



Youth Group Car Wash this Saturday at 10am!

St. Cecilia Youth Group is starting the new year off with a car wash fundraiser! This money will go to support the youth activities for the year, which include bible study, hosting a regional youth group event, snacks at meetings, and attending the youth conference in February.

\$10 per vehicle or any amount donation!

Monthly Calendar of Events

August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 21 Saturday Youth Group Car Wash

September 12th PSR Meeting for First Communion and Confirmation parents (Grades 2 and 6-8, as well as anyone older who desires Confirmation)

Delta Fair Note: We need water and soda donations! Please drop these items off before or after mass from now until September 27th. The Delta Fair is scheduled for **September 28 to October 2**. Thank you all and God bless you.

Collection Information

Adult Collection: \$575.00

Loose: \$151.00

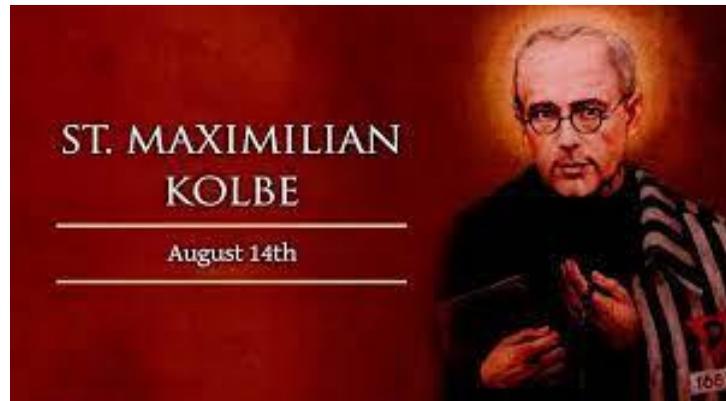
Mother's House: \$61.00

Saints This Week

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, August 10

St. Clare, August 11

St. Maximilian Kolbe, August 14



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Weekly Schedule

Sunday Masses: 10:30am Mass in English

(10:05am Rosary; Divine Mercy Chaplet the first Sunday of the month)

1pm Mass in Spanish

Monday: Adoration 5:30-6:30

Wednesday: Adoration at 5; mass at 6

Fr. David is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Adoration or by appointment.

If you would like to receive the Holy Eucharist and are unable to attend mass, please contact Fr. David at his number above.

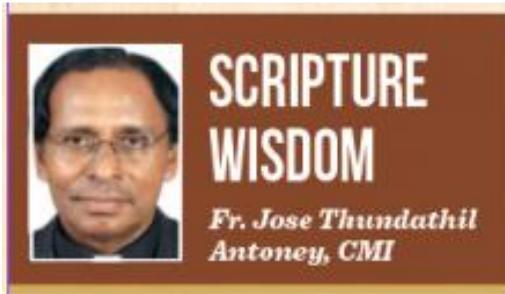
Please pray for /Oramos para:

+Mary Gurley, Deanne Cole, Sandy DeLisle, Greg Bradley, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck, Kathy Larsen. Especially let us remember the deceased, our clergy and bishop, Covid quarantined parishioners, our chronically ill, and our homebound.

Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:

Kennett Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Tuesday off,

Thursday and Friday in Portageville 10-4



The recipe for eternal salvation

by Fr. Jose Thundathil Antony, CMI

“I am the bread of life!”

Something that I never did in my life while I was growing up and living in India was cooking. I started cooking after I reached the United States. The first thing I was taught to cook by a kind parishioner was macaroni. It was something very easy to cook. After I mastered macaroni, I was given a cookbook, which told me how to cook other types of food.

The cookbook is very important because it explains how to cook an item in a proper way. Each of us must be careful about how we prepare our earthly food. We must choose the right food to keep us healthy.

Today’s readings talk about heavenly food—our spiritual food. It reminds us of the importance of the heavenly food that Jesus gives us. The Gospel passage today has Jesus telling us, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst” (Jn 6:34).

This whole chapter of John is called the bread of life discourse.

The first reading narrates how the people in the desert suffered physical hunger and how God satisfied them by giving them manna every day: “Each day the people are to go out and gather the daily portion; thus, will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not” (Ex 16:4).

In The Lord’s Prayer, we also pray, “give us this day our daily bread.” This invites us to acknowledge our complete dependence on God for both our physical and spiritual needs. In the Gospel, Jesus offers the people bread from

heaven. This is supernatural bread. This bread does not perish. It gives life to the world: eternal life. We receive spiritual nourishment from the Holy Scripture, The Word, and from the Holy Eucharist, The Body, the Communion Rite. The Eucharist is a sacrament. It is an outward sign instituted by God to give grace and to nourish. Through it we meet Jesus who shares His life of grace with us. Saint Paul in his Letter to the Corinthians reminds his readers of the need for receiving the Eucharist in a worthy manner. “Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup” (1 Cor 11: 27-28).

We experience the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by receiving Him with true repentance for our sins and reverence. We believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. We need to be humble and open to God performing a miracle every day. This miracle is the Holy Eucharist. The Lord Himself comes to dwell within us. “He who eats my flesh abides in me and I in him” (Jn 6:57).

In the Holy Mass, the Church offers us the bread of life to nourish our souls. It gives us grace to overcome temptation and to avoid sin. It gives us joy and peace in our hearts. It gives us inspiration to love others and strengthen our parish community. The Mass is also an invitation to examine ourselves and see the great spiritual benefits the reception of the Holy Eucharist brings into our lives.

May we all follow this recipe for eternal salvation.

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