

Reflection for Today:

All of us are brought up to believe that success and happiness depend on certain invariables. Stay out of trouble. Get a good education. Land a good job and work hard. Find the right spouse and raise a perfect family. Exercise regularly, eat right, and avoid alcohol and smoking. Obey the rules and don't make waves. Do all this, and we are guaranteed a successful, healthy, and happy life, if not fame and fortune. Furthermore, if we perform consistently with this regimen, we are also promised a "mastery over our destinies," and confidence, above all, that we are in control.

There are few things we like better than the feeling of control and there are few worse feelings than a sense of losing it. But have we ever noticed that this formula for success and happiness never seems to work out as advertised?

Marriages "made in heaven" sometimes end up quickly in divorce while other "unpromising" marriages happily last a life time. Devoted parents often turn out delinquent children while negligent parents often turn out wonderful children. People who never smoke lie dying of lung cancer and zealous joggers die of heart attacks while out on a run.

In Mark's gospel, Jesus implies that God's ideas about securing "the good life" may be different from ours. He warns Peter not to confuse his standards with those of God. He also makes a very enigmatic statement: "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the gospel's will save it." A lesson we can take from this is that we need to surrender our illusions of "control." There is no such thing. Nobody has real control.

The only assurance of security is the presence and unfailing love of God in whatever we experience. Life is a mystery, full of surprises, contradictions, reversals, and paradox. Setbacks, misfortunes, and suffering are just as much part of life as advancement, good fortune, and pleasure. Mysteries cannot be explained, much less controlled. They can only be embraced with reverence and awe.

This week's Papal Prayer

Loving Saviour, I would gladly work toward a culture of love and truth, one that leads to unity among all peoples, but I don't know where to start. I'm not very "strong or persevering," but I want to be. Please open my eyes and the eyes of all your followers to ways that we can be 'one' as you are with the Father. Amen

Schedule of Masses

Monday, September 17

9:00 am (Polish)
Dziękczynno-błagalna w 30-rocz ślubu
Ewy i Jacka Olszak (Siostry, brat i mama)

Tuesday, September 18 — St. Stanislaw Kostka
No Mass

Wednesday, September 19

6:30 pm Rosary
7:00 pm +Larry Lorbetskie (Dennis/Connie Peplinskie)
+Dianne Blank (George/Irene Cadieux)
+Bernadette Ostroskie (Gerard/RoseMarie)

Thursday, September 20

9:00 am +Msgr Ambrose Pick & Father Marion
(Raymond/Drenda)

Friday, September 21—St. Matthew

Adoration from 3 pm to 7 pm
7:00 pm +Nicholas Stamplecoskie (Rosie/Clemence)
+Michael Ostroskie (Clara Ostroskie)
+Alex Shulist (Jerry Utronkie)

Saturday, September 22

5:00 pm +Dominic Bloskie (Evelyn Cybulskie)

Sunday, September 23

11:00 am +Stefania Kolakowska—4 ta rocznica
(Son & Family)

Sunday Collection September 9th

- Envelopes.....1608.15
- Renovation 375.00
- Loose 343.00
- Chicken Supper Donation 40.00
- Supper Food Sales..... 322.99

Your generosity is appreciated

In your prayers remember:



- * Our sick and hospitalized
- * Our elderly parishioners.
- * All those at the manor, lodge and homebound.
- * For the repose of the soul of Scott Jeffrey and our deceased friends & relatives

Thought for this Week

The most deadly poison of our times is indifference.

St. Maximilian Kolbe



Ministry Assignments next Sunday

Sat, Sept 22—5:00 p.m. Sun, Sept 23—11:00 a.m.

Rosary	Ron Coulas	Bronis Lorbetskie
Altar Servers	Emilia Sadecki Janisa Visutskie	
Lector	Sylvester Prince	Len Gignac Jerzy Kozicki
E.M.	Delmar Recoskie	Kazimiera Ganko
Ushers	Stanley Golka Justin Recoskie Carl Lorbetskie Michael Brotton	Joanna Ropego Stanley Dombroskie Brian Kuiack Gerard Blank
Altar Committee	Fri, Sept 21st to Fri, Sept 28th—Vicki K. & Eva M.	



Announcements

IMPORTANT NOTE: There will ONLY be one Mass (Polish/English) on Sundays, at 11:00 am, until further notice.

Parishioners are invited to join us for **Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Czestochowa** on **Wed at 6:30 pm** and **Adoration on Friday** beginning at **3:00 pm**.

If your child is ready for Sacraments of **First Communion and Confirmation** next year please contact Fr. Roman at 756-2344.

Reminder that there is a special collection for **Needs of the Church** on Sun, Sep 23rd.

Rosary Society Meeting this Thursday, Sep 20 at 7:00 pm. Bring your ideas to the table.

Calling on volunteers to build trusses for wood processor shed. Lumber would be supplied. You can build at your place and then they could be transported to the church grounds. Call Richard Brotton or Emmett Pecarskie

Life Chain will be held on **Sun, Sept 30th** from **2:00-3:00 pm** at **St. Casimir's Church, Round Lake**. Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, public witness of pro-lifers standing in honour of 59 million lives lost to abortion, praying in our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an

end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of life from the moment of conception to natural death. Please join us.

The fall **Diocesan Marriage Program** is scheduled for Saturday October 13th and 27th at St. James the Less Parish in Eganville. Register online at www.pembrokediocese.com by the deadline of October 5th.

Upcoming Church Suppers to take in:

- **St. Columbkille Cathedral Parish in Pembroke** roast beef/ham, on Sun, Sep 16th from 11:30am to 6:30 pm.
- **Saint Jean Baptiste** in Pembroke, turkey and ham dinner Sep 23rd, 11 am to 7 pm
- **St. Patrick's Parish** in **Mount St. Patrick** for a turkey supper with ham and beans on Sep 30th beginning at 12:30 pm.
- **St. Alphonsus, Chapeau** Turkey Supper Sep 30th, 12 noon to 6 pm
- **St. Casimir's Parish in Round Lake**, roast beef supper on **Sun, Oct 7** from 12:30-6:00