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January 21 & 22, 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Bulletin Submission deadline: Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

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Tuesday 5:00—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 3:30—5:30 p.m.

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St. Patrick: Helen Helbach 715-824-5880

New Parishioners

We welcome you to our parish family. If you wish to join our parish, you may register by calling the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 6:15—6:45 p.m.

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 715-824-3380.

Mass Intentions

Please submit Mass Intentions to the parish office.

Liturgical Ministries

This Weekend:

Saturday, Jan 21—7:00 p.m.

Reader: Mary S.
Usher Captain: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers:
Mary S. & Sharon K.

Sunday, Jan 22—8:30 a.m.

Reader: Joan B.
Usher Captain: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers:
Joan B. & Peggy R.

Sunday, Jan 22—10:00 a.m.

Reader: Danielle
Usher Captain: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers:
Lance & Lynn KS

Next Weekend:

Saturday, Jan 28—7:00 p.m.

Reader: Patrick B.
Usher Captain: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers:
Alan B. & Jane B.

Sunday, Jan 28—8:30 a.m.

Reader: Sharon L.
Usher Captain: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers:
Sharon L. & JoAnn D.

Sunday, Jan 29—10:00 a.m.

Reader: Kathy G.
Usher Captain: Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers:
Kathy G. & Gene L.

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturdays 7:00 p.m.

Sundays 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesdays 5:00 p.m. & Sundays 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 6:15—6:45 p.m.

Father's Corner:

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus appears in Galilee for the first time preaching the good news. At the Lake of Tiberias, he calls simple fishermen who drop everything to follow him. Their immediate and wholehearted response teaches us what it means to repent and believe in the good news. It means encountering the person of Jesus, following him and leaving everything behind.

We cannot have the same face-to-face encounter with Jesus that the apostles enjoyed. But we are still able to meet the Risen Lord when we read the Bible, receive the Sacraments, and serve our sisters and brothers who are his living body. We are not on fire for our faith because we like to follow rules. Rather it is because we have met and fallen in love with Jesus Christ. This personal relationship with him that we have through faith and the ministry of the Church drives everything that we are about.

Believing in the good news also means that we must follow him. Our life of faith can be understood as a journey with Jesus leading the way. It means that, like the apostles, we have to give up our own plans and put our trust in God and His plan for us. It is not easy because very often the road is steep and the pathway rocky. We will not always see where it is headed, and we will stumble frequently along the way. We will see our friends walking a different way that seems easier, and we will be tempted to join them. But God will give us the strength and the courage to follow Him. And we will be blessed with joy because we are with Jesus.

Finally, believing in the good news means leaving everything behind. The apostles could not follow Jesus and stay fishermen. We cannot follow Jesus and continue to live the same way we did before. When we choose to follow Jesus, some things will have to stay behind. We may have to end friendships because they lead us to bad behavior. We may have to change our business practices because they are deceitful. We will all be called to live simpler lives so that we will have more left over to give to the poor. Some will even be called to sell everything and to give their lives totally over to Jesus in religious life. For all of us, gaining Jesus will mean the loss of something or someone we love. It was that way for the apostles, and it continues to be that way for us. There is no other way if we are to put our lives in the hands of our loving Father.

(Adapted from LPI *Connect! Sunday Reflection*)

**May God bless you,
Fr. Peter**

Your Financial Support for 1/15/23

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1,820.00
Offertory:	303.00
Maintenance:	00.00
Vigil Candles:	00.00
Social Hall:	2,025.00
Total:	\$ 4,148.00

Fr. Dan Farley Social Hall Prayer

*Thank you, good Lord, for blessing
our St. Max family over the years.*

We are truly blessed!

*Throughout the entire social hall process
you have been there for us and have guided us.
Through your mercy, please continue to guide us
and take our project over the finish line.
St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us! Amen*

FINANCIAL SECRETARY NEEDED

St Max is looking for a part-time parish financial secretary. Candidate should have strong organizational and computer skills. Prior bookkeeping or administrative experience preferred. Please contact Carrie Dreger at dreger906@hotmail.com for more information

2023 Parish Events

**Mark your calendars for all these great events
that will be happening at St. Max in 2023!**

Sun March 19th—Spring Ham Dinner
Sat. May 6th & Sun. May 7th—Rummage Sale
Saturday August 19th—St. Max Parish Picnic
Sunday October 1st—Fall Harvest Dinner
Saturday November 18th—Hunter's Chili Feed
Sat. Dec 2nd & Sun. Dec 3rd—Craft Fair

SAVE THE DATE

This Week's Birthdays

Rae Ballinger 1/21	Morgan Kizewski 1/25
Taylor Dernbach 1/21	Paula Marciniak 1/26
Mark Hintz 1/21	JoAnn Doyle 1/27
Emaleah Matke 1/21	Emmett Horst 1/27
Derek Baumgartner 1/23	Chris Noth 1/27
Trinity Firkus 1/23	
Chase Barden 1/24	
Sandra Borchardt 1/24	
Devin Brock 1/25	



This Week's Wedding Anniversaries



Jason & Jenny Kirsling 1/24
David & Peggy Root 1/26

St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner

Sunday, March 19th, 2023; 11am – 1pm



Dine In or Carry-out
Adults \$12.00 Children 6-12 \$6.00
Children 5 & under free



Menu: Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Baked Beans, Corn, Coleslaw, Rolls & butter, Coffee, Milk, Homemade Pies

EACH FAMILY IS ASKED TO PLEASE DONATE 2 PIES

And the following items by the first letter of your last name:

A-H: A CAN OF CORN (NO CREAMED)

I-P: 2 STICKS OF SALTED BUTTER

Q-Z: ½ gallon of 2% MILK

We are looking for individuals to donate any of the following:
- 10# of onions

- 2 small containers of ground clove (must be McCormick brand)
- 9# of bacon ends for the baked beans

If you can donate any of these items please let Mary know by February 13th.

We will also be hosting the country store, basket raffle, silent auction, and a cash prize raffle.

PLEASE SEE THE SIGN UP SHEET IN THE GATHERING SPACE AND DON'T DELAY IN HELPING OUT.

Flyers are available in the gathering space.
Please help get the word out!

If you have any questions, please contact
Mary 715-340-7217 or Pat 715-366-2576

WINTER HELP NEEDED

We are looking for someone to plow snow at the church and rectory. The hours will vary depending on the day of the week.

The task can be shared or done by an individual or business. Please contact Leo at 571-243-0250 with questions or to discuss.



Lenten Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will take place during Sunday Masses throughout the Lenten season (Feb 26th—April 2nd). We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy during the 8:30am Mass. All curriculum, readings, and material will already be planned for you. Please contact Lindsay at 715-630-7376 for more information or to volunteer.



Have a weekday or weekend Mass said in memory of your loved one. Submit your Mass intentions to the office, place in the collection basket, or email bulletin@stmaxkolbe.org
Thank you!



Weekly Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 21

St. Agnes

7:00 p.m. MASS: + Larry & Marge Bembenek
by Bembenek Family & Friends

Sunday, January 22

8:30 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Max's

10:00 a.m. MASS: + Fr. Dan Farley
by Arlene Meyer

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, January 23

St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 24

St. Francis de Sales

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, January 25

8:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

6:00 p.m. CCD: CLASS

Thursday, January 26

SS Timothy & Titus

8:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday, January 27

St. Angela Merici

8:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

7:00 p.m. MASS: + Mindy Hansen
by John & Mary Shea

Sunday, January 29

8:30 a.m. MASS: + Ray, Brian, & Cheryl Plasky
by Family

10:00 a.m. MASS: For the People of St. Max's
6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?

Jan 29: Breakfast at Knights of Columbus

@ KC Clubhouse, 401 W Clark St, Stevens Point
8:15-11am. Eggs, Potatoes, ham, sausage, dessert, coffee and all you can eat pancakes for only \$10 adult, \$6 for ages 6-12 and \$4 for under 6

Feb 4: Cardinal Crusade: Live Auction and Dinner

@ SentryWorld Grand Hall, Stevens Point, 4:30pm
\$60/person, \$600/ table of 10
Basket raffle, games, live auction. More information at:
Pacellicatholicalschools.com/cardinalcrusade

Feb 11/12: "Made from scratch" Ponczka Sale

@ Sacred Heart Parish, Polonia
2/11 2-6pm, 2/12 7:30-9:30am
No pre-orders. The cost is \$12/dz for filled (prune or jelly) and \$11.50/dz for plain. Call Deb (715-345-1257) with questions.

Feb 18: St. Brons PCCW Ponczka Sale

TO ORDER: Jan 30-Feb 11 (M-Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 12pm-7pm)
Call Carol 715-340-0052, Roseann 715-341-7185, or Sarah 715-252-4247. \$12/dz, \$6 1/2dz. Bavarian Cream, Blueberry, Lemon, Prune, Raspberry, Plain.
Pickup @ St Brons 2/18 9am-1pm

Weekly Bible Study classes follow the 6:00 p.m. Mass every Tuesday and end by 8:00 p.m.



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