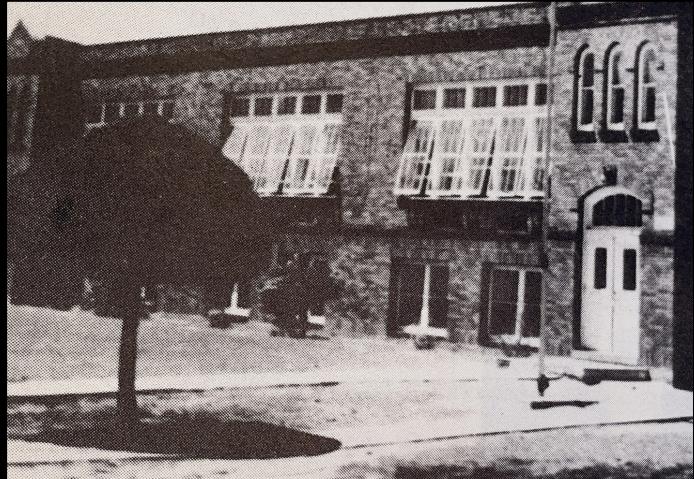
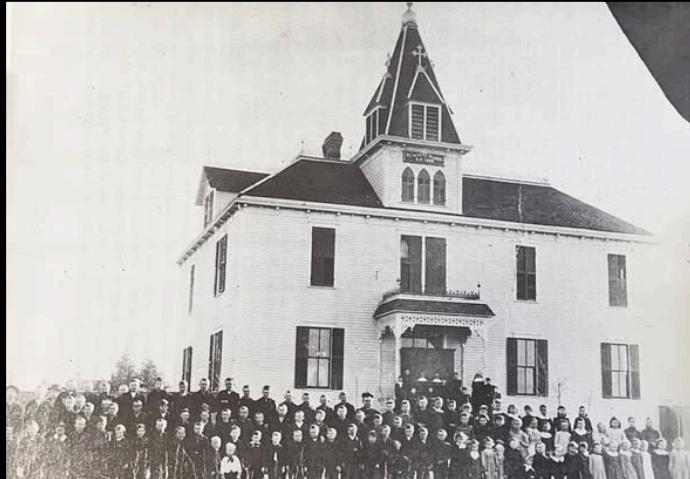


ST. MAX  
**NEWSLETTER**

SEPTEMBER 2025



Welcome back St. Max Students!

# PASTOR'S PAGE

FR. KYLE KOWALCZYK

## RECLAIMING PEACE

### BUSY-NESS

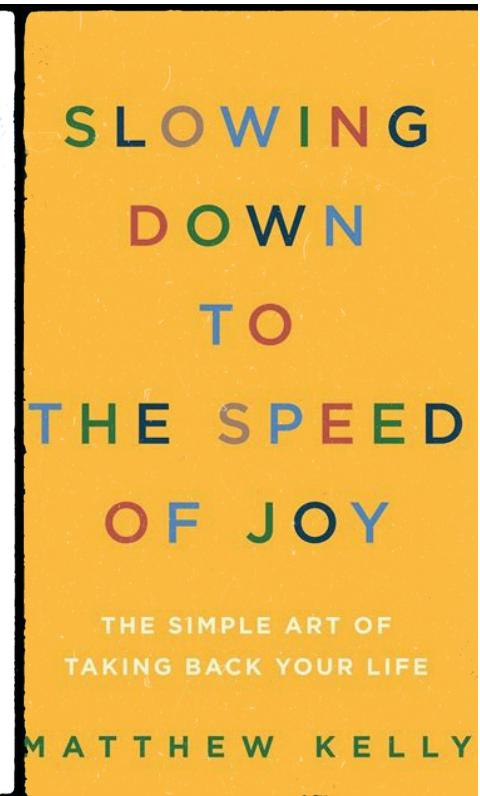
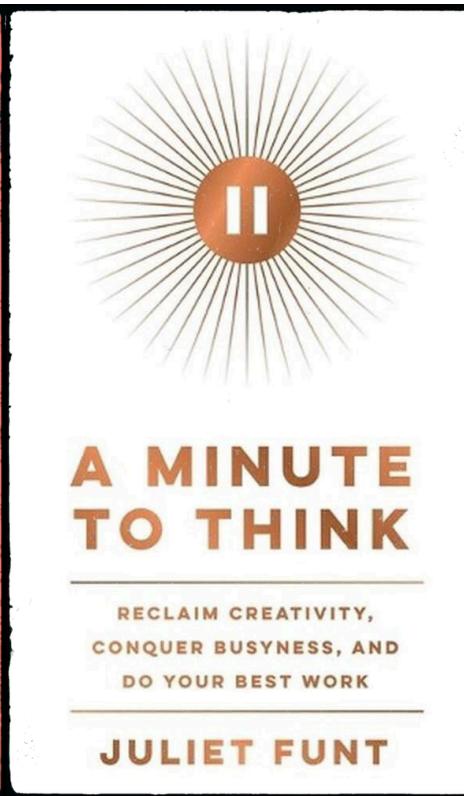
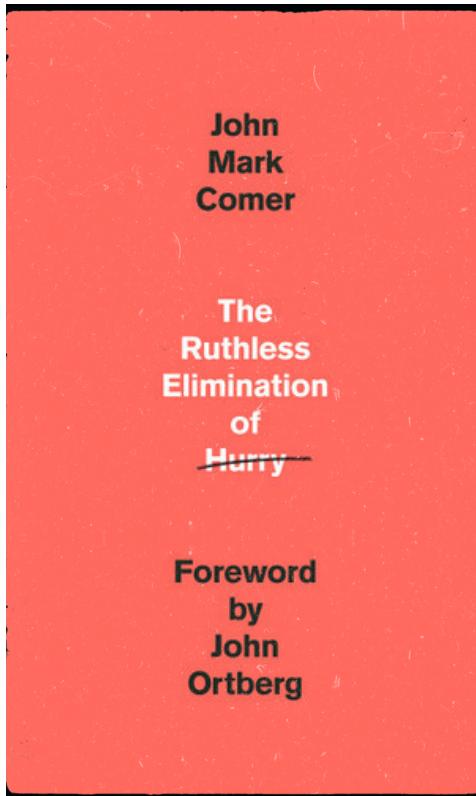
**S**omeone once told me, "Never say you're busy. It is a self-fulfilling prophecy." And I think that's true. Busy is a loaded word.

It feels frantic and upsetting. Something one wishes they were not. Plus, when I say, "I am too busy for X", it is really just a way of saying, "I have prioritized other things over X." For example, if I am too busy for prayer, I am really just saying there are things that I put in front of my relationship with God. So, I try not to say, "I am busy." I try to say instead, "Life is full." That has a much nicer ring to it. Furthermore, full can carry the connotation of goodness and delight--being full of joy for instance. But if we are honest... sometimes we are just busy--too busy! And something's gotta give.



Of course, as I write this, I am recovering from being sick for about a week. If I were to speculate about my illness, I might recognize that school just started so my days just got fuller, play practice just got longer, and marathon training just peaked so my body is working harder. As such, I might have to conclude that my illness was my body's way of saying "enough is enough!" (Or maybe I just rubbed elbows with someone who was sick.) Of course, we have all had the same experience, and just when we think there is no way we can possibly get done everything that needs to get done--and it must get done!--we get sick. We have to cancel everything on our calendar. Nothing gets done. And life goes on. Why don't we just schedule some downtime in the first place? Where do we even start?

Now, obviously, sometimes things are outside of our control. Even for someone who lives a life of moderation and balance, there are “busy” periods. But it seems to me like more and more often for more and more people the busy “periods” are turning into just plain busy. Period. There are a plethora of books on the market about slowing down to a more human pace of life: “The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: How to Stay Emotionally Healthy and Spiritually Alive in the Chaos of the Modern World” by John Mark Comer, “A Minute to Think: Reclaim Creativity, Conquer Busyness, and Do Your Best Work” by Juliet Funt, and “Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy: The Simple Art of Taking Back Your Life” by Matthew Kelly, to name a few. Even secular authors are talking about the art of “sabbath” rest as if they just invented a new cure for the disease of business. I’m pretty sure God actually invented the sabbath rest--1000s of years ago--so, why are we still running around like chickens with our heads cut off?



## TIME

Because there isn't enough time. Right? What God didn't realize is that 24 hours in a day are not enough, 7 days in a week are too few, and 52 weeks in a year are hardly enough to accomplish anything worthwhile! I mean, has He seen my to-do list?!? We like to half joke about wishing we could bilocate, and yet the saints who actually did bilocate, didn't really use the gift to accomplish more; they used it to pray more. Ponder that for a minute. While you're at it, ponder this: Fr. Wilfrid Stinison says that if we are doing God's will, there is enough time to accomplish it, because God wouldn't command us to do something there wasn't time for. But it always seems like there is more stuff to do than can possibly be done. True. So, apparently actually accomplishing all of it isn't God's will? This is confusing.



In some ways, this is a boundary issue (there's another good book "Boundaries" by Henry Cloud). Good boundaries mean we are saying yes to the things we should say yes to and no to the things we should say no to. We can have bad boundaries by saying yes to the things we should say no to and no to the things we should say yes to. When I first became a priest I asked the priest whom I was replacing if it was a busy parish. He gave me the best piece of wisdom I have received as a priest: a parish priest is as busy as he chooses to be. That is so true. And not just for priests. For everyone. I can tell you, as a pastor of an active parish in need of a lot of servant help, I hate it when people say no to a request... I also respect the heck out of it! Of course, many of us have prioritized in our lives things that are ultimately not God's will, not important, and not fulfilling.

I would challenge you to do an inventory. How many hours a week do you sleep, work, stare at a screen, work out, drive the kids from activity to activity, pray? If you were to ask the Lord how he might want you to re-prioritize, what might he say? What are the things you do in your week

that really give you rest? Where do you actually find peace? What do you need to prune from your schedule? I do an inventory of this sort from time to time. It's good to actually look at my "screen report". Because it's one thing to say, "I'm not on my phone that often," and another to see the actual number. What's my number? Last week it was 1.5 hours/day and the top three apps were Messages, Podcasts, and iBreviary (prayer app). Not bad. Actually, when I sense the Lord calling me to pull back, it is usually in social engagements. I have to reserve one night a week just to be at home alone. (It's an extravert problem.) So I put it on my calendar.



## WHERE TO BEGIN

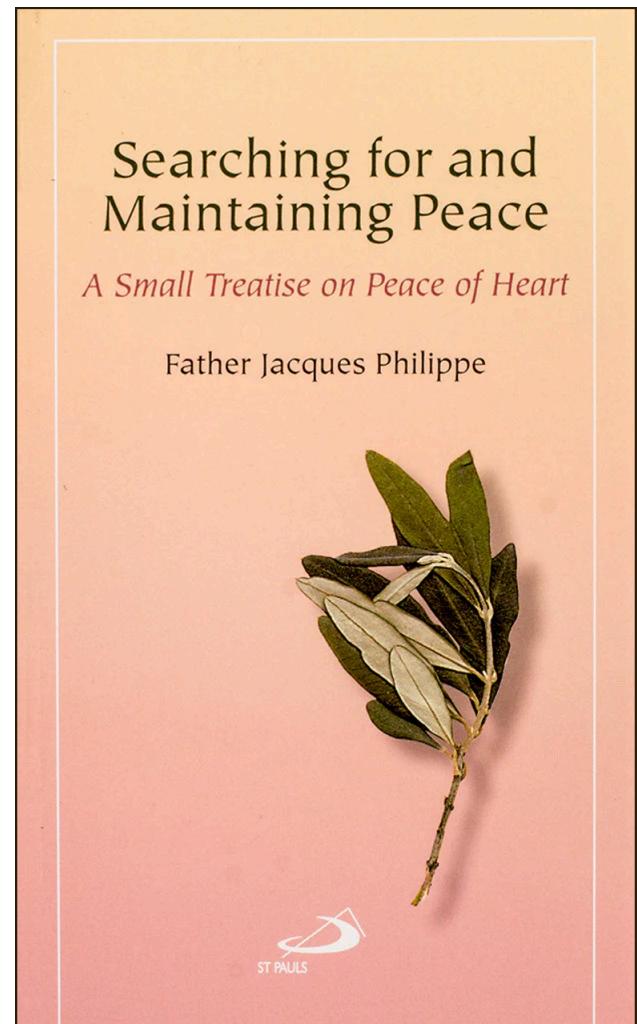
Let's say you did an inventory and realize something has to change. Where do you start? A friend of mine who is a professional organizer says, "Keep the kitchen sink clean and the rest of the kitchen will follow." For me it was when I started making my bed (at age 25) that helped me keep the rest of my bedroom clean. Author and speaker Charles Duhigg, says there are certain habits that affect other habits--super habits. So we want to find those things and master them, because they will give us the biggest bang for our buck.

One of my favorite spiritual reads is a book titled *Searching for and Maintaining Peace* by Jacques Philippe. Admittedly the title is terrible, and the cover is worse, but the book is a gem! In it Fr. Philippe says the soul is meant to reflect God, the way a lake reflects the sun and the trees and the sky. But if the water is agitated by the wind, the image is lost. So too the soul. When we become agitated by the business of life, we lose the ability to reflect God's love to others. And we become jerks! Our primary goal in the spiritual life is to maintain peace at all costs. How often do we say, "I can regain my peace tomorrow, today there is work to do"? And yet tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes and peace always stays one step ahead. So, where do we begin? We begin with those things that truly bring peace, not just contentment.

## WHAT IS PEACE

Everyone wants to acquire peace. And yet how many of us can claim to live a peace-filled life?

What even is peace? More often than not, we are frantic, frustrated, and unfulfilled. Why is this? I think it's because we don't actually know what leads to peace. We don't even really know what it is. We tend to think that we will be peaceful when the list has been accomplished, or when the savings account is comfortable enough, or when we finally get to the next vacation, break or retirement. But peace is not a matter of accomplishment, it's a matter of being. Or better, a matter of being-with.



Many spiritual books tell us that the secret to peace is “practicing the presence of God”. That’s it. That’s why the saints were at “peace” when they were sick, when they were in prison, when they were poor, when they were hungry, when they were being tortured. Because they were always with God deep, deep in their souls. This is possible for all of us. But we have to actually “practice” it. And let’s not pretend that even the saints did this perfectly all the time. But they certainly did it better, more frequently, and for longer durations than the rest of us. When you lose your peace, says Philippe, just be at peace about that too.



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*Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus - a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you.*

*- St. Teresa of Calcutta*

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## SUNDAYS

This year the Archdiocese made its theme “Reclaiming Sundays”. Which is just another way in my mind of saying, “Reclaiming Peace”. Because that’s what it is all about. Jesus said that the Lord’s Day is made for man, not the other way around. We are the ones who need to rest and worship. God doesn’t need anything. It is the one commandment that tells us to just STOP! And it might be the hardest one to keep. Isn’t that funny?

When I was in seminary I decided that I would not do any homework on Sundays, as I didn’t have any other work to refrain from. And just like when I began making my bed, it had this multiplying effect in other areas of my life. It forced me to be more disciplined on Fridays, it kept me from procrastinating on Saturdays, it helped me be more balanced in my recreation and down time, and because Sundays were so restful, I didn’t even mind Mondays anymore! More recently I discovered the “Whitespace wedge”. Basically what that means is before I run

from one task to the next I stop. For maybe a minute. And think about what I just finished. Or about what I am about to start. Or else I stare at my giant wall calendar. Sometimes, I think of something that I was supposed to do, or that I need to do before the next thing, or I jot some notes, or I just rest. As silly as that may seem, it’s been a total game changer! It’s like a mini-Sunday in the middle of my day. I believe that if we can reclaim Sundays we can begin to reclaim that peace we are all searching for. There is a superabundance to Sundays that flows out into the rest of our weeks and the rest of our lives. But reclaiming Sundays doesn’t simply mean going to Mass on Sunday. That is certainly a big part of it, and there may be some of us who still need to master that habit. But if going to Mass is just one thing out of the myriad of other things we have to do on Sunday, it will not be the source of peace, it will just be an addition to the overall business of our lives. The goal is to make Sunday into a day like no other. A day of worship, rest, and leisure; a day we look forward to, a day that prepares us for the rest of the week, a day that really fills us up.



## LET'S FOCUS ON PEACE

**“As long as a person who must jump with a parachute does not jump into the void, he cannot feel that the cords of the parachute will support him, because the parachute has not yet had the chance to open. One must first jump and it is only later that one feels carried. And so it is in spiritual life.”**

– *Searching for and Maintaining Peace*, by Fr. Phillippe



This year we will make Reclaiming Peace (Sundays) our theme and focus too. I have a couple homilies and preaching series lined up on the theme, we will be using it as our topic for Ars Vivendi on Wednesdays, and an upcoming Ever Ancient Ever New podcast episode will dive into it as well. We have even been working on it in the parish office and in the school as we try to set an example of living a balanced and peaceful life. Being a good Christian also means being a good human. It strikes me that when we live a “Sunday” way of life, we become better at both. I hope you’ll join us.

Fr. Jacques Philippe is a member of the Community of the Beatitudes, founded in France in 1983. After studying in Nazareth, Jerusalem, and Rome, he was ordained a priest in 1985. He primarily devotes himself to spiritual direction and preaching retreats internationally. His published books on spirituality are the consolidated result of such work. He is the author of *Fire & Light*, *Interior Freedom*, *Time for God*, and *The Eight Doors of the Kingdom*, among others.

# RECLAIMING SUNDAYS

## AN INITIATIVE OF THE ST. PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS ARCHDIOCESE

"This effort is designed to meet families where they are and ... help them take meaningful steps to reorient their Sundays — and their entire lives — to reflect the gift of the Lord's Day."

- Archbishop Hebda

## SEPTEMBER

### *Prayer*

September's theme is a foundational pillar in this 12 month campaign. Prayer is the cornerstone for this initiative and will be interwoven throughout all months. The recommended source for parents to build habits of prayer is the Hallow App.

#### SAMPLE ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER:

- Attend Mass every Sunday this month.
- Prepare your family for Mass by reading the Gospel in advance. Consider laying out clothes, find everyone's shoes, and do anything else that will make the morning peaceful and efficient.
- Pray before meals as a family and individually.
- Institute Lord's Day evening prayer on either Saturday or Sunday and ask for everyone in the family to offer prayer intentions.
- Visit an adoration chapel for 15 minutes, 30 minutes, or more as a family.

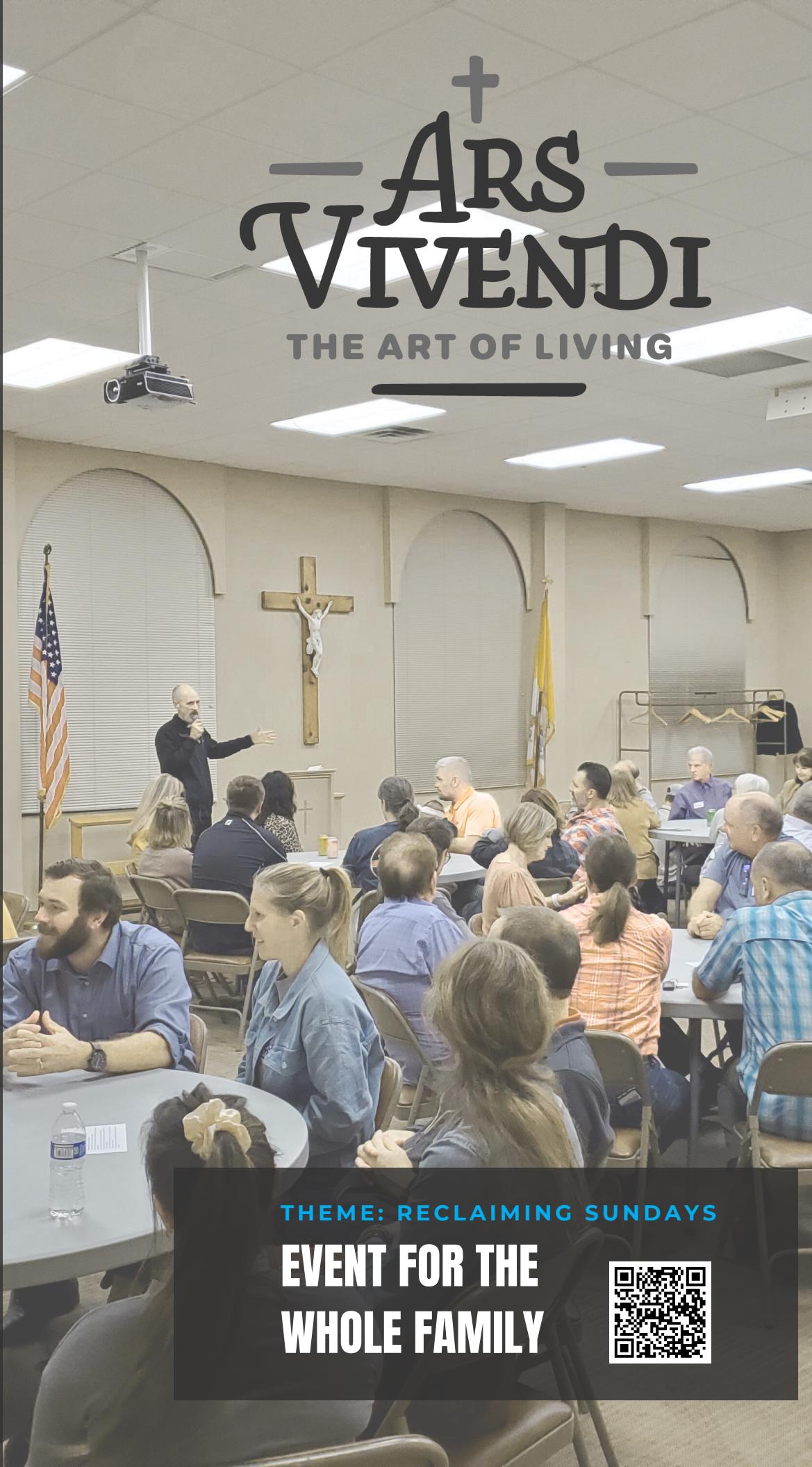
// Resource for going to adoration: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=irLkwdkeotw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irLkwdkeotw)



# CATHOLIC CULTURE



- PRAYER
- MEAL
- SOCIAL



THEME: RECLAIMING SUNDAYS

EVENT FOR THE  
WHOLE FAMILY





COMMUNITY NIGHT TO  
GROW IN FAITH,  
FELLOWSHIP, AND BUILD  
CATHOLIC CULTURE.

**BEGINS  
OCT 8**

ST. PETER  
CAMPUS

Childcare  
Available

5:15PM

**Evening Prayer**

Evening prayer in the church

5:25PM

**Free Dinner**

Community meal in  
school cafeteria

6:00PM

**Faith Teaching**

Adults gather in St. Martha  
Hall, children to a classroom

7:00PM

**Night Prayer**

Night prayer in the church

Other dates... 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 1/21, 2/4, 2/25, 3/11



# Join the Rosary Campaign for St. Maximilian Kolbe Academy!



*"I am truly grateful! I am looking forward this year to serving our students and staff with my heart, prayers and passion for our mission. We have had over 470 rosaries for our school committed already -- this is so humbling and appreciated -- we are surrounded in a blanket of prayer!"*

-Bridget Schulz, Principal

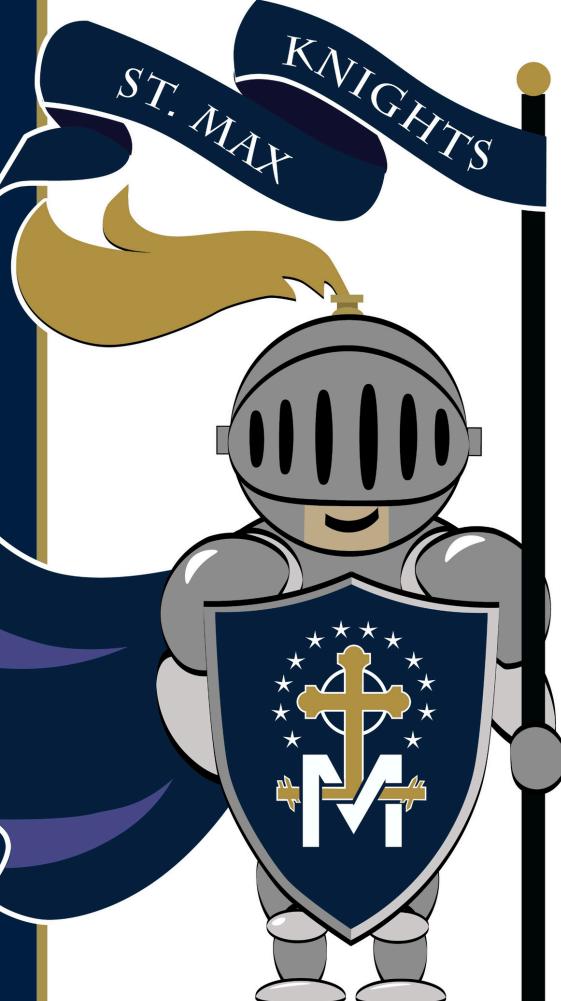


## The beginning of our year in pictures!



Heavenly Father, we praise you for the gift of St. Maximilian Kolbe Academy and we ask for your blessing upon our students, parents, teachers and staff. May our school always be a place where your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is welcomed, loved and adored. Pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit on our students so they may grow in faith, wisdom and service. Give us the courage to be joyful witnesses of the Gospel, and may our joy attract many more souls to you. Help us to be like our great patron, St. Maximilian Kolbe, who readily gave up his life for love of God and neighbor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Visit us at - **STMAXKOLBEACADEMY.ORG**



Scan the QR code  
for donations and  
prayer intentions



Your support of St. Maximilian Kolbe Academy helps our mission of offering a Christ-centered education to over 100 students. As an outpouring of gratitude, the students and staff pledge to pray for you and your specific intentions daily.

Thank you for considering sponsoring our 2025-26 Ride for a Reason.

# Parishioner Spotlight



**How long have you been parishioners?**

We have been parishioners at St. Max since moving to Delano 11 years ago.

**What drew you to St. Max?**

Fun fact, we were married at St. Mary of Czestochowa in 2013, before moving to Delano, as that is where Wendy's family and many members of her extended family are parishioners (her maiden name is Motzko). However, when we moved, Wendy was expecting our first child and as nervous, expectant new parents, we were looking for a later mass time to give us flexibility in the morning. As it turns out, babies wake up extremely early, so it was an unnecessary worry, but possibly the Holy Spirit bringing us where we needed to be 😊.

**Tell us a little bit about your family.**

Matt is from Dubuque, Iowa and moved to Minneapolis after college. Wendy is from the Watertown area. We met working at the same accounting firm in Minneapolis right after college. Once we were married and expecting our first child, we moved to Delano to be near family and to allow our kids to grow up in a smaller town. We have three children - Camden (11), Charlotte (9), and Adalyn (6).

**How are you involved in the parish/what do you currently participate in?**

We love to be involved, whenever our schedule allows. Matt ushers at masses and is the liaison between St. Max and Love INC for the car repair ministry which the parish partners with them on. Wendy was a member of the Finance Council for a couple of years, and she recently joined the school staff, helping in the office. Wendy has also organized the silent auction for the school gala for the past couple of years and is part of the meal ministry. Our favorite way to be involved is working Donut Sundays because we can involve our whole family.

**What do you appreciate about St. Max?**

We love the reverence of our mass, as well as the opportunities provided for us as adults and our children to grow in our faith beyond just mass on Sunday. We also love the community that helps provide support in our journey and challenges us to devote ourselves more deeply to the Lord.

**Talk a bit about your faith journey.**

We were both raised Catholic but admittedly were a bit up and down in our faith before we were married. However, by God's grace he kept the small fire lit in our hearts. Once we were married and planning to have a family, the fire grew and we knew that we needed to grow deeper in our faith, both for ourselves and to provide a good example in our household of living out our faith. It was providential that we found St. Max at that time, where the reverence and commitment to sacred traditions challenged us to understand and grow deeper in our faith. That environment has allowed our children to experience the mass and understand God's love differently than we did as children, which is why we are incredibly grateful for the St. Max community and Father K. Our journey is currently a work in progress...and probably always will be, but we are excited to continue it.

**What is a fun fact about you/your family that may surprise people?**

Matt and Wendy are both accountants, so fun facts are not our strong suit! We did live in Australia for about two years prior to moving to Delano.

**Do you or your family have any favorite hobbies, activities or traditions that you participate in?**

We love to travel together, have family movie nights, play board games, and spend as much time as we can up north in Hackensack at Wendy's family's cabin in the summer.



# Jesus in *Iowa*

BY MATT DOMEYER

One highlight from this past summer was participating in a eucharistic procession in Iowa. Many people will remember the eucharistic processions that took place last summer from each direction of the country, culminating in Indianapolis at the eucharistic congress. I (Matt) continued following the eucharistic revival group who organized the processions and noticed that again this year they would host a pilgrimage along a St Katharine Drexel route from Indianapolis to Los Angeles. The route map included stops and processions in and around Dubuque, Iowa where I am originally from. Most exciting for me, the route included a procession through rural Iowa between two small town parishes that I have sentimental attachments to through my extended family. This portion of the procession took place on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, going from St Boniface Church in New Vienna, Iowa to Ss Peter & Paul Church in Petersburg, Iowa. The distance was an approximately 6 mile stretch along flat roads, winding past farms and corn fields as far as the eye can see.

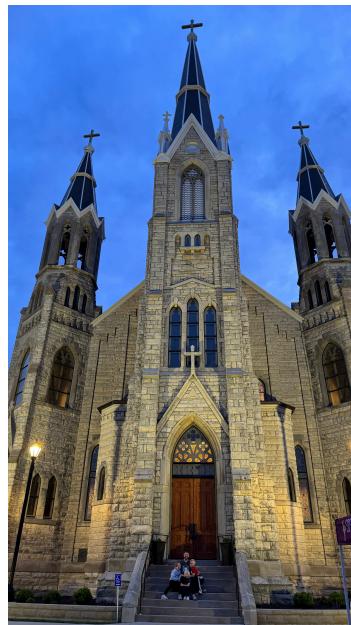




### **Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, St. Petersburg, Iowa**

My ancestors who immigrated from Germany farmed in these areas and helped build these beautiful churches, so I felt strongly called to participate. Wendy had an extended cousin getting married that weekend so without someone to watch the kids and being called to join in the procession, I decided to take them to Iowa and participate. It was a fantastic day and such a moving experience. Hundreds of people showed up in New Vienna, a town of only 380 people, for the procession. We began the morning taking in the beauty of St. Boniface

Church. The parish was established in 1846 and the current church, constructed in 1887, is built of solid white magnesia limestone taken from a local farm. The interior includes a beautiful hand-carved altar and I even found a stained-glass window bearing the family name of my maternal grandmother, Bockenstead. I am blessed to have passed down to me the rosary of my great grandfather, John Bockenstead, Jr. and held it in my hand as I passed through the church his family worshiped in.





When the Blessed Sacrament arrived, it was time to commence our portion of the pilgrimage. The energy was awesome and there was something so beautiful about following our Lord along country highways, passing the occasional red barn and seeing the corn begin to grow from the earth. The 6 miles took approximately 4 hours and, in that time, we prayed rosaries, sang worship songs and enjoyed fellowship. One of the priests accompanying the pilgrimage even announced he would fall to the back of the group and hear confessions on the road if anyone felt moved. He then spent the rest of the walk hearing confessions as participants were called to confess their sins and seek God's mercy! The two highlights during the walk for me though were our youngest daughter Adalyn begging me to get her to the front and put her on my shoulders so she could be near the Lord, then hearing her sing 'Lord, I need You' as loud as she could. I was glad to be wearing sunglasses as the moment brought tears to my eyes! The second highlight was being able to hold the rosary of my great grandfather in my hand as I walked past his former homestead and farm which lay directly on the route.

I'm not sure how long the final stretch of the road is, but it must have been well over a mile. We came around a bend to this long, straight, stretch of rural highway and there we could see situated at the end was Ss Peter & Paul Church. As we drew closer and the church grew larger, our songs grew louder. We finally arrived at the church about 4:30pm. Ss Peter and Paul is an absolute jewel in the middle of nowhere. The entire church is constructed of limestone, has three huge spires, and an interior I'm not capable of adequately describing. It is where my parents were married, my father's parents before them and their parents before them. The church was built in 1906 and became the first consecrated church in the state of Iowa. Adoration in the church was followed by mass and then we returned back to my parents home in Dubuque. Our feet were tired and my shoulders a bit sore (Addy grew a bit too accustomed to the view up there), but we felt great knowing it we were blessed to partake in a wonderful expression of our love for Jesus.



Jules Breton, *La Bénédiction des blés en Artois*, 1857  
Corpus Christi Procession in French Countryside

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW FACILITIES DIRECTOR!

Adam  
Hermanson

*It is our pleasure to introduce Adam Hermanson, our new Facilities Manager! Finding the right individual for this role was quite the protracted process, but our long wait paid off and we are thrilled to have Adam with us!*

## To start, do you have anything you wanted to share with the parish?

*It's an incredible honor to be the new Facilities Manager, and it's not something I take lightly by any stretch. It's a big responsibility, but I'm up to the challenge and I'm excited to be back with the community!*

## Can you tell me a little bit about your faith journey and personal devotions?

*I came into the Church around 2008 at St. Augustine's and Holy Trinity in South Saint Paul. It was a phenomenal experience. One of the hurdles that I had to overcome were the false protestant teachings about Mary. But when I was properly catechized, I fell more in love with her as well as with her Son, and I've had a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother ever since. Her maternal heart was a big part in bringing me back to her Son, and realizing that to achieve true happiness and true peace you need Jesus.*

## Do you want to share any experiences where you've felt Mary working in your life?

*Yes - well, I'm a convert and a revert. After my first year as a Catholic I wasn't experiencing good fellowship, I sort of isolated myself and drifted back to my old protestant ways. I was just sitting in an empty room one day and I fell to my knees and prayed a Hail Mary, then felt the strong urge to go back to Confession and Mass. I was then invited by a coworker of my mother's to come to her parish community, St. Patrick's in Oak Grove, where Fr. David Blume heard my first Confession in a year. He embraced me and said I could start receiving Holy Communion again and "welcome back home". That's when I started learning more about the Rosary and Scripture. I really dove into the community and tried to get more involved, and then I met my wife. We've just celebrated our tenth anniversary on the feast of St. Dominic.*

## Can you tell me a little more about your family?

*My lovely wife, Annie, was a Dominican Sister. She was discerning for about 6 years but right before she professed final vows she discerned out. We met back in 2013 and got married in 2015. We have five beautiful children.*

## Any final thoughts you'd like to share?

*If we give the Lord our day, he'll bless it, and he'll bless the works of our hands. I'm learning that more now that I'm working at St. Max. Thank you to everyone who has been praying for us during this transition.*



# YOU ARE INVITED

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C E L E B R A T I N G   2 5   Y E A R S



*Deacon Joseph Kittok*

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Saturday

**27**

September 2025

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

*St. Martha Hall*

## *Wine & Appetizer Reception*

Join us as we honor our own Joseph Kittok, as he celebrates 25 years as a deacon! Immediately following the 5 pm Mass in St. Martha Hall.

No RSVP needed - just show up!

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**Special Donut Sunday for Deacon Joe  
on Sunday, September 28**

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# September - Marian Month

September is considered a month of Mary, as it celebrates two special Marian feast days. **The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary** is on September 12th, which honors the Virgin Mary and marks the very mention of her name as holy and deserving of respect and devotion. September 12th marks a battle victory for Christian Europe against the Muslim Turks, which The Christians prayed for the intercession of Mary for their victory.



I already told you  
I am not turning your water into  
pumpkin spice latte



**The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows** is celebrated on September 15th. This feast commemorates the profound sadness and suffering Mary experienced alongside her Son, particularly during his Passion and Death. The entire month of September is actually dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. Remember to be close to our lady by meditating on her sorrows, and she will be close to your in your own sufferings.

Shadow of Mary statue on the wall at the back entrance of the Main Church at St. Peter Campus

## BELoved

A 12 PART SERIES FOR ALL MARRIED COUPLES

full breakfast ~ time for uninterrupted prayer  
meaningful conversations ~ childcare provided

Location: St. Martha Hall\*

Time: 8:30 am - 11 am

Cost per couple: \$150

Register by October 21, 2025

Questions? Contact Jeff jeffreither001@yahoo.com

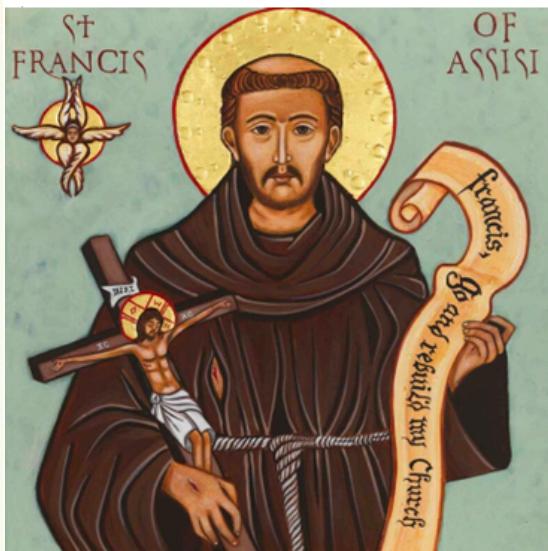
2025 DATES:

November 1, 8, 15, 22

December 13, 20

January 17, 24, 31

February 14, 21, 28



When

Friday

Oct 3rd

6:00pm

Where

St. Joseph  
Campus  
North Lawn

Who

Everyone!

## Blessing of the Animals

Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis

Bring your pets for a blessing from Deacon Joseph Kittok as we gather, pray, and reflect on the spirituality of St. Francis

"such a spirituality can motivate us to a more passionate concern for the protection of our world."  
no. 216 Laudato Si

Please remember to bring doggy bags to clean up after your pet



# UPCOMING *Events*

SEPT  
**27**

## DEACON JOE ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

Join us as we celebrate Deacon Joe's Deacon 25<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary. After 5pm Mass on Saturday, September 27 there will be a reception to celebrate Deacon Joe! Heavy appetizes and wine. No RSVP needed.

SEPT  
**28**

## DONUT SUNDAY FOR DEACON JOE

A special Donut Sunday to celebrate Deacon Joe's anniversary as a deacon. St. Martha hall after all Sunday Masses.



OCT  
**3**

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join us on the north lawn of St. Joseph Campus for the annual blessing of the animals in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. 6:00 pm.

OCT  
**4**

## READINGS OF VATICAN II, FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Monthly class before the First Saturday Mass that covers the documents of Vatican II. Each class we will gather to read part of a document and discuss it together to see what the council actually taught. Meet at 7:30 am in St. Martha Hall at St. Peter Campus.

OCT  
**8**

## ARS VIVENDI

All parishioners are invited for a fun and faith filled gathering on Wednesday nights. Come for the whole evening or just part of it...whatever works for your schedule. Dinner, talk by Fr. K, evening prayer. Classes are available for school aged children, and child care for the youngest.

OCT  
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## RIDE FOR A REASON

Annual bike-a-thon for St. Maximilan Kolbe Academy. Help support the school by making a pledge with a student you know - or visit the Ride for a Reason table after weekend Masses from September 13 - October 5.

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## FR. K OUT OF TOWN

Fr. K will be out of town. There will be no weekday Masses while he is gone, and there will be a visiting priest for weekend Masses.

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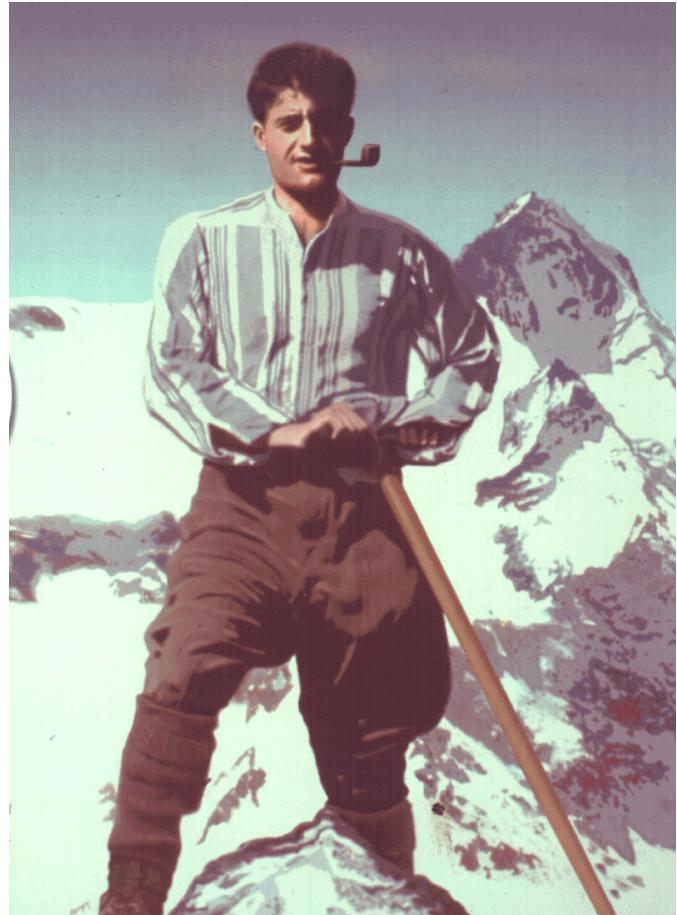
## Canonized on September 7, 2025



**ST. CARLO ACUTIS**  
**(1991–2006)**

**Feast Day: October 12**

Carlo Acutis was born in London in 1991 and grew up in Milan, Italy. He had a deep devotion to the Eucharist, describing it as “my highway to Heaven.” Passionate about technology, he created a website detailing over 136 documented Eucharistic miracles, which now has become an international traveling exhibition. Carlo passed away in 2006 at the age of 15 from leukemia.



**ST. PIER GEORGIO FRASSATI**  
**(1901–1925)**

**Feast Day: July 4**

Born in Turin in 1901, Pier Giorgio stood out for the consistency between his faith and his actions. He cared for the sick and needy through the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Catholic Action. His mountain climbs were moments of prayer, joy, and true friendship, making Pier Giorgio a model for young Christians everywhere. At the age of 24, he died suddenly from polio, contracted during a week of intense service to the sick.