

*Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 23rd, 2026*



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From the Gusset

Now that our **Country** has been **consecrated** to **the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, we **celebrate a Holy Hour** every **Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm**, and we not only thank God for all the **blessings** the Almighty has bestowed upon America in the past 250 years and ask for even more **blessings**; but we also make **reparations**



for all of our **Country's sins** against God. Once we **consecrate** ourselves to **the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, we must be prepared to take three giant steps (one step for each member of **the Trinity**). First, we must learn how to **love** Jesus and the Father in **Heaven**. Second, we learn what it means to **love with** Jesus and "in Jesus" – our **neighbor** and all those **loved** by Jesus. Third, we pray unceasingly for **the gift** of the Holy Spirit – the **Trinitarian Member**, who pours **love** into our **hearts** and teaches how to **love** as God **loves**! Every **Holy Hour** that you attend these three giant steps are taken though you may never realize they are occurring! You **love** Father and Son by allowing Jesus to gaze at you from **the Monstrance**, and you look back **adoringly** at the Son. We show our **love** to the Son of Man by praying for our **neighbor** – both thanking God for making us citizens (with our **neighbor**) of this **Country** and pleading with God to be able to make **reparations** for our **neighbor's sins**. Finally, the Holy Spirit blows on the tiny flame in your **heart** every time you come to a **Holy Hour**, and that fire in your **heart** to **love** God and **neighbor** grows brighter and hotter and more radiant. **Neil Armstrong** made one small step for a man and one giant leap for our mankind. Come to a **Holy Hour** and make three giant steps in your **love** affair with God for yourself, and help **the U.S. Bishops consecrate** the hearts of all the citizens of our **Country** to **the Sacred Heart of Jesus**!

Yours on the Path **Fr. Randy**



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**.



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**



Corporal Work of Mercy: TO BURY THE DEAD

Sublette's Church of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** has taken over the care of the **Theiss Cemetery** in **Perkins Grove**. We will celebrate **the Holy Mass** for **the souls** buried there on **Saturday, September 13th** at **11:00am**. If the weather is bad, **the Mass** will be held in our **Lady's Church in Sublette**.





Religious Education

September is our Start-up for **CCD** and **RCIA classes**. **CCD classes** will begin the Sunday after Labor Day. Registration starts at **the Hall in Sublette** at **9:00am** on **September 13th**, and then classes will run from **9:15 – 10:15am**. **The class schedule** can be found on our **website**: **olphmarystpatrick.com** by going to **the CCD-RCIA page**. You can obtain a printable copy of the **CCD Schedule** by clicking on a convenient button. Also, to speed up **registration**, you may visit the same page on our **website**, and print out **the two-page registration form**, fill it out, and bring it with **a check** made out to your **Church** for the full registration fee(s) for your family. \$100 for one child, \$75 for the 2nd child, and \$50 for the 3rd child – the 4th child is free. Remember, it is an expectation that all **CCD students** attend **Mass** every Sunday at one of our **Churches**. If, you are bringing your child to **Church** for **Mass** every Sunday – your entire **registration fee** will be refunded to you by **Advent**. **RCIA classes** will begin **Tuesday, September 22nd** at **6:30pm**. **RCIA** is not simply for adults, who are wanting to enter into **the Catholic Church** with **the Sacraments** of Baptism, Confirmation, and **the Holy Eucharist** at **the Easter Vigil** next year, but our **Parishes** have typically used **RCIA** as **adult catechesis**. If, you have been **Catholic** all your life and would like to learn more about your **Catholic Faith** then **RCIA** is for you. I am thinking of using two books by **Bishop Barron** as our course books this year: *The Strangest Way: Walking the Christian Path* and *Now I See: A Theology of Transformation*. You see, all of **mankind** benefits from your increase in knowledge of the **Catholic Faith**. Not only do you benefit, growing in **holiness** and falling further in **love** with God, but all the people whom you make a **Spiritual Communion** for also benefit from your learning more about your **Catholic Faith**. Just one of the reasons **the Catholic Church** insists on her citizens going to **Mass** every Sunday is for the sake of being in the true, real, and substantial presence of God's Son, Jesus Christ – that our Lord might say to His Heavenly Father at the end of time: *"I knew this one, Dad!"* That you would not have to plead and beg with God – *'Lord, we ate and drank in Your company, and You taught in our streets'* – only to hear **the saddest words** from God: *"I do not know where you are from. Depart from Me."* We want Jesus to tell His Dad, *"I ate with this one from the altar in Sublette, Illinois, or I dined with this one at St. Mary of the Assumption in West Brooklyn, or I broke the Bread for this one at St. Patrick's Church in Maytown. Mass attendance and continuously learning more about the love God has for you are the essential ingredients for becoming a Saint."*

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 24th Feast of St. Bartholomew

(+) Jerry Bonnell/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, August 25th Feast of St. Louis

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Michael Widolff/ Fr. Randy

Wednesday, August 26th

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Eileen Leffelman/ Theresa Wilson

Thursday, August 27th Feast of St. Monica

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Celia Haub/ Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bresson

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Jeniah Francis/ Carlene Schuhler

Friday, August 28th Feast of St. Augustine

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

Saturday, August 29th Passion of John the Baptist

(+) Msgr. Robert Sweeney & Fr. Melvyn Vlasz/ Fr. Randy

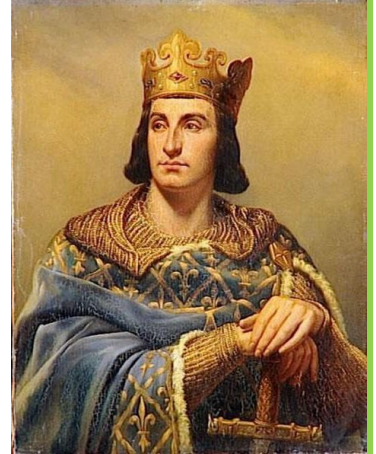
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Patricia Painter/ Mr. & Mrs. Mark Atherton

Sunday, August 30th Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 am, **SMA** (+) Joseph & (+) Barbara Wolf/ Mr. & Mrs. John Schmidt

Noon, **OLPH** (+) Michael & (+) Raymond & (+) Jean Ritola/ Mary Lynn Valentin



Capital Campaign

ST. PATRICK MAYTOWN

Parish Goal: \$30,044

Total funds raised: \$32,200

Percent to goal: 107.2%

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: \$204,635

Percent to goal: 176.2%



Now that we have reached 100% of our **Pledges**—60 cents on the dollar comes back to our **Parishes**. The additional funds to our Churches are then:

St. Patrick, Maytown \$1,293

St. Mary of the Assumption, West Brooklyn \$9,165

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sublette \$53,252