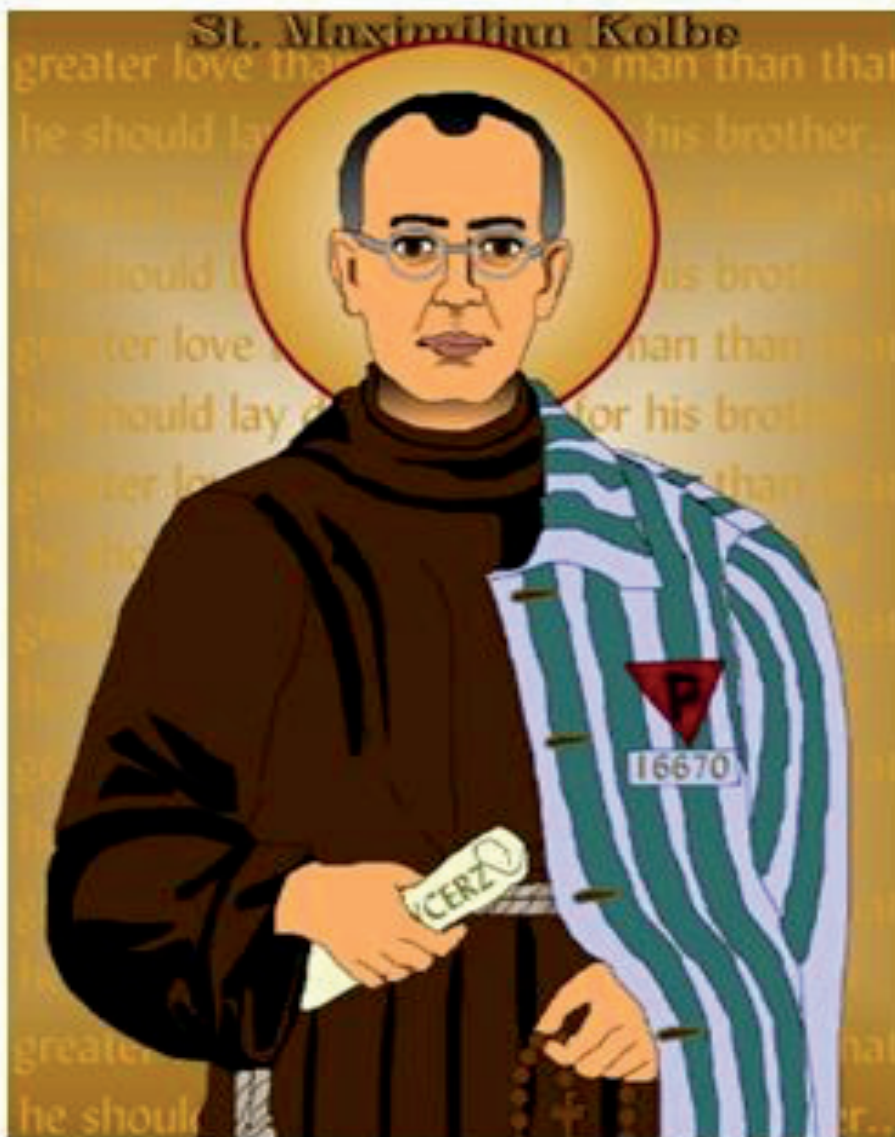


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

A Parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

8 am

10 am

12 Noon

Daily Mass

8:30 am Monday

6:30 pm Tuesday

8:30 am: Wed.- Friday

Confessions

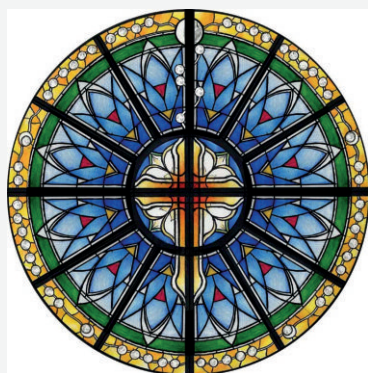
30 minutes prior to
Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass

After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm

Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: OCTOBER 29, 2023



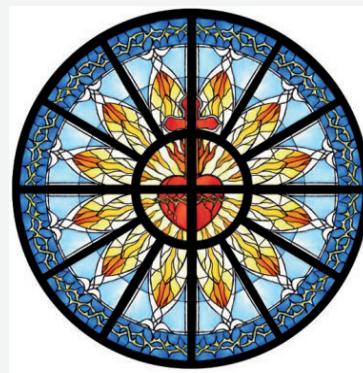
Parish Office Hours
Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm

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The Very Reverend Lawrence W. Jozwiak, E.V., J.C.L., Pastor
Deacon Dennis Hayes • Deacon Steve Klak • Deacon John Naber
Deacon David Persich • Deacon Matt Rust • Deacon Joe Weir

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Christian Community of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Embracing our many and diverse gifts, we are united in Christ Jesus. Challenged by the teachings of Our Lord, and inspired by the example of our Patron, we strive to serve God, and to minister to others, in prayer, sacrament, faith formation, and charity.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Janis Echeverria (Facilitator)
 Patricia Fahy (Recorder)
 John Garcia
 Dennis Taylor
 Esteban Teran
 John Syzdek
 Jeanette Coury
 Leslie Escobar
 Jan Hains
 Edward Lock
 Thomas Spjut

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 Beth Jones—Parish Business Manager
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 Madelyn Henderson

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM:

ADULT BAPTISM: Adults who desire to become Catholic will participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

INFANT BAPTISM (under the age of 7 years old): We celebrate Infant Baptism on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Parents of infants to be baptized are to attend Baptismal classes, preferably before the child is born. Godparents are encouraged to attend but are not required.

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION:

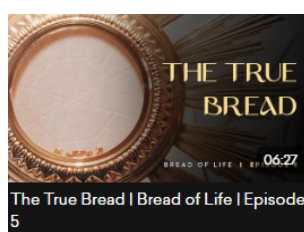
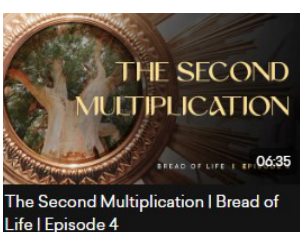
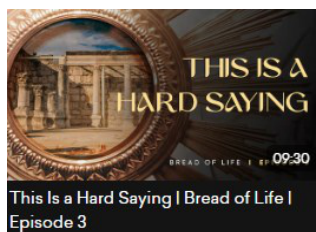
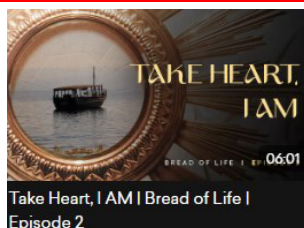
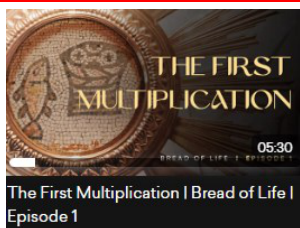
Adults and older youth who have not been Confirmed should contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Couples who are considering marriage are to contact the parish office, at least six (6) months (preferably earlier) before the couple's projected wedding date.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK:

Any Catholic who is to have surgery due to a serious illness OR whose health is seriously impaired due to a serious illness or old age should be anointed ASAP, preferably before going to the hospital. Contact ASAP a priest to schedule an anointing.



Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee

Christ's teaching about the Eucharist was not reserved solely for the Last Supper. Rather, this profound mystery is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray in Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee for an exciting 5-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.

<https://watch.formed.org/bread-of-life-the-eucharist-in-galilee>

SIGNIFICANCE of BOWING

A bow signifies reverence & honor shown to the names or event being mentioned. We are to do the following:

- 1) A **bow of the head** is made when the three Divine Persons (the Trinity) are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated.
- 2) A **bow of the body** (a profound bow) is made during the Creed with the words **“and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.”**

—General Instruction to the Roman Missal, #275

October 29, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Refer to the Mass schedule on p. 4 for All Saints Day & All Souls Day. It is a slightly expanded schedule compared to the one posted last weekend. Let me explain. Our normal schedule for All Saints Day & All Souls Day is: 8:30 am & 7 pm Mass on both days. We normally do not have a Vigil Mass for All Saints Day. After posting the schedule last week, I then realized All Saints Day falls on a Wednesday. We have a weekly 6:30 pm Tuesday Mass. As a result, Tuesday, Oct. 31st 6:30 pm Mass becomes a Vigil Mass for All Saints Day & will fulfill your obligation for Wednesday. This Tuesday's 6:30 pm Mass will be like any other Tuesday Mass with minimum music. But the 2 Wednesday Masses (8:30 am & 7 pm) will be more like a weekend Mass with more music. Note the Wednesday, Nov. 1st, & Thursday, Nov. 2nd, evening Mass will begin at 7 pm. Only Tuesday is at 6:30 pm since that is the regular scheduled time for every Tuesday Mass.

All Saints Day is a holy day of *obligation*, and we are expected / *obligated* to attend Mass on that day. If you attend Tuesday's 6:30 pm Mass, that Mass will fulfill your obligation for Wednesday's Mass. All Souls Day (or more formally called The Commemoration of All the Faithful) is a holy day, a special day to remember all those who have died, but it is not a day of obligation to attend Mass. We are encouraged to attend Mass. That is why I am offering a 2nd Mass on All Souls Day.

As Catholics, we believe in the communion of the Church of heaven & earth (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church #954). We believe in the 3 states of the Church. 1) For the living on this earth, some are his disciples who are the pilgrims living, desiring eternal life. Others have died from this life to eternal life. 2) We believe some are in heaven. They "are in glory, contemplating 'in full light, God himself triune and one, exactly as he is.'" On All Saints Day, we remember all those people who are now enjoying heaven, whether the formally canonized saints of the Church or all the other holy people who have been welcomed into heaven by a loving & merciful God. 3) Others have died and are being purified. These are the faithful departed who are in purgatory. These are the people we remember in prayer specifically on All Souls Day. Refer to p. 5 for the Memorial Wall & the Book of the Deceased. You may bring pictures of your deceased loved ones who died in the past year. You may enter the names

of your deceased loved ones in the Book of the Deceased.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church #1035-1037 states: "The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, 'eternal fire.' The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God...The affirmations of Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church on the subject of hell are a call to the responsibility incumbent upon man to make use of his freedom in view of his eternal destiny. They are at the same time an urgent call to conversion...God predestines no one to go to hell; for this, a willful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it until the end. In the Eucharistic liturgy and in the daily prayers of her faithful, the Church implores the mercy of God, who does not want 'any to perish, but all to come to repentance.'"

Next Saturday, Nov. 4th after the 5 pm Vigil Mass, we are having our International Festival in Kolbe Hall, highlighting our diversity of cultures. Please sign up this last weekend after the Masses to bring a specialty dish representing your culture. Also, we are remembering our 40th anniversary of the founding of our parish at this festival. See p. 5 or the parish website to pre-register for the donation of your blood on Sunday, Nov. 5th. See p. 6 about the Catholic Daughters collecting shoeboxes for Seafarers who visit the port of Houston during Christmas. There is a QR Code that explains exactly what kind of items are needed & even how you can contribute online, if you are not able to compile a shoebox. See p. 5 about ordering your KC cooked turkey for Thanksgiving Day. We are in great need to replenish our food pantry. See p. 5 on what we need.

Remember we have our weekly Kahoot Bible Trivia that asks questions with multiple choice answers about the weekend readings. It is a fun way to learn more about the Bible. For the 1st half of this semester, Becky Keels had the most correct answers to the questions, and she received a gift card. Join in for the rest of the year, learning more about the bible. See p. 9 for the QR Code or go to our parish website to participate.

On p. 10 is the 7 part series on the Eucharist—cf. <https://watch.formed.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist-a-small-group-series-for-eucharistic-revival> These sessions are almost 2 hours each. If you are interested in a 5 part series, with each session being less than 10 minutes, go to: <https://watch.formed.org/bread-of-life-the-eucharist-in-galilee> See p. 2 for more info.

Pray for peace in the world.

"The Cross is the school of love."

"The most deadly poison of our time is indifference."

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

"There is no greater love, than to lay down one's life for one's friend." John 15: 13



St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Lawrence W. Jozwiak

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak
Pastor

Liturgy Corner for Weekend Masses

Scripture readings: Hymnal: #1179
Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187



Gathering Hymn: #611—All Creatures of Our God & King

Gloria (inside cover of hymnal)

Gospel Alleluia

Profession of Faith/Creed): #174 or inside cover of hymnal

Preparation Hymn: #590—Christ, Be Our Light!

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn:

#943—Bread of Life From Heaven

#767—Called By Christ

Sending Forth Hymn: #790— The Summons



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Do not oppress aliens, widows, or orphans; I will hear their cries. Don't charge interest to your poor neighbors & return pledged cloaks before sunset. I am compassionate. (Ex 22:20-26)

Psalms: I love you, Lord, for you are my strength, rock, & deliverer. Praised be the Lord; I am safe from enemies & blessed. You give victories & show kindness. (Ps 18)

Second Reading: You followed our example & the Lord's, receiving the word even in hardship. Your faith has become a model for believers far & wide, & you've turned from idols to serve God. (1 Thes 1:5-10)

Gospel: A scholar tests Jesus on the greatest commandment. Jesus says it's to love God fully & the second is like it, love your neighbor as yourself. These sum up all law & prophets. (Mt 22:34-40)

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 & 4, Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5, 6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-3a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Daylight Saving
Time Ends
Sunday,
November 5th



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Mass Intentions



Saturday, October 28

Ss. Simon & Jude

5 pm Dallas & Stephanie Coleman

Sunday, October 29

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Sam D. & Grace Jones †

12 Noon Members of the Celia Family

Monday, October 30

8:30 am Michael Williams † & Marie Williams †

Tuesday, October 31: Vigil Mass for All Saints

Confessions 5:45 pm—6:25 pm

6:30 pm Billie & Clyde Sturgill †

Wednesday, November 1

All Saints Day
Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 am Herman Pereira †, Ashley Pereira †, & Lila Calderon †

Confessions after 8:30 am Mass & 6 pm—6:45 pm

7 pm Parishioners of St. Maximilian

Thursday, November 2, The Commemoration of All The Faith Departed (All Souls' Day)

8:30 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

Confessions after 8:30 am Mass & 6 pm—6:45 pm

7 pm Our Faithful Departed †

Friday, November 3

St. Martin de Porres

8:30 am Robert Skutca †

Saturday, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo

5 pm Joe & Jeanette Coury

Sunday, Nov. 5 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Leonor & Reynaldo Silvera †

10 am Lindsay Bowker †

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Maximilian

Solemnity of All Saints Day,

Wed., Nov. 1st

A Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, Oct. 31:

6:30 pm Vigil Mass

Confessions Tuesday: 5:45 pm-6:25 pm

Wednesday Masses: 8:30 am & 7 pm

Confessions after 8:30 am Mass

& 6 pm—6:45 pm

All Souls' Day, Thurs., Nov. 2nd

Mass at 8:30 am & 7 pm.

Confessions after 8:30 am Mass

& 6 pm—6:45 pm.



Weekend Homilies are recorded & posted
on our parish webpage:
<https://stmaximilian.org/homily>



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

**Please join us in celebrating
the cultural diversity of
St. Maximilian Kolbe with a food
tasting from various cultures
and live music.**

Saturday, Nov. 4: 6 pm -9 pm.

If you or a group of you are interested in representing a particular country or ethnicity, reach out to:
Madelyn Henderson (madelyn.henderson@gmail.com),
Angie Willis (angiemwillis@gmail.com), or
Nancy Reece (ngr_77095@yahoo.com).

Our Knights of Columbus, #10720 are taking orders for their delicious Thanksgiving, holiday turkeys (fried or grilled) to perfection. The sale of the turkey's proceeds will benefit our scholarship fund for our high school student parishioners & other charities in our area. Knights will be outside the church next weekend ready to take your order – cost is \$50.00. Turkeys will be ready for pick up Wed., Nov. 22nd between 11am – 5pm. For questions, call Tom Gooney @ 908-265-4841; Don Kleihege @ 281-782-5234 or Rick Corbitt @ 713-206-8404.

Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ!

For the scriptures used at Mass every day & to hear a Reflection, go to: <https://www.usccb.org>. Then click on the date of the readings you would like to read (in English or Spanish). Click on "Listen Podcasts" to hear the Word recited. Click on "View Videos" to hear a reflection. Click on "Get Daily Readings e-mails" to have the daily readings sent to your email. Or go to our parish website (<https://stmaximilian.org/>) to secure the readings.



**All Men are Welcome!
Come sing with the Choir
Sat., Oct. 28th @ 5 pm Mass!**

The Memorial Wall will be up for the month of November.



All Souls Memorial Wall & Book of the Deceased

Bring pictures/the worship aid (funeral program) of your loved ones who died in the last year.

Put them in the basket nearby the wall; then a designated person will hang them.

Sign also the Book of the Deceased.

Coffee & Donuts every Sunday,

Plan to join us for fellowship in the Education Bldg.

**Food Pantry is open
Wednesdays at 3:30 pm**

WE NEED MORE FOOD!

FoodPantry@stmaximilian.org
The pantry could use the following items: 7.5-15.8 oz canned pasta-Chef Boyardee, SpaghettiOs, 10-19 oz canned soup meals-chicken noodle, vegetable beef, etc., no "cream of" soups, ramen noodle soup, 14-15.25 oz canned fruit, 4 oz fruit cups, 5-12 oz canned tuna, 4-12.5 oz canned chicken, 4.6 oz Vienna sausage, 24 oz Hunts pasta sauce, 12-24 oz spaghetti, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, body soap, & toilet paper. No outdated food products please. The Food Pantry is not able to accept any medications or alcoholic beverages.

—Updated 10/5/23

Scan here to see the
current needs for
donations!



**Blood Drive-Sunday,
November 5th
8 am—1:30 pm
Kolbe Hall**



Walk-ins are welcome, but we recommend to pre-register using this QR code—this will reduce your wait time!

Sponsor code: 3113
<https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/354874>



WE WELCOME YOU!

**Something new! "Around the Archdiocese"
Podcast** www.archgh.org/podcasts

The parish offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 for All Saints Day.



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Sunday, October 29 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts	Gajowniczek Bldg	after Masses
Mass	Church	8:00 am
Mass	Church	10:00 am
RCIA Session	Room 215	11:30 am
Mass	Church	12 Noon
Youth Faith Formation, Sunday Classes		
Jr. High Youth Group	Gajowniczek Building	2:30 pm
Adult Faith, Prophets	Higgins Bldg.	4:00 pm
	Room 215	6:30 pm

Monday, October 30

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Kolbe Kids EC Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Scouting	Gajowniczek Building	6:00 pm
Confirmation Prep Parent & Student Meeting Intro	Kolbe Hall	6:00 pm
Women's ACTS Team Meeting	Rooms 215-216	7:00 pm
Power Prayer Hour	Chapel	7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 31

Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Legion of Mary meeting	Room 203	5:00 pm
Confession	Church	5:45-6:25 pm
Mass	Church	6:30 pm
Communion & Liberation Wkly Mtg	Room 201	7:30 pm

Wednesday, November 1

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Confession	Church	9:00 am
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Food Pantry	Higgins Building	3:30 pm
Confession	Church	6:00-6:45 pm
Rosary	Chapel	6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Canticle Hall	6:30 pm
Men's ACTS Team Meeting	Room 212	6:30 pm
Mass	Church	7:00 pm
Evening Prayer	Chapel	7:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Higgins Building	7:00 pm

Thursday, November 2

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Confession	Church	9:00 am
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:15 am
Confession	Church	6:00-6:45 pm
Youth Faith Formation; Thursday Classes	Gajowniczek Building	6:30 pm
Adult Faith Book Club Meeting	Room 214	6:30 pm
Mass	Church	7:00 pm
Rosary Making Ministry Meeting	Office Conference Room	7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Monthly Mtg	Room 212	7:00 pm

Friday, November 3

That Man Is You!	Gajowniczek Building	5:30 am
Mass	Church	8:30 am
Confession	Church	9:00 am
Adult Faith, Prophets	Room 215	9:30 am
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Room 110	10:30 am

Saturday, November 4

Consolation Ministry Meeting	Kolbe Room	2:00 pm
Confession	Church	3:00 pm
Vigil Mass	Church	5:00 pm
International Festival	Kolbe Hall	6:30 pm

Sunday, November 5 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts	Gajowniczek Bldg	after Masses
Blood Drive	Kolbe Hall	8:00 am
Mass	Church	8:00 am
Mass	Church	10:00 am
RCIA Session	Room 215	11:30 am
Mass	Church	12 Noon
Youth Faith Formation, Sunday Classes		
Jr. High Youth Group	Gajowniczek Building	2:30 pm
Adult Faith, Prophets	Higgins Building	4:00 pm
	Room 215	6:30 pm

Jesus, I trust in You

There will be a 2nd collection next weekend for the Retired Priests of our Archdiocese. Please be generous.

ACTS Men's Retreat Team Meets Wednesdays!

"When you team with ACTS, you find a brotherhood you never knew was there." ACTS men, join the 2024 ACTS Men's Retreat Team for weekly Wednesday meetings at 6:30 pm in the Education Building. A meal will be held at the start in the downstairs gathering space, and the meeting will move to Room 212-213 at 7 pm. All men who have attended an ACTS retreat are invited to team! For details or to sign up, contact Wayne Pelington at 713.966.9832.



2024 Men's ACTS Retreat | January 25-28
2024 Women's ACTS Retreat | February 15-18

The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy

God sent prophets to speak to His, draw closer to God & accept people to help them reject sin & selfishness with justice and generosity. It is nearly impossible to understand the work & message of Christ Jesus without seeing how God used prophets to guide His people earlier in salvation history. Join us for a 10-session study. The class will be offered:

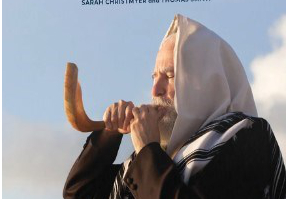
- 6:30 pm Sundays on Zoom or in room 215 starting on Sept 10 OR
- 9:30 am Fridays in room 215/216 starting on Sept 15.

For Zoom info, go to the Adult Faith Formation page on our website: www.stmaximilian.org/adult-formation If you would like to reimburse the parish for the cost of the materials, it is \$35. Contact Molly Smith for more info: molly.smith@stmaximilian.org

The Prophets

Messengers of God's Mercy

SARAH CHRISTYER and THOMAS SMITH



"The Chosen"

Join us in watching this popular series on "the big screen" in Kolbe Hall on the 2nd Saturday of the month after the 5 pm Mass in Kolbe Hall (around 6:15 pm). We are now meeting the 2nd Saturday for the Fall. Go to the Adult Faith Formation page on our website to see the showing schedule or to find out how to catch up on previously shown episodes.



Next showing: Sat., Nov. 11th

Come join us!

Catholic Daughters Court #2493

Christmas Seafarer Surprise Boxes are back!

Please bring your donations & shoe boxes to any of the Nov. 4-5 & Nov 11-12 Masses. Bring a filled unwrapped shoe box or any goodies from the list for the Port of Houston seafarers. Unlike previous years, they are requesting full size items rather than travel size. Items they do not want are listed as well. For a full description of the program, please use this QR code.





Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 17: Second Reading

By Fr. Luke Spannagel: Step-by-Step through the Mass

On Sundays and Solemnities, after the Responsorial Psalm, we always hear the proclamation of the Second Reading, which is taken from the New Testament books (other than the Gospels) & is generally continuous from one week to the next. While St. Paul is the most prolific of the New Testament writers, we also have readings from St. John, St. Peter, St. James, and others. Although the sentences in these readings are sometimes long and a little awkward (because they were originally written in Greek, not English), they are packed with great wisdom and directives for Christian living. As Edward Sri writes, "Though often selected independently of the First Reading and the Gospel, these New Testament writings reflect on the ministry of Jesus Christ and his saving work and the meaning it has for our lives. They also draw out the practical applications of our life in Christ and exhort us evermore to 'put on Christ' and turn away from sin" (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 64).



How to Live in Christ Every Day As we look through the books of the New Testament, we see how each writer was addressing a person or particular community with their own strengths and weaknesses. The writer knew his audience and, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, taught these people what God asks of us and how to live in Christ every day. These readings call us to faithfulness and generosity in loving one another. Sometimes we hear joyful words of truth: "Beloved, see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are" ([1 Jn 3:1](#)). We also hear words of consolation: "We always pray for you" ([2 Thes 1:11](#)). At other times, we will hear exhortations to holiness, such as, "Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" ([1 Cor 3:16](#)) and "do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh" ([Gal 5:13](#)).

These writings are beneficial to us because St. Paul and the other writers were all helping early Christians understand how to live in an anti-Christian world (recall that Christianity was illegal in the Roman Empire during the first centuries of the Church). The writers provided answers to difficult questions, gave explanations for why we do certain things and not others, and exhorted the people to holiness and fidelity even in the midst of daily struggles and persecutions.

How to Live as a Christian in the World A couple of very common questions today are: "How do I really live as a Christian in the world? How do I make what I do on Sunday last all through the week?" Thanks to these New Testament Readings, we have answers to these questions. Look through the readings for any Sunday, and what do you see? "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" ([1 Cor 11:1](#)); "For you are all one in Christ Jesus" ([Gal 3:28](#)); "For he is our peace" ([Eph 2:14](#)); "Seek what is above" ([Col 3:1](#)); "that you may not grow weary and lose heart" ([Heb 12:3](#)); "Be doers of the word and not hearers only" ([Jas 1:19](#)); "Compete well for the faith" ([1 Tim 6:12](#)); "Children, let us love...in deed and truth" ([1 Jn 3:18](#)); "He will wipe every tear from their eyes" ([Rev 21:4](#)); "Always be ready to give an explanation...for your hope" ([1 Pet 3:15](#)). Does it feel like we could keep going and going? We really could! At every Sunday Mass and on Solemnities, the Second Reading is packed with wisdom from the saints to help us become saints, too!



For Reflection:

1. Invite family members, friends, or fellow parishioners to study a New Testament text (other than the Gospels) together. Find a resource or mentor to guide your prayerful study. Commit to meeting regularly, and experience how these texts addressed to the early Christian individuals and communities can strengthen your community life today.
2. Consider the significance of letter-writing in the early years of the Church's development. Which person(s) in your life could use some encouragement or exhortation by way of a letter? Take the time to reach out through this personal communication.
3. Popes and bishops still write letters to the faithful. Find the most recent letter your bishop has written, and prayerfully read his message. If you are moved to respond, go ahead!

Source: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-17-second-reading>

Choose rather to want less, than to have more. Thomas à Kempis (ca. 1380-1471), priest, monk & writer (*The Imitation of Christ*)

Collection for the Week of October 16-22, 2023

Collections	\$18,096
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,237
Total	\$19,333

Faith Direct is received twice a month.

Archdiocesan Second Collection	\$5,313
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We reached our 2023 mandatory amt: \$150,000!

- Amount Paid so far: **\$155,757**
(**\$5,757 paid over goal**)
- Amt pledged to be paid: **\$8,858**
- Amt paid + to be pledged: **\$164,615**
Amt. over mandatory amt: **\$14,615**
- 400 donors out of 2163 households



PRAYER for VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let Your invitation continue to resound: "Come, follow Me!"

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated in Your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send workers to Your harvest and do not allow us to be lost for lack of pastors, missionaries, & people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Amen.


**Pursuing a Vocation
that is filled with Joy!**

National Vocation Awareness Week – November 5 – 11, 2023

29 NAM NGUYEN	30 PEDRO RUBIO	31* JOSH SVAJDA	OCTOBER '23		
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O LORD JESUS CHRIST, GREAT HIGH PRIEST, LEAD OUR SEMINARIANS IN YOUR UNERRING FOOTSTEPS: SO THAT THEY MAY BECOME PRIESTS WHO ARE MODELS OF PURITY, POSSESSORS OF WISDOM AND HEROES OF SACRIFICE. TEACH THEM GENEROSITY AND DETACHMENT FROM WORLDLY GOODS: BUT ABOVE ALL, TEACH THEM TO KNOW YOU AND TO LOVE YOU, THE ONE AND ONLY ETERNAL PRIEST. AMEN.

*FOR FUTURE PRAYER CALENDARS, VISIT WWW.HOUSTONVOCATIONS.COM/PRAY-FOR-OUR-SEMINARIANS/

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	November '23		1 TRIEU NGUYEN	2 ANTHONY SANCHEZ	3 DIMARG FONTENELLE	4 THEODORE BIRKOFER
5 FELIX RANGEL	6 BILL WATERS	7 TIMOTHY SPJUT	8 PEDRO RUBIO	9 NAM NGUYEN	10 JOHN PAUL ELLWANGER	11 GRIFFIN ALEXANDER
12 MATTHEW SCHNITZLER	13 CARLOS VELERO	14 ETHAN SICKING	15 DCN. DAVID RAMIREZ	16 DENNEGHY MASON	17 HAI DAO	18 DCN. LUIS ARMAS
19 JOEL GOTERA	20 JOSH SVAJDA	21 MITCHELL SCHUMANN	22 LUKE PARMENTER	23 BASIL HOUSEWRIGHT	24 JOHN CLARK	25 RYAN BERGER
26 STEVEN DRABBANT	27 HENRY STADLER	28 JAMES SCHNITZLER	29 DCN. VIET NGUYEN	30 WESLEY HENRY	31* ANDRES CARABEZ	

"In this month of October dedicated to praying the Rosary, let us not tire of asking through Mary's intercession for the gift peace in the many countries throughout a world marked by war & conflicts."

—Pope Francis

"I invite all believers to unite with the Church in the Holy Land, dedicating themselves to prayer & fasting for peace."

—Pope Francis

The Rosary Making Ministry meets at 7 pm Thursday, Nov. 2nd in the Parish Office Conference Room.

This ministry meets the 1st Thursday of every month for fellowship, learn how to make a corded rosary, pick up supplies & drop off completed rosaries. For more info, contact Barbara Sextro @ 713.818.6729 or Teri Corbitt at 832.544.1798.



Pray for our parish!

BACK TO SCHOOL BIBLE BLITZ

https://kahoot.it/challenge/03633239?challenge-id=1bc07edd-95c9-4583-bcc4-ae621078ec50_1698087067592

- Starts September 3rd and runs until November 19th.
- Look for the link each week in the bulletin or on the St. Maximilian Kolbe website.
- Grab your Bible, click the link, type in your family name and take the quiz.



Please feel free to use a code name if you want privacy.

This is not about getting a grade.

This is not about measuring how much anyone knows about the Bible.

This is for fun to help us all feel more comfortable with the Bible.



KAHOOT BIBLE TRIVIA!



CHALLENGE OTHERS AT THE PARISH ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUNDAY READINGS AND WIN PRIZES! SCAN QR CODE TO PLAY!

- **Confirmation Preparation Student-Parent Meeting Monday, October 30 at 6:30pm in Kolbe Hall.** This is for students who have completed or are enrolled in their second year of high school Faith Formation, including those who are enrolled in Catholic school.

If you have any questions about eligibility for this sacrament, please contact Molly Smith.



St. Max High School Choir

Sing at Noon Mass on Sundays
Practice in Canticle Hall from 1:15-2:00 p.m. on Sundays starting September 17

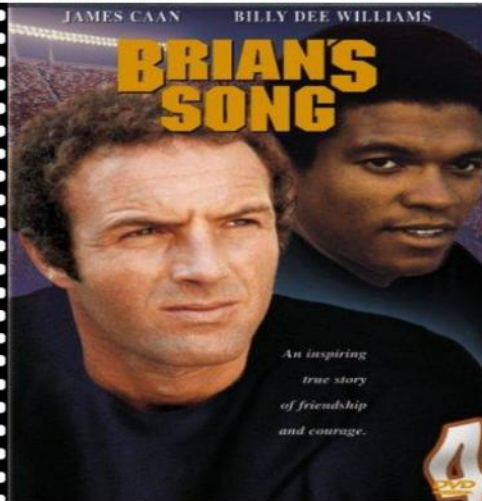
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Starting - September 10

Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Starting - September 13



Text - StMaxYM to 84576 to join Flocknote!

Fall Spring Schedule Many sessions open for Faith Formation:

- Sunday afternoons 2:30-4pm Grades Pre-K to 12
- Thursday evenings 6:30-8pm Grades Pre-K to 8
- Homeschool session Grades K-8

<https://stmaximilian.org/children-youth-faith-formation>

Parents are the first teachers of their children in all things, especially in the ways of faith.

OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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Sunday Session 2:30p - 4p
PreK - 12th Gr.

Thursday Session 6:30p - 8p
PreK - 8th Gr.

Parent Meeting
First day of class,

CFISD
Student Holiday

OCTOBER: For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening & dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, & allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

That we recognize everything we have & everything we are is a gift from God.

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, & with all your mind."

Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have & that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions & to our pride.

Formed.org is offering a new 7-part series called **Jesus and the Eucharist**. Made with the help of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, the series gives examples of pursuing virtue & faith in the modern world. Catholic Bishops, professors & speakers lend insight to help renew the understanding of the gift of the Blessed Sacrament. **The first 6 sessions of Jesus and the Eucharist are entitled:**

- 1) **What's our Story?** (1 hr, 55 min)
- 2) **Who is Jesus?** (1 hr, 51 min)
- 3) **Am I saved?** (1 hr, 53 min)
- 4) **Why a Church?** (1 hr, 59 min)
- 5) **God is With Us** (1 hr, 53 min)
- 6) **The Story of the Eucharist** (1 hr, 57 min)

The remaining session has yet to be released. To gain access to this series of Jesus & the Eucharist, go to: <https://watch.formed.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist-a-small-group-series-for-eucharistic-revival>

If you are not registered with Formed.org, registering on FORMED is easy!

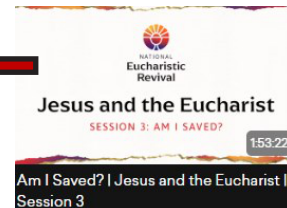
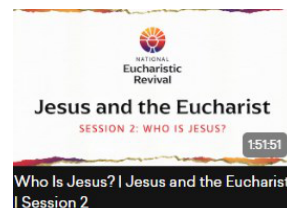
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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Lisa Abbott, Eleanor Antunez, Lupe & Melissa Batey, Norma Bodin, Bill Carew, Maria Bueno, Aurora Enciso, Missy Fouts, Joseph Gallagher, Elizabeth, Anna Goodman, Anna Guidry, Soledad Haren, Georgia Hohensee, Ed Keohl, Madison Koopmann, Rachele Marchisio, Craig McKnight, Arma Morrison, Maria Mien Nguyen, Richard Ornelaz, Rose Pennell, Stan Petty, Irma Phillips, Walker Ponder, Marian Rearick, Alveraize Saizan, Maria Senjudo, Guillermo Stewart-Gaynor, Ken Switzler, Consuelo Estrada Torres, Ngoc Anh Uy, Linda Webb, Carolyn & Gary Webber, Frances Wooley, & Chuck Woodruff

Pray for an end to violence. Pray for Israel.



EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT:

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"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?..."
"Mt 26:40"



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Wednesday	1 am—2 am *NO ADORER*
Wednesday	2 am—3 am
Wednesday	9 am—10 am
Thursday	1 am—2 am
Thursday	2 am—3 am
Thursday	10 am—11 am
Friday	5 am—6 am
Saturday	4 am—5 am
Sunday	6 pm—7 pm

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