special Mass on **July 4th** to **thank** God.

Bishop Malloy's Mass will be at **St. Mary's Church** in Huntley. We will be **celebrating** our **Mass** at **the Cemetery** in **West Brooklyn** at the same time – we are **amazed** – we are **grateful**, and so we **thank** God the best way we know how: we **celebrate** the **death** and **Resurrection** of Jesus, God's only Begotten Son. Part of every **consecration** is to **"return love to God,"** – we could say: be **amazed** and so want to **thank** God – express our **gratitude**; and then the other part of every **consecration** is to **"make reparations,"** – here we could easily say: be **fear-filled**! When **the Bishops** of **America** **consecrated** our **Country** – they **thanked** God for all His **love**, and then **the Bishops** got busy making up for





the damage our **Country** has caused to the Body of Christ – they start to **make reparations** – do **penance** for our **Country's sins** against **the sanctity** of **human life**. See, **fear** comes upon us too – we don't want to offend God, and so we **humbly** set to work doing **penance** – **making reparations** with our **Bishops**. It is the hope of **the USCCB**, that **Catholic citizens** would spend this **Centennial Year** **making reparations**: going to **Mass** and receiving **the Eucharist** and making **Spiritual Communions** for our President, members of Congress, and Supreme Court Justices, and also **adoring** our Lord in **Holy Hours** (we will have a **Holy Hour** every Wednesday this year at **5:00pm** at the

Church in **Sublette**), and doing **penance** (**making reparations**) for our **Country's** past **sins** by praying **Rosaries**, **Divine Mercy Chaplets**, **Infant Jesus of Prague Chaplets**, Don't allow **amazement** at God's blessings on our **Country** to bring such great **fear** upon you that you are paralyzed – do nothing in this **Centennial Year**. Rather, allow your **amazement** to become **gratitude** – **joyfully** go to **Mass** every Sunday and **thank** God in your own words for allowing the **Mass** to be **celebrated** at our local Churches; and then **humbly** tell God that little – insignificant – ordinary – **tax paying** – **stop-sign halting** you wish to make **reparations** for your **Country**. Let us, you and I, thank our Land's **Bishops** for **consecrating** our **Country** to **the Sacred Heart** – be **amazed** – be **gracious** (**celebrate** many **Masses**), and may we help our **Bishop's** be **fear-filled** – be **humble** – as we help them to do much **penance** for our **Country's** **sins** (**making reparations**) – that God would bless our **Country** for another 250 years!

Yours on the Path Fr. Randy

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



The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci

A number of **the Apostles** are known by more than one name – **St. Jude** is one of them. Some of the lists of **Apostles** in **Scripture** refer to **Jude** as **Thaddeus**. **The Etymology** of the name '**Thaddeus**' has to do with "**heart**" or "**chest**." Modern day Doctors refer to **the chest area** as *the Thoracic cavity* – do you see the similarity to the name **Thaddeus**? In any case, **Thaddeus** is on the far left of **the fresco** by **Leonardo** – the second Apostle from the end. He points at his **chest** or his **heart** as if to finger himself! He tells the viewer, "**I am Thaddeus**," – *I invite my Lord into my heart!* Remember **Jude** asked a question at **the Last**



Supper meal. He queried our Lord: **Master, then what happened that You will reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?** Our Lord's answer is: '**whoever loves Me will keep My word and My Father will love him and so We will come to him and make our dwelling with him.**' Every time you and I receive **the Eucharist**, we are inviting God the Son and God the Father to enter into our **hearts** and make Their dwelling within us! Of course **the great irony** here is that at the end of time, when a new Heaven and a New Earth are created by God – we are the ones invited by God to enter into Him! Spend this life inviting God under your roof in **Holy Communion**, and you will find a place for yourself in your Father's **Heavenly Mansion**! Sometimes, you might see **St. Jude** bearing an image of Jesus on his chest – this is called **the image of Edessa**, and may or may not be **the Shroud of Turin** folded up, so that only the face of the Christ is visible. **The tradition** is that a man named



Jude brought an image of the Holy Face to the King, who was very sick, and when the King saw the image he was cured. **St. Jude** was **martyred**, but by what account is debated. Some images show **St. Jude** holding a club, and the giant statue of **St. Jude** at **the Lateran Basilica** in **Rome** shows **the Martyr** holding a spear. **Jude** shares a **Feast Day** with **Simon** on October 28th. **Simon** is seated right next to him in **da Vinci's** production. We will discuss **St. Simon** next week.



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, July 6th Feast of St. Maria Goretti

(+) Michael Widolff/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, July 7th

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

Wednesday, July 8th

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Julie Malach/ Mr. & Mrs. Larry Becker

Thursday, July 9th

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Donald & Elaine Henkel/ Family

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Larry Leffelman/ The Schielein's

Friday, July 10th

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Edward McLaughlin/ Fr. Randy

10:45 am, **Stonecroft** (+) James Fronck & living in intention of Nancy Neal/ Fr. Randy

Saturday, July 11th

(+) Sister Njoku, (+) Sister Chioke, (+) Sister Nwosu, (+) Sister Offor, & (+) Sister Anselom/
Daughters of Divine Love

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Floyd Wilson/ Mr. & Mrs. Brian Wilson

Sunday, July 12th Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 am, **SMA** (+) John Gehant/ Fr. Randy

Noon, **OLPH** (+) Paul Marley/ Mr. & Mrs. Mark Henkel



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL PROGRESS REPORT:

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

Total Funds Raised: \$17,200

Percent to Goal: 57.3%

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

Total Funds Raised: \$19,664

Percent to Goal: 45.3%

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

Total Funds Raised: \$136,925

Percent to Goal: 118.2%



Don't forget that because all three of our **Parishes** are considered "**Low Income Opportunity Parishes**" by the **Diocese**—the **Bishop** wishes to help us stay open and continue to **celebrate the Mass** every Sunday, and so if we make our **Parish Goal**—the other Churches from the **Rockford Diocese** will give **St. Patrick** and **St. Mary of the Assumption** 48% and **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** will be given 35% more of her **Parish Goal**. This means that **St. Patrick** stands to make \$26,439, **St. Mary's** \$38,181, and **Our Lady** would make \$86,804. Thank you for your **generosity**—and **remember**: God will never be outgiven!