

August 11, 2024

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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: Closed or by appointment

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Saturday: Closed or by appointment

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST

Sunday-----9:00 am
1:00 pm *in English*
11:00 am *in Polish*

Weekdays

Monday - Saturday -----9:00 am

Saturday -----5:00 pm
for Sunday obligation

Holy Day Vigil----- 7:00 pm, *English*

Holy Day-----9:00 am
12:00 noon *in English*
7:00 pm *bi-lingual, English & Polish*

RECONCILIATION

Saturday -----4:15 pm

Daily & Sunday: After each Mass.
Special Penance Services scheduled
seasonally in English and Polish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Levels 1 - 8:

Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:40 pm

For information regarding Parish
Sacrament Preparation Classes, please
call the Office.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements should be made with a priest as soon as possible. One year prior to marriage or as soon as engagement is announced is recommended.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: In the event of serious illness or when someone is hospitalized, the parish office should be notified. The Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated with anyone requesting them. Remember, the Hospital cannot notify us on their own.

YOUTH MINISTRY: The Youth Mass is at 9:00 am on Sundays and "Get-A-Grip," grades 7-12, meets for Liturgy of the Word during the Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Youth in grades 9-12 meet at scheduled intervals.

CATECHUMENATE (RCIA): A process of faith building for those who would like to become members of, or for all who have not received full initiation into, the Roman Catholic Church. Please call the Catechetics Center for more information.

BAPTISM: Celebrated throughout the year in accordance with the policy of the Archdiocese and to accommodate the needs of our Parish Family. Attendance at a preparation session may be required. You must be a registered and active family for at least 90 days before a date for Baptism will be scheduled. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday – August 10... St. Lawrence

9:00AM... People of the Parish

5:00PM...+ Maureen Watkins,
req. Theresa and John Cosmas

Sunday – August 11... 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Roy Canavesio, req. Karole and Children

11:00AM...+ Julia Panasik, req. Son Marek and Family
+ Bronisława Piorek, (5th Rocznia Smiercej)

1:00PM...+ Thomas Bardon, req. Kruse Family

Monday – August 12... St. Jane Frances de Chantel

9:00AM... + Antonio Simeone, req. Lucia Simeone

Tuesday – August 13... Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

9:00AM... + Carlo Riello, req. Antonia Riello

Wednesday – August 14... St. Maximillian Kolbe

9:00AM...+ Viola Pratt, req. Johanna Merkle

7:00PM... Vigil (Eng.)...People of the Parish

Thursday – August 15... The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00AM... Health of Pat Marinaro, req. Friend Kathy

7:00PM (Pol.)...Jarosława i Edward Stalenyj,
req. Stanislaw and Family

Friday – August 16... St. Stephen of Hungary

9:00AM ...+ People of the Parish

Saturday – August 17... Weekday

9:00AM...+ Salvatore and Raffaele Mandato,
req. Angela Negri

5:00PM...+ Garwin Polius,
req. Pat and John Zimmerman

Sunday – August 18... 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM... + The Health of Frank Kazmierski

11:00AM...+ Jan Benewiat, req. Dzieci i Rodzina.

1:00PM...+ Garwin Polius, req. Linda Scheideman

The Assumption of the Blessed Mother Thursday, August 15th:

Wednesday, August 14 - 7PM – Vigil - English

Thursday, August 15 - 9AM –(Eng) & 7PM –(Pol)

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The **Tabernacle Candle** will burn this week for all our Parish Faithful Departed.

The **Bread and Wine** used at Mass for the month of **August** is for **Blanka Rosales at the request of Daughter and Family.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially **Cathy and Jack Rooney, Marian Parcinski, Frank Kazmierski, and Olivia Schiffer.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the Faithful Departed.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: I Kings 19:4-8

Queen Jezebel had vowed to kill Elijah, who went into the desert and prayed for death. Instead, he went to sleep and was awakened by an angel, who told him to eat the food God had given him. He ate and went back to sleep, but God's angel again woke him and told him to eat. Strengthened by the food, he got up and walked forty days and nights to the mountain of God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30—5:2

Paul appeals to the Ephesians to get rid of bitterness, anger, and malice. Instead, they must be kind, compassionate, and forgiving just as God has been. We must be imitators of Christ, and love one another as he has loved us.

Gospel: John 6:41-51

The Jews were not convinced that Jesus was the bread that came down from heaven. But he again explains that he is the bread of life. He tells them that anyone who believes and eats this bread shall live forever. He explains that the bread he will give is his flesh, for the life of the world.

Word

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!" 1 KINGS 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need God's help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we unite our sacrifice with Jesus' sacrifice to do the will of God, Our Father. We receive the strength and courage to be His missionary disciples.

Worship

DEVOTION



The Rosary is prayed before the 9AM Mass during the week Monday – Saturday. On Thursdays after 9AM Mass the **Blessed Sacrament is exposed**, closing with **Benediction at 11:00AM.**

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YOUTH

Religious Education

Registration for classes 1-8 is open now thru August 26th. You may register online or in person. Please be sure to **register as soon as possible** in order for us to be adequately supplied for the fall.

If you can give a little of your time on Wednesday evenings as an instructor, an assistant or just to help out a little, please call the office or contact Iveth Parada at bestreligioused@gmail.com in the Religious Education Department.

Your help would be greatly appreciated!

ALTAR SERVERS

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The Saint of the Week

St. Maximilian Kolbe

(August 14)

St. Maximilian Kolbe was born as Raymund Kolbe on January 8, 1894, in Poland, He was a Conventual Franciscan friar.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was very active in promoting the Immaculate Virgin Mary and is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. Much of his life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12. The Mother of God came to him holding two crowns, one white, the other red. The white one meant purity, and the red martyrdom.

In 1918, he was ordained a priest and continued his work of promoting Mary throughout Poland. Over the next several years, Kolbe took on publishing. He founded a monthly periodical titled, "Rycerz Niepokalanej" (Knight of the Immaculate). He also operated a religious publishing press and founded a new Conventual Franciscan monastery at Niepokalanow, which became a major religious publishing center. He also founded monasteries in both Japan and India.

In 1936, Kolbe's poor health forced him to return home to Poland, and once the WWII invasion by Germany began, he became one of the only brothers to remain in the monastery. He refused to sign a document that would recognize him as a German citizen with his German ancestry and continued to work in his monastery, providing shelter for refugees - including hiding 2,000 Jews from German persecution.

On February 17, 1941, the monastery was shut down; Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and taken to the Pawiak prison. Three months later, he was transferred to Auschwitz.

Never abandoning his priesthood, Kolbe was the victim of severe violence and harassment. Toward the end of his second month in Auschwitz, men were chosen to face death by starvation to warn against escapes. Kolbe was not chosen but volunteered to take the place of a man with a family.

It is said during the last days of his life Kolbe led prayers to Our Lady with the prisoners and remained calm. He was the last of the group to remain alive, after two weeks of dehydration and starvation. The guards gave him a lethal injection of carbolic acid. The stories tell that he raised his left arm and calmly awaited death.

St. Maximilian Kolbe died on August 14, and his remains were cremated on August 15, the same day as the Feast of the Assumption.

Polskie Duszpasterstwo w Parafii św. Bernarda i św. Stanisława Kostki



19 Niedziela Zwykła Rok B

Z Dialogu św. Katarzyny Sieneńskiej, dziewicy, O Bożej Opatrzności

Najsłodszy mój Panie, wejrzyj miłościwie na Twój lud, na Ciało Mistyczne Twojego Kościoła. Wszak o wiele bardziej uwielbione będzie święte Imię Twoje wówczas, kiedy przebaczysz tak licznej rzeszy Twych stworzeń, niż tylko mnie biednej, która tak bardzo obraziłam Twój Majestat. Jakże mogłabym doznawać pociechy widząc siebie przy życiu, jeśliby lud Twój pogrążony był w śmierci, gdyby mroki grzechów z powodu moich nieprawości i nieprawości innych stworzeń ogarniały Twoją umiłowaną Oblubienicę.

Żarliwie przeto błagam o tę niepojętą łaskę, abys okazał miłosierdzie ludowi Twemu w imię owej niezrównanej miłości, która Cię skłoniła do stworzenia człowieka na obraz i podobieństwo Twoje. I czemuż to, proszę, obdarzyłeś człowieka tak wielką godnością? Niewątpliwie, stało się tak jedynie dla niepojętej miłości, dzięki której dostrzegłeś Twe stworzenie w sobie samym i w nim się rozmiłowałeś. Wyznaję jednak otwarcie, iż przez grzech człowiek słusznie utracił godność, do jakiej został wyniesiony.

Ty zaś wiedziony tą samą miłością i pragnąc w swojej dobroci pojednać ludzi ze sobą, dałeś nam Słowo, Twojego Jednorodzonego Syna, który stał się prawdziwym Pośrednikiem między nami a Tobą. On stał się naszą sprawiedliwością. W sobie samym zniweczył wszystkie nasze nieprawości i grzechy mocą posłuszeństwa, którego Ty, Ojczye niebieski, odeń zażądałeś polecając Mu przyjąć naszą ludzką naturę.

O niezrównana głęboko miłości! Jakież serce może pozostać tak twarde, by się nie

poruszyć i nie zadrzeć widząc, że tak wielka wzniosłość zstąpiła ku tak przepastnej niskości. Bo taką właśnie jest nasza ludzka natura.

Jesteśmy Twoim obrazem, a Ty obrazem naszym dzięki jedności, jaką ustanowiłeś między sobą a człowiekiem. Wiekuiste Bóstwo skryłeś pod nędzną zasłoną skażonej natury ludzkiej. Dlaczego? Jedynie dla Twej niewypowiedzianej miłości. Przez ową niepojętą miłość pokornie i ze wszystkich sił mej duszy błagam Twój Majestat, abys biednym stworzeniom okazał swoje łaskawe miłosierdzie.

LG tom IV: XIX Niedziela Zwykła B, str. 66-67

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ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus. We already collected **\$25,817.00** which is **89%** of our goal for the AA 2024. We are missing only **\$3,059.94.00**

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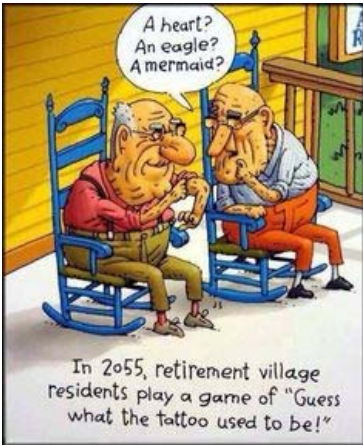
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St. Mary's Recycle Group has picked up all the donated items. Again, thank you for all your support!

COMMUNITY BUILDING

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We continue to collect food in the open area of the church for Starfish to be distributed throughout the Union County area. Dates should be current and food **non-perishable**. Thank you for all your support throughout the years.



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If you are a Senior Citizen or almost a Senior.....

you are invited and welcome to join us.
For more information, please contact Karole in the Parish office.

FINANCE



ONLINE GIVING

It is possible to automate your Faith Giving to our parish. To sign up online and/or to automate giving, simply go to our parish website.

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Collection August 4

Online....\$ 3,023

In Pew..... \$ 4,181

Total Collection for August 4....\$ 7,204

Thank you for all your donations!!!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on a regular basis on Saturdays at 4:15PM and after weekday Masses simply by requesting a celebration of the sacrament.

From Fr. Marcin's Desk

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We continue the reading of Chapter Six of the Gospel according to John, in which Jesus, after performing the great miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, explains to the people the meaning of that "sign." Jesus begins from the experience of hunger and the sign of bread, to reveal Himself and to offer an invitation to believe in Him.

The people seek Him, the people listen to Him, because they are still enthusiastic about the miracle; they want to make Him king! However, when Jesus affirms that He is the true bread given by God, many are shocked. They do not understand and begin murmuring among themselves saying, "Do we not know his father and mother? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Then Jesus says, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him," and he adds, "he who believes has eternal life."

This word of the Lord astonishes us and makes us think. It introduces the dynamic of faith, which is a relationship - the relationship between God and me to believe in Him, it is not enough to meet Jesus, to read the Bible, to witness a miracle, such as that of the multiplication of the loaves. So many people were in close contact with Jesus, and they still did not believe. This happened because their hearts were closed to the action of God's Spirit. If your heart is always closed, faith doesn't enter! Instead, God the Father draws us to Jesus; it is we who open or close our hearts. Faith, which is like a seed deep in the heart, blossoms when we let the Father draw us to Jesus, and we "go to Him" with an open heart.

With this attitude of faith, we can also understand the meaning of the "Bread of Life" that Jesus gives us, and which He describes in this way, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." In Jesus, in his "flesh" that is, in his concrete humanity is all the love of God, which is the Holy Spirit. Those who let themselves be drawn by this love go to Jesus and go with faith and receive from Him life –**eternal life**.

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