

## Just 30 Minutes

By Father Libby

One of the 'works' to obtain a plenary indulgence is one half hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and it is one of the four most common works done to obtain such an endeavor (see my last bulletin article of October). For those who live somewhat near a Church or Chapel, it is also an 'easy' way to get a soul languishing in purgatory out for good behavior — your good behavior, that is. How many will drive an hour to go to a casino, a half hour or more to go shopping or out to eat? I remember as a kid my friends and I would ride our bikes thirty minutes just to play video games (this was before computers) that we had to pay for!

It's hard to quantize or measure out such an event — a half hour of our time to save someone who is in worse pain than any pain in this life (according to St. Thomas Aquinas and many other saints) from suffering any more, who might, except for our charity, be there for another 20,000 years or more. But let us also remember that time seems to be different in purgatory. I remember a story of a priest whose priest friend died, and the priest was happy that his priest friend had died when he did because in two short hours he was going to say mass and would have the chance to offer it for his friend. Some short time later, his priest friend appeared to him imploring him to help him and distraught that their friendship meant so little to the priest since he had left him to the intense pain of purgatory for these many years! And it had only been a few minutes, or maybe an hour by this friend's perspective.

Such news is hard for us to take. Do we then gear our whole lives around getting souls out of purgatory? Is that what we are here for? Can't we have some fun too? I've thought about this and similar questions throughout the years and I'm not sure they have good answers. In fact I'm not sure that is the way to think about it. Is it even the way that the Lord wants us to think about it?

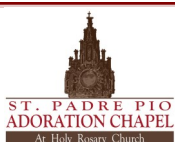
I remember when I started going to adoration it was for totally selfish reasons. I just wanted to be with Jesus all



the time. But I realize this was a special grace. I had searched so long and hard for Him, given up everything for Him really as a convert, that He 'rewarded me' with a burning desire to never be separated from Him. I didn't know anything about helping souls out of purgatory, or at least it wasn't really on my major radar. But when I eventually found out that I could help out these souls who are in terrible pain in purgatory, I was like 'ok — well it doesn't really put me out at all to make that an intention (I was already going to daily mass, confession every twenty days or so, praying for the holy father with an 'Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be' or the

like and trying not to sin venially so the other conditions needed to get a plenary indulgence besides the 'work' were already there), and I of course wanted to help my family if they were in purgatory. So I just started directing what I was already doing (adoration, a holy hour each day, and the rosary (another great and 'easy' way to do a 'work' required for a plenary indulgence, especially if you really are out of range of a Church — you just need to do it with someone or in front of the Blessed Sacrament) to the end of helping others — those in purgatory which if you think about it is totally fulfilling the law of charity that the Lord imposes on us. And when we in fact 'love our neighbor as our self' by helping them out of pain., we ourselves benefit tremendously.

How many times has someone with this mentality of trying to help someone out of purgatory been tempted to just stay stuck in their ways, not help someone else out in purgatory by first helping themselves? How could we better help ourselves than by going to frequent confession, going to daily mass, praying for the intentions of the Holy Father, and really trying to break free of habits of sin? And finally what could be better than spending time for our 'work' in adoration, in between the Casino and the clothing store?



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Prayer feeds our lives. Prayer is a gift. It is a gift because Christian Prayer is based on knowing the Lord Jesus, and having the Holy Spirit stir and move through us in prayer. Please keep these intentions in your prayers.



## Pray for those that are not able to attend Mass with us



Jill Anderson - Home  
 Ted Bodus - Woodside Assisted Living  
 Betty Flaska - Maple Valley \* Georgetta Galla - Joy Givers  
 Gerri Galla - Local Nursing Home  
 Marga Galla - Culver Meadows \* John King - Home  
 Loraine Kulanda - Home \* Ann Mazurek - Home  
 John Peplinski - Medilodge \* Joanne Popa - Home  
 Kelly Priest - Woodside Asst Living  
 Frank Majszak - Medilodge South \* Elizabeth Randall - Home  
 Mike Shorter - The Villa at Traverse Point  
 Thelma Weber - Woodside Assisted Living

*Please call the office to correct & update this list.*

## Prayer for The Vocations in Our Diocese

<b>Seminarians:</b>	<b>Candidates</b>
Jacob Belanger	<b>for Diaconate:</b>
John Mawby	Jason Maday
David Witkowski	Neil Witkowski



**Religious Life:** Gianna Belanger

*O Lord Jesus Christ, lead our Seminarians & Diaconates in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may serve as models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice. Teach them generosity and service; but above all, teach them to know You and to love You. ~ Amen*

## **Let US Pray FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES**

- Ken Artz —US Air Force
- Isaiah Belanger —US Navy
- Charles Berninger —US Coast Guard
- Nicholas Bryan —US Army
- John Bunek —US Navy
- Curtis Bunek —US Navy
- Keith Castle —US Marines
- Matthew Culver —US Navy
- Timothy Fisher —US Army
- Peter Freundl —US Coast Guard
- Joshua Harris —US Coast Guard
- Avery Kohler —MI National Guard
- Christopher Kohler —MI National Guard
- Jacob Kunde —US Air Force
- Austin McQueer —US Marines
- Andrew Tondreau —MI National Guard
- Ryan Tondreau —US Army
- Leif Vanderwerf —US Marines
- Dr. Daniel Weber —US Army
- Anya Woods —MI National Guard
- Tim Wigton —MI National Guard
- Andrew Zeits —US Army

Most of us will never know the sacrifices that our military servicemen and women make to serve and protect us all. But what is often overlooked is the tremendous sacrifice made by their families. Starting with the spouses, the sons & daughters - and all the way down to the parents & extended family of those that serve as well. Please keep them all in your prayers.

## *In Our Thoughts & Prayers* Recent Prayer Intentions

Louie Paladino \* Dianne English \* Bob Schichtel - Stroke  
 Theresa Schichtel \* Vicki Weber - Needs SCS back implant  
 Kayla \* Karen Ockert Seitz - MS \* Ray Pleva  
 Jennifer Bouche - Health issues \* Danny - Financial issues  
 Ben Blanchard & Family - big move \* Jill Anderson \* Joe Flaska  
 Fr. Tony Cureton \* 7 year old handicap boy \* Bill - Knee surgery  
 Linda Dixon Brooks \* Young woman with 3 children on hospice  
 Gabriella (3 yrs) \* Bennett (7 yrs) \* Danielle \* Hailey

## For the recently deceased & their families

\* Michael Shorter \* LaVern "Zip" Flees \*  
 \* John VanRaalte \* Paul Deering \* Frances Lautner \*  
 \* Sylvia Merz \* Ray Warnes \* Caleb "Kelly" Sparks \*  
 \* Jeff Weber (Kingsley) \* Bob Boomer \*

## Cancer Patients:

Peter Freundl \* Martin Gallagher \* Cynthia Lieby  
 Jan Novak - severe cancer \* Don Pahl \* Therese Rosinski  
 Craig Stallman \* John Trotsky  
 Ruth Trotsky (Cancer & Parkinsons)  
 Kelly Winowiecki Florip \* Danielle - breast cancer  
 Gabby - melanoma \* Gabby \* Jack \* Kathleen  
 Lori \* Marissa \* Randy \* Steve \*

## \* Ongoing Prayer Intentions \*

\* Chris Berkey - Neurological issues \*  
 \* Delores (Ditto) Couturier - stroke recovery \*  
 \* Baby Henry Gauthier - 12 mos - cervical neck healing \*  
 \* Lucas P. - teen - serious food allergies and EOE \*  
 \* Jim Plamondon - long-term rehab \*  
 \* Conor Rigan - age 4 -  
 Continued recovery from brain tumor cancer \*  
 \* Ron Rushton - stroke recovery \*  
 \* Kayla Tondreau - SJIA & many health struggles \*  
 \* Randy W. (Buckley) - Parkinsons \*

## **PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS**

Call Rita Wilson 231-228-5838 or Carole Jones 231-633-2111



*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. ~ Amen.*