



# St. Maximilian Kolbe

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Witness and Glorifying the Lord by Our Lives.*

**January 1 & 2, 2022**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

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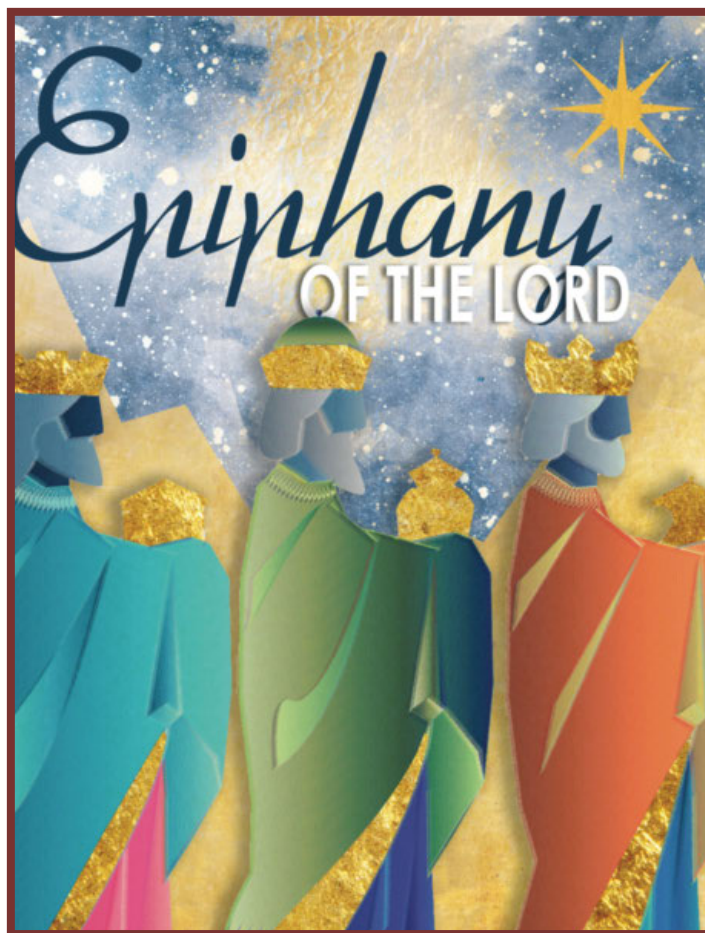
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**Weekday Mass Times:**

Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

**Weekend Mass Times:**

Saturdays 7:00 p.m.  
Sundays 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays 6:15—6:45 p.m.

**Parish Office Hours**

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. and 3:30—5:30 p.m.  
Thursday 3:30—5:30 p.m.

## Father's Corner:

Dear Loving Parishioners,  
Love and Peace of Christ!

“Epiphany” means manifestation. And the “Epiphany of the Lord” is Jesus’ manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it’s also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world.

God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the “star” that God is using to call you. It’s closer than you may think.

A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same. Perhaps you could try literally lying down prostrate in prayer this day, in imitation of the Magi, or at least do so in your heart through prayer. Adore Him with a complete surrender of your life.

Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way.

May God bless you!

Father Peter



### St. Max 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.*

### SOUP TO GO FUNDRAISER

Comfort and joy! On January 15 & 16 after each of the weekend Masses we will sell soup to go. PLEASE PRE-ORDER by January 12 so we can plan appropriately.



An order sheet is available in the gathering space or you can place your order by phone or text to Mary 715-340-7217 or Chris at 715-340-7810. We'll have Chicken Noodle, Chicken Dumpling or Beef Vegetable Barley soup. The cost is \$8 per quart and can be paid for at the time of pick up.

We also need help making soup on Friday evening and Saturday morning. It takes just a few hours and is so much fun. Please see the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. All proceeds will be applied to our fundraiser for the new religious education classrooms and social hall.

### This Week's Birthdays

Sandy Pliska 1/3	Nolan Blaskowski 1/7
Jane Bauer 1/4	Erin Yeska 1/7
Ben Turzinski 1/4	Andre Besaw 1/8
Margaret Hudziak 1/5	Dan Cichy 1/8
Annette Zietlow 1/5	Gerald Kurzynski 1/8
Hailey Duellman 1/6	Jonathan Ballinger 1/9
Todd Hoerter 1/6	Edwin Hudziak 1/9
Julia Soper 1/6	
Aidan Auer 1/7	



### This Week's Wedding Anniversaries



Charles & Carol Hutkowski 1/8



**Flower Memorials**

The beautiful Advent and Christmas flowers that adorn our church this season are funded by donations in memory of:

***Julian Wierzba***

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*by Becky Kalata*

***John Kalata, Leo Harris***

*by Pat Kalata*

***Dennis King***

*by Margaret King*



**Our CCD Program Needs YOU!**

Do you like working with children?

The CCD program is looking for occasional help to teach a class if a regular teacher is absent.

Lesson plans are already set up.

If you are interested or have questions, please email Sharon Christensen

at [sharon.jc@live.com](mailto:sharon.jc@live.com).

Thank you!

**St. Martin's Cemetery News**

Lot holders and family members of those buried in St. Martin's Cemetery can read the annual report / newsletter on the church website. Thank you!

**The 2021-2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) is underway.**



Our goal is set at \$30,880.00. You can give online at <https://diolc.org/donate-online/>, by returning the pledge form you received in the mail, using one on the table in the gathering space, or via the collection box (please identify it as for the annual appeal). Please contact the office at 715-824-3380 with questions.

**Thank you to those that have already donated!**  
**We have reached approximately 30% of our goal.**

*Your DAA funds are not and will not be used for any fees, compensations, or settlements associated with any legal or abuse cases.*

**TEMPORARY DONOR BOARD ON DISPLAY**

A temporary social hall donation recognition board is on display in the gathering space. Plates displayed on the board will be transferred to a permanent board to be installed in the new addition.

Contact Betty Gonnering 703-509-5180  
or [bgonner@aol.com](mailto:bgonner@aol.com) with questions.

**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**

**Saturday, January 8—7:00 p.m.**

Reader: Greg

Usher Captain: Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Alan & Jane

**Sunday, January 9—8:30 a.m.**

Reader: Max, Scott, or Pat

Usher Captain: Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael B & Amy

**Sunday, January 9—10:30 a.m.**

Reader: Kathy

Usher Captain: Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon C

## Weekly Schedule and Mass Intention Offerings

**Saturday, January 1** **Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God**

**8:30 a.m. FEAST OF MOTHER OF GOD MASS:**  
+ Donald & Dorothy Peskie  
by Deb & Jim Toya & family

**10:30 A.M. FEAST OF MOTHER OF GOD MASS:**  
+ Nila Peskie  
by Bob & Helen Helbach

6:15—6:45 p.m. Confession

**7:00 p.m. FEAST OF EPHIPANY VIGIL MASS:**  
+ John Kalata, by Friends & family

**Sunday, January 2** **The Epiphany of the Lord**

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

10:30 a.m. MASS: + Bill & Nedra Christensen  
by the Christensen family

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday, January 3** **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, January 4** **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. MASS: + John Kalata  
by PCCW

**Wednesday, January 5** **St. John Neumann**

8:00 a.m. MASS: + Linda Dobbe  
by Terry Higgins

6:00 p.m. Religious Education

**Thursday, January 6** **St. Andre Bessette**

8:00 a.m. MASS: + Mike Kuplic  
by Sharon Christensen

**Friday, January 7** **St. Raymond of Penafort**

8:00 a.m. MASS: + Jim Peskie  
by Jim & Deb Toya & family

**Saturday, January 8** **Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:15—6:45 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. MASS: + Nila Peskie  
by Bob & Helen Helbach

**Sunday, January 9** **The Baptism of the Lord**

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

10:30 a.m. MASS: + William & Nedra Christensen  
by the Marcia Johnson

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

### Your Financial Support for 11/28/2021

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 3535.00
Offertory:	140.00
Maintenance & Repair:	5.00
Social Hall:	<u>700.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,380.00</b>

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