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January 15 & 16, 2022

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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

Thursday 3:30—5:30 p.m.

Bulletin Submission deadline: Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

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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.

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 22—7:00 p.m.

Reader: Greg

Usher Captain: Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Alan & Jane

Sunday, January 23—8:30 a.m.

Reader: Max, Scott, or Pat

Usher Captain: Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Helen & Mindy

Sunday, January 23—10:30 a.m.

Reader: Kathy

Usher Captain: Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon & Todd

Saturday, January 22

Is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
Of Unborn Children. Please pray!

Father's Corner:

Dear Loving Parishioners,
Love and Peace of Christ!

THE VALUE OF PRAYING A DOXOLOGY

Part of this means that we are either praising someone or demanding we be praised, offering gratitude, or muttering in bitterness, blessing or cursing, turning attention away from ourselves or demanding it be focused on us, expressing admiration or demanding it, praying a doxology or doing violence. We are always doing one or the other and it's only by deflecting attention away from ourselves, which is what we do in essence when we give glory to God, that we save ourselves from egoism, jealousy, bitterness, greed, and violence.

Unless we are consistently praising somebody or something beyond ourselves, we will be consistently speaking words of jealousy, bitterness, and anger. That's in fact our daily experience: We sit around talking with each other and, invariably, unless we're praising someone, we're "killing" someone. Gossip, slander, harsh judgement, vicious comment, are often both the tone and substance of our conversations and they're the very antithesis of a doxology, of offering praise to God. Nothing sounds less like a doxology ("Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit") than many of our everyday conversations.

The main reason our faith asks us to constantly render glory to God is that the more we praise the less we slander, gossip, or pass judgement. Offering praise to God, and others, is what saves us from bitterness and violence. That's precisely why daily, hourly, we need to give glory to God, to pray a doxology. Only by focusing ourselves on the real Centre of the universe can we displace ourselves from that Centre.

When St. Paul begins his Epistles, he usually does so in a rapture of praise: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ from whose great mercy we all drink!" That isn't a throwaway opening, it's a key part of the main lesson: Only by praising something beyond ourselves do we save ourselves from bitterness.

"Glory be to the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit."

May God bless you!

Father Peter



This Weekend!

Pick up your SOUP TO GO



Comfort and joy! This weekend after each of the Masses you can pick up soup to go! We'll have Chicken Noodle, Chicken Dumpling or Beef Vegetable Barley soup. The cost is \$8 per quart. All proceeds will be applied to our fundraiser for the new religious education classrooms and social hall.

This Week's Birthdays

Makaila Coulthurst 1/18
Carson Shurpit 1/18
Gary Bembenek 1/20
Alyssa Borski 1/20
Rae Ballinger 1/21
Taylor Dernbach 1/21

Mark Hintz 1/21
Emaleah Matke 1/21
Derek Baumgartner 1/23
Trinity Firkus 1/23



This Week's Wedding Anniversaries



Bob & Chris Barden 1/19
Alan & Joan Baumann 1/19

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.

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 52% 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 with questions.

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.

Thank you!

What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?

St. Mary—Torun Ponczka Sale

Saturday, February 5—Pre-order ONLY

\$9.50 per dozen for raspberry jelly- or prune-filled
\$9.00 per dozen for unfilled.

To order, call 715-344-9665 or visit
www.TorunCatholic.org/Ponczka

St. Adalbert School Breakfast Event—Rosholt

Sunday, January 30—Serving 8:30 a.m. to noon All you can eat!

Adults \$10; children ages 6-12 \$5; children 5 & under free
Potato and regular pancakes
Served with bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, toast,
Hashbrowns, orange juice, milk, coffee, and desserts
Cash and Prize Raffle—drawing at noon
Also selling ponczkas—no early sales
Questions? Call 715-573-6216

Knights of Columbus of (Sacred Heart Church) Polonia

Prime Rib or Gulf Shrimp Dinner

Saturday, February 5, 5:00 p.m.

\$20.00 per person

Children under 10 eat free (hot dog & French fries)

Your choice of slow-roasted prime rib or jumbo shrimp

Plus a fabulous salad and dessert bar

Includes milk or coffee

Beer & wine coolers available for purchase

Tickets available at Sacred Heart Church,

Sylvia's in Polonia, Polonia Café, & People's Meat Market

In-house raffles, KC State Raffle, 50/50 & more!

Sacred Heart PCCW Raffle

Weekly Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 15 Blessed Virgin Mary

6:15—6:45 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. MASS: + Delmer Flesch
by Leo & Betty Gonnering

Sunday, January 16

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

10:30 a.m. MASS: + Fr. Ray Pedretti
by Craig & Terri Singer

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, January 17

No Mass

St. Anthony

Tuesday, January 18

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. MASS: + Ray Plasky
by Debra Jackson

Wednesday, January 19

8:00 a.m. MASS: + Jean Peskie

by Deb & Jim Toya & family

6:00 p.m. Religious Education

Thursday, January 20

St. Fabian

8:00 a.m. MASS: + Nila Peskie

by De Lloyd & Rita Trebiatowski

Friday, January 21

St. Agnes

8:00 a.m. MASS: + Tashia, Victoria,

& Jake Biadasz

by Norm & Marge Biazdasz

Saturday, January 22

6:15—6:45 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. MASS: + Joseph Heidger

& an end to abortion

by Stanley Heidger

Sunday, January 23

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

10:30 a.m. MASS: + Carla Sehommer

by Kyra Mongan

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Parish Directory Books

If you did not receive
a parish directory photo book,
or if you did receive one and would like another,
they are available for purchase in the parish office
during regular office hours.
The cost of each book is \$5.

Your Financial Support for 1/9/22

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 2520.00
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