

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2026
Novena of Masses in Honor of
St. Francis of Assisi



JUBILEE YEAR

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

JANUARY 10, 2026-JANUARY 10, 2027

FROM THE GUSSET

St. Francis, in one of those life defining moments, comes upon a **leper**! **Francis** was lonely and separated from his family and his **fellow citizens of Assisi**, and then this **leper** appears before him; and he **wonders** out loud to the Holy Spirit – “*when was the last time this man was hugged by someone?*” With the Gospel **imperative** ringing in his ears: do to others as you would have them do to you – **Francis** hugs the **leper**! God sent His only Begotten Son to what **Theologians** call “**total victimhood.**” Jesus would die for others. Jesus (after giving us **the Sacrament of His Body and Blood**) sends us to **recognize** the needs of others and **love** them. When we give to others **the gifts** that God gives to us, we raise up their **human dignity** and what **St. Francis** discovered was that it is never that we are diminished when we give God’s **love** away. Because when God sees us giving **generously** the **love** He has just given to us in **a Sacrament** – God is so **happy** with us when He sees us imitating His Son, and so God **pours** out even more **love** upon us in **the Eucharist** we receive next! The **grace** of God’s **love** is measured out **generously** to us – packed together – shake down – overflowing – God **pours** more **grace** into us, because the Almighty knows we will selflessly give all of His **love** away again. One of the greatest **manifold givers** of God’s **love** to others was **St. Francis**. That is why we just **celebrated** a **Novena of Masses** in **honor** of this great **Saint** – to ask **St. Francis** to help us to **give**, so that God will give us even greater gifts until one day God will give us **Heaven**!

Yours on the Path **Fr. Randy**



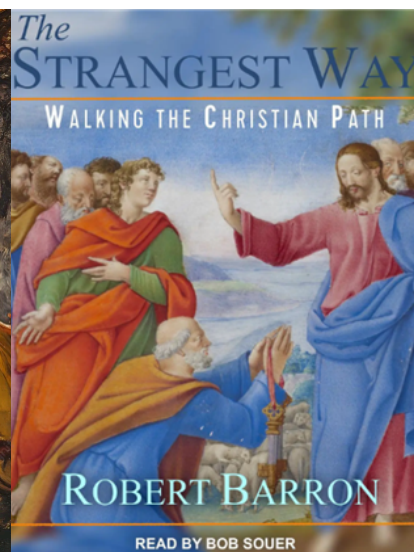
POOR CLARE MONASTERY

"And the rains fell, and the Roods came, and the winds blew: and they beat upon the house. And it fell not, for it was founded on a rock." Matthew 7:25

The present site of the Monastery on South Main Street on the Rock River was just south of the city when our founding Sisters moved to this property in 1920. As the city limits expanded, houses began developing around the Monastery and a shopping center was built across the street on Marchesano Drive. In 2015, we were happy to welcome our new neighbors at the Fire Station next door and we gladly join our prayers to the sirens that accompany the Firemen as they respond to emergency calls. Although the Monastery is no longer in the country, the spacious grounds have always provided a secluded atmosphere within the enclosure walls. We believe our Monastery has been well situated by the providence of God and our Sisters have come to treasure living among the people on the periphery of the city. Our property is a city block claimed for God, our house is His dwelling place, a "tent of meeting" so to speak, a space set apart where we live, not only for Him, but with Him and in Him alone.



Chapter two in **Bishop Barron's** book: *The Strangest Way* is all about walking the **second path**, which is “to know that you are a **sinner!**” We could say the whole chapter is based off of the **G.K. Chesterton** quote: “a Saint only means a man who knows that he is a sinner.” Yet, it often comes about that we only realize our **sinfulness** when we come in contact with God's **grace!** If you are coming to **Mass** every Sunday, you probably know exactly what **Bishop Barron** is talking about. There comes about in our lives that “**tremendous moment**” when God shows us His **infinite love** for us! For some of us this was when we first met our **spouse**, for myself it was when I heard God speaking through the homily of **Msgr. Donovan** at **Holy Cross Church** in Batavia when I was in the 4th grade – that **tremendous moment** when God the Father introduces us to His Son, Jesus. God tells us how much His Son is in **love** with us and God the Father asks us to be a **best friend** to Jesus. When this happens – when we encounter God's **grace** – we are often **fear-filled**, because we are aware of our **sinfulness**. After seeing **the glory** of God in the Temple, **the Prophet Isaiah** said, “I am a man of unclean lips.” (Isaiah 6:5) When **Peter's** boat was filled with a **miraculous catch** of fish he said, “go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” (Luke 5:8) A man might fear **to marry** the woman that the Almighty has introduced him to; just as, I took a page out of **Jonah's book** and instead of entering **Seminary** – I went to **College** and got two degrees in **Chemistry**. Yet, one of **the paths** that leads to our **Sainthood** is to simply acknowledge that we are **sinners** and then confess our **sinfulness** to God. **Bishop Barron** points out the double meaning of the word **confession** in Latin. 1) To acknowledge our sins. 2) To proclaim God's **glory**. There is a whole class of **Saints** in **Heaven** known as **Confessor Saints**. These are **men** and **woman** who won't stop proclaiming to anyone they meet that God is so in **love** with them that the Almighty forgave them all their **sins!** I hope to become one of these **Saints** in **Heaven** – a **Confessor Saint** that tells everyone **the miracles** God has worked for me simply by **forgiving** me my **sins** against God and man. We will finish Chapter 2 on Tuesday night, **October 13th** at 6:30pm in the Hall in **Sublette**, and maybe we will even start Chapter 1: **Walking the First Path: Finding the Center**.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 10th Novena Mass St. Francis

Richard Fronek/ Fr. Randy

10:00am Poor Clare Monastery (+) Sister Frances Anna Hraback/ Fr. Randy

4:00pm OLPH (+) Richard Wertz/ Shawn Leffelman &

(+) Arthur Shanyfelt & (+) Kathy Balik/ Jeanne Shanyfelt

Sunday, October 11th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Novena Mass St. Francis

8:00am St. Patrick (+) Thomas Sharkey/ Fr. Randy &

(+) Joann Burke/ Mr. & Mrs. Jim Burke

10:30am SMA Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Monday, October 12th/ Novena Mass St. Francis

(+) Schoenfeld Family Members/ Dr. & Mrs. Fred Schoenfeld

Tuesday, October 13th

7:30am SMA (+) Howard McInnis/ Mr. & Mrs. Marty Bickett

Wednesday, October 14th

8:00am OLPH (+) Ronald & (+) Eileen Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Bontz

Thursday, October 15th

7:30am SMA (+) Quin & (+) Josephine Torri/ Torri Family

8:30am OLPH (+) Robert Bulfer/ Patricia Stenzel

Friday, October 16th Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:00am St. Patrick (+) Joseph Stewart/ Mr. & Mrs. Jim Burke

Saturday, October 17th

(+) Gertrude Hraback/ Roger Fronek

4:00pm OLPH (+) Patricia Painter/ Family &

(+) Roland Schuhler/ Carlene Schuhler

Sunday, October 18th 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am St. Patrick (+) Doug Blaine/ Diane Blaine

10:30am SMA (+) Rita Haefner/ Mr. & Mrs. Warren Provost &

(+) Ronald Vaessen/ Ruth Ann Vaessen

Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy



MASS TIMES FOR SUNDAY OBLIGATION

SATURDAY VIGIL

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 4:00pm Sublette

Sunday

St. Patrick Church 8:00am Maytown

St. Mary of the Assumption 10:30am West Brooklyn

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