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If you know what that means, you're most likely a Ham Radio Operator. Amateur Radio is a wonderful hobby where private citizens speak to each other all over the world using private shortwave and ultra high frequency radio. Interestingly, one of the most revered of the canonized saints was Amateur Radio Operator Father Maximilian Kolbe, OFM, Call Sign SP3RN.

Kolbe's story is astonishing. Prior to World War II, Father Kolbe operated his station at Niepokalanow, Poland, the largest Catholic communications apostolate in Europe. On 14 August 1941 while imprisoned at Auschwitz concentration camp, Kolbe gave his life in a starvation bunker so a fellow prisoner, Polish Sergeant Franciszek Gajowinczek, could live. To commemorate Kolbe's historic life and martyrdom, several dozen Ham operators from all over the nation meet every Sunday on 14.341 kHz (20 Meters) at 2200Z and later on 3814 kHz (75 Meters) at 2400Z.

The frequencies remind us of Saint Maximilian Kolbe's feast day of 8-14-1941. If you are a General Class or higher licensed Ham, or know someone in the parish who is, join us. Our net has been on the air every Sunday since 1998. To learn more, visit: **[www.saintmaxnet.org](http://www.saintmaxnet.org)** or contact:

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