

Solemnity of All Saints

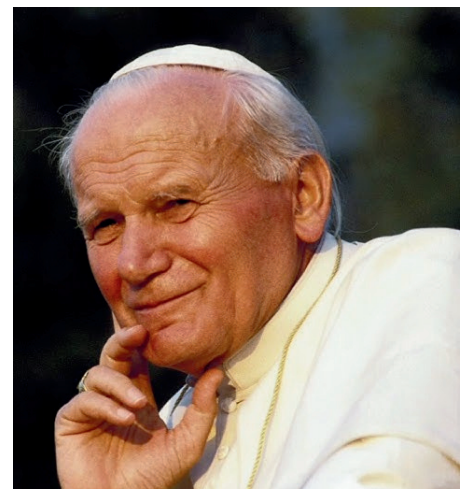
November 1, 2026



FROM THE GUSSET

They say that **Pope John Paul II** (the great) **canonized** 483 Saints and **beatified** 1,344 men and women during his **27-year Pontificate**, which is an extraordinary number – more than all his predecessors combine for the last 5 centuries!!! This is because of *the spirituality* that **Cardinal Wojtyla** immersed himself in – he called it: **the universal call to holiness** - that God wants us all to become **Saints**. Undergoing my **theological studies** and being the **Pope's altar boy** for a number of **canonization Masses**, Fr. Randy's spirituality has been greatly influenced by this **Great Saint**. My Seminary Professors always taught us that if we strive for **holiness** (like **Pope John Paul** calls us to) in this life that we will eventually become **Saints** – but that **the Parish Priest** will be the last ones in **Purgatory**. **Msgr. Mahowald** said, "Randy, my boy, you and I will turn out the lights in **Purgatory**!" My job as your **priest** is to celebrate **the Sacraments** for you (allow God to **pour** all of His **love** into you by the power of the Holy Spirit), and help you to make **reparations** for your sins. Did you know, that if you come to **confession** to me (and it is not just me – many other **priests** do this as well) that the **Penance** you receive – that I will **pray** the same **Penance** for your sins as well. For example, if I have you **pray a decade of the Rosary** for your **Penance** that you can count on two decades having been **prayed** for the lessening of the temporal damage of your sins! I have been working overtime these last two years as we have gone through a **Jubilee Year** and now an **extra-ordinary Jubilee Year** honoring the death of **St. Francis of Assisi** – **the Catholic Church** has **empowered** each of us to work **Plenary Indulgences** – in a sense helping Holy Mother Church to **canonize** individuals in **Purgatory**! My *spirituality* is not so much based on trying to make myself **holy** and eventually a **Saint**, but Fr. Randy's *spirituality* is to assist others on **the path** to **Heaven** by making **reparations** for their sins, so they can become **Saints** *toot sweet*. See, **the Parish Priest** is going to be the longest in **Purgatory** any way – why not simply laydown your life to get your **Parishioners** to **Heaven** more quickly!?! **Happy All Saints' Day**! Don't look for me on **All Souls' Day**, I will be **celebrating** the (allowable) maximum number of **Masses** for our deceased brothers and sisters in **Purgatory**!

Yours on the Path **Fr. Randy**



Anointing Mass

Saturday, November 7th

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 11:00am

When **the anointing oils** touch our **forehead** (a symbol of our **intellect**) and the palms of our **hands** (a symbol of our **will**) **grace** is given - the **love** of God is **poured** into our **hearts** through the Holy Spirit. Often times when a loved one is **sick** a **family** must make important decisions about their **care** (whether to have surgery or not, can a nurse come to the house to give **care** and **therapy** or does **the sick person** have to go to a **care facility...**). These are not easy decisions to make and often times a **family** may have second thoughts about whether the right decision was made. This is why **the Catholic Church** offers the **Sacrament of the Sick**. When a person is **anointed**, the Holy Spirit helps us to make these decisions and once made to have **peace of mind** that God's will is being done as is **best** for our **sick loved one**. If someone you know is **sick**, please bring them to **the Church** for our **Anointing Mass**. **Confessions** will be heard before and after **Mass**, so that **the grace** of **the Sacrament** would **overflow** the **sick person's soul** and help their **family members** to have **peace** of mind.

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So before moving on to **the First Path** in **Bishop Barron's** book: *The Strangest Way*, let us review **the Practices** for **Path Two**. **Path Two** is: "*To know we are Sinners*," and so the first practice is the **confession of sin**. Remember, the two disciples on the way to Emmaus on **the eve** of that first **Easter**? The two arrive at the inn, and they beg our Lord (though they do not **recognize** Him yet) - they beg Jesus to stay with them: "stay with us, for ... the day is almost over" (I **love** "the tarry with us" of the Douay-Rheims). You see we ought to **plead** for God's ongoing presence in our lives - that even though God has been by our side the whole day - we still seek His **guidance** throughout our life's journey! That is really what an **examination of Conscience** is - that we would review the day with God - spend our last waking moments with the One who **loves** us the most. **The Jesuits** do an **examination** twice a day (one at noon, the other at **night**) - the rest of us, mere mortals, just once a day. The **second practice** is: **Truth-telling!** **Truth** is the light (Jesus Christ) in which the difference between good and evil is seen. God was trying to tell **Adam** and **Eve** in **the garden**: "you need My Son to tell you what **the Truth** is," but **mankind** would not listen to God; rather, we decided to listen to Satan. **St. Paul** has it exactly right in his letters, he knows he is a *servant* or a *slave* to Christ Jesus, but knowing this **Truth** makes him free to realize who God wants **Paul** to be: the best friend of His Son! Jesus only spoke **the Truth**, and so we seek to tell **the truth**, even when **It** hurts. The **third and final practice** to staying on the **Second Path** is **forgiveness**. Here **Bishop Barron** has such a radical take on **forgiveness**, I hesitate to tell you what it is - least you think it too hard to accomplish (because it goes against everything our **parents**, our culture, and the world have taught us) and so never become as **forgiving** as God is. I merely tell you now that **forgiveness** is an act and not an attitude - that there is something relentless, even **aggressive**, about **forgiveness**, since it amounts to a refusal ever to give up on a **relationship**.

31st Annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday Nov. 21 2026
8:50 AM - 4:00 PM*



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 31st

(+) Barbara Hraback/ Fr. Randy Fronek

4:00pm **OLPH** (+) Jeanne Shanyfelt/ Diane Stewart &

(+) Deceased Knight of Columbus Council #8277/ Grand Knight Gary Schultz

Sunday, November 1st Solemnity of All Saints

8:00am **St. Patrick** (+) LaVerne Klein/ Mr. & Mrs. Hugh McCoy

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

Monday, November 2nd All Souls' Day

(+) Fr. Kramer & (+) Msgr. Mahowald & (+) Msgr. Donovan/ Fr. Randy

(+) Jacqueline Marich/ Rose Marie Cusumano & (+) Michael Widolff/ Fr. Randy

(+) James & (+) Geraldine Fronek/ Fronek Family

Tuesday, November 3rd

7:30am **SMA** (+) Darlene Gehant/ Mr. & Mrs. John Sondgeroth

Wednesday, November 4th Feast of St. Charles Borromeo

8:00am **OLPH** (+) Clement Henkel/ Family & (+) Rose Theiss/ Carlene Schuhler

Thursday, November 5th

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

8:30am **OLPH** (+) Eileen Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Mark Streit

Friday, November 6th

8:00am **St. Patrick** (+) Frank Shepherd/ Betty Meznarich

Noon St. Katherine Hospital (+) Fr. Kramer/ Fr. Randy

Saturday, November 7th

(+) Sophia Hraback/ Roger & Richard Fronek

11:00am **OLPH Anointing Mass**

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

Sunday, November 8th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **St. Patrick** (+) Joseph Stewart/ Velma Quest

SMA (+) Donna Levan-Jungles/ Regina McCoy

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- **and much more await the man, who is seeking to look more and more like Christ!**