

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

August 14th is the Feast Day of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Because of his great love of Mary, The Immaculate, St. Maximilian established The Militia of the Immaculate, a world-wide evangelization movement. Through it, St. Maximilian Kolbe encouraged consecration to Mary as a means of spiritual renewal. The Militia, begun in 1917, continues today.

As the Church celebrates The Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe this Thursday and the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin this Friday, consider your own loving relationship with the Blessed Virgin Mary. Why not consider enrolling in the Militia of the Immaculate? A Meeting of The Militia takes place at Our Lady of Grace Church on the First Saturday of the Month. If you would like to find out more about the Militia, contact the Parish Office and you can be put in contact with one of the members of our local group.

***St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us.  
Mary, The Immaculate Virgin, Our Lady of Grace, intercede for us.***

Looking to the solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary, in our prayers we have a wonderful opportunity to hear God speaking to us as He did by the message of The Angel to Mary. Let's be open to the will of God in our lives and our willingness to carry out God's will. Being conceived immaculately, Mary would be the worthy tabernacle for the Lord to be born. The words spoken by Mary at the Annunciation "*Let it be done to me according to thy Word*" express her willingness to carry out God's will. My friends, let us pray that we have a worthy dwelling place for the Lord in our hearts. Throughout the entirety of Mary's life, Mary pondered in her heart everything that took place in Jesus' life. In our prayer, let us reflect upon the events of Jesus' life as well. Then, as Mary fell asleep in the Lord, Mary was assumed into heaven. Pray that one day we follow the Lord and His Mother into the Kingdom.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated this week on Friday, August 15th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Holy Days of Obligation, we are required to attend Mass. Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption at Transfiguration Church, August 15th, are at 8:00AM and 7:30PM. At Our Lady of Grace Church, there will be a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity on Thursday, August 14th, at 7:00PM Followed by Mass on the Solemnity itself, August 15th, at 8:15AM.

The 2025-2026 School Year at OLG School begins this Monday, August 11th. Say a prayer for this upcoming school year. This Friday, August 15th, The Solemnity of the Assumption will be the Opening Mass for the School. Looking forward to seeing you on this special day in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and every Sunday!

-Fr. Raphael