

August 9th, 2020 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Maximilian Kolbe Pray For Us - A Light for Christ in the Darkness of World War 2

St. Maximilian Kolbe was born on January 8, 1894, in Zduńska-Wola, Poland. As a child, 'Raymond' dreamed the political reunification of their Motherland of Poland would come about through the valorous efforts of some knights of Our Lady of Czestochowa. This special dedication to the Mother of God could easily be attributed to the influence of his own virtuous mother, Maria Dabrowska, who formed his early years in the daily recitation of the Angelus, the Holy Rosary, and the Litany to Our Lady.

The practice of these pious Marian devotions, however, would not subdue young Raymond's natural, mischievous nature. At some point, when the youngster was finally reprimanded by his mother, she raised the question as to what would become of him if he continued his naughty behavior. Tearfully, he presented himself before the Blessed Virgin Mary and humbly asked her the same question of himself.

In response, Our Lady showed him two crowns: one red, the other white. When asked to choose which he preferred, he chose both: to remain pure and undivided in his love for God and the Blessed Virgin, and to be a martyr. Only a saint can make such a generous choice! Saints are the ones who desire to do astounding things for God! Saints have magnanimous ambition, not because they trust in themselves, but because they are urged on by a profound and unbounded love.

On September 4, 1910, Raymond Kolbe entered the novitiate of the Conventual Franciscans. The largesse of his soul, however, compelled him to do great things for Our Lady, pressing him on to leave the Order and join the military forces in defense of Poland, his Motherland, under Mary's patronage. It was proven, however, that God's plan for him was of a different military nature, and he finally came to understand that his mission was to be fought on the spiritual battlefield.

Friar Maximilian gradually discovered that in order to be a saint, one must be conformed to the likeness of Christ, a likeness which is authenticated in the perfection of the Immaculate i.e. full of grace. The Franciscan intellectual tradition influenced St. Maximilian in founding a movement which had its underlying dogmatic truth on Mary's role in the economy of man's sanctification and salvation – a role that ultimately leads one to the fastest, easiest and surest way of becoming like Jesus.

Having obtained permission from his superiors at the Conventual Franciscan Collegio-Serafico in Rome, this movement, named the "Knights of the Immaculate" ("MILITIA IMMACULATAE" or "M.I."), was founded on the eve of October 16, 1917, a year before Friar Maximilian's ordination. Along with six other friars, he

consecrated himself totally to the Immaculate and drafted the simple M.I. Statutes of this Marian-Franciscan movement. Even to this very day, its goal continues to be the sanctification of as many souls as possible under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Apart from his principal publication, the monthly magazine "Rycerz Niepokalanej" ("Knight of the Immaculate") that reached its peak of 600,000 copies per issue, he also printed a daily newspaper, the "Maly Dziennik," which eventually reached a circulation of one million. Miscellaneous books, magazines, and pamphlets for people in all walks of life were freely circulated by the friars... a media giant of the time!

With the permission of his superiors, St. Maximilian, considering the need for further expansion, started a mission in Japan with four other friars in 1930. At Nagasaki, they established a new "City of the Immaculate" (Mugenzai no Sono – literally "Garden of the Immaculate"). In spite of problems with local authorities, language, culture, and climate – one month after their arrival, Father Maximilian was, nevertheless, able to publish the first issue of "Seibo no Kishi," the Japanese version of the magazine "Knight of the Immaculate." He wrought numerous conversions among the Japanese; most of them thanked him for his heroic and unconditional sacrifice to draw them to the true Faith.

He returned to Poland just before the Nazis occupied it in September, 1939. Father Maximilian and many of the friars were arrested. Their incarceration lasted approximately two months. Upon his release from prison on December 8, 1939, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception of his Heavenly Queen, Father Maximilian returned to a ransacked Niepokalanów. The Nazis suppressed his printing and publishing apostolate. Without being disheartened, his zeal remained unabated. Due to the harsh war conditions of the time, Niepokalanów was quickly turned into a refugee center for displaced families, Jews and victims of political unrest. His solicitude for these war victims had no sectarian boundaries; he fostered in them the need to forgive their enemies, and to acknowledge that hatred is destructive and love alone is creative.

On February 17, 1941, Father Maximilian was arrested by the Nazis for a second time and taken to the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp. In July of 1941, it was reported to the deputy camp commander that a prisoner from St. Maximilian's barracks had escaped. In order to set an example, and to prevent further escapes, the standard procedure was to have the commander of the barracks single out ten men for the infamous starvation bunker. Father Maximilian, although not among the ten first selected, volunteered, in a heroic act of charity, to be the victim in place of a prisoner who cried out: "My poor wife; my poor children!" During this final ordeal, Fr. Kolbe ministered to his fellow inmates in the bunker, comforting them in their suffering until he only was left. On the vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 14, 1941, Father Maximilian's two-week ordeal in the starvation bunker

was brought to an end by an injection of carbolic acid by the Nazis. - (St. Maximilian Kolbe website)

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: I Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Reading II: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

Reading II: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$1,049.**

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 08

4:00 pm SJ Mary Gierek Hoffman †

Sunday 09

7:30 am SJ Mass for the People

9:00 am SH For the Unborn & the Holy Family

10:30 am SB Jim Pastori, Sr. †

12:15 pm SH No Intention (Sp)

4:30 pm SH No Intention

Monday 10

12:15 pm SB Clarence Enos †

5:30 pm SH No Intention

Tuesday 11

7:30 am SJ Hope McNeil †

5:30 pm SH No Intention

Wednesday 12

12:15 pm SB Lorraine & Ed Hoffman †

6:00 pm SH Adoration

7:00 pm SH For the conversion and just punishment for the perpetrators & concealers of clergy sexual abuse. (Sp)

Thursday 13

7:30 am SJ Jane Giulieri †

5:30 pm SH No Intention

Friday 14

12:15 pm SB Norma Guglielmina †

5:30 pm SH No Intention

Saturday 15

4:00 pm SJ Mary Hunter †

Sunday 16

7:30 am SJ No Intention

9:00 am SH No Intention

10:30 am SB Chad Kryla Int.

12:15 pm SH No Intention (Sp)

4:30 pm SH No Intention

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK!!!

Please pray for : Arlene Mitchell, Monica Rose Clinewerk, Chad Kryla, Don DeHennis, Basil & Santos Mainus, Harold Giacomini, Chet Branum, Florence, Tommy McCollister, Fran Hill, Isela Adams, Lindy Timmerman, Mary James, Dave Silverbrand, John Bertain, Denise Sledge, James Iron Shell, James Lemon, Wm. Hahn Family, Rose Ann Hurst, Armado De Los Santos, Judy Mill, Julia Walters, Connie Mather, Steve Mill, Ryan Pepper, Fred Pepper, Paul Shabata & Family.

Let us pray for parish priests who work the front lines for us: Listening, teaching, praying, celebrating Mass and dispersing the Sacraments. Our prayers go out to them.

Matching Funds

An anonymous benefactor from our parish has graciously offered to match dollar-for-dollar up to a total of a **\$30,000** donation. We have now raised **\$21,256** in donations for the Matching Funds which will go towards the **renovation of the church sanctuary**. We appreciate your support.

Rosary Circle to...

Pray for our State, Country, and World Sat. Aug 15 - the Feast of the Assumption
1:00 pm Outside at Sacred Heart Parish 2085 Myrtle Ave, Eureka We will observe social distancing outside in the parking lot at Sacred Heart Church. Please wear your mask. For information please call Mary @ 206-913-9296.

1st Holy Communion & 1st Reconciliation

We're so blessed to be able to hold Sacraments over the summer for our children who have been preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion! If your child was enrolled in Religious Education to prepare for their Sacraments and you have not received a phone call to schedule a date, please contact Kim Farrell DRE at 442-2233.



2020 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Schedule: Kim Farrell, DRE at 442-2233

***First Reconciliation Thursday, August 13 6:00 pm SB**

***First Holy Communion Saturday, August 15 11:00 am SB**

***First Reconciliation Thursday, August 20 6:00 pm SH**

***First Holy Communion Saturday, August 22 11:00 am SH**