



Go and do likewise... Luke 10:37

St. Maximilian Kolbe

A Catholic Church in Rural Southeastern Portage County, WI

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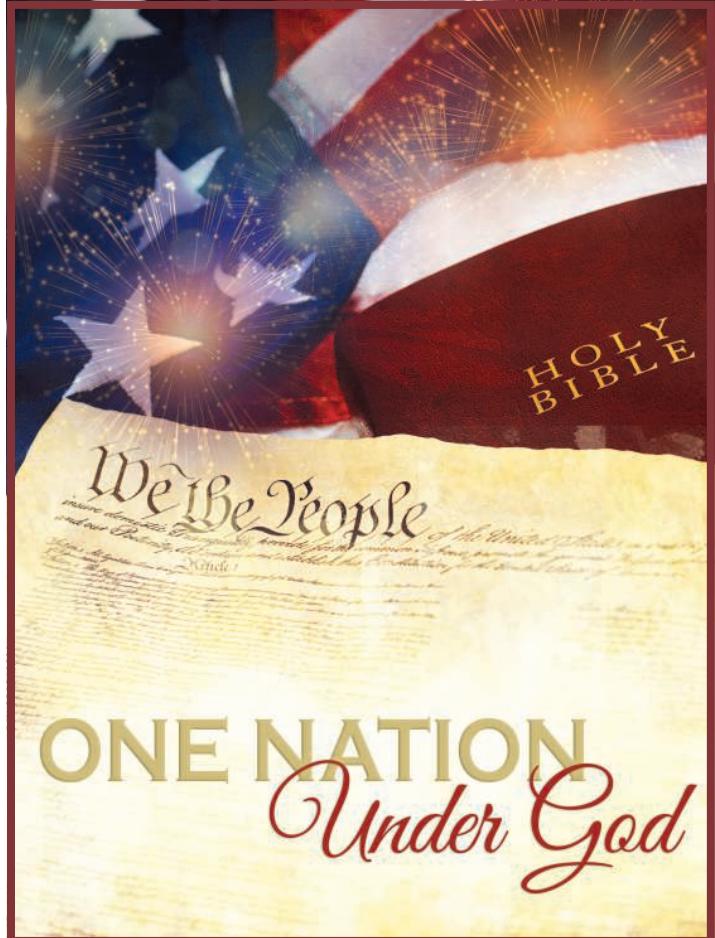
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Readings for the Week of July 2, 2017

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc-2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." When Jesus says paradoxical things like this, we can still trust him. Even when he makes claims that, at first glance, seem impossible, we know that he's not talking gibberish. Why? Because Jesus lived the ultimate paradox: he brought life out of death. His resurrection proves for us that things are not always as they appear. The Crucifixion, which looked like the end of Jesus' influence, was actually a tremendous new beginning.

So when Jesus promises that we will find life through a kind of death, we shouldn't question his claim. Of course in today's Gospel, Jesus isn't necessarily talking about physical death, although the "red" martyrs who suffer for him do in fact find their reward in eternal life. "White" martyrdom, on the other hand, is a kind of death to self that doesn't involve bloodshed. It means putting love and generous service ahead of our own self-gratification. It means doing these things for the sake of Christ. When he tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, this is what he's talking about.

So, how can we be white martyrs today? How can we sacrifice our desire for perfect comfort, or entertainment on demand, or status or pleasure or sleep or whatever else for the sake of serving another person? In our families, in our schools and workplaces, in our parishes, in our neighborhoods and our communities, there are myriad opportunities to "lose our lives" for the sake of Christ. But don't forget, in dying to ourselves, we will find our lives in a new way! The fulfillment Christ offers us in return, both now and in eternity, will be far better than anything we try to cling to on our own.

LIVE THE LITURGY

How does your commitment to Jesus Christ affect your life? Our faith is not just a private affair but something that influences all of our relationships. Our baptism brings us into a very intimate relationship with God and makes us a brother or a sister to all of God's children. That identity we share colors how we relate to them and the level of responsibility we have to them. If we open ourselves to truly receive our God as Father and those with whom we journey as brothers and sisters, it can profoundly change and affect us. How has your baptism changed you?



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Matthew 10:37-42

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks about the conditions and rewards of discipleship. What motivates you to follow Christ?

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Why do you think the Shunammite woman was so richly rewarded for her hospitality toward the prophet Elisha?

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Paul encourages the Christians in Rome to "think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." What challenges do you see in this spiritual exercise?

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Anthony Firkus 7/2

Don Turzinski 7/3

Audrey Bembenek 7/3

Natalie Widder 7/3

Theresa Gresl 7/4

Brody Dernbach 7/4

Connor Pliwko 7/5

Wendy Turzinski 7/6

Amy Krupka 7/6

Konrad Radaszewski 7/7

Daniel Turzinski 7/7

Ross Zietlow 7/7

Joseph Ligman 7/7

Anniversaries

Chris & Cathy Noth 7/2

Jerry & Sharon Kurzinski 7/8

Please Keep These Parishioners in Your Prayers!

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question:

What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

Answer:

Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God's will for Jesus--the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, "If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (Rom 6:5).

SHOW YOUR PATRIOTISM

During the weekend of July 1st – 2nd you will be able to enjoy some cool summer treats while helping a program that has made a huge impact on veterans across our state.



WISCONSIN NEVER FORGOTTEN HONOR FLIGHT

This program was initially designated to take veterans from World War I and II to Washington DC to visit the war memorials and other historical landmarks. It's very emotional and healing. The cost to these veterans is a great big "0" but they must travel with a guardian. Their cost is around \$500. Sometimes this cost can keep a veteran from taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity. The Military Ministry of our parish would like to sponsor at least one or more guardians. SO, on July 1st and 2nd we will be serving a variety of tasty, cool and refreshing summer treats. It will be a free will offering, so give generously. Anyone wishing to help with the treats may contact Mary at 715-340-7217 or Dianne at 715-383-6006. All proceeds will help support this worthy program. Hope to see you there!

During June, July & August, please call the parish office before coming in to the church. With no resident priest, there may be some flexibility in hours, and we would hate for you to come and no one be here. We will do our best to keep you informed through the bulletin and pulpit announcements. Thanks!



We Need Your Help!

We are in need of a volunteer who is willing to launder the cassocks and surpluses that the altar servers wear during Masses. This task only needs to be done 3 to 4 times per year. Prayerfully consider helping out with this behind the scenes ministry. Contact the church office for more information at 715.824.3380.

Retrouvaille

Do you feel frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Maybe marriage counseling hasn't helped. Consider Retrouvaille, a lifeline for marriages. It is time to start healing! Next program is August 11th. Questions? Contact Adam or Trish Cohen at cohen@wi-net.com or visit retrouvaille.org for more information.

Pilgrimage to Poland

Father Joseph will host a Pilgrimage to Poland, April 9-17, 2018, a fully escorted tour including most meals. Depart from St. Peter's Church by bus to Green Bay airport. Highlights include: Zakopane, a popular town where Pope St. John Paul II spent time, Gora Monastery to witness the world famous Black Madonna, so much more! Please call Global Travel for a brochure 715-341-7227. Join us for an informational meeting on August 16th at 6:00pm, Kolbe Hall, St. Peter's Church.

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

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 the parish office at 824-3380.

Mass Intentions

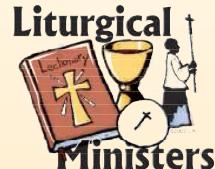
Please submit Mass Intentions to the parish office or call 715.824.3380.

Office Hours (vary in summer months please call first)

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

Thursday 8:30am-1:00pm

Liturgical Ministries



Saturday, July 8

7:00 pm

Servers: Tanner Doyle & Volunteer

Reader: Greg Decker

Usher Captain: Mike Weller

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sharon C., Betty O., Betty G., Pat H.

Sunday, July 9

8:30 am

Servers: Lily T., Gabriel H., Carson Z.

Reader: Pat Blaskowski

Usher Captain: Scott Peterson

Eucharistic Ministers:

Kendra C., Peggy R., Helen B., Mindy K.

Sunday, July 9

10:00 am

Servers: Brady S., Brock S., Kayla C.

Reader: Nila Peskie

Usher Captain: Dan Cullen

Eucharistic Ministers:

Nila P., Kathy G., Eric Z.

Your Financial Support for 6/25/2017

Adult Envelopes	3006.00
Offertory:	293.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	240.00
Vigil Candles	82.50
Total:	3,621.50

What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?

Fall Retreat for PCCW

Please join us at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality at St. Norbert Abbey in De Pere, WI September 22 through the 24th. Dr. Robert Wicks will be presenting a weekend program, Spiritual Resilience: Strengthening Your Inner Life in Challenging Times. More information is available at their website: nsc@norbertine.org. The retreat starts Friday at 4:30pm and concludes at 11 am on Sunday. Seats are filling quickly so we need to make our reservation soon. Contact Sherry Fay for more information at [920-636-5010](tel:920-636-5010).



PCCW Garden Walk

Olbrich Gardens in Madison will be the destination for this year's garden walk. We will be going on Friday July 14th, leaving the church parking lot at 8 am and returning at 4-5 pm. Information about the gardens is available at olbrich.org. A tram is available in the 16 acre garden for those who prefer less walking. We will have lunch near East Town Mall after the walk. Carpooling is available. Please contact Sherry Fay if you have questions or want to sign up to go. [920-636-5010](tel:920-636-5010)

Totus Tuus

"Totally Yours" Youth Summer Program. Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Immaculate Conception- Custer parishes will be hosting Totus Tuus July 9th-15th. This is a Catholic week long summer program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith. There are day sessions for students going into 1st- 6th grade and evening sessions for students going into 7th grade and older. For more information, including registration material please visit our website at www.sacredheartpolonia.com or call (715) 592-4221. The registration deadline is July 5th.

CHURCH PICNIC

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel, Fancher

Sunday, July 2nd Church Picnic

Parish Festival

Sunday, July 9th
St. Bronislava Parish, Plover

St. Mary Parish Picnic

July 15 & 16
St. Mary Parish, Torun

Spirit Fest

Sunday, July 23 11am-5pm
Holy Spirit Parish Picnic

