



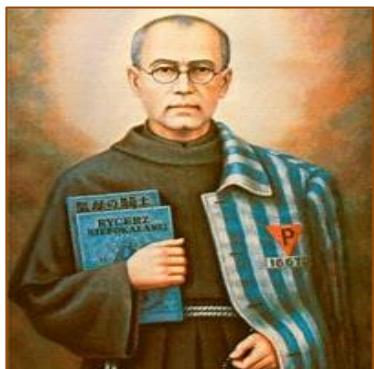
SACRED HEART BEAT

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NEWSLETTER OF SACRED HEART PARISH

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St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe, OFM Conv.

On August 14th we celebrate the feast day of Maximilian Maria Kolbe.

Who was Maximilian Kolbe? He was the second son of Julius Kolbe, a weaver, and Maria Dabrowska, a midwife. His father was an ethnic German, and his mother was Polish. He was born on January 8, 1894, as Raymund Kolbe, in the Kingdom of Poland which was then part of the Russian Empire. He had four brothers.

When Raymund was 12 years old, he had a vision of the Virgin Mary which he later described as follows: *That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both.*

In 1907 Raymund and his older brother Francis joined the Conventual Franciscans. As he entered the novitiate in 1910, he chose a religious name Maximilian. He professed his first vows in 1911 and final vows in 1914, at which time he added the name Maria.

In 1912, Kolbe was sent to Rome to study attending the Pontifical Gregorian University and Pontifical University of St. Bonaventure, earning a doctorates in philosophy and theology. He was active in the consecration and entrustment to Mary.

While in the midst of his studies, World War I broke out, and his father Julius Kolbe, who, at the age of 43, fought against the Russians for an independent Poland, was caught and hanged as a traitor by the Russians. A real traumatic event for Maximilian.

Also during this time, at an anniversary celebration by the Freemasons, Maximilian witnessed vehement demonstrations against Popes Pius X and Benedict XV in Rome, and soon after organized the Militia Immaculate (Army of the Immaculate One) to work for conversion of sinners and enemies of the Catholic Church, specifically the Freemasons, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

After Maximilian was ordained in 1918, he returned to Poland where he was active in promoting the veneration of the Immaculate Virgin Mary. For the next 4 years he taught at the Krakow Seminary, but had to leave his teaching duties due to suffering from tuberculosis. In spite of that he went on to found a monthly periodical and operated a religious publishing press. He also founded a new Conventual Franciscan monastery near Warsaw, which became a major religious publishing center. He became a missionary in East Asia and Japan where he founded a Franciscan monastery. After returning to Poland for the General Chapter of his order, he started a radio station.

When World War II broke out, he was one of the few friars who remained in the monastery where he organized a temporary hospital. After being arrested and released by the Germans, he continued his work at the monastery where he and other friars provided shelter to refugees from Poland, including 2,000 Jews, whom he hid from German persecution.

In February of 1941, the monastery was shut down by the German authorities, and Kolbe and four others were arrested and imprisoned, then later transferred to Auschwitz where he was subjected to beatings and lashings.

At the end of July 1941, a prisoner escaped from the camp, prompting the deputy camp commander to pick ten men to be starved to death in an underground bunker to deter further escape attempts. When one of the selected men cried out, "My wife! My children!" Kolbe volunteered to take his place.

According to an eyewitness, who was an assistant janitor at that time, in his prison cell Kolbe led the prisoners in prayer. Each time the guards checked on him, he was standing or kneeling in the middle of the cell and looking calmly at those who entered. After they had been starved and deprived of water for two weeks, only Kolbe and three others remained alive. Since the guards wanted the bunker emptied, they gave the four remaining prisoners lethal injections of carbolic acid. Kolbe is said to have raised his left arm and calmly waited for the deadly injection. He died on 14 August 1941. His remains were cremated on August 15th, the feast day of the Assumption of Mary. Kolbe was canonized as a saint by Pope John Paul II on October 10, 1982. Pope John Paul also declared him as a confessor and martyr of charity.

Franciszek Gajowniczek, the man Kolbe saved at Auschwitz, survived the Holocaust and was present as a guest at both the beatification and the canonization ceremonies.

The Catholic Church venerates Maximilian Kolbe as the patron saint of amateur radio operators, drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, and prisoners.

Resource: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Adult Religious Formation Team Commission: Sr. Rebecca Otter

FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMISSION

- ❖ Met July 18, 2023
- ❖ Members present: Dennis Wilson, Jim Damm, Jenny Ramsey, Kathy Couchman, Jacques Molleker, Pam Huffles, Fr. Anselm. Unable to attend: Tom Giessel
- ❖ Minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting were approved.
- ❖ The group reviewed the financial reports for June 2023 which showed income of \$16,235.86 and expenses of \$20,461.89 for a monthly loss of \$4,226.03. The June 2023 balance sheet showed cash of \$456,930.59 compared to \$494,490.59 at the end of June 2022.
- ❖ Window and Soffit replacements: The soffits are done. Window replacement should begin soon.
- ❖ Golden Belt Telephone provided a quote. Our area of town isn't quite ready for service to begin, and the commission wanted to clarify some information on the quote. We'll discuss more at the next meeting.
- ❖ The Commission is still waiting on a quote from Hammeke Electric for lighting in the Parish Center restrooms.
- ❖ Catholic Mutual has paid a portion for the roof replacements. We are waiting to hear from D.V. Douglass as to when the project will begin.
- ❖ The Commission reviewed and signed both the Fiscal Year End Report and the Parish Internal Controls Questionnaire.
- ❖ Next meeting: August 8, 2023 @ 12:00 Noon



COLORADO PEACHES

Our Sacred Heart Youth Group is once again selling 18 lb. boxes of Colorado peaches to earn money for their Youth Group Trips. These peaches are far better than anything you can get at the grocery store. The peaches will arrive mid to late August. If you would like to reserve a box, contact Michelle Kelty at 285-7039, a high school youth group member or call the parish office at 285-2035.

✠ RCIA ✠

The sessions of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in September. If you know of anyone who might be interested in inquiring into the Catholic faith, please extend an invitation. The first several weeks will be spent in answering questions of inquirers and does not mean there is an obligation to join the church. These sessions may also be informational for Catholics who want an update about their faith. For further information, please call Karl Grover at 620-793-2936 or the parish office at 620-285-2035.

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

- Aug. 1 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 1 ~ PSR Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Aug. 1 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Aug. 3 ~ Adult Religious Formation Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Aug. 8 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 12:00 Noon
- Aug. 8 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 10 ~ Benedictine Oblates Gathering, 11:00 AM
- Aug. 11 ~ Columbus Club Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner, 5 to 7 PM
- Aug. 15 ~ Parish Office Closed – Holy Day
- Aug. 16 ~ Holy Hour in Holy Rosary Chapel, 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Mass following Holy Hour, 6:00 PM
- Aug. 17 ~ Pastoral Council, 5:45 PM
- Aug. 18 ~ Larned Community Blood Drive, 12:00 – 6:00 PM
- Aug. 20 ~ Kapaun's Men Group, 8:45 AM
- Aug. 20 ~ Women's Study Group, 8:45 AM
- Aug. 22 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Aug. 29 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Tuesday, August 15th

Masses:

7:00 am at St. Bernard, Belpre
6:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish

A Holy Day of Obligation

STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE 2023

Saturday – August 19th

Discover – Dine – Tour

Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe
3231 N. 14th Ave.
Dodge City, KS

Discover how this all works – Dine with people from the Diocese. Tour the Catholic Chancery and the NEW Catholic Charities. For a full schedule of events and to register go to: dcdiocese.org/stewardship



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| (01) Clint Bowman | (19) Erica Gonzalez |
| Elmer Bronson | Daniel Kelty |
| Betty Haberman | Bryan Stacey |
| (03) Pam Huffles | (20) Sheryl Giessel |
| Tanner Steinlage | Rosemary Heinen |
| (04) David McMillan, Jr. | Ryder VanSickle |
| (05) Tyson Couchman | (22) Briella Ramirez |
| Barbara Hammond | Rena Stapleton |
| (06) Kathy Couchman | (23) Zane Fitzsimmons |
| Kristy Hagerman | Kailani Gonzalez-Renteria |
| Luke Steinlage | Roger Haberman |
| (07) Beverly Burd | (24) Stan Durler |
| Sharon Lessard | (25) Katy Gardner |
| Brian Sanders | J.T. Hill |
| (08) Jeff Byrum | Jane Kelty |
| (09) Matt Stucker | Mary Rapp |
| (10) Caleb McDonald | (26) Alyssa Clark |
| John Wasinger | Tana Clark |
| (12) John Kelty | Orena Hammeke |
| Katelynn Lamon | (27) Leeta Degenhardt |
| (13) Jordyn Cook | (28) Kambrie Hammeke |
| Jax Johnson | Erica Houser |
| Terry Palmer | Oliver Whetstone |
| (14) Joe Colglazier | (29) Ashley Garcia |
| Karen McAllister | Henry Snodgrass |
| (15) Jane Bleakney | Brooks Steinlage |
| Linda Gasser | (30) Paul Aistrup |
| Jennifer McNett | Avery Gonzalez |
| (16) Anthony Gonzalez | Bristol VanSickle |
| (17) Hannah Foster | Theresa Wright |
| Kaius Lang | (31) Helen Haberman |
| Brandon VanSickle | Crystal Hill |
| (18) Priya Denning | Dee Myers |



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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| (01) Jason and Renae Skelton |
| (02) Jerry and Jeanette Johnson |
| Ray and Carol Moeder |
| (03) Matt and Krysten Watkins |
| (04) Brandon and Lindsey VanSickle |
| Troy and Amy Welsch |
| (08) Justin and Tricia Smith |
| (09) Dale and Berny Unruh |
| (10) Larry and Janet Skelton |
| (11) Lynn and Tama Hanson |
| Tanner and Kayla Lang |
| (13) Isaac and Sherry Lemuz |
| (15) Jim and Mary Mitchell |
| (16) Stan and Lee Durler |
| (18) Mark and Sharon Lessard |
| (19) Philip and Katie Hammeke |
| (20) Joe and Linda Gasser |
| (22) Paul and Cheryl Skalsky |
| (27) Samuel and Erica Gonzalez |



CONGRATULATIONS!

Larry & Janet Skelton ~ Married 60 years
 Isaac & Sherry Lemuz ~ Married 57 years
 Ray & Carol Moeder ~ Married 54 years
 Paul & Cheryl Skalsky ~ Married 53 years
 Stan & Lee Durler ~ Married 52 years



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Kolby Finn Scheuerman,
 the son of Zachary Scheuerman & Abigail Brown
 on July 1, 2023



DIED IN CHRIST

Sharon Larsen ~ June 17, 2023

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022

	JUNE	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	14,662.00	222,336.06
Special Donations		7,105.00
Endowment		8,000.00
Interest	14.86	2,768.83
Farm		31.52
PSR		23,737.00
Fundraisers		2,570.91
Miscellaneous	<u>1,559.00</u>	<u>16,470.00</u>
TOTAL	\$16,235.86	\$283,019.32
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	1,526.59	25,199.38
Salaries	11,524.20	151,037.76
Insurance	2,532.00	29,114.00
Utilities	1,725.39	30,029.64
Maintenance	1,370.63	8,352.80
Improvement		
Office	1,272.93	12,979.72
PSR	75.15	24,510.42
Farm		1,624.73
Miscellaneous	<u>435.00</u>	<u>15,541.63</u>
TOTAL	\$20,461.89	\$298,390.08
		YTD: (\$15,370.76)

Remember with Prayer

Frank Garcia	Sherry Lemuz
Richard Wolf	Doris Schaller
Rita O'Gwin	Leon Sanders
Mary Klinge	Ryan Shelton
Marie Welden	Clayton Kelty
Brenda Martin	Sue Haymaker
Fr. Warren Stecklein	Trenton Welsch
Fr. Charles Mazouch	Kevin Simmons
Stan Durler	Lee Durler
Larry Trujillo	Bert Schartz
Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku	
Lindsey (Johnson) Gaylord	



All of our men and women serving in the
 United States Military, our homebound parishioners
 and those in care homes.



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**Larned Columbus Club
Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner**

Friday, August 11th

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Dine In or Carry Out

\$12.00 per Meal

K of C Hall on Scenic Drive – 1216 M Road