



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am
Monday - Friday 7:15 am

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm
Other times by appointment

BENEDICTION

First Friday 7:45 am

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements:

- *To join the parish
- *For a wedding (6 months in advance)
- *For Baptism class information
- *For Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick or have been ill for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.
- * If you are home-bound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call.

MINISTRY LEADERS

MCs: *Gabe Trussoni*
Mike Vanderploeg
William Arnold

Weekend Servers
(Middle and High Schoolers):
Gabe Trussoni

Readers: *Mary Jo Reinders*

Extraordinary Ministers of the
Eucharistic: *Carolyn Steingraeber*

Petition Readers: *Barb Clements*

Ushers: *Tom Kratt*
tomkratt@charter.net

Offering Families: *Call the office to volunteer*

Rosary Leader Schedule: *Mary Schuttemhelm & Barb Clements*

Weekday Servers (Grade Schoolers):
Stephanie Gauger

Weekday Readers: *Caryl Doberstein*

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers:
Carolyn Steingraeber

PARISH CONTACTS

Office Ass't Dir: *Elizabeth Skemp*

Finances: *Steve McGovern,*
Luci Johnson

Building Maintenance:
Carl Francksen

Scrip Coordinator: 782.2953 ext. 1
Pat Hammes

Website: *Jennifer Kulzer*

Music Director: 782.2953 ext. 4
Pauline Connell

Religious Education: *Pauline Connell*

RCIA & Confirmation Preparation:
Jennifer Kulzer

First Communion & Reconciliation
Preparation: *Pauline Connell*

Funeral Lunch Coordinator:
Bernice Lansing

Bulletin Editor: *Pauline Connell*

Sacristan: *Jean Kachel*

Women's Club: *Helen Roop*

Men's Club: *Ken Hanson*

Widow & Widowers Group:
Barb Schmitz, Loretta Clarkin

August 8, 2021

SAINT MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE

Raymond Kolbe was born in Poland in 1894. He joined the Franciscan Order in 1907 and took the name that we know him by: Maximillian. He loved his vocation very much, and he especially loved the Blessed Mother. He added the name "Mary" when he pronounced solemn vows in 1914.

Father Maximillian Mary was convinced that the world of the 20th century needed their Heavenly Mother to guide and protect them. He used the press to make Mary more widely known, He and his fellow Franciscans published two monthly newsletters that soon went to readers around the world.

The Mother of God blessed Father Maximillian's work. He built a large center in Poland which was called "City of the Immaculate." By 1938, 800 Franciscans lived there and labored to make the love of Mary known. Father Kolbe also started another City of the Immaculate in Nagasaki, Japan. Still another was built in India.

In 1938 The Nazis invaded the Polish City of the Immaculate. They stopped the wonderful work going on there. In 1941 they arrested Father Kolbe and sentenced him to hard manual labor at Auschwitz. He was at Auschwitz three months later when a prisoner successfully escaped. The Nazis made the rest of the prisoners pay for the escape. They chose ten prisoners at random to die in the starvation bunker. All the prisoners stood at attention while ten men were pulled from the line. One chosen prisoner, a married man with a family, begged and pleaded to be spared for the sake of his children. Father Kolbe, who had not been picked, listened and felt deeply moved to help that suffering prisoner. He stepped forward and asked that he take the man's place. His offer was accepted.

Father Kolbe and the other prisoners were marched into the starvation bunker. They remained alive without food or water for several days. One by one they died as Father Kolbe helped and comforted them. He was the last to die on August 14.

Saint John Paul II proclaimed him a saint and martyr in 1982.

From SAINTS FOR YOUNG READERS, Pauline Press.

August 9 - 15, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

- MON 8/9 7:15 Weekday; Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
+Lucille Ann Moran
- TUES 8/10 7:15 Lawrence
+David Kulzer
- WED 8/11 7:15 Clare
+Dan &+Tucky Skemp
- THUR 8/12 7:15 Weekday; Jane Frances de Chantal
+Dr. Joe Young
- FRI 8/13 7:15 Weekday; Pontian & Hippolytus
Living & deceased members of the Joe and Barb Clements family
- SAT 8/14 Maximillian Kolbe
NO 7:15 Mass
2:00 NUPTIALS Hannah Klinnert & James Sowa

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 8/14 4:30 pm *+Danielle Connell*
Servers: Maria & Michael Johnson
Readers: Tom Kieffer, Joan Mueller
Rosary leaders: Ken & Grainne Quillin
- SUN 8/15 8:00 *For the People of the Parish*
Server: Teddy Uehling
Readers: Tom Michel, John Gallagher
Rosary leader: Melissa Vach
10:00 *+Katie McNamara*
Servers: Charlee & Ruby Gauger
Readers: Tony Weisse, Patti Keil
Rosary leaders: Kevin & Helen Roop

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm
or call for an appointment

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire You with all my heart.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,

I ask You to come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already in my heart
and unite myself to You completely.

Please do not let me ever be separated from You.
Amen.

AROUND THE PARISH

THE ROSARY

Thursdays, at 6:30, in church.
The Women's Club will lead
our beloved prayer.
Use the alley handicap entrance.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

It's time to get together again.
Tues, Sept 14, 11:30, Schmidty's
If you have questions contact Barb
Schmitz, 788-1667, or Loretta Clarkin,
784-7106.
Don't sit home alone.

AQUINAS SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT OPEN

The Aquinas Schools offer faith-based
education to all ages.
To learn more or schedule a visit with one
of our principals
call 784-8585 or visit
www.aquinaschools.org.

If you are travelling you can find out when
and where Mass is being offered at
www.masstimes.org.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS FAIR

November 20

Once again, the Fair will look
different because of gathering
restrictions and safety.
*Raffle Baskets will be on display and
tickets sold for your chance to win
something(s) dandy.
*Homemade baked goods will be
available: pre-order and pick up
only.
*The GIVING TREE will be available
with \$scrip card sales that day.
Shopping, gift-wrapping, etc: not this
year yet.
*Your generous donations through
your **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS JARS** will
be collected, like last year. Take a
nice big jar and fill it with your spare
change now through Nov 20. You
might be surprised how that adds
up.

Our PARISH WOMEN'S CLUB
funds a multitude of wonderful
causes, scholarships to Aquinas,
and parish expenses throughout
the year. This event is their major
fund-raiser.

SCRIP NEWS

HELPERS NEEDED

Can you spare a few hours a week to
be our \$scrip seller in the Parish office?
Call the \$scrip office for details:
782-2953, ext. 1.

**RUDY'S gives us a whopping 20% profit
on their \$scrip certificates! Load up while
the root beer is cold and the chili dogs
hot.**

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Chapel is open during the day.
If you'd like to come for prayer
during the nighttime hours, call the
parish office to receive the code for
the door lock.

3:00 WEDNESDAYS

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
is recited.

Extra garden produce? Drop off what
you can't use in the Narthex so others
can enjoy it.

We'd love to have some of your lovely
garden flowers for the sanctuary. Find
out when to drop them off by calling
Pauline at 782-2953, ext. 4.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

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| Needed Weekly | \$13,000 |
| Received August 1 | 9,403 |

The proper term for senior women:
"Queen-agers"

COMING UP

Aug 14 Wedding of Hannah Klinnert &
James Sowa, 2:00
Sept 14 Widows & Widowers lunch at
Schmidty's, 11:30
Oct 2 & 3 Parish Apple Pie Sale
Nov 20 Advent/Christmas Fair

MILESTONE

50th Wedding Anniversary
on August 10
Paul and Sally Gerke

COMING UP

Formed.org

In addition to St. Teresa Benedicta
of the Cross, the Church celebrates
the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe this
week. Kolbe, a Polish Catholic
priest, fearlessly suffered the horrors
of Auschwitz, where he was
eventually martyred because of his
faith. The life of this Saint reminds us
that suffering is a mystery we all
face at many points in our lives. In
the talk "15 Things To Do in the
Midst of Suffering," internationally
known speaker Jeff Cavins shares
his insights on this difficult topic and
shows us how our suffering can
become redemptive. Check it out
this week on Formed.org.

LADIES BRIDGE

Do you enjoy a few hours of fun with
gals playing Bridge? Our parish
group is re-assembling after a year
off. The shuffling will begin in
September.

Contact Sandy Hood if you'd like to
be dealt a hand.
608-788-5399 or
sahood@charter.net.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

"There's nothing I can do about it!"
Yes, you can.

Check out the information on the
table in the Narthex. There you will
find pro-life information and prayer
cards to use as you pray for a baby
in danger of being aborted. Gather
your family around, even give your
baby a name, and pray for his/her
safe delivery and the health and
well-being of the parents.

AROUND TOWN

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 839
Wednesday, August 11, 12:30-5:30
Cathedral Undercroft

To donate go to: redcrossblood.org and enter
Sponsor Code: Cathedral
Free lunch from Pickerman's

To volunteer to help contact Charlie Peters: 612-760-6192 or cjpeters2011@gmail.com

REFRESH AND RENEW: A CAREGIVER SERIES

In-person monthly gatherings through March, 2022, is a collaboration between FSC and the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Session 1: Sept 8, 1-2 pm

Mindfulness Practices

Presenter: Sister Sarah Hennessey

Register at FSCenter.org. No cost

Those Boxtops for Education from various grocery containers may be dropped off in the Narthex. Our school uses the proceeds to fund special events.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

Members of the Catholic Daughters donate \$25/year as dues. The 5 major projects the money supports:

*Habitat for Humanity provides funds and help with "hands on" builds. The national organization this year will build a quad-plex in Rice County, MN.

*Holy Cross Family Ministries promotes the family rosary.

*Laboure' Society eliminates the financial impediment for entering the seminary or convent (such as student loans).

*SOAR = Support Our Aging Religious

*National Center for Sexual Exploitation

Watch this spot for more information. Go to: catholicdaughters.org, or phone 608-793-1972.

All gals over 18 years of age are welcome.

THE MANY NAMES OF GOD

In-person mini-retreat at St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

Presenter: Sister Roselyn Heil

August 20, 5:00 pm – Aug 21, noon

Go to: sarcenter.com; 715-443-2236; \$105

FESTIVALS AND FUN

*Summerfest at St. Patrick's, Sparta

August 20-22

Baked Chicken Dinner; live specialty auction

Family Fun

*St. Mary's Craft Show, Coon Valley

December 4, 8:00-1:30

Reserve your craft table for \$25 by contacting Nancy Peters, 608-790-6034 or Peters@mwt.net.

GO DEEPER INTO THE FAITH

Join the Lay Formation Institute (LFI) Spend one weekend a month (Fri evening through Sat afternoon) as part of an enthusiastic, faith-filled class that prays and learns together. See why a recent graduate said, "I am amazed how my understanding of my faith has deepened and how many times I've been able to answer questions that come up." And why a pastor said, "Our RCIA team is filled with LFI graduates, not to mention all of the parish ministries and committees. The spiritual fruits are abundant and lasting!" Visit diolc.org/lay-formation for full details and speak to your pastor about enrolling. Class size is limited, so don't delay!

KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES

The Social Justice Teachings of the Church

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

4th Thursday of the month, 6:30-8 pm

(in person or via zoom)

Register at sarcenter.com or call 715-443-2236

Social justice teachings are integral to our faith. Jesus taught that every person is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of God's family. Human dignity comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment.

Topic for August 26: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. Lee Ann Lella will help us consider "An Option that is Not Optional" and what this means for us today and how we are called to live it out. A basic moral test for our society is how we treat the most vulnerable in our midst.

Go to: sarcenter.com or 715-443-2236.

Maybe just ask...

Do you know someone in your life who you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told him that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors, and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that he would make a good priest, as that may be just what he has been waiting for. Once you encourage him, don't hesitate to put him in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached at: Father Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004; or phone 608-791-2667.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that in Him and through Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.