



*Go and do likewise... Luke 10:37*

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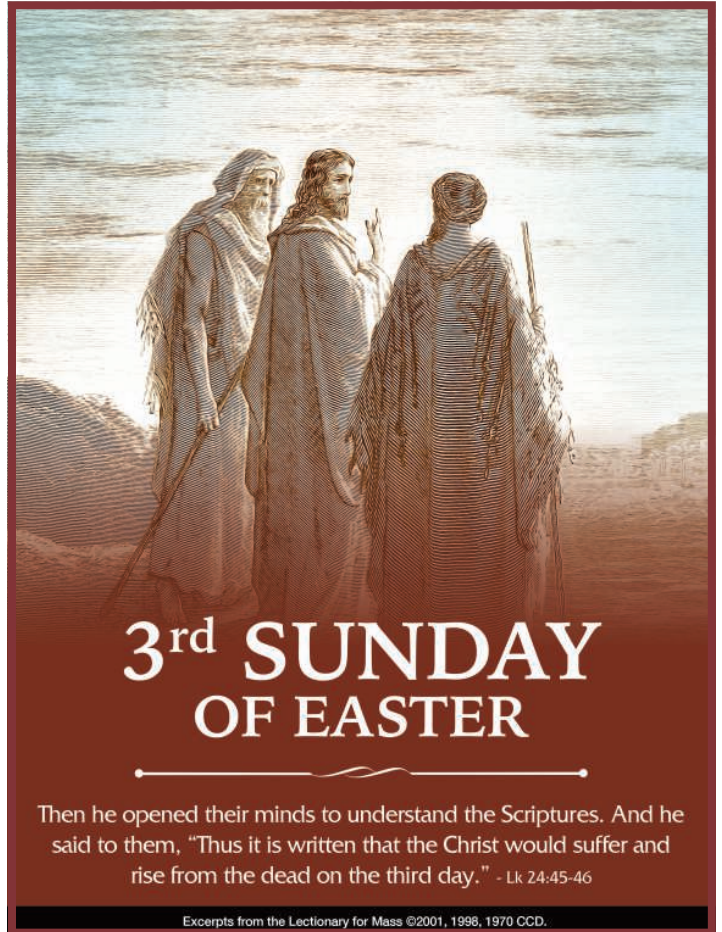
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## Readings for the Week of April 15, 2018

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

## FATHER'S CORNER

Dear Loving parishioners

Love and Peace of Christ!

The common theme of today's liturgy is a challenge that our faith in the living presence of the risen Lord should strengthen our hope in His promises, and call us to true repentance for our sins and lead us to bearing witness to Christ by our works of charity.

Today's gospel leads us to reflect on faith, doubts and crises. It shows us how Jesus convinced His disciples of His resurrection and how He commissioned them to be His witnesses throughout the world. He prepared them to receive God's power through the coming descent of the Holy Spirit upon them, and He commanded them to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins.

Jesus needs us as witnesses to continue His mission. Jesus needs Spirit-filled followers to be His eyes, ears and hands and to bear witness to His love, mercy and forgiveness. The church badly needs dedicated witnesses: priests, Brothers, Sisters, teachers, doctors, and nurses – all of us. The essence of bearing witness is to testify by our lives that the power of the risen Jesus has touched and transformed us. In other words, Jesus is to speak to other people through us. In Calcutta, a dying old woman with her head in the lap of Mother Teresa, looked at her for a long time, and, in a feeble voice, asked, "Are you the God Jesus who loves the poor and the sick?"

May God bless you!

—Fr. Peter



**Join us on a pilgrimage to India!**

**January 15-25, 2019**

**More details and information will be in upcoming bulletins. You may also contact the parish office at 715-824-3380.**



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

**Answer:** There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

**Why are you afraid?** If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

## This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Diane Zube 4/15	Amanda Turzinski 4/19
Robert Kulis 4/15	Aubrey Noel 4/19
Amy Manske 4/15	Debra Jackson 4/20
Kendall Kirsling 4/15	Jacob Wierzba 4/20
Jennifer Livermore 4/17	Mary Stutzman 4/21
John Kalata 4/18	George Helbach 4/21
Jesse Konczak 4/18	Clint Butzin 4/21
Ben Gresl 4/18	

### Anniversaries

Edwin & Carol Hudziak 4/19

**Please Remember these Parishioners in your daily prayers!**



**Kyle Bembenek & Jasmine Buchner**

**April 28, 2018**

## St. Maximilian Kolbe and St Peregrine Shrine Trip—May 4th & 5th

It's time to think Spring and join us on our next parish pilgrimage. We will start at St. Maximilian Kolbe Shrine in Marytown located in Libertyville, Illinois. We will be staying overnight at the retreat house on site. Our second day will take us to Chicago where we will visit the National Shrine of St Peregrine (On his feast day!), the Patron Saint of Cancer Patients. If you recall, we were presented last spring with a relic of St. Peregrine. Please mark your calendars for this date and plan to join us. The cost is \$175 per adult. The student rate is \$88. No one will be turned away, so do not let cost keep you from joining us. IMPORTANT, there is a limited number of 26 spaces available, so sign up as soon as you can. Registration forms can be found in the gathering space. Any questions, call/text Mary at 715-340-7217 or email sheaasL4@gmail.com



## Clothing Collection

We are collecting all kinds of clothing for the Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee. They are in need of all types of clothing. The people receive the items free. All donations can be dropped off at Stepping Stone Salon at [112 Christy street](#) during business hours. Please put items in plastic bags so we can fit more in the trailer. Thank you in advance! Any Questions, call Terri Singer 824-3997

## Director of Youth Ministries

### St. Joseph /St. Stephen/St. Peter Parishes Stevens Point, WI

Seeking an individual to work full time with youth for a combined ministry position. The successful candidate will be responsible for planning, developing and implementing catechetical, sacramental preparation, relational and service programs for middle and high school teens. Applicants must be organized, self-motivated, and proficient in computer and communications skills. Work nights and weekends are balanced with regular agreed upon office hours. Certification or experience in Catholic youth ministry preferred. Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Religious Studies/Theology are a plus. For more information, contact Renee Schneeberg, St. Joseph Parish Office, 1709 Wyatt Ave, Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-341-1617 x101. Submit résumé and cover letter to [rschneeberg@stjoespoint.org](mailto:rschneeberg@stjoespoint.org) by May 1.

## 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.

Please call the parish office before coming in to the church. Office hours will vary, and we would hate for you to come and no one be here.

## Office Hours

Tues, Wed & Thurs: 9am-1pm  
Tues, Wed: 4:30-6:30pm

## Saturday, April 21

### 7:00 pm

Servers: Laura & Kaleb Krupka  
Reader: Greg D.  
Usher Captain: Diane Z.  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
Sharon C., Jane B., Alan B. Pat H.

## Sunday, April 22

### 8:30 am

Servers: Austin Z., Max T., Gabriel H.  
Reader: Joan B.  
Usher Captain: Scott P.  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
Joan B., Helen B., JoAnn D., Mindy K.

## Sunday, April 22

### 10:00 am

Servers: Harlee K., Alex M., Jason M.  
Reader: Nila P.  
Usher Captain: Pat P.  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
Nila P., Gene L., Melanie D., Bob Y.



## Your Financial Support for 4/8/2018

Adult Envelopes	3,266.00
Offertory:	158.12
Maintenance & Repairs:	162.00
Building project	00.00
Vigil Candles	00.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,586.12</b>

## What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?



Almond American Legion Post 339

### **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast**

**Sunday, April 15**

Serving from 9am to Noon

Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Potato Pancakes,  
Sausage Links, Juice, Coffee, Milk and Donut Holes  
Adults: \$7 Children 5-12 years: \$4 Four & Under: Free

St Max is having a blood drive

**April 29th from 8:30 to 11:00.**

Please consider donating. You may  
be saving a life of a love one. Every  
pint helps someone in need.

Questions call 715-824-3444 Scott or  
Ann Peterson.



### **Deanery Spring Open Assembly**

**Thursday, April 19th**

St. Bronislava, Plover  
(Held in the Mary Room)

Registration from 6:00pm-6:30pm

There will be a guest speaker and refreshments.

**All ladies are invited!**

## **LDCCW Spring Convention**

Lacrosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women  
Spring Convention will be held **Saturday, April 21st**  
at St. Anne's in Wausau. Registration will be from  
7:30 - 8:30 a.m. There will be Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
All PCCW ladies are invited. Guest speaker is  
Monsignor Diermeier from Marathon City.

## **Prayer Partner Dinner**

**May 3rd**

We are tweaking our program this year to focus on  
what matters most...Prayer! We will simplify by  
eliminating the Christmas angel/gift and gift on the last  
night in order to make prayer our total focus. We will  
leave the birthday and anniversary of your prayer  
partner on the program form so that you may offer  
special prayers on those days. We hope these  
changes will make it easier for as many people as  
possible to participate and eliminate some unneeded  
stress.

**May 3rd @ 6pm - Installation of  
New PCCW Officers**

**6:15 - Potluck Dinner**

Please bring a \$5-\$7 gift for take away BINGO

\*\* If you have already purchased or made a gift for  
your prayer partner this year, please plan to gift that  
at another time. Thanks.

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

### **Saturday, April 14**

9:00 a.m. First Eucharist Retreat  
6:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. MASS:+Norm Hudziak  
By Leo & Betty Gonnering

### **Sunday, April 15      3rd Sunday of Easter**

7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m. Confessions  
8:30 a.m. MASS:+Ben & Sophie Milanowski  
By the Family  
10:00 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Max's  
6:30 p.m. Adoration

### **Monday, April 16**

NO MASS

### **Tuesday, April 17**

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00 p.m. MASS: Birthday Blessings for  
Daniel Zdroik by Mom & Dad

### **Wednesday, April 18**

8:00 a.m. MASS:+Tom Barden  
By Patty O. Barden  
6:00 p.m. CCD Classes

### **Thursday, April 19**

8:00 a.m. MASS:+David Zarter By Mom

### **Friday, April 20**

8:00 a.m. MASS:+Norm Hudziak  
By Ron & Helen Buckholt

### **Saturday, April 21**

**St. Anselm**

6:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. MASS:+Norm McNew  
By Joe & Stanley Heidger

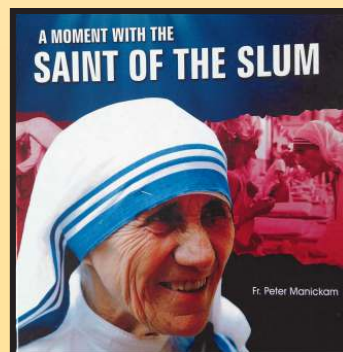
### **Sunday, April 22      4th Sunday of Easter**

7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m. Confessions  
8:30 a.m. MASS:+Julian Wierzba  
By Bill & Carol Omernik  
10:00 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Max's  
6:30 p.m. Adoration

**\*\*World Day of Prayer For Vocations**

## **Father Peter's Book Released**

The proceeds of the first 100 copies sold will go to the social hall building project. Cost is \$15.00. Stop by and pick up a copy of this special book about a special saint!



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