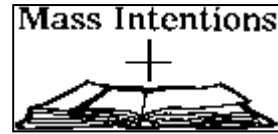




Recognizable Offering..... \$9,925.00  
 Loose Cash ..... \$562.00  
 Total Weekly Offering..... \$10,487.00  
 Mass Attendance Feb 4/5 379



Feb 13 - Feb 19  
 Monday .....Michael Spinelli(liv)  
 Tuesday .....Doris Andrews(+)  
 Thursday .....The Johansen Family(liv)  
 Friday .....George Penyl(+)  
 Saturday .....Hellkamp Family(liv)  
**Sunday.....St. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)**  
**.....Michael D.S. Tajalle(+)(10:30 a.m.)**



**“For Greatness”  
 Middle School  
 Retreat**

Youth in 6th-8th grade, come join us for this awesome event with musician Cooper Ray. Permission slip and \$15 due by Feb. 16th. Contact Susie for more information at dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org or 581-7263.

**Weekly Calendar of Events**

- 2/12 K - 5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
**Adult Faith Formation “Symbolon”** - 9:15 a.m.  
 Confirmation - 4:30 p.m.  
 HS/MS Youth Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 2/13 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 R.C.I.A - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/14 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 2/15 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 2/19 NO K - 5 Faith Formation  
 NO HS/MS Youth Meeting

**In Loving Memory** and lasting peace for all who have died, especially **Doris Andrews**, mother-in-law of Kathy Andrews; **Melinda Spearman**, sister of our parishioner Susan Johansen and parishioner **Elaine Tennyson’s mother. Pray for the consolation of their families as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.**



**Young Adult Ministry: Dinner & Dialogue**

Young Adults (18-35+) you are invited to join us for dinner and discussion about **Matthew Kelly’s “Resisting Happiness” on Monday, February 13th, 6:30p.m.- 8:00p.m.**

Dinner is hosted by Kelsey Smith at her home in Ft. Walton Beach. Please contact Kelsey at kelsey.smith.3@us.af.mil or Susie at (850) 581-7263 or dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org for details and the address.



All the readings on this 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time seem to address, from one perspective or another, the idea of “free will” as it goes hand in hand with “God’s wisdom.” St. Paul speaks to this ongoing philosophy and discussion of “free will” more than anyone else in Holy Scripture. However, as he points out in our Second Reading from his First Letter to the Corinthians, “We speak God’s wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.”

In addition to St. Paul, St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas wrote volumes about the issue of “free will.” The point of all of this is that on the one hand we are gifted with free will, but we must accept the reality that making the wrong moral decision has consequences. In our First Reading from the Book of Sirach, we hear “Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.” That is immediately followed by “Immense is the wisdom of the Lord.”

We do have choices throughout our lives. One of those choices is pursuing stewardship as a way of life. One can choose to be a steward or choose not to. Nevertheless, if we look at it from the point of view of God’s wisdom rather than ours, it really is not a choice at all. It is something we should and must practice. In a homily this past June, Pope Francis said, “You cannot love God without loving your brothers and sisters; in fact, you cannot love God without being an active participant in the Church.”



**Liturgical Roles**

Weekend of Feb 18/19  
**5:00 p.m.**  
 Altar Servers: Aidan Murray  
 Extraordinary Ministers: Ron Berthelette, Michael Klickovich, Joyce Klickovich, Doug Hoover, Patty Shawbitz  
 Lectors: Ruth Sykes, Eric Van Dorn  
 Ushers: Heather Metruck, George Rushlau, Mickey Shawbitz  
 Greeter: Shareen Ketchem  
 Sacristan: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Elijah Cup: Doug Hoover  
**8:00 a.m.**  
 Altar Servers: Emily Moore, Audrey Moore  
 Extraordinary Ministers: Eden Carter, Bobby Stockbridge, Jean Jordan, Susan Johansen, Paul Johansen  
 Lectors: Kathy Moore, Michael Moore  
 Ushers: Cathy McKnight, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Greeter: Karlene Gentile  
 Sacristan: Maria Bridges  
 Elijah Cup: Michael and Kathy Moore  
 Coffee & Donuts: Richard Kalie  
**10:30 a.m.**  
 Altar Servers: Alexandra Manion, Christopher Manion, Joseph Sweeney  
 Extraordinary Ministers: Penny Sweeney, Becky Bittakis, Pam Wall, Therese Sweeney, Katherine Colwell  
 Lectors: Lisa Manion, Warren Cabral  
 Ushers: Mike Sweeney, Donna Fetter, Brian Prescott  
 Greeter: Terri Turnbull  
 Sacristan: Bill Roth  
 Elijah Cup: Mike and Penny Sweeney  
 Coffee & Donuts: Barry and Alicia Graham

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

*In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:*

Monday Johanna Adam\*, Charles Cummings\*, Steve Lange, Margie Wadsworth\*, Al Landry

Tuesday Lynn Graham\*, Tori Roth, Pam Stockbridge, Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, Ken and Bette Dellner\*, Caroline Frederick, Barbara Kirschten\*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Robert Welniak, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Vera Thornburg\*, Ann Crouch\*

Saturday Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Dan Brenton\*, Rick Zern\*, Faith and Hope Powell

Sunday Ann Hart, Cipriano Matiga\*, Bonita Long, Kimberly Arnold and unborn twins

\*Indicates our parishioners.

**Half-Off Sale**

The House of St. Joseph the Workman Catholic Book and Gift Store, located at 319 Racetrack Rd NE in Fort Walton Beach, is going out of business and plans on closing its doors permanently by March 31st. Beginning February 13, 2017, all merchandise in stock will be reduced 50%. No special orders and no layaways will be taken. (850)862-9039.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Yard Sale**

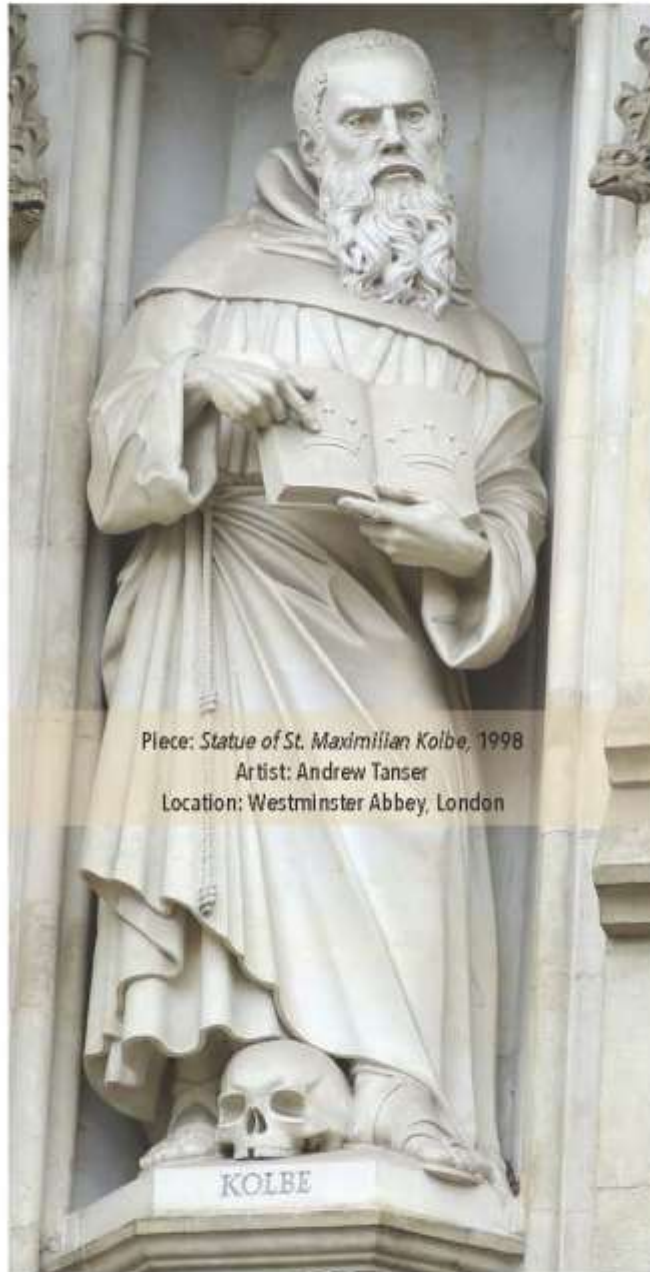
The Knights of Columbus will be having a yard sale on Saturday, April 29, 2017. They will be available to collect items for their sale every weekend after all the Masses, beginning February 4th. You may also contact John Clark: 850-621-6224, Mike Brennan: 850-217-7134 or Eric Van Dorn: 850-939-9830, to make arrangements for larger scale donation pick-ups.



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Sir 15:15-20  
1 Cor 2:6-10  
Mt 5:17-37



Piece: Statue of St. Maximilian Kolbe, 1998  
Artist: Andrew Tanser  
Location: Westminster Abbey, London

## St. Maximilian's Choices

Saint Maximilian Kolbe died in 1945 taking the place of another prisoner in Auschwitz, but his martyrdom started many years before. As a young boy, he was quite a handful—so much so that at one point his mother cried out, “What will become of you?” Shaken by his mother’s grief, Maximilian went to the town church to ask our Lady what would become of him. He wrote that the Virgin Mother appeared to him holding two crowns: one white and one red. The white crown meant he would remain pure, and the red meant he would be a martyr. Our Lady asked Maximilian which one he would like. He chose them both.

We are offered choices as well. Sirach says that whatever we choose will be given to us, but what Jesus offers is challenging. Jesus offers each of us a new heart, a new spirit, a new love, and a new trust. Jesus defines what it means to be his follower, and it is a challenging task. This standard is not lowered for Christians, nor is it defined by what is legal in a country or popular in a social group. In fact, we are not only asked to live this life but we are called to teach it to others.

The rewards, however, are equal to the challenge. What Christ promises to those who love and teach his gospel is a glory and reward greater than any we have ever seen, heard, or imagined. Maximilian Kolbe knew this, and he fought earnestly for the truth in Nazi Germany, even though it led to his arrest and death.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

What choices did Jesus place before me this week?  
How have I been an example of Christ to others this week?

*“Set before you are fire and water; to whatever you choose, stretch out your hand. Before everyone are life and death, whichever they choose will be given them” (Sirach 15:16-17).*

## Calendar

### Monday

February 13

Weekday

Gn 4:1-15, 25

Mk 8:11-15

### Tuesday

February 14

Sts. Cyril, Monk, and  
Methodius, Bishop

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10

Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday

February 15

Weekday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22

Mk 8:22-26

### Thursday

February 16

Weekday

Gn 9:1-15

Mk 8:27-35

### Friday

February 17

Weekday

Gn 11:1-9

Mk 8:34-9:1

### Saturday

February 18

Weekday

Heb 11:1-7

Mk 9:2-15

### Sunday

February 19

Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 5:16-25

Mt 5:38-48

# Dear Padre,

**Does suffering please God? I've heard we should “offer it up,” but to me, God is never pleased with pain.**

Some think God sends suffering into our lives as retribution. In fact, God asks certain things—difficult things—of us so we can avoid suffering in our own lives, in the lives of others, and after death.

When a mother says, “Don’t touch that! It’s hot,” and her child touches it anyway, the mother didn’t cause the burn. She knows the consequences of that action and warns her children not to do it. If they disregard her, she doesn’t stop loving them. In the same way, God tells us how to live so we can avoid being hurt, and God never stops loving us.

Some suffering is unavoidable no matter how well we love and obey God. This suffering is the hardest to accept. Some is the result of our humanity.

Many seek to assign blame; others want to know why things happen. The truth is, sometimes there is no why, no clear purpose. When there is, we don’t feel it any less. We can only trust that God will turn it into something good.

God’s power turned a “meaningless” crucifixion into the means of our salvation. This is what “offer it up” means: By turning toward and imitating Christ, we find new depths of faith and hope.

Fr. Joe Nolen, CSSR  
sundaybulletin@liguori.org



SHUTTERSTOCK

## A Word From Pope Francis

*“The word of God constantly shows us how God challenges those who believe in him....Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the ‘peripheries’ in need of the light of the Gospel.”*

—The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium), I, 20



© 2017 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in U.S.A. Imprimatur: “In accordance with CIC 827, permission to publish has been granted on September 1, 2016, by the Reverend Monsignor Mark S. Rivituso, Vicar General, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication, nor is any liability assumed by this permission.” No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from *New American Bible*, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, D.C. All Rights Reserved. Design: Wendy Barnes. To order Liguori Sunday Bulletins, call 800-325-9521, or visit Liguori.org.