

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2026
Novena of Masses to the
Guardian Angels





From the Gusset

When your **Guardian Angel** was first created – some 13.6 billion years ago – God told your **Angel** the level of **holiness** (how much you were to resemble God at the end of your **life**!) that the Almighty should like you to attain. A **person** ought to ask his **Angel** quite often: “**Angel** of God, my **Guardian dear**, only **you** know how **holy** I am to become. Help me **to receive the Sacraments of the Catholic Church** and grow my soul in **holiness**. Help me **to receive** God’s **love**, so that the Body of Christ may grow to Its fullest stature!” Always remember that your **Angel** wants to brag about you (his charge) to the other **Guardian Angels**. That God put your **Angel** in charge of a small replica of His Son, Jesus, and asked your **Angel** to keep you out of trouble and ever **receiving the grace of the Sacraments**. When you become a **Saint**, the other **Guardian Angels** will gather around you in **awe** at your **beauty** (how much you resemble God’s Son), and the other **Angels** will all **compliment** your **Guardian Angel** on the wondrous job that he did on you – that your **Guardian Angel** was given something made out of the mud and with **the grace** of God transformed you into one of the **Adopted sons or daughters** of God!

Yours on the Path **Fr. Randy**

RESPECT LIFE CHAIN

October 4th 1:00pm—2:00pm at the intersection of **Route251** and **Route34** in **Mendota**. This will be the first **Life Chain** that we will **pray** for our **spiritually adopted Baby** now that **Bishop Sheen** has been **canonized**!



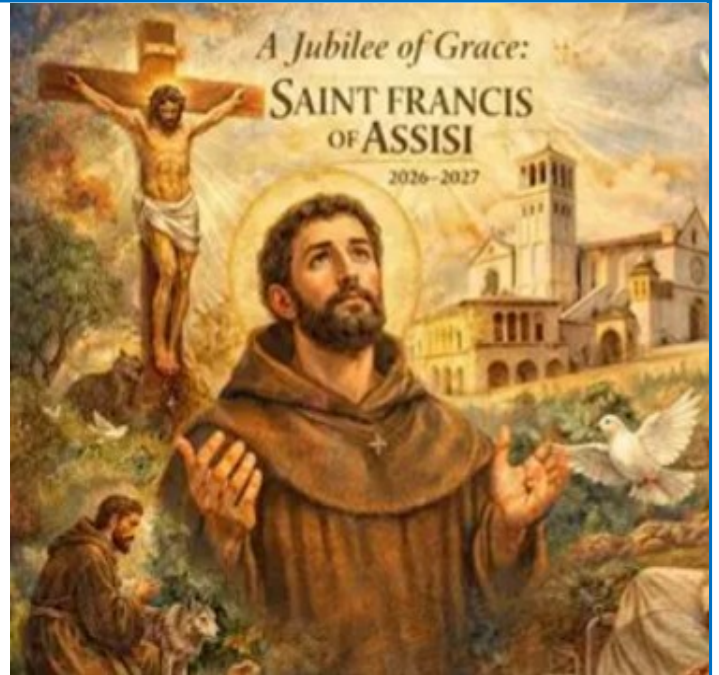
St. Patrick Church Fall Fundraiser



If the weather cooperates, we will have an outdoor **Mass** at the **Cemetery Altar** on **September 27th** at **8:00am**, at **St. Patrick's, Maytown**. We will raise **the Eucharist** in full view of the graves of all our **beloved deceased**. I would **encourage** you to work **a Plenary Indulgence** for them during this **extra-Ordinary Jubilee year** as we honor **St. Francis of Assisi**. After **Mass**, we will have our **Fall Decorations** and **Bake Sale** to raise **money** for **St. Patrick's Church**.

Novena of Masses in Honor of St. Francis of Assisi

Starting with **Mass** on **Sunday, October 4th** and going through **Columbus Day, October 12th**—we will **celebrate** a **Novena of Masses** in **Honor** of the 800th Anniversary of the death of **St. Francis**. **Pope Leo** has graciously granted us another year of offering **Indulgences** for the dead in **Purgatory**. Remember, an **Indulgence** is first and foremost an **encounter** with God! **Scripture** says, **the power** of God is most evident when **the Lord** opens our graves and has you rise from them!



(Ezekiel 37:13) **The power** does not lie in what we do—not in our **human efforts**, but in **the grace** of God—**the grace** of God that we **cooperate** with is what transforms the **heart**. By doing the five works of **the Indulgence**: receiving **the Eucharist**, going to **Confession**, **praying** the Creed, saying **prayers** for Pope Leo, and making **a pilgrimage** to **a Franciscan Church**—these actions prepare us to **encounter** our God; that is, we **eat** God!, we listen to God's **mercy**, we are **taught** by the Lord (just as **the Apostles** were taught by Jesus), we **pray** for the Church, and we **walk** with Jesus to a destination He points out to us. Won't it be **exciting** to celebrate these **Masses** and potentially help our Lord to bring **nine** souls in **Purgatory** into **the glory** of His Father's **Heavenly Mansion**!

Don't forget that **October** is the month of **the Rosary**. We will pray **the Rosary** on Saturday **afternoon** at our 3 Churches at 1:00pm. We will start in **Maytown** by the statue of **St. Isidore** at **St. Patrick's Church** on Saturday, **the 3rd of October**. We will also have a blessing of **Pet's** at 2:00pm at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church** on Saturday, **October 3rd**. Also, later in **October**, we will have the **St. Christopher** blessing of **cars** after all **Masses** on the weekend. The **joy** of being **Catholic** **pervades** our lives!



RCIA

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man.... (Matthew 7:24) **Bishop Barron** says, '*Catholicism is a form of life, a path that one walks.*' See it is not just a frame of mind – a way of thinking – or an attitude, but **Catholicism** is a manner of living your life: how you think, how you move, how you act. **Catholicism** incorporates both **mind** and **body** or **soul** and **body**! When **St. John** and **St. Andrew** leave **John the Baptist** and start to follow Jesus, the Lord asks them: **what are you looking for?** Partly dumbstruck, they respond: **Where are You staying?** They

go home with Jesus and spend the day at His bachelor pad in **Capernaum**. The two disciples start **to live** with God! **Bishop Barron** explains to us: **St. John** and **St. Andrew** wanted to know Jesus – where He lives, what He eats, what does He think about, where does the Lord like to take walks.... Ultimately Jesus is going to teach the disciples what the Lord had to teach **Mary** and **Joseph**: *I remain with My Father!* Jesus will teach them if you **love** Me and if you allow Me to **love** you – *My Father and I will remain with you!* Wow! **Catholicism** is to follow after Jesus, and to go where Jesus is going? The Lord is ever going to **Calvary** to **die** on a **Cross** for us – His **lovers**. When **a man** and his **wife** get **married** – they ask the other – to follow me, come after me – be with me until I die and **love** me the whole time! **The Strangest Way** is our **RCIA text** for the year **2026-2027**. **Bishop** takes us on **three paths** as we follow Jesus – allowing our Lord to lead us through our own **Calvary** and back into **Paradise**!



Come
& See

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 26th Novena Mass to the Guardian Angels

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

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Ron Leffelman/ Ronette Moore &
(+) Fr. Kramer/ Sharon Becker Preston

Sunday, September 27th Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Novena Mass

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

10:30 am, **SMA** (+) Darrell Furar/ Kristen Furar

Monday, September 28th Novena Mass to the Guardian Angels

(+) Michael Widolff/ Fr. Randy

(+) Steve & (+) Josephine Dvorsky/ Roger & Rick Fronek

Tuesday, September 29th Novena Mass to the Guardian Angels

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Howard McInnis/ Judy Truckenbrod

Wednesday, September 30th Novena Mass to the Guardian Angels

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Michael Standard/ Mary Kuebel &

(+) Corinne Blix/ Rose Marie Cusumano

Thursday, October 1st Novena Mass to the Guardian Angels

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Julie Malach/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pratt

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Steen Smith/ Mr. & Mrs. Bob Jones &

(+) Floyd Wilson/ Mr. & Mrs. Pat O'Connor

Friday, October 2nd Novena Mass to the Guardian Angels

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Rose Theiss/ Velma Quest

Noon, **St. Catherine Hospital** (+) Joseph & (+) Catherine Schauer

Saturday, October 3rd

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

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

(+) Jeanne Shanyfelt/ Mr. & Mrs. Larry Buckley &

(+) William Guilfoyle/ Mr. & Mrs. Donald Dinges

Sunday, October 4th Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/ St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Larry Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Edward Klein

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

OLPH

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Sublette, Ill. 61367

St. Patrick

1336 Maytown road

Amboy, Ill. 61310

SMA

2520 Johnson Street

West Brooklyn, Ill. 61378



Capital Campaign

We have much to be thankful for as we celebrate our **Country's Centennial Year**. We give **thanksgiving** to God not only for our **Government** and **the freedom of Religion** to practice our **Catholic Faith**; in addition, we thank God for **the sacrifice** that the people of **Sublette** made 124 years ago, for the sacrifice that the people of **West Brooklyn** made 116 years ago, and for the sacrifice that the people of **Maytown** made 107 years ago in building our 3 Churches. In the near future, we will **celebrate** a **Mass** at each of the Parishes and a small **memento** to all the families, who made a contribution to the **Capital Campaign** will be blessed and handed out.