

*Patronal Feast Day
of West Brooklyn:
St. Mary of the Assumption
August 16th, 2026*



From the Gusset

We have **the tradition** at our **three parishes** to **pray** a Decade of **the Rosary** at all the Sunday Masses closest to **the Funeral Mass** of one of our beloved, who has just died. We always **pray the 4th Glorious Mystery: the Assumption of Mary** – body and soul into **Heaven**, and we **pray** those **10 Hail Marys** giving **forgiveness** to the deceased of any of their **sins** against us and we also **pray** those **10 Hail Marys** asking the deceased person to **forgive** us our **sins** against them. See, we tell God that we don't hold each other **bound** to our **sins**. We **pray** that our **sins** would be loosed on **earth** by us, so that our God can loose their **sins** in **Heaven**. If you were unable to go to the person's **Funeral Mass**, when we **pray** this Decade together as **a Church Community**, we are asking **Mary** (the only one of us **human beings** that is currently in **Heaven** body and soul!) to intercede with her Son on our behalf. **The Assumption of Mary** into **Heaven** is indeed **a great Mystery** that we continue to **celebrate** over and over again, because it is such a great **comfort** to us to realize that **Mary's** body was so precious to God that **Mary's** body became the **Tabernacle** of the Infant Christ; and if, **Mary's** body is now in **Heaven** with the Lord Jesus – that we, who have become **Tabernacles** of our Lord by our reception of **the Eucharist**, so many



times in this **life** – that we can have **the hope** that God will one day (at the General Judgment) assume our bodies into **Heavenly Glory**. I **pray**, as your **priest**, that you would have great respect for your body and the body of your neighbor – that each of us would realize what God is trying to do with our bodies. That God wishes to make our bodies homes for His Son on **earth** and **Temples of the Holy Spirit** in **Heaven**. Come to **Mass** this weekend in **West Brooklyn**, and let us celebrate our **Patronal Feast Day** with great solemnity, and ask our **Assumed Lady** to continue to intercede for us especially when we lose a loved one to **death** – that, that death would not be the last time we saw the body of our beloved; but that we would see their body **glorified** forever in **Heaven** and **praise** God together with them, body and soul, for all eternity!

Our Lady of the Assumption...

pray for us!

Yours on the Path

Fr. Randy

Collection Amounts for the Month of July

	OLPH	SMA	St. Patrick
Loose Collection	\$1,040	\$120	\$188
Envelopes	\$6,960	\$1,850	\$1,500
Total	\$8,000	\$1,970	\$1,688
Monthly Expenses	\$10,921	\$4,184	\$3,695
Diocesan Appeal	\$6,740/\$9,376	\$2,205/\$2,590	\$6,785/\$1,953



N.I.C.E. WALK FUNDRAISER, SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD

The Walk will help raise money for N.I.C.E. All money collected will be used to purchase food items for the Pantry. If you are interested in walking or simply donating for this mission, please contact Judy Truckenbrod at (815) 762-0912.

N.I.C.E. is open every Saturday from 8:15-11:00am, and also provides free clothing and household items. To use the Food Pantry, proof of an address within the boundaries of the 15 Churches is required—although one-time emergency food supplies can always be obtained.



Pilgrimage Mass with the Poor Clare's in Rockford—2111 S. Main street—10:00am, Saturday, August 22nd

Besides obtaining a Plenary Indulgence in this extra-Ordinary Jubilee Year, we will have time after Mass to talk with Sister Seraphim and ask her questions about her vocation as a Poor Clare Sister!

LOOKING AHEAD TO LABOR DAY WEEKEND

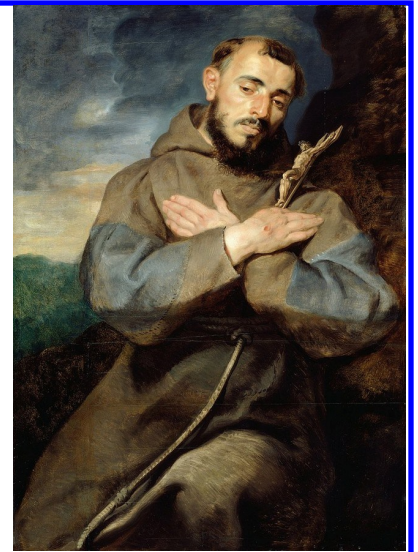
Woodhaven Mass at the amphitheater at 6:00pm Saturday, September 5th

St. Michael / Sandy Hill Cemetery Mass at 10:00am Monday, September 7th



Retreat: *The Spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi*

Our retreat will address 'the problem of St. Francis.' Most people are full of praise for the man, Francis Bernardone, until they are stopped by their prejudices and stubborn skepticism. The moment Francis began to do something they did not understand or did not like—they did not stop and try to understand his actions; rather they simply turned their backs on him and no longer walked with him. If this sounds familiar, you need only to remember our Lord and His teaching on the Eucharist. Remember, when Jesus asked His Disciples: *Do you also want to leave?* On our retreat we will start off with the premise that St. Francis has fallen in love with God, and because love makes us do strange things—they are not strange at all to the one who has fallen in love—we will consider St. Francis to be a "Poet!" A Poet is one, who is always trying to express his love for his Beloved. On my last retreat—though it did have its highlights and moments of inspiration—because the Retreat Master did not stick to his agenda of the 1st talk each day being on finding Jesus in the Old Testament and the 2nd talk being on our Lord's beauty in the New Testament—the retreat ultimately failed to help me live my priesthood. Therefore, I have put together an agenda for our Retreat on the *Spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi*; so that, you and I both can benefit from this man from Assisi, who fell so head over heels in love with God that we are still celebrating his life 800 years after he breathed his last.



DAY 1: *The Valley of Humiliation:* A man puttering under the yew hedge or the sun-dial

DAY 2: *The Oath of Vigilance:* The 3 Scripture Verses that describe St. Francis

DAY 3: *Dependence:* Hanging by a thread over the precipice and the only good thing: a bad debt

DAY 4: To be tempted only by a Sacrament: How to listen to the song of joy of the Creator

DAY 5: *The Allegory of the San Damiano Cross*



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15th Assumption of Mary

(+) Deceased Sisters of the Daughters of Divine Love/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, SMA (+) Rita Haefner/ Mr. & Mrs. James Halbmaier

Sunday, August 16th Patronal Feast Day of our Lady of the Assumption

8:00 am, SMA (+) Julie Malach/ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Henkel

10:30 am, SMA Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Monday, August 17th

(+) Alvin & (+) JoAnne Montavon/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, August 18th

7:30 am, SMA (+) Stephen Corcoran/ Fr. Randy

Wednesday, August 19th

8:00 am, OLPH (+) Marty Spitz/ Carlene Schuhler

Thursday, August 20th

7:30 am, SMA (+) Larry Leffelman/ Mary Sue Parla

8:30 am, OLPH (+) Eileen Leffelman & (+) Floyd Wilson/ Mr. & Mrs. Pat O'Connor

Friday, August 21st

8:00 am, St. Patrick (+) Jeanne Shanyfelt/ Velma Quest

Saturday, August 22nd Queenship of Mary

(+) Matthew Leurck & (+) Michael Leurck/ Rose Leurck

10:00 am, Corpus Christi Monastery, Rockford (+) Charles Fronek &
(+) Msgr. Mahowald/ Fr. Randy

4:00 pm, OLPH (+) Sophie O'Hare/ Mr. & Mrs. Doug Klein

Sunday, August 23rd Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 am, SMA (+) Donna Levan- Jungles/ Mr. & Mrs. John Corcoran

Noon, OLPH (+) Jeanne Shanyfelt/ Marilyn Bonnell



ST. PATRICK MAYTOWN

Parish Goal: \$30,044

Total funds raised: \$32,150

Percent to goal: 107%

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION WEST BROOKLYN

Parish Goal: \$43,388

Total funds raised: \$58,664

Percent to goal: 135.2%

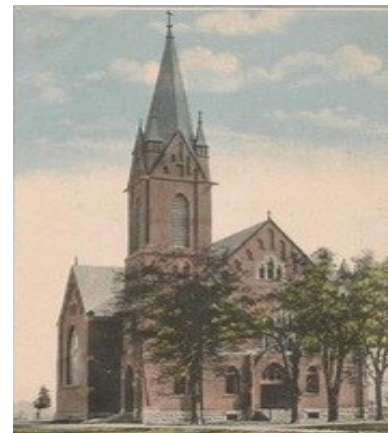
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SUBLETTE

Parish Goal: \$115,881

Total funds raised: \$203,255

Percent to goal: 175.4%

Capital Campaign



“Am I my brother’s keeper?” That was the smart aleck response that Cain gave to God when God asked how the Capital Campaign was going in the land east of the garden of Eden. You see, Evangelization is all about helping our brother to offer a better sacrifice to God not only from the fruit of one’s labors, but a better sacrifice of one’s life in exchange for the Sacrifice that Christ offered for our lives. Abel went into the field to help Cain find a better sacrifice to offer to God; and in response, was killed by his brother. Cain being the older brother should have been the one to help his brother—God has given all of us the responsibility of helping each other praise, worship, and adore God especially in the Mass. Thank you for all the folks, who made a pledge to the Campaign (even some families from Woodhaven made a pledge). Let us continue to help the Bishop to Evangelize in the Rockford Diocese and in our own Parishes.