



Saint Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church



Fr. Simon Peter

Continue to pray that Fr. Simon Peter gets back to St. Max. Things are slowly opening in Uganda so hopefully the Embassy will open so he can have his interview. We all miss him, and he misses us!

St. Patrick's Holy Angels School

In 2015, during his time as pastor, Father Simon Peter resurrected Holy Angels College to better serve the less fortunate of St. Patrick's parish. With God's providence, enrollment went from 23 students in 2015 to 210 today. Fifty percent of the enrollment are the children of St. Patrick's Catechist. The school grades 7-11 is flourishing and is becoming the area "Model School." A boy and girls' dormitory have provided accommodation for their children to stay at school. Previously, they would walk daily 5-7 miles.

Science Lab

Our ministry decided to tackle a big project and support the construction of a seriously needed Science Lab: Chemistry, Physics and Biology. The current school lab does not meet Ugandan requirements and the school could be closed if new lab is not constructed.

Father Henry Agit, Pastor of St. Patrick's reports construction is moving along very well with roofing, windows and doors complete. Concrete slab, plastering inside and outside, ceiling & solar lighting/heat for experiments are needed for completion. The amount still needed is \$16,500.



Pen Pal Update

Your letters arrived via Federal express and our thanks for the generous donations to help pay for the cost of delivery. God's hand was in this from the beginning. Our letters arrived the same day the Catechists were gathering in church the first time since the Pandemic started. Our letters will be mailed November 22. Please submit letters no later than November 21 so that our pen pals receive them in time for Christmas 2020.

What's New?

We will include prayer as a priority by volunteering to pray in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel one hour each week. Watch for opportunities to join us.

Future Immersion Trips

We expect to schedule another trip early to mid-next year, 2021. More to come...

Volunteer Sub Groups for 2020

Our ministry recently completed a draft of by-laws to help us sustain this parish wide ministry. There are several active sub groups where you can volunteer: Immersion Trips, Prayer, Communication, Education, Sharing Resources, Events/Appreciation & Family Connections/PenPal. Email us twinning@saint-max.org.

Golf Outing

Thank you St. Max parishioners and golf committee chairs, Paul Groh, Heather LeMarca & Ron Strube, for another very successful golf outing at Walden Ponds which raised \$3,102.35 to support ongoing projects with our twinning parish St. Patrick's and Holy Angels School.

Ox Plow Project Update

We are happy to report that the St. Patrick's Twinning leadership of the Ox Plow Project reports that 117 of the 161 Catechists and their families have received their set of Oxen, Yoke and Plow. Words cannot describe the difference you are making in the lives of so many at St. Patrick. All the money has been collected to purchase all of oxen and plows. David Okwii, catechist from St. Patrick's in charge of making purchases, is working diligently to buy and get to remaining catechists ASAP.

Getting to Know One Another: Save the Date

Join us Sunday **November 8th** following noon mass for another live video chat, singing and sharing in the Father Porter Center. Members of our St. Patrick Soroti family are eager to be with us again via video chat. Hear more about those that visited Uganda and our St. Max Immersion trip. RSVP will be required and there will be limited seating. Info for sign-up coming soon.



Bibles & By-Laws

Bibles

The travelers that participated in the March immersion trip learned that most of the catechists do not have a bible. At our July meeting we voted unanimously to donate 161 bibles in the Ateso language.

Twinning By-Laws Approved

To sustain Twinning, by-laws were developed over the past few months and adopted at our last monthly meeting.

Monthly Twinning Holy Hour

Please join us the 4th Thursday of the month from 6 to 7 PM for a Holy Hour to pray for our brothers and sisters at St Patrick Madeira parish in Soroti, Uganda. Life has been difficult in Uganda during this COVID-19 outbreak, and they need our prayers. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, private prayer, vespers and benediction.

Coming Soon

The large conference room will soon be home to all things Ugandan! There will be a display of gifts from St. Patrick's and pictures of the March, 2020 immersion trip.

Donate

Our ministry operates without any funding from the St. Max budget and solely relies on donations. Several parishioners have committed to a reoccurring weekly or monthly donation to Twinning Ministry via Faith Direct. Just visit www.saint-max.org/Twinning and click the red donate now button to get started. It's simple and only takes minutes. You can also make a one time donation there! All donations and checks made to St. Max Twinning Ministry are 100% for St. Patrick's Church Madera Soroti, Uganda.

Twinning Ministry Leadership

Dan Suer, Chair
Bruce Murphy, Vice Chair
Kyle Schafer, Financial Secretary
Mary Jo Suer, Secretary.

Thank you again for your outpouring and generous support! You are providing our sister parish's brothers and sisters hope like they have never experienced. Keep praying for its success and the safety of all. See you on November 8th!

God bless,
Dan Suer
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