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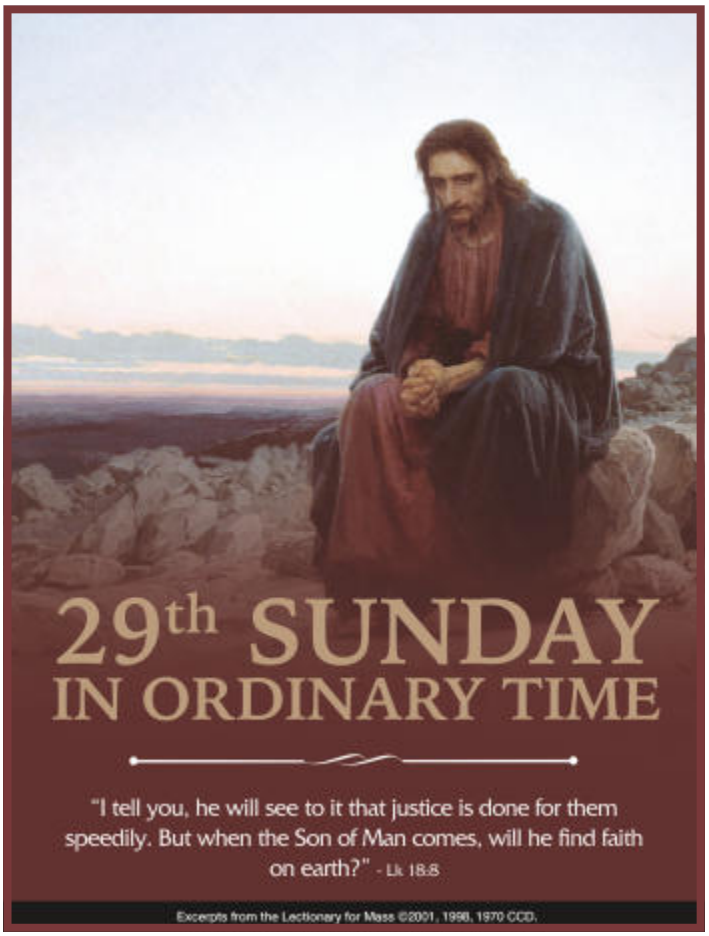

Weekday Mass Times:
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Mass Times:
Saturdays 7:00 p.m.
Sundays 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Tuesdays 5:15 to 5:45 p.m.
Saturdays 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Sundays 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.
First Fridays of each month 8:30 a.m. (following 8am Mass)

Eucharistic Adoration:
Tuesdays 5:00 p.m.
Sundays 6:30 p.m.
First Fridays of each month 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Father's Corner

Dear Loving Parishioners,

Love and Peace of Christ!
Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe today as World Mission Sunday. This annual observance was instituted 93 years ago in 1926 by a Papal decree issued by Pope Pius XI. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on and prayer for the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.

The Holy Father's Mission Sunday messages: Pope Francis, in his first World Mission Sunday message, 2013, challenged us to proclaim courageously and in every situation the Gospel of Christ, a message of hope, reconciliation and communion. In his 2014 Mission Sunday message, the Pope challenged the Church to become a welcoming home, a mother for all peoples and the source of rebirth for our world through the intercession of Mary, the model of humble and joyful evangelization. "The Church is on a mission in the world," Pope Francis writes in his 2019 World Mission Day message, Baptized and Sent. "This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission." Hence the Holy Father calls on all Catholics and the Church to revive missionary awareness and commitment.
The missionary Church: The Church, according to Vatican Council II, is "missionary" in her very nature because her founder, Jesus Christ, was the first missionary. God the Father sent God the Son into the world with a message of God's love and salvation. Thus, the evangelizing mission of the Church is essentially the announcement of God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation as these are revealed to mankind through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.
On this Mission Sunday, let us learn to appreciate our missionary obligation and support the Church's missionary activities by leading transparent Christian lives, by fervent prayers, and by generous donations.

God bless you,
—Fr. Peter

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question:
God rarely seems to answer my prayers. Is He really listening?
Answer:
Throughout Scripture, God promises to answer the prayers of His people. Sometimes things don't turn out the way we'd hope. God won't miraculously do evil or fulfill selfish intentions. If we're praying for something immoral, God isn't going to answer that prayer for us! Of course, we still have the freedom to make choices, but it isn't God's movement. Sometimes we're not praying for something evil, but our intentions are less than honorable. For example, "Please convert my mother-in-law so she goes to church more and visits us less!" While God is no doubt at work in the woman's life, He likely won't answer that prayer in the way you'd expect!
After all, God knows what He is about. He has plans in mind for us, but they might not be what we think. For most of us, winning the lottery would bring about a material benefit. That said, funds used in continually purchasing tickets to provide the means for God to "work" could likely go towards better avenues of financial stability. God is concerned with our ultimate good. When we pray, we're invited to surrender our lives to Him. One of the first petitions in the Our Father is *"Thy will be done."* Sometimes the lack of an answer *is* an answer! Are we prepared to receive it?

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Darlene Sommers 10/20
Steven Kaminski 10/21
Melinda Trebiatowski 10/21
Kelly Potts 10/21
Jacob Kirsling 10/21
Colleen Smith 10/22
Dan Lehman 10/22
Benedict Turzinski 10/22
Deborah Bunk 10/23
Cliff Forseth 10/23
Susan Besaw 10/23
Brian Noel 10/23
Lacey Warzynski 10/23
Emma Koziczkowski 10/23
Andrew Hudziak 10/24
Ashley Bannach 10/24
Joelle Beder 10/24
Kirt Lehman 10/25
McKenna Heck 10/25
Wendle Coulthurst 10/26

Anniversaries

James & Katie Gaffney 10/20
Dale & Jane Oldenhoff 10/20
Gary & Denise Widder 10/21
Ralph & Janice Turzinski 10/23
Kevin & Stacy Grosheck 10/24
Bill & Darlene Sommers 10/26

Last Chance! Sign Up For Your Directory Photo Session Now!

This week, Oct 23rd-26th, is your last chance to get your photo taken to be included in our new parish photo directory. We will have a final in person sign up this weekend, Oct 19th and 20th. You can also sign up online using the link at www.stmaxkolbe.org, or call the parish office. Each family who has their photo taken will receive a free 8x10 of their photo and a copy of the directory.

Feast Day Picnic and Fall Dinner Results

WOW did we have a fun day at our Parish Picnic: Food, Music, Bingo, Bake Sale, Car Show and assorted kids activities. Great feedback and ideas are already being put into the works for next year's event. Be sure to mark your calendars now for the date. August 15th, 2020. More music, kids' activities, car show activities and food are being planned for next. The profit from our first annual picnic was $1366.26. Not too bad for less than two months of planning. Thank you to all the folks who headed up the different activities and all those who volunteered or donated. Be ready for even more fun next year and let's focus on fun, family, friends and fellowship.

Then there was the Fall Dinner. We knew it would be interesting being that we were holding it at St. Maximilian Kolbe. How amazingly we pulled that off! The menu may have been a bit different but again we only did this to conform to the space we were using. With that aside, the food was great, and we got a lot of positive feedback regarding the menu choices. Our hopes are to be able to go back to a more traditional menu for next year in our new social hall. Again, many thanks to those who helped out and to all who pitched in with groceries to defer our food expenses. Any unopened items were donated to Operation Bootstrap and the rest was delivered to Salvation Army right after the dinner. The profit for this dinner was $1495.05. So all totaled, we were able to add **$2861.31** to the new social hall building fund. **GREATJOB EVERYONE!**

All Souls Display Coming in November

We will have a display honoring our deceased loved ones during the month of November. There is a table containing hearts in the gathering space. Please stop by and write the names of your loved ones on these hearts, so we can honor them by adding them to the display.

Pastoral Council Elections

Are you interested or do you know of someone who would be interested in serving on the Pastoral Council? We will be having pastoral council elections the weekend of November 9th and 10th. Contact the parish office at 715-824-3380 for more information.

Social Hall Building Project Campaign

Total Donated To Date:
102,135.00
Total Pledged To Date:
66,530.00

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

Mon-Thurs: 10:00-3:00pm
Tues, Wed: 4:30-6:30pm

Saturday, October 26
7:00 pm

Servers: Volunteers
Reader: Mary S.
Usher Captain: Clark H.
Eucharistic Ministers:
Mary S., Rita T., Jane B., Alan B.

Sunday, October 27
8:30 am

Servers: Gabriel H., Danny C., Volunteer
Reader: Joan B.
Usher Captain; Scott P.
Eucharistic Ministers:
Joan B., Kendra C., Helen H., Peggy R.

Sunday, October 27
10:00 am

Servers: Brock S., Colby T., Garrett S.
Reader: Marilyn K.
Usher Captain: Steve K.
Eucharistic Ministers:
Eric Z., Melanie D., Melanie C., Volunteer

Liturgical Ministers

New schedule will be out for November 9th-February 2nd. Please let Sharon C. know of your schedule and availability by October 28th. Thank you for serving!

Your Financial Support for 10/13/2019

Adult Envelopes	2419.00
Offertory:	333.00
Total:	**2,752.00**

What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?

Monday Morning Mass

Mass will be celebrated at 8:15am on Monday mornings at St. Stephen parish October through December 2019.

Knights of Columbus News

For those men who missed the Knights of Columbus First Degree Exemplification last month at St. Max's, there will be a First Degree ceremony at 7pm at St. Bronislava Church in Plover on October 29th. All interested men are welcome—please plan on arriving between 6:30 and 6:45 pm on the 29th. For more information call Joe at 715-572-5534.

KC's Logo Clothing Order. We will be placing an order for shirts, hats, aprons and jackets for delivery in early December. We also have items for your spouse and/or children. Call Gary Oudenhoven at 715-321-2283 to place an order no later than Sunday, October 20th.

KC Breakfast. Our KC Breakfast will be held here at St. Max's on Sunday, October 27th at 9am. All are welcome!

Stevens Point Deanery Council of Catholic Women Fall Open Assembly

Guest Speaker ~ Sister Sandy Setterlund
Thursday, October 24th
St. James, Amherst
Registration from 6 - 6:30 pm
Join us for an evening of prayer, inspiration, and refreshments.

St. Max Blood Drive

Sunday, November 3rd
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Contact Gary at 715-347-2305 with questions or to schedule an appointment.

Pilgrimage for Life

The Pilgrimage for Life will be January 22-26, 2020. It is for anyone ages 13 and up. More information is coming soon. Please keep checking our website at: https://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life/

Weekly Schedule and Mass Intention Offerings

Saturday, October 19 **St. John de Brebeuf**
St. Isaac Jogues & Friends

6:10 p.m. Choir Practice
6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. MASS:+Francis Eiden
By Dorothy Danczyk

Sunday, October 20 **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m. Confessions
8:30 a.m. MASS:+Ronald Kedrowicz
By Lorraine Kedrowicz
10:00 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Max's
6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, October 21
NO MASS

Tuesday, October 22 **St. John Paul II**

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00 p.m. MASS:+Sande Lorenz
By Rebecca Schumacher

Wednesday, October 23 **St. John of Capistrano**

8:00 a.m. MASS:+Dorothy Gonnering
By Leo & Betty Gonnering
6:00 p.m. CCD

Thursday, October 24 **St. Anthony Mary Claret**

8:00 a.m. MASS:+Mary Ann Doyle
By the Doyle Family

Friday, October 25

8:00 a.m. MASS:+Mary Bunk
By Alan & Jane Bauer

Saturday, October 26

6:10 p.m. Choir Practice
6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. MASS:+Larry & Marge Bembenek
By Family & Friends

Sunday, October 27 **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m. Confessions
8:30 a.m. MASS:+Elmer Rosage
By Alan & Joan Baumann
10:00 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Max's
6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

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