

*Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 30th, 2026*



***Extra-Ordinary Jubilee Year
800th Anniversary
of the death of St. Francis***

From the Gusset

It seems that mankind has always been very **unforgiving**. So much so, that God had to put it in **the Prayer** that we are to pray daily: *forgive us Lord, as we forgive those who trespass against us*. We just don't seem to be too keen on the idea of **forgiving** others, and if it is a religious leader – **a priest** or **Bishop** – forget it – the chance of **forgiveness** is somewhere between slim and none – just look at **the Dallas Charter** – *guilty until proven innocent!* Jesus knows that we all **sin** – that the Pharisees and Scribes of His own day are just as bad as those who killed **the Prophets**. Yet, a key element of **'Faithfulness'** is to live in such a way that **honors** God's **mercy** rather than His judgment. When Jesus yells at the Pharisees and Scribes at the end of **Matthew's Gospel**: **now fill up what your ancestors measured out!** (Mt 23:32) – instead of trying to make a clean break with the past and just telling God that we are not going to **sin** any more (what are the odds of that?); what if, we tried to be more like **St. Job**. I have always been drawn to the character of **Job** – so unlike any other character in **the Old Testament**. **Job loved** his family – his children in particular – that **the Scriptures** tell us, if his children threw **a party** (which the 7 sons took turns throwing **parties** for each other and their 3 sisters) it may have happened that during the revelry that one or more of them had **sinned** and **blasphemed** God; and so, **Job** would do **penance** for their **sins** to **sanctify** them. This would be the equivalent of your parents going to **Confession** when you **sinned**! See, I think that is a part of being **faithful**! To ask for God's **mercy** on our neighbor, especially if our neighbor is **a family member** or **citizen of our Country** – and doing **penance** for their **sins**; instead of, just throwing them under the bus and telling God – *'Oh, Daddy, I would never do that.'* I would think God would smile on this type of **behavior**. As we enter into the last quarter of our **Centennial Year**, why not come to our Wednesday night **Holy Hours** (5:00pm at **OLPH, Sublette**) and pray **the Rosary** in **reparation** for all of our **Presidents'** (past and present) **sins**, all of our **Representatives'** (past and present, Republican and Democrat) **sins**, and especially for our **Supreme Court Justices'** **sins** against **life**. We also **pray** that God would grant many **graces** to **the Illinois State Legislature** that they would enact laws that sanctify **human life**, so that we do not move from being a pro-abortion **Country** to a pro-abortion **State** (what would be the difference then?) – in other words: we would simply be **filling up what our ancestors measured out!** We also pray for our **U.S. Bishops** – thank God they **consecrated** our Country to **the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, but our **Bishops** and **priests** will continue to **sin** against God; and so, we make **reparations** for their **sins** as well. For isn't being **compassionate** a part of **forgiving**.



Yours on the Path **Fr. Randy**

NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Starting the Weekend of **the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time** (**September 12th and 13th**), we will be having a **new Sunday Mass Schedule** that consists of **one Mass** at each **Church**. At **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church** in **Sublette**, **the Mass** will be **celebrated** at 4:00pm on Saturday evening (**the Vigil Mass**). On Sunday, we will continue to have our **8:00am Mass** at **St. Patrick's Church** in **Maytown** and then **the Mass** at 10:30am will be **celebrated** at **St. Mary of the Assumption** in **West Brooklyn**.

MASSES ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND

St. Katharine's Hospital Mass at noon, **Friday, September 4th**
followed by First Friday Adoration

&

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

&

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



“I confer a Kingdom on you, just as My Father has conferred one on Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My Kingdom....” (Luke 22:29-30)

St. Louis was **the King of France** back in the early 13th century – he inherited the crown at 22 years of age – **married** and had eleven children! Yet, the more **gifts** God gave him; the more **King Louis** gave **the gifts** away. He would give them to his family, **King Louis** would give **the gifts** God gave him to the citizens of his country especially **the poor**, and **St. Louis** would give **the gifts** God gave him to **the Church**! It was almost as if **St. Louis** never received **the gifts** to begin with – so fast did he give them away! The people of France said that he excelled in **penance** and **prayer** and in his **love** for **the poor**. We in the **United States**



don't even say that about our own **priests**! Imagine saying that about our **country's leaders**. **St. Louis** made the cut on **Fr. Randy's Dream Team of Saints**, because of a letter he wrote to his eldest son. He instructed the lad: use **the grace** that God gives you to serve God and **honor** God in this life – so that in the next life, my son, we may come together, you and I, to see God, to **love** God, and **to praise** God together unceasingly in **Heaven**. Can you imagine a father telling his son, can you imagine your parents telling you: *live your life on earth, so that we can meet up in Heaven, and behold God together with our own eyes, and then praise God together for all eternity!* You see that is **the Mass**! Don't we come together – you and I – and we see God – in **the Eucharist** – and then we **praise** Him not only by saying **the Mass prayers**, not only by our standing, kneeling, striking our breast... —we **praise** God also by eating God's Son's **Flesh** and **Blood** in **the Eucharist**. That my **friends**, is what we will do for all **eternity in Heaven**. This **life** is *a dress rehearsal* for what we will be doing **forever in Heaven**: coming together as **a family**, seeing God together, and **praising** God unceasingly. **St. Louis** shared *the secret of life* with his children – may we share *the secret of life* with our children and **family members** – that we would eat with God at His table in Heaven.

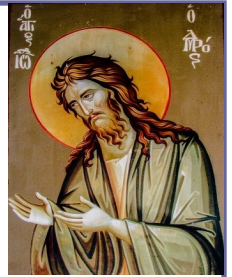
CCD starts Sunday, September 13th

Registration at 9:00am, classes from 9:15—10:15am every Sunday

Go to the Parish Website: www.olphmarystpatrick.com go to the **CCD–RCIA** page and click on the two page **enrollment form**, fill out the information, and bring them to the Hall on **September 13th** with **a check** made out to **your parish** for **the CCD fee**. A **class schedule** can also be printed out from **the website**.

RCIA classes start Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30pm

Mass Intentions



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

Monday, August 31st

Living & Deceased Schoenfeld Family members/ Dr. Fred & Marcia Scheoenfeld

Tuesday, September 1st

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Arlene Schmitt/ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Henkel &
(+) Bishop Doran/ Fr. Randy

Wednesday, September 2nd

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Jeanne Shanyfelt/ Theresa Wilson

Thursday, September 3rd Feast of St. Gregory the Great

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Edward & (+) Mary & (+) Jeanne Hamilton/ Karen McInnis

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

Friday, September 4th

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Robert Bulfer/ Velma Quest

noon, **St. Katharine** (+) Floyd Wilson & (+) Martha Stewart/ Mr. & Mrs. Pat O'Connor

Saturday, September 5th Feast of St. Mother Teresa

(+) Deceased Daughters of Divine Love/ Sister Cornelia

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Sue Leffelman/ Shawn Leffelman

6:00 pm, **Woodhaven** (+) Harold & (+) Rose Fett/ Richard Fronek &
(+) Elden & (+) Carol Blevins/ Mr. & Mrs. Roger Fronek

Sunday, September 6th Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Joseph Stewart/ Marilyn Weeks

10:00 am, **SMA** (+) Howard McInnis/ Judy Truckenbrod

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



Capital Campaign



In his second letter to the Corinthians, **St. Paul** says, “I **plundered** other **Churches** by accepting from them in order to **minister** to you!” He uses the Greek word: **lambano**, which literally means ‘**robbed!**’ **Bishop Malloy** in his **Capital Campaign** is not only raising funds so that the Diocese may **Evangelize**, but the **Bishop** (like **St. Paul**) is borrowing money from **wealthier Parishes** to help **our three**

Parishes stay in the black! Of course, the **Capital Campaign** would not reimburse our **Parishes** unless we met at least 100% of our **Campaign Goal**. **Congratulations!** All three of our **Parishes** exceeded our **Parish Goal** for the **Campaign**, and we will be rewarded by the **Bishop**! Thank you to all who made a **Pledge** – you let the **Bishop** know that you do **love** your **local Church** and wish to support her in this era of falling **Mass attendance on Sunday** and the closing of **Churches**; and just to let you know, **Fr. Randy** is as **proud** of you as **St. Paul** was as proud of the **Churches** of Philippi and Thessalonica!