

April 30 & May 1st, 2016

6th Sunday of Easter

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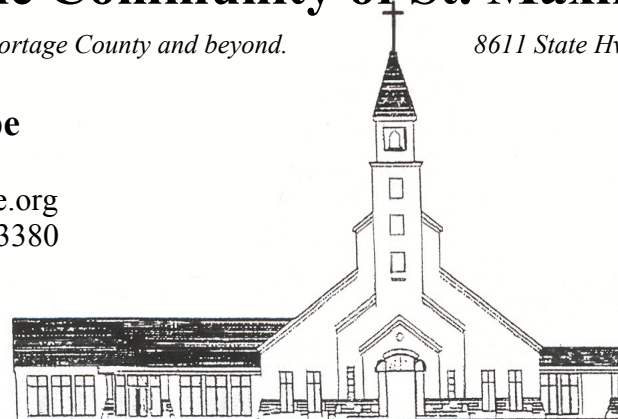
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Parish Weekly Schedule and Mass Intention Offerings

Saturday, April 30

6:15 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. MASS: For the Health of Father John Swing, by Bob & Helen Helbach

Sunday, May 1

8:30 a.m. MASS: 90th Birthday Blessings for Jeanette Patoka, by Carol Rudiger

10:00 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Maximilian Kolbe

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, May 2

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 3

5:00 p.m. Holy Hour - Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction

Intention –In Thanksgiving for our Catechists; For All Children of St. Max's

6:00 p.m. MASS:+Ben & Margaret Wojtalewicz, by Deone Paris

7:00 p.m. Bible Study NEW STUDY on the Mass (Why we do what we do)

Wednesday, May 4

8:00 a.m. MASS:+Father Dan Farley, by Nancy Bozek

7:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Meeting

Thursday, May 5

8:00 a.m. MASS:+Bud Barden, by Gene & Barb Volk

5:30 p.m. Prayer Partner Dinner

Friday, May 6

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

9:00 a.m. Sacred Worship Meeting

Saturday, May 7 Mother's Day Rose Sale

6:15 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. MASS: For the health of Meghan Czerwinski, by Grandma & Grandpa Young

Sunday, May 8 Mother's Day Rose Sale

8:30 a.m. MASS:+Maynard & Romona Patoka, by Bill, Carol & Toni Rudiger

10:00 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Maximilian Kolbe

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

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St. Martin Cemetery

Tom Guth 366-4104

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

In our first reading today, we see St. Peter, the first pope, make a decision as to whether early Christians needed to be circumcised before they were baptized. He said no, and that has been the decision from that time on, even today. I'd encourage you to read the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. The Church back then did not look the same as it does today. It doesn't look like it did in the 1950's either. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read about the first pope, first bishops, first priests and deacons, about baptism, moral questions and so much more about the Church in the '30's '40's and '50s (almost 2,000 years ago). Why not start reading it now? If not, what is your excuse?

Please join us for our new scripture study on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:15 pm. We are discussing the Mass. This is a great study, especially if you have never done a Bible study before. Come and learn why we do what we do at Mass. This is a very practical study. Did you know everything we do at Mass has a purpose? Did you know that it all comes from the Bible. Come with your questions. It's only for four weeks. You can invest four hours into understanding your faith can't you? If not, why not? What is your excuse?

We offer two opportunities each week to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm and Tuesday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. This week come and pray in thanksgiving for our catechists who taught our children this past year. Come and pray for your children, your grandchildren and children in the parish you may not know but who could all use your prayers. Will you come and give Jesus an hour? Could you use an hour of prayer? Will you come? If not, why not? What is your excuse?

Now that I've made you feel guilty (some good ole Catholic guilt is good), let's turn to the gospel. Today's readings present the possibility of a filial relationship with God. Filial refers to intimacy and trust that can exist between a parent and child. A story from Peru illustrates filial trust in God: It happened that a missionary priest was visiting his extensive parish high in the Andes Mountains. The best way to reach certain parts of the parish was by horseback. Once, toward sunset, the priest got disoriented and could not find the way back to his base camp. Rather than risk exposure at such an altitude, he decided to give his horse free rein and hope to find shelter. After a couple of hours of wandering, he saw a welcome sight. In the distance, a lamp burned in a hut. This was unusual because the native people went to bed shortly after dark in order to get up at an early hour. When the priest got near the hut, a man ran out, "Padre, padrecito," he exclaimed, "I knew you would come." Surprised, the priest asked how he knew he would come there. The man said, "My mother has been praying all day that a priest would come. She is dying." The priest went inside, heard the woman's confession, and then gave her holy anointing and Communion. The woman softly spoke these final words, "*Taita Dios* heard me." *Taita Dios* is not easy to translate. Dios of course means God, but *Taita* is hard to translate. It is an intimate, affectionate way of addressing one's father. *Taita* is like "daddy," except that a grown person could say it with no embarrassment. *Taita Dios*, my dear Father, has heard me.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us if someone keeps His word, "The Father will love him." He then describes an intimacy impossible for us to imagine. He tells us He and the Father will dwell within us - by the power of the Holy Spirit. This intimacy has a high price. You know one of the most painful things in this life is the physical separation from someone we love. Some of us have experienced that in relation to our mom - or some other much loved person. Jesus tells us today the reason for separation - so that we might have an even more intimate union. The disciples were devastated by the death of Jesus, but then came the great miracle of the Resurrection.

Now, Jesus explains He must once again go from their sight. He does it for a reason, so he can send the Advocate. An advocate is the one who stands up for us, like an attorney. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit to make possible an intimate union with the Trinity - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Like that faith-filled indigenous woman, we can say, "*Taita Dios*," my dear Father, has heard us. Yes, the Father hears us. Will we listen to him? Will we take time in prayer? If not, why not? What is your excuse?

God's Blessings,

Fr. Jim Trempe

Liturgical Ministries

<p><u>Servers</u> <u>Readers</u> <u>Usher Captains</u> <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></p>	<p><u>Saturday, May 7, 7:00 p.m.</u> Tanner D. & Volunteer Greg Decker Mike Weller Pat H., Mary S., Jane B., Alan B.</p>	<p><u>Sunday, May 8, 8:30 a.m.</u> Max & Macey T., Wyatt B. Sharon Lorenz Scott Peterson Kendra C., JoAnn D., Mindy K., Joan B.</p>	<p><u>Sunday, May 8, 10:00 a.m.</u> Grace, Anna & Jeremiah A. Sharon Kurzinski Todd Hoerter Nila P., Bob Y., Nicole & Tim V.</p>
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SCRIP NEWS **KWIK TRIP** **POWER SALE WEEKEND**

May 21st & 22nd
\$20.00 Kwik Trip gift cards will be available for purchase. No forms to fill out! Paying with cash is encouraged. Help us reach our goal of \$1000.00. Cards will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Mother's Day Rose Sale **May 7th & 8th** **After All Masses**

\$2 each or \$20 a dozen
Thank you for your support!
Proceeds for St. Maximilian Kolbe Pro-Life Committee
To purchase educational materials, Fund pro-life events, and support Pregnancy Help Centers.

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries **Birthdays:**

Rita Lesinski 5/1	William Zelinski 5/4
Sandy Medin 5/1	Alivia Schuh 5/4
Lynda Sullivan 5/1	Lucas Pliwko 5/4
Florian Wroblewski 5/1	Ellie Noth 5/5
Lisa Hintz 5/1	Emily Feist 5/6
Kendra Cichy 5/2	Allison Feist 5/6
Tory Deuman 5/3	Arlene Meyer 5/7



Please remember these parishioners in your daily prayers



Life is a Fiesta **Prayer Partner Dinner**

May 5th

5:30 pm Gather
6:00 pm Dinner

All women of the parish and any interested guests are invited. Secret Prayer Partners will be revealed for those who participated last year, and new Prayer Partners will be assigned for the upcoming year. If you are not able to attend, but you would like a prayer partner, there will be a basket on the table in the gathering space for you to sign up. Questions? Call or text Terry at 715.570.2823.

Use **SCRIP** for your spring & summer purchases: Mother's Day, Father's Day, Gardening & building projects!
SCRIP is sold in the gathering space before and after the 4pm Mass on Saturdays and the 10am Mass on Sundays.
This is a great way to support your parish!!

Spring Garden Clean-Up **Saturday, May 21** **9:00 am**

At long last, Spring has arrived!
Time for garden clean-up!
If you could spare some time, your help would be appreciated. We will meet in the meditation garden. Bring a bucket, gloves, and any small gardening tools you like to use. If you cannot make this date but would have other time available or if you would be interested in helping with summer maintenance, please contact Peggy Root at 715.498.1597.

Marriage Banns
Heather Trebiatowski
and Kolt Stroik
May 21, 2016

CHILDREN NEEDED!!!

May Crowning
Mother's Day, May 8
8:30am and 10:00am Mass
All children are invited to take part in the May Crowning on Mother's Day. First Communicants are encouraged to wear their suits or dresses. Meet before 8:30 or 10:00 Mass for instructions. Thank you. *Cindy Gresl*

Holy Door Pilgrimage—Year of Mercy **Saturday, May 14th**

Please join us as we venture to some of the Holy Door parishes in our Diocese. We will be going to churches in Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield and Polonia. We will meet at St. Max's at 9am. A stop for lunch is scheduled, and our anticipated return time is 3pm. There is NO COST, and we will be carpooling. A sign up sheet and itinerary will be available in the gathering space. This will be a relaxing day trip and a plenary indulgence in accord with Bishop Callahan. Questions? Contact Mary at 715.340.7217.

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- 1) Text App to 88202 to download
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- 2) Visit myparishapp.com
And select our parish
- 3) Scan the QR code on the banner
in the gathering space

INSTRUCTION CARDS are available on the table in the gathering space.
Contact the Parish Office if you have questions or need additional help.

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

Ty Jakowski

Please keep him in your prayers!
Mother Teresa felt her Baptism day was even more important than her birth day; through Baptism we receive **the WORD of God** which works through us, transforms us, and calls us to the purpose for which we are put on this earth.
LORD, bless these children; grant that they may hear Your voice and faithfully respond to Your Call.
Elizabeth Ministry has a gift for this child in the gathering space.

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

Diocesan News

Bishop Richard E. Pates
of the Diocese of Des Moines
will be speaking on

**"Forming Consciences
for Faithful Citizenship"**

Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

at the UW Center for Civic Engagement
in Wausau. His talk will focus on Pope
Francis' **Encyclical, *Laudato Si***, on the
environment and its relation to responsible
citizenship. It will be held in the
James F. Veninga Theater
625 Stewart Avenue, Wausau, WI
and is sponsored by the Wisconsin Institute
for Public Policy and Service.
It is free and open to the public.
For more information, call 715.261.6368.

Walk for Life

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Lake Wazeecha, Wisconsin Rapids
Check-in at 9:00am
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• Family Event • Concession Stand
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Please contact John Woyak at 715.341.2634 or
Cathy Mackay at 715.346.1408
for more information.

Lovin' Our Livie Benefit

May 14, 2016

9am-5pm

Almond-Bancroft Baseball Field

Charcoal Chicken Dinner

Serving Begins at 11am

**Tickets MUST be purchased
in advance and are available at the**

**Almond branch of the
Portage County Bank.**

Kickball Tournament

10am-3pm

Basket Raffle

Tickets will be available
until the drawing at 3pm.

**Olivia is a St. Max 6th grader who
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**Please keep Olivia and
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