



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).



Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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Mass & Confession Schedule

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

Sunday Vigil (Saturday) - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

Daily Mass (Weekdays) & Holy Days

Tuesday & Thursday - 12:15 PM

Confessions

Saturday - 3:15 - 3:45PM or By Appointment

Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Catholic Parish

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation Refer To Schedule

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church - Dalzell, IL

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:30 PM

Weekday Mass (Wednesday & Friday) 8:00 AM

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions Every 2nd & 4th Sunday - 4:45-5:15pm

Holy Day of Obligation Refer To Schedule

****First Saturday Mass - 8:30AM (Devotions Following)**

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel - Open 8am - 8pm (M-Sat)

Sunday - Open 8am until conclusion 5:30pm Mass

****Divine Mercy Chaplet - Every Friday at 3 PM**

Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of February 13, 2017

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

† No Mass

Wednesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm
St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Ann Maggio

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Connie Lauer

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Catharine Zanarini

***** Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday at 3PM in Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Thomas More**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of February 18-19, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Wayne Jaraczewski

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Dec. Memb. David Hunter Family

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Dec. Memb. Lavern Eiten Family

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Lilley "Bonnie" Meyer

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Parishioners

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Mary Jo Brust

Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Corey Pinter

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Steve Sondgeroth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Joanne Oberheide

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

J Vander Meersch & T Schroeder

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - ?

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

February 28 - Fat Tuesday Meal

Holy Trinity Hall - 5:30PM

St. Thomas More Fish Fry's

March 3 - 5-7:30PM - STM Hall

March 31 - 5-7:30PM - STM Hall

Adults - \$10 and Children (7 & Under) - \$5

Fish, Fries, Salad, Dessert & Drink

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1607.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$775.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$787.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

**St. Margaret's Hospital
Volunteers Needed**

St. Margaret's Hospital Volunteer program is looking for volunteers for the Red Coat Service, Gift Shop and Surgical Waiting Room. Shifts are flexible and a free meal is offered with each shift. If interested, please contact Cindy at (815) 664-1130 for more information.

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, it has been hard to plan or prepare for so be cautious. Please stay home if you have health or physical difficulties dealing with the extreme weather. If the roads are too icy or not plowed because of fresh snow, the immediate Mass to be celebrated will be cancelled and my parishioners will be dispensed. But please put into the collection the following week what you would have put in for the cancelled Mass. Unfortunately, the bills still keep coming in! A good rule is if the weather is good enough to go the store, sports event, or otherwise, you should go to Mass. Check with WLPO (1220AM) for cancellations.

**Mass Ministry Help Is
Needed At All Churches**

We always have a need at all the Masses for all the churches for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Servers. If you can help, please let Julie know in the office.

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

The first reading reminds us we choose between "life and death, good and evil". In the last 50-60 years, civil laws have been fought over back and forth to allow people to feel that going against God and His laws are OK. But we often forget that God and His Son, Jesus Christ, protected those laws for our benefit. The whole point of our faith in God and Jesus Christ is for all of us to go to Heaven. We, therefore, choose if want to be there by our actions.

Here is the Ash Wednesday Mass schedule:

St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 8AM

Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 12:15PM

St. Patrick (Arlington) - 6:30PM

May God, through Jesus Christ, help us to be His best of witnesses to our faith!

ADA Goals 2016-17

Holy Trinity - \$17,472.00

Pledges To Date \$10,965.00 (63%)

St. Patrick - \$11,841.00

Pledges To Date \$11,841.00 (100%)

St. Thomas More - \$9,262.00

Pledges To Date \$9,262.00 (100%)

Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Preparation is required for the first child in the family. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at noon or by special arrangement. Please contact Father to setup an appointment.

Marriages: Preparations need to be started one year before the Wedding date. Please contact Father for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Per Canon Law of the Catholic Church, anyone over the age of seven years old is to observe the requirements of the RCIA, unless there is a danger of death. If anyone has not received all of the sacraments; baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, please talk to Father.

Calendar

Monday

February 13

Weekday

Gn 4:1–15; 25

Mk 8:11–13

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 9:1–13

Mk 8:27–33

Friday

February 17

Weekday

Gn 11:1–9

Mk 8:34–9:1

Saturday

February 18

Weekday

Heb 11:1–7

Mk 9:2–13

Sunday

February 19

*Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Lv 19:1–2, 17–18

1 Cor 3:16–23

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
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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