

March 5 & 6, 2016

4th Sunday of Lent

# The Catholic Community of St. Maximilian Kolbe

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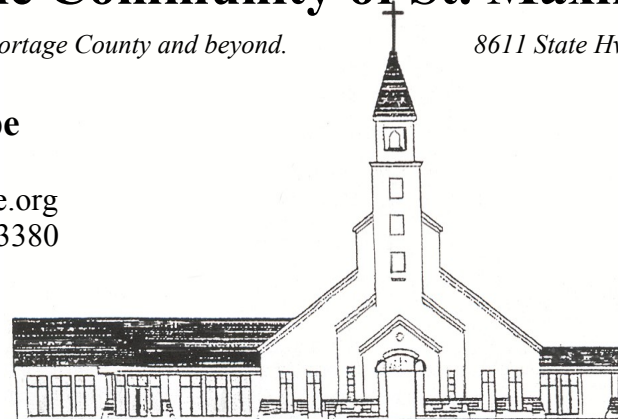
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## **Parish Weekly Schedule and Mass Intention Offerings**

### **Saturday, March 5**

**9:30 a.m.** Choir Practice for Holy Week & Easter

**6:15 p.m.** Confessions

**7:00 p.m. MASS:**+Rita Beder, by Terry & Bob Beder

### **Sunday, March 6 4th Sunday of Lent**

**7:45 a.m.** Confessions

**8:30 a.m. MASS:** For the People of St. Maximilian Kolbe

**10:00 a.m. MASS:** In thanksgiving for good growing season of 2015, by Jacowski Farms

**6:30 p.m.** Eucharistic Adoration

### **Monday, March 7**

**NO MASS**

### **Tuesday, March 8**

**5:00 p.m.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**6:00 p.m. MASS:** Birthday Blessings for Joshua Mongan, by the Mongan Family

**6:30 p.m.** Theology of the Body for Middle School Students

**7:00 p.m.** Bible Study

### **Wednesday, March 9**

**8:00 a.m. MASS:**+Bill Sankey & Rich Somers, by Joe, Nicole & Jacinta

**6:00 p.m.** Religious Education Classes

**7:15 p.m.** Finance Council Meeting

### **Thursday, March 10**

**8:00 a.m. MASS:**+Evelyn & Ernest Wysocki, by Dan, Beth, Pat, Dick & Chris

### **Friday, March 11**

**8:00 a.m. MASS:**+Bud Barden, by Pauline & Dave Wysocki

Stations of the Cross Following Mass

### **Saturday, March 12**

**9:30 a.m.** Choir Practice for Holy Week & Easter

**6:15 p.m.** Confessions

**7:00 p.m. MASS:**+Claire Heidger, by Pat Heidger

### **Sunday, March 13 5th Sunday of Lent**

**7:45 a.m.** Confessions

**8:30 a.m. MASS:** For the People of St. Maximilian Kolbe

**10:00 a.m. MASS:**+James Auer, by the Auer Family

**11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.:** St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner

**6:30 p.m.** Eucharistic Adoration

## **Parish Leadership**

### **Parish Secretary**

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Jeremiah Auer 715-281-9825

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Sharon Lorenz 715-366-4557

### **St. Martin Cemetery**

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### **St. Patrick Cemetery**

Helen Helbach 715-824-5880

### **New Parishioners**

We welcome you  
to our parish family.

If you wish to join our parish,  
you may register  
by calling the parish office.

### **Marriage**

Arrangements must be made  
at least six months in advance.

Please call the parish office  
for an appointment.

### **Baptism**

Please call the parish office  
prior to the birth of your child.

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

Please call Fr. Jim  
at 824-3380.

### **Office Hours**

Tuesday 1:00pm-6:30pm  
Wednesday 8:30am-1:00pm  
& 4:30-6:30pm  
Thursday 8:30am-1:00pm

# *The Paper Pulpit*

*4th Sunday of Lent*

**Confessions** will be held Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Frs. Dan Hackel and Roy Witucki will be joining me. Whether you go to confession monthly or if you cannot remember your last confession, come and experience God's love and forgiveness. If you don't remember how to go to confession, do not worry about it. Don't forget to bring family and friends with you. The priest will help you.

Please keep Kolt Stroik, Brett Schultz, Megan Burns and Jessica Brezovar in your prayers. They will be receiving and praying the Creed with us this weekend at Mass, as they prepare to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

**Scripture:** We are bombarded in images and pictures. Movies, television and the Internet have given us pictures and images in a dazzling array unknown to the generations that have preceded us on this earth. There's an old proverb that tells us there are none so blind as those who think they see. Blindness ought to concern us, particularly those among us who were baptized when we were infants and who grew up in our formative years attending Catholic schools or religious education classes. I'm sure we all recognize the gospel reading of the man born blind is not simply an account of physical blindness and the recovery of eyesight a physical healing of Jesus. The real cure has to do with spiritual blindness. The truth is that we don't see at all well when it comes to both seeing God and seeing other people. Beyond that there is the matter of seeing the deeper realities hidden within the people and events that we encounter during our lives here on earth. Today's gospel reading is about blindness. It causes me to suggest that you and I need to look at the answers to some important questions: What are we looking at? What should we be looking at? What are we looking at that we should not be looking at?

What are we looking at? Each day there are many things that clamor for our attention. We give our attention to things that are distracting, trivial, unimportant, or entertaining. It's a sort of voluntary blindness. When we go on the Internet, what sites do we visit and how often? Cell phones and texting are likewise useful to keep us from looking at what is truly more important. What are we looking at that we should not be looking at? More and more people are compulsively addicted to viewing inappropriate Internet sites. Others spend an inordinate amount of time checking stock market information. Some are addicted to sports. The list goes on and on.

There are other important things we should be looking into. Our relationships with our families: Many of us have not given much attention to our relationships with husbands, wives, or children. Neglecting serious examinations of them leads to family miseries. We need to give our relationships our close attention. The most important thing we need to look at is our relationship with God. It goes without saying that a lot of unhappiness is found in the lives of those who simply set God aside. They think they will get around to paying attention to God "later," and later never comes around, often until it's too late. We need to look at the "now" in our relationship with God.

An important vision connected to this has to do with how we see ourselves. All too often people make snap judgments, superficial judgments about what God is doing in their lives. At a shallow level they simply assume they know what God's doing. They come to false assessments of what God is doing because they have not seriously prayed over the matter; they have not made a discernment based on some contemplation and meditation that gives them a vision of God and His works throughout both human history and what He has been doing throughout their lives. The secret to having good insight, inner sight, inner vision, is found in prayer, in spending time with God trying to see things as He sees them. If you take this route you will have some wonderful surprises. You'll begin to see beauty in others, a beauty that others and we ourselves often miss because we have eyes to see but don't really see. In spending some quiet time alone with God you will see God's gifts in your life.

St. John's Gospel is filled with references to light and darkness, blindness and vision, seeing and not seeing. The old proverb: "None are so blind as those who refuse to see," comes to mind. We might add: "None are so blind as those who are too busy to see." Lent is now half over. The good news is that half of Lent lies in front of us, giving us, in God's good graces, more chances to utilize the time remaining in paying attention to what we see and don't see, and what we ought to take a good look into the mirror-the spiritual mirror.

***God's Blessings,***

***Fr. Jim Trempe***

## Liturgical Ministries

<u>Servers</u> <u>Readers</u> <u>Usher Captains</u> <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Saturday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.</u> Tanner D. & Volunteer Judy Snow Julian Wierzba Mike & Carol W., Pat H., Betty G.	<u>Sunday, March 13, 8:30 a.m.</u> Alex & Austin Z., Carson Z. Sharon Lorenz Scott Peterson Melissa D., Doreen K., Eric Z., Nila P.	<u>Sunday, March 13, 10:00 a.m.</u> Brady & Brock S., Alex M. Bob Yerkes Pat Peskie Sharon K., Deone P., Melanie D., Tim V.
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The St. Patrick's Building will be open  
on Friday, March 11th  
from 9am to 8pm  
& Saturday, March 12th  
from 8am to 8pm  
Food and Country Store donations can be  
dropped off during this time.

### Help Needed With Final Dinner Prep

Friday: 9am-12pm Help with broth;  
soak beans  
Saturday: 9am Help Set up Dining Room  
Make Coleslaw; Debone & Slice Ham;  
1pm Prepare Baked Beans

### St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner

**Sunday, March 13th**

**Serving 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

*Adults: \$9.00 and Children: \$4.00*

**Menu:** ham, mashed potatoes/gravy,  
baked beans, corn, coleslaw, pickles, rolls,  
cake/pie, milk/coffee.

**Each family is asked to donate  
the following:** \$5.00 to cover the cost of ham  
and vegetables, 3 quarts of peeled, whole  
(unsliced) potatoes, 2 large pies: apple, lemon,  
pecan, or any berry

*We are known for our homemade pies!*

**Also, families with the last names:**

**A - I:** 1/2 gallon of milk (not skim)

**J - R:** 1 quart of pickles

**S - Z:** One 15 oz. can of whole  
kernel corn (no creamed or frozen corn) Sign  
up sheet will be in the gathering space. Ques-  
tions? Contact Pat Heidger  
at 715.459-4931

### Congratulations 2nd Graders!

Congratulations to those who received the  
Sacrament of First Reconciliation  
on February 27, 2016.

Alaina Zietlow

Destiny Kiefer

Alyssa Borski

Chase Barden

Zachary Mocadlo

Lily Cichy (on 4/9/2016)

## Your Financial Support for the weekend of 2/28/16

Adult Envelopes:	3540.00
Offertory:	315.00
Childrens	1.50
Vigil Candles	.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	335.00

**Total:** **4,191.50**

## Know Someone Celebrating 50 years of Marriage?



The Diocese is sponsoring a celebration  
for these couples. Submit their names,  
addresses, and phone numbers to the  
parish office **by March 10, 2015.**  
Bishop Calahan will send a special  
invitation to attend in their honor.

The dates and locations are:

July 24-St. Mary Altoona

August 7-St. Bronislava Plover

August 21-Christ the King La Crosse.

## Attention HS Seniors Scholarship Opportunity

The ALS/Cancer Awareness Committee  
has 5 different \$500.00 scholarships avail-  
able to local graduating seniors  
with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

## Application materials need to be postmarked no later than March 11th, 2016.

Please send application materials to:

2016 ALS/Cancer Awareness

Committee Scholarships

Attn: Janet Glodowski

3826 Smokey Road

Stevens Point, WI 54482

If you have questions, call Janet

at 715.824.2525 or email

at DLGJLG@wi-net.com.

Scholarships will be awarded

by March 25th, 2016, and they

will be presented to the recipients at the

"Superfundaboomalastic

5K ALS Walk/Run

on Saturday, June 4th, 2016 at 6:30pm

**Due to the quick turnaround time  
and upcoming deadline, there will  
be copies of the scholarship  
application on the back table  
in the gathering space.**

Please read criteria carefully before  
applying for each scholarship.

Applicants may only receive one of the  
scholarships, but may apply for more than  
one. Recipients are highly  
encouraged to attend and volunteer the  
day of the benefit. Go to  
[www.smokeyexpress.com](http://www.smokeyexpress.com) for details.

## This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries Birthdays:

Tanner Hoerter 3/6	Jeffrey Ligman 3/10
Madison Hintz 3/6	McKenzie Miner 3/10
Vadra Selenske 3/8	Austin Avery 3/10
Joshua Mongan 3/8	Ella Auer 3/10
Donald Czerniak 3/9	Gary Widder 3/12
Teresa Coulthurst 3/9	Janet Borski 3/12
Ryan Marciniak 3/9	Eric Zager 3/12
Aaron Hendrix 3/9	Jill Lorbiecki 3/12
Zachary Noel 3	Johl Turzinski 3/12
Mary Warzynski 3/10	

In March, we celebrate  
the anniversary  
of the Baptismal Day of:

**Helena Mongan**

Elizabeth Ministry has a gift  
for Helena in the gathering space.

*Please remember these parishioners  
in your daily prayers*

## Choir Announcement

There will be choir practice  
in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

**Saturday, March 5th**

**Saturday, March 12th**

**Saturday, March 19th**

Practice times are

from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

Please join us for these practices  
and bring a friend!



## BASKET RAFFLE

Don't forget about our famous Basket Raffle!

Year after year at our annual Ham Dinner,  
people enjoy these baskets and we are amazed  
at the love and time put into each one.

Please consider putting your time and talent  
together to design a basket of your favorite theme:

*Easter, Spring, gardening  
girls/guys, kids, pets,  
candy/chocolate, chores,  
fishing, hobbies, books,  
crafts, and lotions...  
the ideas are endless.*

If you would rather donate items for a basket,  
bring your items to church and place them in the  
coat rack area no later than Thursday, March 10th.  
Baskets will be displayed in the gathering space.  
Questions? Call Bernie (920.622.3899)

## Local Events - What's Going On In Your Neighborhood?

### Volunteer Opportunities

Are you a senior citizen who is interested in volunteering?  
RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) has volunteer opportunities in Portage County for those 55 years and older.  
Please contact John Woyak at 715.341.2634 or Cathy Mackay at 715.346.1408 for more information.

### TRI-PARISH LENTEN MISSION

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Sun., March 6th -Wed., March 9th  
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### 40 Days For Life

**February 10th through March 20th**  
You are invited to join other Christians in a 40 day peaceful prayer vigil outside the  
**Family Planning Services**  
**200 Division Street**  
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(on the sidewalk in front of the mall)  
and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.  
For more information,  
contact Dave Senft at 715.347.6678  
stevenspoint40daysforlife@gmail.com  
or sign up to volunteer at  
<http://40daysforlife.com/stevenspoint>



### BINGO

St. Adalbert Catholic School  
March 13th, 2016 • Starts at 1pm

### 4th Saturday Lunch

*A Free Community Meal*  
**Saturday, March 26**  
Serving 11:30am-1:00pm  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Wautoma  
*Everyone is welcome!*

### Retrouvaille:

#### Rediscover Your Marriage

Retrouvaille simply means 'rediscovery.' This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. For more info. visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

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