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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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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!

The Baptism of the Lord is the great event celebrated by the Church, and it also marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

It was a moment of identification with us sinners. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify himself with his people who realized for the first time that they were sinners.

It was a moment of conviction about His identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and that His mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins.

It was a moment of decision to begin public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the approval of his Heavenly Father as His beloved Son.

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. It is a day to thank God for the graces we have received in Baptism, to renew our Baptismal promises and to preach Christ's 'Good News' by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.

May God bless you,

— Fr. Peter

## Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why do Catholics baptize infants, while some other Christian denominations wait until adulthood?

### Answer:

To understand when we baptize, it's important to know what baptism is. Baptism removes original sin, and we are reborn into the family of God, adopted as His sons and daughters. We become joint heirs with Christ and sharers in his mission. Early on, baptism was given immediately upon personal conversion, such as the three thousand baptized at Pentecost. Some Christian churches today emphasize baptism specifically as personal conversion. As such, they would not baptize young children who have not yet consciously chosen to follow Christ. As the Church slowly grew, whole households were baptized together upon the deep conversion of one of the leaders (Acts 16). From this evidence, we can surmise that may have included children who were just beginning to hear the Christian message. This would not have been uncommon, especially for Jewish converts. Circumcision marked entrance into the Old Covenant for men. This occurred, without the express consent of the infants, to male children eight days after their birth.

## Social Hall Building Project Update

The St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Social Hall committee would like to thank you to those that have contributed to the church social hall fund raising.

We would also like to remind those that have not yet donated to please consider budgeting some money for 2020 to build the hall. As of January 6th, we have:

St. Max general fund:	\$450,000.00
Current donations:	\$283,369.00
Pledged donations:	\$ 59,655.00
Total:	\$793,024.00

We are still actively pursuing the sale of the St. Patrick's building and rectory, please keep that effort in your prayers. The hope is to receive at least \$120,000 from its sale (currently listed for \$169,000).

If we are to break ground in Spring 2020, we need about 80% of the final cost (\$880,000). We know that there are many worthy causes, especially at this time of year, but any offering, regardless of size, is welcomed and appreciated. Please keep our church and this effort in your prayers! —Social Hall Fundraising Committee

## Bible Study

Our next bible study:

**EPIC A Journey Through Church History**  
began on Tuesday, January 7th!

The study is held each Tuesday at 7:15 pm. Adoration and confessions begin at 5pm, then Mass at 6pm followed by a potluck/ social time and bible study. Participants are welcome to join in all activities, but can choose according to their schedule.

## This Week's Birthdays

### Birthdays

John Platten 1/12	Carson Zietlow 1/16
Bill Schmitt 1/13	Ty Jacowski 1/16
Matilda Dreger 1/13	Katelyn Bannach 1/16
Randy Krusick 1/14	Benjamin Bannach 1/16
Jeremiah Trzebiatowski 1/14	Makaila Couthurst 1/18
Kaylee Peterson 1/14	Carson Shurpit 1/18

### Anniversaries

Tom & Margaret Guth 1/15

### Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to Meadow Ann Mitchell, daughter of Chris and Tanya Mitchell, who will be baptized this Sunday, January 12th.

## Funeral Luncheon Committee Meeting THIS Sunday, January 12th

We will be meeting **following the 10 am Mass** on January 12th. All current members are asked to attend. We would also like to welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about what an important ministry this is. At some point in our lives we all suffer the loss of a loved one. This is a blessing and a special way to honor that family and their passing loved one. We will be going through the parish member list and breaking it down so each team will have enough families to reach out to. To clarify, every household is on this list and inevitably will be called to either help work the day of the meal or be asked to help provide a specific dish to pass. This helps offset food expenses for the family. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please call Mary at 715-340-7217 or JoAnn at 715-340-0725.

## Order Your Magnificat-Deadline 1/20

We will be placing our next order very soon for Subscriptions starting in March of 2020. The cost is \$30 payable to St. Max's. If you are interested, contact the parish office at 715-824-3380. Don't Delay!!

## St. Max's KC Breakfast

Sunday, January 26th at 9am  
All are Welcome!!



## Pilgrimage to Ireland

Join Fr. Peter Manickam from on a 10 day trip to Ireland August 17-26th, 2020. Visit the cities of Dublin, Wexford, Waterford, Killarney, Ennis and so many more. Visit sites like Christ Church Cathedral, St. Patrick Church, St. Mary Pro Cathedral, Our Lady's Island, Blarney Castle, Tubrid Holy Well and so much more. Cost \$3,499 for double occupancy. Add \$500.00 for single occupancy. For more information, contact Dennis at dennismarshfield@yahoo.com or 715-305-1960.



## Liturgical Ministers

**New schedule will be out for February 8th-May 3rd. Please let Sharon C. know of your schedule and availability by January 27th. Holy Week will be a separate sign up. Thank you for serving!**

## Social Hall Building Project Campaign

**Total Donated To Date:  
\$283,369.00**

**Total Pledged For Future Payment To Date:  
\$59,655.00**

**Pledge Forms Are Available in the Gathering Space**

## 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.

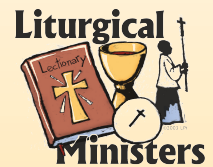
## Office Hours

Mon. 5pm to 8pm  
Wed. 5pm to 8pm  
Friday 7am to 9am

## Saturday, January 18

### 7:00 pm

Servers: Volunteers  
Reader: Greg Decker  
Usher Captain: Clark H.  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
Sharon C., Sharon K., Clark H., Brooke V.



## Sunday, January 19

### 8:30 am

Servers: Gabriel, H., Matti T., Volunteer  
Reader: Monica T.  
Usher Captain: Scott P.  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
Joan B., Peggy R., Monica T., Lily T.

## Sunday, January 19

### 10:00 am

Servers: Colby T., Volunteer  
Reader: Marilyn Kreuser  
Usher Captain: Steve K.  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
Melanie D., Melanie C., Kathy G., Volunteer

## Your Financial Support for 1/5/2020

Adult Envelopes	2533.00
Offertory:	354.00
Vigil Candles	.00
Maintenance & Repair	.00
Solemnity of Mary	360.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,247.00</b>



## What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?

### St. Max's

Sunday, January 26th  
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Contact Gary at  
715-347-2305 with  
Questions or to schedule  
an appointment.



*That Man is You!*  
*Men's Program*  
*Tuesday Mornings*  
*6:00AM – 7:30AM*  
*Sacred Heart Church*

"That Man Is You" men's group started up the sessions for the Spring semester in the Stevens Point Deanery on Tuesday, January 28th. As usual, the meetings will be held every Tuesday, starting with breakfast at 6:00 am, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion, ending at 7:30 am. Meetings are held at Sacred Heart Church in Polonia, just east of Stevens Point. All men are welcome!

### Volunteer with Catholic Charities

Did you make a New Year's  
Resolution to help others?

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in serving others. Visit us online at [cclse.org](http://cclse.org)  
or call 888.212.HELP (4357).



### Card Parties

February 2nd-March 22nd at 1pm  
St. Mary's I.C., Custer, WI  
\$8.00 donation at the door; Lunch served.  
All are welcome!

### Ponczka Sale—Pre-Orders Only

Pick up February 1st between 3 & 6 pm  
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Cost per dozen Unfilled: \$8 Raspberry or Prune: \$8.50

### Prime Rib or Gulf Shrimp Dinner

February 1st at 5pm  
Sacred Heart Church—Polonia  
\$18/person; Children under 10 eat free  
Tickets available at Sacred Heart Church, Sylvia's,  
Polonia Café, and People's Meat Market

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

### **Saturday, January 11**

6:10 p.m. Choir Practice  
6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. MASS:+Jennifer Alt  
By Clark & Wyleen High

### **Sunday, January 12      **Baptism of the Lord****

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

### **Monday, January 13**

**St. Hilary**

NO MASS

### **Tuesday, January 14**

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions  
6:00 p.m. MASS:+Mary Ann Doyle  
By Friends  
6:30 p.m. Potluck & Epic Bible Study

### **Wednesday, January 15**

9:00 a.m. MASS:+Larry & Marge Bembenek  
By Family & Friends  
6:00 p.m. CCD

### **Thursday, January 16**

8:00 a.m. MASS:+Earl Hoffman  
By Clark & Wyleen High

### **Friday, January 17**

**St. Anthony, Abbot**

8:00 a.m. MASS:+Evelyn & Ernie Wysocki  
By the Kanpinski Family

### **Saturday, January 18**

6:10 p.m. Choir Practice  
6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. MASS:+Gene Volk  
By DeLloyd & Rita Trebiatowski

### **Sunday, January 19      **2nd 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

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