

THURSDAY (WELL, FRIDAY)
NEWSLETTER

KNIGHT OF THE IMMACULATA 2.0

St. Max Youth Ministry

"Don't be Chicken"

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way."

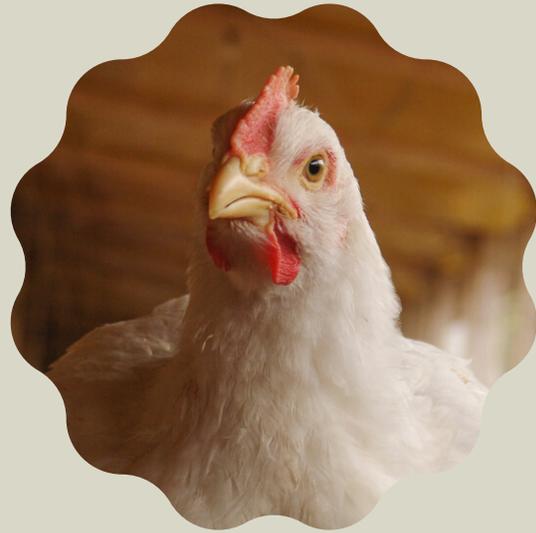
In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us not to be "chicken," or not to fall into being afraid that we're going to be abandoned and unprepared for the future. He reminds us of the single most important truth regarding our future: He has prepared a place for us! Do we really believe that He has been there all along and will continue to be? Do we believe that He has our best interest in mind and wants us to be comforted by knowing our future is with Him? Fr. Jacques Phillippe has an AMAZING book called "Searching for and Maintaining Peace," and in it he has a section titled, "The Reasons We Lose Our Peace are Always Bad Reasons." Yes, God knows life is hard and we suffer. But deep within our suffering and frustration, do we recognize that He's there with us in it til the end? Or do we grasp for control of every uncomfortable situation we find ourselves in? I definitely do that and it ALWAYS steals my peace, and it's something I've been working on (with a LONG way to go...). I don't like to be uncomfortable, and I grasp to control things and people when I start to get unsettled! How do you handle stress, unexpected change, failure, and fear? Are you constantly weighed down by life's stresses? This passage doesn't mean to just simply "suck it up" and put a saint face on. It means vulnerably and honestly experience what you're experiencing, and allow God into it. It means suffering with hope, not suffering with fake enthusiasm. As we move forward in these upcoming weeks, let's not succumb to fear and frustration, but in those moments let's ask God WHERE He is in them and what He is trying to do in them! Even doing just that changes perspectives on the big and little struggles!

"...where I am, you also may be..."

Did you know...

Harriet, a hen from the United Kingdom, laid the world's largest egg in 2010.

Her astonishing egg measured 9.1 inches in diameter.



Here's a weird science experiment to try:

Eggshell Geode Crystals...

sounds odd, but could be an "eggcellent" way to spend a day if you're bored! For real. Check out the website (below).

<https://sciencebob.com/eggshell-geode-crystals/>

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Pray for Us!

Our next youth event will be Wednesday, May 13 from 6-7 pm! Be on the lookout for the RSVP form!

You are in my prayers!