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# ST. JOHN PAUL II

## PARISH

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South Portland

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE  
CHURCH  
Scarborough

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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — APRIL 6, 2025



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

### MASS TIMES

- SAT:** 4:00 p.m. Holy Cross  
5:00 p.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe
- SUN:** 8:00 a.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe  
9:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew  
10:00 a.m. Holy Cross  
10:30 a.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe
- MON:** 8:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew  
9:00 a.m. Holy Cross
- TUE:** 7:30 a.m. Holy Cross  
8:00 a.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe
- WED:** 8:00 a.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe  
8:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
- THU:** 8:00 a.m. St. Maximilian Kolbe
- FRI:** 7:30 a.m. Holy Cross
- 1ST SAT:** 8:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew

### CONFESSION TIMES

- MON:** 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
St. Bartholomew  
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
St. Maximilian Kolbe
- SAT:** 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
Holy Cross  
4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.  
St. Maximilian Kolbe
- 1ST SAT:** 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
St. Bartholomew

*Confessions are available at other times  
by appointment or request.*

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Isabel Sanclemente	Faith Formation Associate	x1214
Michelle Philbrick	Faith Formation Associate	x1211
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**Parish Office**



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Monday-Thursday  
8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Friday  
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**The office is CLOSED  
on weekends.**

**The parish office is closed noon-1:00 p.m. daily**

**Sacraments and Pastoral Care**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the parish office as the birth of your child nears.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Please contact the parish office six months to one year in advance of your desired wedding date.

**Funeral Arrangements**

Please make initial contact with the funeral home, and they will help to coordinate arrangements with the parish.

**Pastoral Care to the Sick & Homebound**

Please call the parish office with the name, condition, address, and phone number of the person in need.

**Parish Mass & Prayer Requests**

Please contact the parish office.

**Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?**

Please call to make an appointment to speak with a priest, deacon or pastoral staff member.

**Thinking about a priestly or religious vocation?**

Talk with one of our parish priests or contact Fr. Brad Morin, Director of Vocations, at (207) 827-4000.

**Livestream the Mass**

**Go to [www.jp2me.org](http://www.jp2me.org) and click "Livestream the Mass"**

Our parish livestreams the 10:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday for our homebound parishioners.



**The bulletin can be found on our  
parish website: [www.jp2me.org](http://www.jp2me.org)**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, April 5 — First Saturday**

8:00 a.m., SB Edward McBrady by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kane  
4:00 p.m., HC Frances Vasquez Odencrantz by Marie Laverdiere  
5:00 p.m., SM Ida A. Kneeland by Pat & Margaret Barnard

**Sunday, April 6**

8:00 a.m., SM Joe & Patricia DeGrinney by their Family  
9:00 a.m., SB Parishioners of St. John Paul II Parish  
10:00 a.m., HC The Protection of the Unborn  
10:30 a.m., SM Ursula Castillo by her Family

**Monday, April 7**

8:00 a.m., SB Lonnie Floyd by The Floyd Family  
9:00 a.m., HC Robert Tetrault by Pat Eltman

**Tuesday, April 8**

7:30 a.m., HC Henry (Skip) Lang Jr. by Bill Parkin & Tracy Carrier  
8:00 a.m., SM Dennis Lausier by Paul Lausier

**Wednesday, April 9**

8:00 a.m., SB Dr. William Burke by the Family  
8:00 a.m., SM Hunt Cable by Kelsey Eddy

**Thursday, April 10**

8:00 a.m., SM Ava Garrity by her Family

**Friday, April 11**

7:30 a.m., HC Helena Jones by her Family

**Saturday, April 12**

4:00 p.m., HC Donald Guerette by Dan & Aileen LaBrie  
5:00 p.m., SM Michael Sean Fay by Jack & Terry Fay

**Sunday, April 13 — Palm Sunday**

8:00 a.m., SM Stephen Pallotta by Peter & Cathy Koenig  
9:00 a.m., SB Robert Martinack by his loving Family  
10:00 a.m., HC Parishioners of St. John Paul II Parish  
10:30 a.m., SM Carson (Red) Miller by his daughter



**Elise James St. Pierre  
Clara Marie Tice**  
St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

**South Portland Food Cupboard**

(130 Thaddeus Street, South Portland)  
Donations always welcome!

**St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen**

(307 Congress Street, Portland)  
Serve meals to Portland's needy.  
Monday-Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
For more information, call (772-1113).



**Prayer Line**



All intentions are confidential and no request is too small. To place a prayer request, contact Gail Atkins (799-8243, [gatkins1189@gmail.com](mailto:gatkins1189@gmail.com)).

To schedule a Mass Intention or Sanctuary Lamp for the deceased, sick, or a special intention, please contact the parish office. Mass Intentions can be scheduled up to one year in advance. Donations: \$10.00 each.

**NEED ASSISTANCE?**

Call the Parish Office at 883-0334 and ask for Matthew 25 Assistance. Residents of Scarborough can also call Project G.R.A.C.E. at 883-5111.

**NEED  
HELP?**



## ▼ WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY ▼

### Readings for the week of April 6, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/  
Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-  
6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-  
27, 33b-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps  
23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn  
8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-  
24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

### Holy Cross Church

**Eucharistic Adoration**—First Friday of  
every month, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

**Rosary**—Prayed 30 minutes before weekday  
Masses

**Adoration with Rosary & Divine Mercy**

**Chaplet** — Tuesdays, 7:00—8:00 p.m.

(Please use the door between the school & church  
to enter—if the door is locked, please call Carolyn  
at 207-799-4796)

### St. Bartholomew Church

**Rosary**—Prayed 30 minutes before weekday Masses

**First Saturday Devotion**—First Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

### St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

**Eucharistic Adoration**—Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

**Marian Cenacle**—Mondays, 2:00 p.m.—3:15 p.m.

**Rosary**—Prayed 30 minutes before weekday Masses

**Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer)**—Wednesdays  
after Mass



**"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."** (John 8:11) Jesus' words remind us of God's mercy and His invitation to a fresh start. In every vocation, we're called to accept His forgiveness and step forward with a renewed commitment to love and serve. This Lent, reflect on how you are nurturing a heart open to love as you journey toward Easter.



**Substitute Adorers Needed!** Due to illness and vacation, we are in need of more substitutes for adoration. Please prayerfully consider becoming a substitute adorer on an as needed basis. If interested, please contact Kris Benson.

### St. John Paul II Parish Adult Bereavement Group A Journey of Healing & Hope

If you or someone you know is grieving, we invite you to join our next session on **Wednesdays**, April 9 through May 28, at Holy Cross Church. Contact **Patricia Campbell: (207) 799-9758** or **Rita Thompson: (207) 799-8431** to learn more.



## ▼ FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION ▼

### Offertory

#### March 23

Regular — Envelopes	\$ 6,494.00
Regular — Loose/Mail In	\$ 6,580.00
Regular — Online	\$ 6,238.20

### Upcoming Special Collections

Date	Collection Intention
April 13	Maintenance Fund
April 18	Good Friday—Holy Land

2024 Annual Donation Reports are available for all those who gave via envelope or online giving. To request your report, please contact the parish office or email [jp2me@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:jp2me@portlanddiocese.org).



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5 — First Saturday

Parish Men's Group 7:30 a.m. **SM**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Family Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. **SM**

Baptism Preparation Class 9:00 a.m. **SM**

Family Faith Formation 11:00 a.m. **HC**

Children's Sacramental Preparation 2:00 p.m. **SM**

Evening Prayer & Benediction 5:00 p.m. **SM**

Middle & High School Youth Ministry 6:00 p.m. **SM**

### MONDAY, APRIL 7

Marian Cenacle 2:00 p.m. **SM**

Family Faith Formation 6:00 p.m. **SM**

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Opening the Word 8:30 a.m. **SM**

Social Justice & Peace Meeting (virtual) 5:30 p.m.

Family Faith Formation 6:00 p.m. **SB**

Christian Classics with Dr. John Kenney 7:00 p.m. **SM**

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Ministry of Presence 8:45 a.m. **SM**

Kindergarten & Tween Classes 4:15 p.m. **SM**

Adult Bereavement Group 4:30 p.m. **HC**

Adult Sacramental Preparation Class 6:00 p.m. **SM**

Women's Lectio Divina 6:30 p.m. **SM**

### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:00 a.m. **SM**

American Red Cross Blood Drive 12:00 p.m. **SB**

### FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner 5:00 p.m. **SM**

### SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Parish Men's Group 7:30 a.m. **SM**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Family Faith Formation 10:00 a.m. **SB**

Evening Prayer & Benediction 5:00 p.m. **SM**

Tenebrae Service 7:00 p.m. **SM**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☆ April 19: Easter Egg Hunt (**SB**)
- ☆ June 23—27: Vacation Bible School (**SM**)
- ☆ July 6 — 11: Totus Tuus (**SM**)

**SM**—St. Maximilian Kolbe **HC**—Holy Cross **SB**—St. Bartholomew  
**HCS** — Holy Cross School

## **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** *Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

"Holy Week begins on 'Passion (or Palm) Sunday' which joins the foretelling of Christ's regal triumph and the proclamation of the Passion. ... The commemoration of the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem has, according to ancient custom, been celebrated with a solemn procession, in which the faithful in song and gesture imitate the Hebrew children who went to meet the Lord singing 'Hosanna.'"

### **Saturday, April 12**

- 3:00-3:45 PM | Sacrament of Confession at Holy Cross Church
- 4:00 PM | Mass at Holy Cross Church
- 4:00-4:45 PM | Sacrament of Confession at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
- 5:00 PM | Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

### **Sunday, April 13**

- 8:00 AM | Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
- 9:00 AM | Mass at St. Bartholomew Church
- 10:00 AM | Mass at Holy Cross Church
- 10:30 AM | Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
- 5:00 PM | Evening Prayer with Benediction at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
- 7:00 PM | Tenebrae Service at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

### **Monday of Holy Week | April 14**

- 8:00 AM | Mass at St. Bartholomew Church
- 8:30-9:00 AM | Sacrament of Confession at St. Bartholomew Church
- 9:00 AM | Mass at Holy Cross Church
- 5:00-6:00 PM | Sacrament of Confession at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

### **Tuesday of Holy Week | April 15**

- 7:30 AM | Mass at Holy Cross Church
- 8:00 AM | Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

### **Wednesday of Holy Week | April 16**

- 8:00 AM | Mass at St. Bartholomew Church
- 8:00 AM | Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
- 8:30 AM | Morning Prayer at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

### **Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)** *| April 17 Do this in remembrance of me...*

"With the celebration of Mass on the evening of Holy Thursday, 'the Church begins the Easter Triduum, and recalls the Last Supper, in which the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, loving unto the end his own who were in the world, he offered to the Father his Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine and gave them to the Apostles as spiritual nourishment, and he commanded them and their successors in the priesthood to perpetuate this offering.'"

- 6:00 PM | Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

## **Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)** *| April 18 Father, into your hands I commend my spirit...*

"On this day, when 'Christ our passover was sacrificed,' the Church meditates on the Passion of her Lord and Spouse, venerates the Cross, commemorates her origin from the side of Christ on the Cross, and intercedes for the salvation of the whole world."

### **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

- 3:00 PM | St. Bartholomew Church
- 4:00 PM | Holy Cross Church
- 6:00 PM | St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

### **Stations of the Cross**

- 10:30 AM | Holy Cross School Living Stations at Holy Cross School
- 1:00 PM | Holy Cross Church
- 3:00 PM | St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

### **Holy Saturday | April 19** *Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven...*

"On Holy Saturday the Church is as it were at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his passion and death, and on his descent into hell, and awaiting his resurrection with prayer and fasting. ... According to a most ancient tradition, this night is 'one of vigil for the Lord.' and the Vigil celebrated during it, to commemorate that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead, is regarded as the 'mother of all holy vigils.' For in that night the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the resurrection of the Lord, and celebrates the sacraments of Christian initiation."

- 3:00-4:00 PM | Sacrament of Confession at Holy Cross Church
- 4:00-5:00 PM | Sacrament of Confession at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
- 8:00 PM | Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** *| April 20 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!*

- 8:00 AM | Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
- 9:00 AM | Mass at St. Bartholomew Church
- 10:00 AM | Mass at Holy Cross Church
- 10:30 AM | Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

### **LAST LENTEN DINNER OF THE YEAR** **Knights of Columbus — Lenten Baked Haddock Dinner**

The Knights of Columbus will hold their famous **Lenten Baked Haddock Dinner** from 5:00 — 6:15 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Hall on **Friday, April 11.**



Meals are available eat-in or take-out, and consist of baked haddock, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, and dessert. Coffee and punch are available for eat-in meals. The cost for the dinner will be \$14 for an adult, \$6 for children under 12, and \$33 for a family.



# Holy Cross School

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Everyone is welcome to join the students of Holy Cross School as they pray the **Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent at Holy Cross Church. Stations are on **Fridays of Lent** at 9:00 a.m.

## Admissions for the 2025-26 school year are open at Holy Cross School!

For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, please contact Tessa Sisti 207-799-6661 ext. 1402  
tessa.sisti@portlanddiocese.org



### Family Math Night

Who knew numbers could be this exciting? Parents and students agree—math adds up to a great time! Thanks to everyone who came out, solved problems, and maybe even discovered a secret love for numbers.

### Hannaford Gift Cards

Each month throughout the school year, Holy Cross partners with Hannaford Supermarkets to provide friends and families with an opportunity to support the school at no cost to them. Holy Cross sells Hannaford Gift Cards and receives 5% of the total purchase price back. If you'd like to order a gift card (or ten!), please contact Bill Ridge at [william.ridge@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:william.ridge@portlanddiocese.org) or call (207) 799-6661 with your request.



## 4th Grade Classroom Teacher Position

Holy Cross School seeks a dedicated and faith-filled fourth-grade teacher to join our Catholic School community in South Portland, Maine. The ideal candidate will be passionate about academic excellence, spiritual development, and helping students reach their full potential.

### Responsibilities include:

- Plan and implement engaging lessons that align with the school's curriculum and standards.
- Integrate Catholic teachings and values into daily instruction and classroom activities.
- Assess and support student progress through a variety of formative and summative assessments.
- Participate in faculty meetings, professional development, and school-wide events.
- Work closely with fellow teachers, parents, and school staff to help each child succeed.
- Encourage parental involvement and ensure effective communication with students and parents.

### Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Education or related field.
- Maine state teaching certificate or eligibility for certification.
- Strong classroom management, communication, and organizational skills.
- Commitment to fostering a faith-filled, student-centered learning environment.

**Additional information:** Please submit a cover letter, resume, and copies of your certification for consideration.

Person to send applications to:

Bill Ridge—Holy Cross School  
436 Broadway  
South Portland, ME 04106  
(207) 799-6661  
Email: [william.ridge@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:william.ridge@portlanddiocese.org)

## ▼ ANNOUNCEMENTS ▼



The **Light Is On For You** provides an opportunity to receive the graces from the Sacrament of Confession. What better way to prepare for Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus! Please come to receive this sacrament of God's mercy and love!

### Monday, April 7

8:30-9:00 a.m.	St. Bartholomew Church
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Holy Cross Church
1:00-2:00 p.m.	St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
5:00-6:00 pm	St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

### Tuesday, April 8

8:30-9:00 a.m.	St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
6:00-7:00 p.m.	St. Bartholomew Church

### Wednesday, April 9

8:30-9:00 a.m.	St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Holy Cross Church

### Thursday, April 10

8:30-9:00 a.m.	St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Holy Cross Church

### Friday, April 11

8:00-8:30 a.m.	Holy Cross Church
1:00-2:00 p.m.	St. Bartholomew Church

### Saturday, April 12

3:00-3:45 p.m.	Holy Cross Church
4:00-4:45 p.m.	St. Maximilian Kolbe Church



# FAITH FORMATION UPDATE



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*Faith Formation Director*

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## The Importance of Repentance in Lent

Repentance is at the heart of the Lenten season, calling us to turn away from sin and renew our relationship with God. One of the most profound ways we embrace this call is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we encounter the healing mercy of Christ.

To make this sacrament more accessible during Lent, the Diocese of Portland participates in *The Light is On for You*. During the fifth week of Lent Catholic churches throughout the state of Maine open their doors for extended confession times, inviting all to experience the grace of forgiveness. No matter how long it has been since your last confession, the Church welcomes you with open arms.

Preparing for this sacrament involves prayerfully examining our conscience, recognizing sins both great and small, and approaching the sacrament with a sincere heart. Resources to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be found on our website at <https://jp2me.org/confession-times>.

Taking advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent is not just about individual renewal—it strengthens the entire Body of Christ. Sin weakens our unity, but reconciliation restores it, drawing us closer to God and one another. As we journey through Lent, embracing repentance and reconciliation allows us to approach Easter with purified hearts, ready to rejoice in the victory of Christ's resurrection.



*Michelle Philbrick*

*Children & Family Ministry Coordinator*

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**Family Formation Grades K-5** Join us for the final family formation sessions of this school year. Our families will be putting together Resurrection Eggs. We are looking for donations of empty easter eggs and empty egg cartons. This activity is a helps bring Holy Week to our children in a fun and engaging way.

Join us at one of these sessions:

Sunday, April 6 – 9:00 a.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe

Sunday, April 6 – 11:00 a.m. at Holy Cross

Monday, April 7 – 6:00 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe

Tuesday, April 8 – 6:00 p.m. at St. Bartholomew

Sunday, April 13 – 10:00 a.m. at St. Bartholomew

Watch your email for the sign-up link!

## Question of the Week:

How can you keep Jesus always in front of you as you live your life this week?

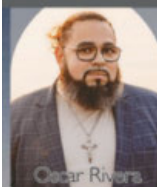
Join teenagers from around the state of Maine as we celebrate the Jubilee 2025

**When:** April 26, 10am - 5pm (includes the 4pm Mass)

**Where:** St. Joseph Church, 531 N Main Street in Brewer

**Who:** High-school youth (grades 9 - 12) and adults (parents and chaperones)

**Cost:** \$40 (includes program and lunch)



The Keynote speaker, Oscar Rivera, is a national speaker known for his knowledge of the faith and inspiration for youth.



*Witnesses of Hope*

YOUTH JUBILEE

Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information

Sponsored by The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation

## Quote of the Week:

"Most high, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, so that I may carry out your holy and true command. Amen."—**St. Francis of Assisi, Prayer Before the Crucifix**

**Kindergarten and Tween** Our next Kindergarten and Tween sessions will be held on **April 9** at 4:15 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe. These sessions are a wonderful way for our children to spend time together learning about the faith. Our Kindergarten children will continue learning about The Last Supper and the Eucharist. Our Tweens will discuss the Sacraments of Service: Matrimony and Holy Orders.

**Middle and High School Youth Ministry Grades 6-12** will be meeting on Sunday, **April 6** from 6:00—7:30 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Our High School Youth will be discussing different spiritualities with this week's emphasis on Benedictine Spirituality and our Middle School youth will be experiencing a Holy Week mini retreat.

*Isabel Sanclemente*

*Ongoing Faith Formation Coordinator*

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**Faith and Science for Middle Schoolers Grades 6-8** Calling all middle schoolers! Join us for an exciting Faith and Science session on **April 14** at 4:30 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe. We will be exploring the sacred significance of holy oils in the Catholic faith, their sacred role in the sacraments, and their connection to Holy Week while also looking at the physical properties of oils through experimentation.

**All Young Adults** are welcome to join us for a dinner in downtown Portland around 5:30 p.m. following the 3:00 p.m. Chrism Mass on **April 15**. All Young Adults who are interested in going to the Chrism Mass should contact Isabel Sanclemente.

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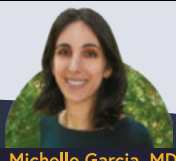
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