

Title: Maximilian Kolbe Saint of Auschwitz	Author: Elaine Murray Stone
Media type: (check one) X Book _CD/Audio book _DVD	Call Number: 922 MAX KOL
Review submitted by: Sharon Krieg	Date: 05/13/2015
Subject (e.g. Prayer, Family Life, Sacraments, Saints, Bible Study, Moral Conduct, Social Justice) Saints	
<p>1. What is this book about? (describe briefly) This is the story of Saint Maximilian Kolbe from birth to death. Saint Kolbe led a life dedicated to Mary Immaculate. All his decisions in life centered around what would most please the Mother of God. It is astonishing the number of things he was able to accomplish in his relatively short life despite all the chaos of WWII. His devotion to Mary is inspiring, as well as his ability to forgive his persecutors.</p>	
<p>2. What main message does the author convey? Obedience to and love of Mary Immaculate every day of your life. Prayerful devotion to God. Trust in Mary's intercession for all things that will encourage people to love God. Humility, love of neighbor, and being a peace maker. Lastly, how St. Kolbe embodied all of these virtues. "My little children, remember, holiness is not a luxury, but a simple duty."</p>	
<p>3. What inspired you the most about this book, and why would you recommend it? Fr. Kolbe inspired many people, including me. The prisoner he saved, Francis Gajowniczek, dedicated his life to spreading the word about this holy priest. "As the days passed, Francis learned that everyone in the starvation bunker was dead. Then he thought, "I have my life because of a saint. I am determined to survive anything so I can tell the world of Fr. Kolbe's sacrifice for me."</p>	
<p>4. Who would benefit from reading this book? I think if you are interested in the life of Fr. Kolbe and what he did to promote devotion to God despite the rigors of WWII, will enjoy this book. You could be of any age. Older adults who have a closer identification with the WWII era will especially understand the horrors Saint Maximilian and his friars endured.</p>	
<p>5. Any other impressions: Saints sometimes seem unimaginable because their lives are often eons ago. It's easier to identify and relate to someone who lived during a time closer to the present.</p>	