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A Catholic Church in Rural Southeastern Portage County, WI

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**March 21-22, 2020 | www.stmaxkolbe.org | Season of Lent**

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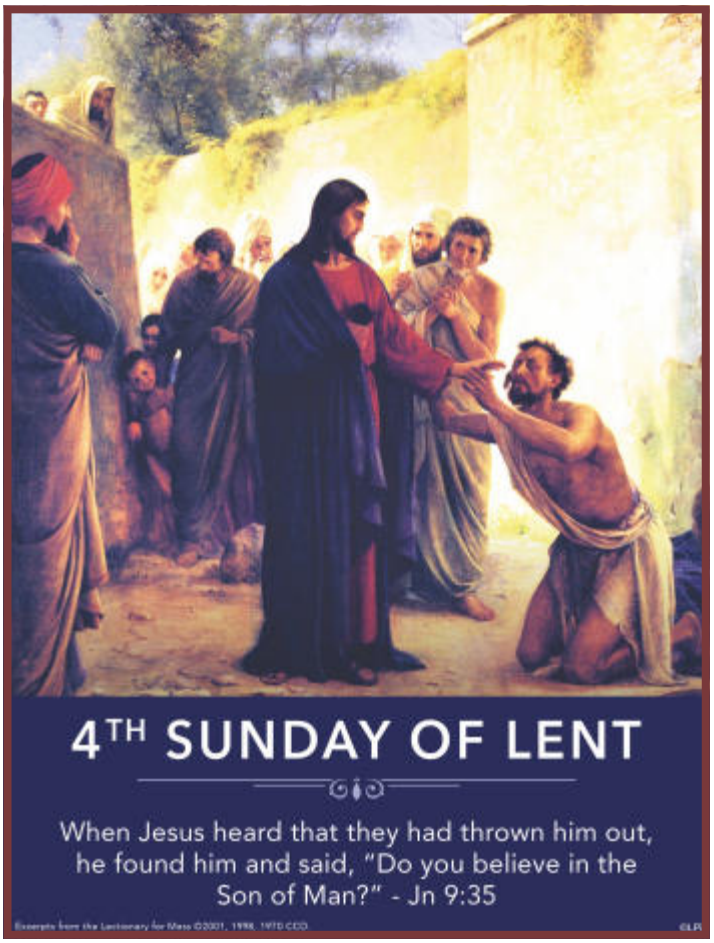


The church will be opened at the following times during the week for personal prayer. We ask that if you notice others in the church, please be respectful of their personal space and spread out. We've been advised to limit only 10 people at one time to occupy any of these spaces. If you see numerous people already praying, please wait outside until space becomes available.

**Mon-Fri 6am-10am**
**Tues 5pm-7pm**
**Sat 4pm-8pm**
**Sun 8am-12pm**

## Father's Corner

Dear Loving Parishioners,

Love and Peace of Christ!

At this time of emergency declared all over the world due to the coronavirus, we are planning to serve the people of the Lord with the given opportunities. Kindly follow the directions and guidelines through the Church's social media, diocesan website, FaceBook and My Parish App.

Make the places wherever you are a house of prayer! Car, home, parking lot etc. Our Lord Jesus Christ said "Where, two or three are gathered in my name, I am present".

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as "Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday," expressing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord. Today's readings both remind us that it is God who gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul and instruct us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness.

Life messages: We need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness. We all have blind-spots — in our marriages, our parenting, our work habits, and our personalities. We are often blind to the presence of the Triune God dwelling within us and fail to appreciate His presence in others. Even practicing Christians can be blind to the poverty, injustice and pain around them. Let us remember, however, that Jesus wants to heal our blindness. We need to ask him to remove from us the root causes of our blindness: namely, self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits and hardness of heart.

Let us pray with the Scottish Bible scholar William Barclay, "God our Father, help us to see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly."

God bless you,
—Fr. Peter

## Holy Week Schedule

**April 9th-Holy Thursday**
**Mass at 7pm (no morning mass)**

**April 10th-Good Friday**
**Mass/Service at 12:30pm & 7pm**

**April 11th-Holy Saturday**
**Mass at 8pm**

**April 12th-Easter Sunday**
**Mass at 8:30 & 10am**

**COVID-19 Announcement**

Mass will be suspended starting Thursday, March 19th until further notice. It is to promote health and safety from disease related to the COVID-19 virus. At this point, we are hopeful to resume public Mass by 1 May. As you know, these plans and regulations change every day, and we will continue to bring you updates and changes as they arise.

Your mass intentions will be honored with private daily masses.

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Effective immediately, all parish sponsored activities and group meetings are cancelled until further notice. Please note that live and prerecorded Sunday Mass is available via diolc.org, the diocesan YouTube channel, FaceBook, and televised on the following channels:

Stevens Point (Public Access), Channel 984 at Noon and 5:30 p.m. Saturday.
Wausau, (Cable and Satellite), Channel 12 at 6:30 a.m. Sunday.
Wausau (Public Access), Channel 980, at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday.
Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access), Channel 985 and Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. Sunday.

https://diolc.org/tvmassDaily Mass is also live-streamed Monday through Friday from the campus of Relevant Radio in Green Bay. You can access the Mass at the Relevant Radio app, or at this link: https://relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video/

As additional resources are made available, we will keep the public informed. If you would like to continue your parish support to the church, you may mail it in to St. Maximilian Catholic Church, 8611 Hwy 54, Almond, WI. 54909

## This Week's Birthdays

### Birthdays

Steven Martinez 3/22
John Jagoditsh 3/22
Mason Manske 3/22
David Hanson 3/24
Kathryn Glinski 3/25
Megan Bently 3/25
Debra Helbach 3/28

### Anniversaries

Chris & Amy Peterson 3/24

## Pilgrimage to Ireland

Join Fr. Peter Manickam 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.

## Please Consider Donating!

Spring is on its way. I will be collecting items for the Norcotte Neighborhood House (A poverty stricken area of Milwaukee). I will accept any clean usable items including men and women's clothing any sizes, household misc., bikes ,dishes, school supplies and art and craft items, baby clothes, toys etc. Please bag in plastic bags because I can pack more, unless items are made of glass/ breakable. Watch for further info when I will collect, so please save any questions for now.

Thank you and God bless,
Terri Singer (715-824 3997)

## Get the Parish App!

Make sure you know about all the latest parish Information by downloading our parish app!
Choose 1 of the following
1)Text App to 88202 to download
And select our parish
2) Visit myparishapp.com
And select our parish

## Can You Help?

Father Peter is in need of a vehicle. His current care is no longer repairable. He is looking for a used, dependable small SUV (due to back issues). If you or anyone you know is selling a used SUV, please contact the church office or Father Peter directly. Thank you.

## Family Prayer

During this time of quarantine, keep your family together and focused with this simple 3-step nightly ritual: 1. Share how you experienced God's blessings today. 2. Share your concerns of tomorrow. 3. Pray together in thanksgiving and petition: with a prayer that is spontaneous, memorized or both.

## Social Hall Building Project Campaign

**Total Donated To Date:**
**$317,816.00**

**Total Pledged For Future Payment To Date:**
**$66,850.00**

**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, March 28-No Masses
### 7:00 pm

Servers:
Reader:
Usher Captain:
Eucharistic Ministers:

### Sunday, March 29-No Masses
### 8:30 am

Servers:
Reader:
Usher Captain:
Eucharistic Ministers:

### Sunday, March 29-No Masses
### 10:00 am

Servers:
Reader:
Usher Captain:
Eucharistic Ministers:

## Your Financial Support for 3/15/2020

| | |
|---|---|
| Adult Envelopes | 1809.00 |
| Offertory: | 207.58 |
| Vigil Candles | 0.00 |
| Maintenance & Repair | 15.00 |
| **Total:** | **2,031.58** |

## What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?

### Witness for Christ Conference

Are you seeking Spiritual Renewal in your life? Registration and Brochure are now available for the Witnesses for Christ Conference, which will be held August 28-29, 2020 at the Omni Center just north of La Crosse. Early bird registration is now open at the reduced rate of $65. The Conference will feature Fr. Timothy Gallagher as the keynote speaker. His presentations will focus on finding freedom from one of the greatest obstacles in life – the "cage" of everyday discouragement we all experience. There will also be break-out sessions addressing our "felt needs." Check out the list of break-out sessions here: diolc.org/witness

### Matthew Kelly at St. Bronislava Amazing Possibilities

November 5th 7-8:30 pm
Register Right Away—Tickets Will Sell Out Fast!

PCCW Ladies: If you plan to attend the Matthew Kelly talk at St. Bron's in Plover (Nov. 5) the PCCW will reimburse you for the cost of your ticket. (Must be a member of St. Max for us to reimburse). You may register online at DynamicCatholic.com/Plover or call 1-859-980-7900. After registering just email Betty at smkpccw@gmail.com with your ticket info to receive your refund.

### 7-Day Text challenge

To make your home a safe haven against the dangers of pornography, begin the text challenge immediately by texting the word "secure" to 66866. If you do not have a cell phone, go to https://cleanheart.online/courses/safe-haven-challenge and begin the challenge.

### A Forage & Seed Corn Sale

supported by the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, offering high quality, low cost seed in the midst of a challenging economy. Seed corn is offered in both conventional and glyphosate tolerant varieties. There will be alfalfa and clover ready for sale and non-GMO seed can be ordered. Comparable yields make this seed an attractive alternative. Sale dates and locations: March 21 in Stanley; March 28 in Colby; April 4 in Cassel; all Kendall area sales will be directed to Richland Center. Full details can be found at https://diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/project-seed/

## Weekly Schedule and Mass Intention Offerings

**Saturday, March 21**
MASS:+Mary Ann Doyle
By George & Germain Souik

**Sunday, March 22** **4th Sunday of Lent**
MASS:+Gene Volk by the Volk Family

**Monday, March 23** **St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, March 24**
MASS:+Joe & Agnes Howath
& Elizabeth Teschner By Jack
& Joann Doyle

**Wednesday, March 25** **The Annunciation**
MASS:+Patricia Trzebiatowski
By Liz Wysocki

**Thursday, March 26**
MASS:+Father Dan Farley

**Friday, March 27**
MASS:+Mary Ann Doyle
By Dan & Franciene Hassman

**Saturday, March 28**
MASS: For the People of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

**Sunday, March 29** **5th Sunday of Lent**
MASS:+Bernice Garski by Luci Kukowksi

If you would like to have a Mass said for your loved ones, living or deceased, please contact the parish office at 715-824-3380.

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