

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2026
Novena of Masses in Honor of
St. Francis of Assisi



PET BLESSING

OLPH PARKING LOT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD AT 2:00PM

From the Gusset

The citizens of Assisi had a nickname for St. Francis, they called him **Poverello**. This is the diminutive form of the word for a **poor person**, so it could be translated: *little poor person*; but **povero** can also mean a person who arouses *compassion* or *charity*! So, just like when you and I look upon **little baby** and we automatically feel *compassion* for this new life – just looking at a baby makes us want to **love** him; so it was, with St. Francis. The people of Assisi looked at St. Francis and they simply wanted to **love** him. If Francis asked for some moldy bread or a crust of stale bread – the people wanted to give him a whole loaf of **freshly baked bread** or even more perhaps they wanted to give Francis some **Panettone** (ask Fr. Randy about what **the Italians** think of **Panettone** – **Panettone** is a **Christmas** bread that **the Italians** simply go **bonkers** for)! You see, St. Francis demanded a great deal of **human nature**. For example, Francis told his monks, “don’t be afraid to beg for food from the people of Assisi. Be **confident** that the houses that I send you to, to ask for a bite to eat – be **confident** that the homeowner is my personal friend and he will be **generous** with you, so that you don’t go hungry!” Francis’ reasoning was that if God the Father can see His Son, Jesus, when the Almighty looks at me – when a **man** or a **woman** from my hometown looks upon me – will they not also see Jesus, and who would deprive the Son of Man a cup of **cold water** or a **piece of bread**?! How **exciting** that St. Francis’ Feast Day falls on a **Sunday** in this **extra-Ordinary Jubilee Year** to commemorate **the 800th Anniversary of his death**! We will celebrate a **Novena of Masses** ending on the 12th of October and continue to explore **the Spirituality** of St. Francis (picking up where we left off on retreat back in August). Once again **the Poor Clare Colettines nuns**, up in Rockford, have opened their chapel doors to us and invited us to celebrate **the Mass** on Saturday, October 10th at 10:00am, so that we can obtain another **Plenary Indulgence** for our **beloved dead**. I **pray** that after celebrating these **9 Masses** that each of us would have the mindset of St. Francis – that we would look in the mirror while shaving or putting on makeup, catch our **reflection** in the mirror, and see how we **resemble** Jesus Christ! St. Francis of Assisi...**pray** for us!

Yours on the Path Fr. Randy





LIFE CHAIN IN MENDOTA SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Intersection of Route 251 and Route 34

PILGRIMAGE

Poor Clare Colettine Nuns

2111 South Main Street, Rockford, Ill.

**To celebrate the 7th Mass in a Novena of Mass with
St. Francis of Assisi and obtain a Plenary Indulgence**

Saturday, October 10th 10:00am

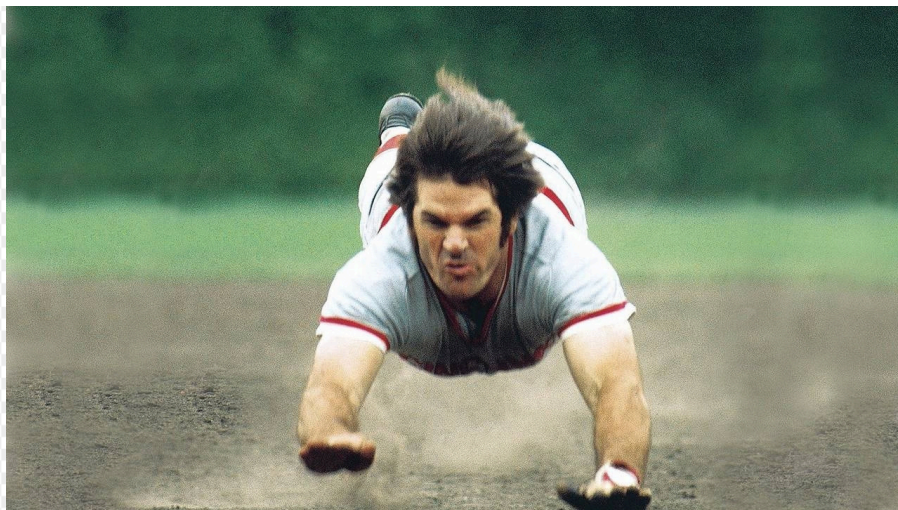


PRAY THE ROSARY FOR FARMERS

St. Patrick 10/3 1:00pm

OLPH 10/17 1:00pm

SMA 10/24 1:00pm



We say God is all **Beautiful**, all **Good**, and all **Truth**, and the basis for the writing of **Bishop Barron's** book: *The Strangest Way* is to be first seized by the **Beauty** of **Catholicism**! Like the game of baseball – a kid falls in **love** with this game by **playing** it. Throwing, running, hitting, sliding, catching, and fielding – sweating, getting **grass stains** on his pants, and **infield dirt** in his mouth and the occasional welt from the ball glancing off a leg or an arm – this is how someone comes to **know** and **love** the game – by **playing** it! “No kid will be drawn into the universe of baseball by hearing arguments over the infield fly rule or disputes about the quality of umpiring in the National League.” In much the same way, **Barron** points out no one is enchanted by the world of **Catholicism** by hearing disputes about *Humanae Vitae* and the infallibility of **the Pope** – but the Church captivates us as we come to know Jesus Christ and as our Lord teaches us how to **pray**, what His Father told Him to tell us, and what is in store for us, if we would only come home to **Paradise**! The **Catholic Church** is **Beautiful** in a splendid way. The **Catholic Church** is **Good** and She makes us want to be good ourselves. The **Catholic Church** possess the **Truth** – Her **bridegroom** is Jesus Christ. Want to learn about **Catholicism**? Let us walk **the three paths**; for according to **Bishop Barron**, **Catholicism** is a way of life that we learn by walking down **the path**; It is a **river** that we get to know by swimming in it; and It is a **game** that we come to **love** by playing It! Our **RCIA sessions** are on **Tuesday night** at 6:30pm at the Hall in **Sublette**. We will tackle chapter 2: Walking the Second Path: **Knowing You're a Sinner** on the 6th of October.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3rd

4:00pm **OLPH** (+) William O'Hare/ Mr. & Mrs. Doug Klein &
(+) Jeanne Shanyfelt/ Mr. & Mrs. Larry Buckley &
(+) William Gulfoyle/ Mr. & Mrs. Don Dinges

Sunday, October 4th 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Feast of St. Francis

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

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

Monday, October 5th St. Faustina/ Novena Mass St. Francis

(+) Amanda Olson/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, October 6th Novena Mass St. Francis

7:30am **SMA** (+) Kelly Lewis/ Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Bresson

Wednesday, October 7th Our Lady of the Rosary/ Novena Mass St. Francis

8:00am **OLPH** (+) Aubri Gonzales/ Carlene Schuhler

Thursday, October 8th Novena Mass St. Francis

7:30am **SMA** (+) Darlene Gehant/ Steve Gahan

8:30am **OLPH** (+) Joseph Kuebel/ Mary Kuebel

Friday, October 9th St. Dennis/ Novena Mass St. Francis

8:00am **St. Patrick** (+) Joann Burke/ Fr. Randy

10:45am **Stonecroft** (+) Patricia Stenzel & (+) LaVerne Klein/Fr. Randy

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 &

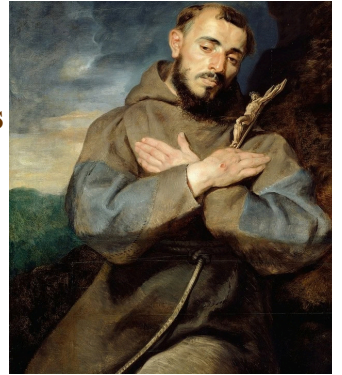
(+) Arthur Shanyfelt & (+) Kathy Balik/ Jeanne Shanyfelt

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



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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