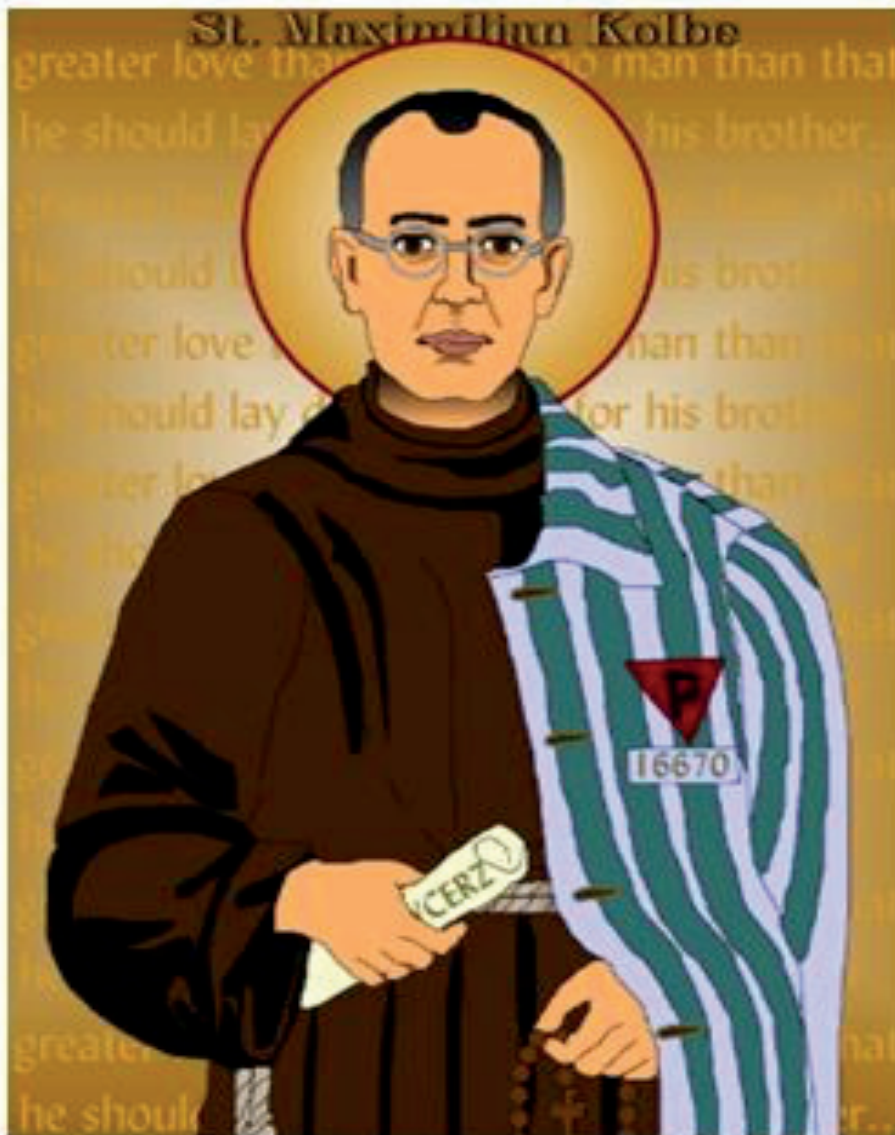


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

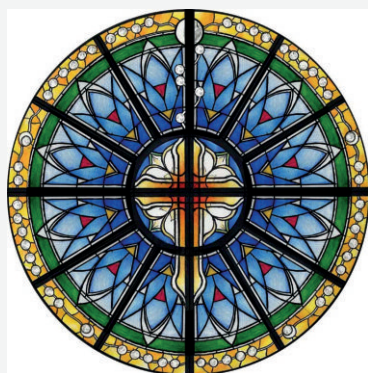
**30 minutes prior to
Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass**

After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm

Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NOVEMBER 5, 2023



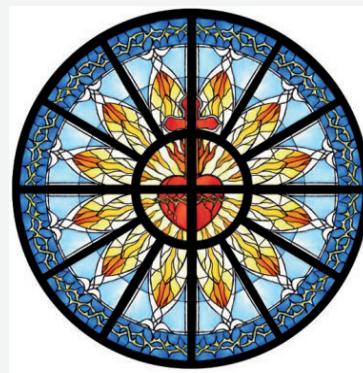
**Parish Office Hours
Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm**

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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

PARISH STAFF

Mary Alice Greaney—Music Director
 Molly Smith—Director of Evangelization & Catechesis
 Chris Wuenscher—Coordinator of Youth Ministry
 Janice Burns—Faith Formation Assistant & Baptismal Coordinator
 Eileen Mace—Kolbe Kids EC Program Director
 Beth Jones—Parish Business Manager
 Phyllis Schoelman—Parish Secretary
 Miguel Perdomo—Maintenance; Lupe Mendez—Custodian

FINANCE COUNCIL

Sean Kennedy
 David Ricke
 Bob Charnock
 Mark Kohlschmidt (Facilitator)
 Evie Ornelaz
 Thomas Nelson
 Mauricio Antunez
 Paul Hains
 Rosa Elena Barragan-Ojeda
 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.

Pray for the repose of the souls of our faithful departed:

Gissela Bustamante †, wife of Carlos Bustamante
Rodin Alejandro Tello †, father of Theresa Pisula
Pauline Weir †, mother of Deacon Joe Weir
Fr. John Leonard Boscoe, CSB †
Frank Della Sala †



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
 —And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. —Amen.

May their souls & the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. —Amen.

For consolation and God's healing graces upon the family & friends of the deceased. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness & doubt that comes from grief. —Amen.

For peace in the Middle East, Ukraine & in any other troubled areas, for an end to terrorism & all violence, including those assaulted by guns & other instruments of harm, and for the safety of all those who protect us.



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

November 5, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Instead of the Pastor's Message, today we have a parish finance update, by Mark Kohlschmidt, the facilitator of our Parish Finance Council.

I am here today to present our annual parish financial report. God has blessed our parish both spiritually and financially. We give thanks to Him for his provision. On behalf of Fr. Lawrence and the Finance Council I would like to express our gratitude to all who have given so generously to our parish mission. God has called you and you have responded to the Holy Spirit and given of your time, talent, and treasures.

In the bulletin on p. 7, you will find a condensed financial report and budget for next year. This past fiscal year ending on June 30th our income was higher than our expenses. Father and our parish staff have done everything possible to keep normal operating expenses to a minimum. This year, we aggressively worked on the repair and maintenance of items that our Parish Campus required. You are able to see me better this year as the lighting has been upgraded to LED lights. This will reduce the cost of electricity going forward.

We replaced our organ, and the cost was met entirely by donations. We completed the addition of new pews and reupholstering of all the existing pews. We received donations for about 30% of the cost (see p. 7). There were several other projects including fixing the church doors, a fire alarm system, the roof & gutter repair on the Gajowniczek Education building, landscaping & parking lot stripe painting project that have all been completed. All of these projects were paid for with donations and/or from general operating funds, not dipping into our savings. There were improvements made to the playground & classroom area used by Kolbe Kids (an early childhood program). These improvements were made possible through a federal grant.



St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Lawrence W. Jozwiak

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak
Pastor

Some maintenance items for the upcoming year include addressing the rust, wear and tear of our covered walkway & entry skylight, the leaking baptismal font, and additional lighting & security systems & rekeying the doors for the entire campus.

There have been several Catholic Churches in our archdiocese that have been burglarized, including our own parish. In light of this fact, the Finance Council & Fr. Lawrence are encouraging the use of Faith Direct, an online giving for your parish contributions. You can find the link in our bulletin on p. 7 or on the website (<https://stm Maximilian.org/give>)

This past year our parish helped many people in need. We fed about 1,200 people with our Christmas Joy of Sharing. The Loaves & Fishes ministry feeds up to 300 people per month or up to 3600 people per year. Mission Yahweh feeds up to 60 women & children once a month for a total of 720 per year. We participate in the Catholic Charities' Share Your Blessings Christmas gift sharing. The food pantry operates weekly & distributes to many in our area. There are other groups not formally attached to our parish where many of our parishioners volunteer & help the poor, homeless & other marginalized people. Your support of these ministries reflects your love of God and His people.

We were blessed with a very successful Fall festival though we do not have a net amount since not all the expenses have come in yet. A big thanks to the festival committee & everyone who helped to make the festival successful.

Thanks to all of you who gave to the Diocesan Services Fund. We met and surpassed our mandatory amount of \$150,000, and 75% of all additional gifts to the DSF will be returned to the parish.

Again, thanks to all for responding to God and giving of your time, talent, and treasure. By His grace, our parish will continue to spread the gospel message in our community and through your generosity we will continue to minister to the poor and maintain our beautiful sanctuary and campus. I will be outside after Mass if you have any questions. Thank you. Mark Kohlschmidt, facilitator of the Parish Finance Council

"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

Liturgy Corner for Weekend Masses

Scripture readings: Hymnal: #1182

Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187

Gathering Hymn: #593—I Want to

Walk as a Child of the Light

Gloria (inside cover of hymnal)

Gospel Alleluia

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

Preparation Hymn: #751—The

Servant Song

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn:

#943—Bread of Life From Heaven

#651—Open My Eyes

Sending Forth Hymn: #803—For the Healing of the Nation



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I am a great King & demand respect. Priests, if you don't honor my name, I'll curse you. You've strayed & made others falter, breaking the covenant. Remember, we all have one God. (Mal 1:14B-2:2B, 8-10)

Psalms: My heart isn't proud, Lord. I don't aim for things beyond me. Instead, I'm at peace, quiet like a child with its mother. Israel, put your hope in the Lord. (Ps 131)

Second Reading: We were kind to you, like a mother to her children. We shared not just the gospel, but ourselves. You know we worked hard to not be a burden. We're thankful you received God's word, not just human words. (1 Thes 2:7-13)

Gospel: Jesus tells the crowd & his disciples to follow the teachings of the scribes & Pharisees but not their actions. He criticizes them for being showy & not genuinely helping others. He advises against using titles like "Rabbi" and "Master," emphasizing humility & service instead. (Mt 23:1-12)

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1, 2, 3; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

WE WELCOME YOU!

Weekend Homilies are recorded & posted on our parish webpage:

<https://stmaximilian.org/homily>



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

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo

5 pm Joe & Jeanette Coury

Sunday, November 5

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Vocation Awareness Week

8 am Leonor & Reynaldo Silvera †

10 am Lindsay Bowker †

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Maximilian

Monday, November 6

8:30 am Fernando Narvaez †

Tuesday, November 7

Election Day

6:30 pm Sen Endrinal †

Wednesday, November 8

8:30 am Dana Comstock

Thursday, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30 am Mary C. (Heckmann) Guckes †

Friday, November 10

St. Leo the Great

8:30 am Fernando Maldonado † & Yara Alicia

Arceo de Maldonado † & Rebecca Mitchell

Saturday, November 11

St. Martin of Tours
Veterans Day

5 pm Charles Widacki †

Sunday, November 12

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Oralia E. Rosas †

10 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

12 Noon James W. Cozart, Jr. † & David
& Camila Thiam †

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.

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 this 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.



**Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 18: Response After Readings**

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

“The Word of the Lord.” “Thanks be to God!”

The Mass

After the First and Second Readings at Mass, we have this familiar statement and response from the congregation. As the Diocese of Peoria’s A Study of the Mass teaches, “At the end of the reading, the lector announces, ‘the Word of the Lord,’ which is a testament of our faith in the inspired Word of God in Sacred Scripture. We readily show our gratitude and respond, ‘Thanks be to God!’ We are thankful that God has revealed himself to us and that He continues to speak to us” (p. 7).

God Speaks to Us Far more than just being “standard operating procedure,” these little dialogues are really powerful affirmations of what is happening during the Liturgy of the Word. While the lector proclaims God’s Word, we listen to what God wants to teach us that particular day. Even if we are generally attentive to the readings, we can easily get distracted. Perhaps we notice someone sitting nearby and think of a question we wanted to ask him or her. Sometimes, a word in the reading reminds us of another thought. Maybe our stomach growls and we start thinking about what our next meal might be. In any event, at the end of the reading, the lector helps to get us back on track if we’ve wandered astray. The lector says, “The Word of the Lord,” as if to say, “In case you forgot or didn’t notice, the Lord God of heaven and earth was just speaking to you.” It really is amazing to stop and think about: God is speaking to us, his people, through the readings at Mass!



Our response, “Thanks be to God,” acknowledges that God is truly speaking to his people through the Bible reading we just heard and that we recognize we are blessed to hear those words! Being in the habit of turning to God in thankfulness can be so helpful in our daily living as well. In the midst of our lives, we easily get our hearts turned inward, such as when we are thinking about what makes us happy or what we would enjoy for dinner. In more serious situations, when we fall into sin, we are turned inward in a way that keeps our vision away from God and others. When this happens, we can find ourselves falling into selfishness and self-seeking behavior. We can also miss opportunities for charity because we do not recognize the good in the people around us.

Practicing Thankfulness In these latter situations, the grace of the sacraments helps strengthen us. Thankfulness is also a great remedy that helps turn our hearts as we recognize blessings that have come from God and others. Being thankful can give us a reset and help us once again to see and appreciate the gifts God has given us and the good that we can see in one another. We glimpse the wisdom behind our response to the readings at Mass. Being in the habit of regularly thanking God helps keep our hearts healthy and on track.



Not only does this dialogue help us acknowledge God and thank him for the Scriptures, but it can also help us stay in tune with what we are doing at Mass. As you may know, the word Eucharist itself means “thanksgiving.” In the Mass, we join with Christ in the perfect sacrifice of praise to God the Father. As God’s people, we are also joined together in thankful praise, recognizing the love of Christ and our invitation to share in that love. Very fittingly, after the Second Reading and response, we will praise God together in preparation for the Gospel as we sing the Alleluia!

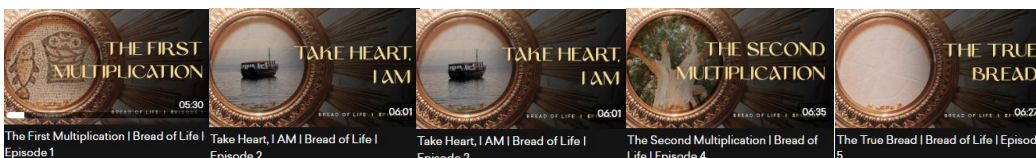
For Reflection:

1. Reflect on a few Scripture passages which proclaim, “Thanks be to God” (e.g., [Romans 7:25](#), [1 Corinthians 15:57](#), [2 Corinthians 9:15](#)). Compare St. Paul’s cause for thanksgiving with your own reasons for gratitude. Consider adding “Thanks be to God” to your public ways of expressing joy and gratitude in daily life.
2. Psalms [105](#), [106](#), [107](#), [118](#), and [136](#) (among others) all begin by inviting us to “Give thanks to the Lord.” Try beginning your next time of prayer with thanksgiving.

Source: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-18-response-after-readings>

Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee

<https://watch.formed.org/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.

All Souls Memorial Wall & Book of the Memorial 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.



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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		

Adult Faith, Prophets	Gajowniczek Building	2:30 pm
	Room 215	6:30 pm

Monday, November 6

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Kolbe Kids EC Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Scouting	Gajowniczek Building	6:00 pm
Children's Choir Christmas Practice	Church	6:30 pm
Confirmation Prep Mtg	Kolbe Hall	6:30 pm
Women's ACTS Team Meeting	Rooms 215-216	6:30 pm
Power Prayer Hour	Chapel	7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 7

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

Wednesday, November 8

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Prayer Blanket Ministry	Room 211	9:30 am
Food Pantry	Higgins Building	3:30 pm
Rosary	Chapel	6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Canticle Hall	6:30 pm
Men's ACTS Team Meeting	Room 212	6:30 pm
Evening Prayer	Chapel	7:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Higgins Building	7:00 pm

Thursday, November 9

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Youth Faith Formation; Thursday Classes		
	Gajowniczek Building	6:30 pm
	Room 214	6:30 pm

Friday, November 10

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
Movie Night	Plaza	7:00 pm

Saturday, November 11

Fishers of Men Meeting	Room 215	7:30 am
Infant Baptisms	Church	10:00 am
Confession	Church	3:00 pm
Vigil Mass	Church	5:00 pm
The Chosen (movie)	Kolbe Hall	6:15 pm

Sunday, November 12/32nd 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		
	Gajowniczek Building	2:30 pm
Jr. High Youth Group	Higgins Building	4:00 pm
Adult Faith, Prophets	Room 215	6:30 pm



Election Day
Tuesday, Nov. 7th

Family Movie Night: Brian's Song
7 pm Friday, Nov. 10th
See p. 9 for more info.

ACTS Men's & Women's Retreat Team Formation

ACTS Retreat Team Meetings Have Begun!

All men & women who have attended an ACTS retreat are invited to join the 2024 ACTS Men's & Women's Retreat Teams! **Brothers & Sisters, prayerfully consider your role in carrying the ACTS torch into the lives of our 2024 family of retreatants!**



2024 ACTS Men's Retreat | January 25-28

Wednesday team meetings underway:

6:30 p.m. meal | 7:00 p.m. meeting (Ed. Bldg., Room 212/213)

Retreat Director: Wayne Pelingon, 713.966.9832

2024 ACTS Women's Retreat | February 15-18

Monday team meetings begin Nov. 6:

6:30 p.m. meal | 7:00 p.m. meeting (Ed. Bldg., Room 215/216)

Retreat Director: Valerie Delafosse, 713.305.5578

Men & Women who need to go on a retreat: consider going on an ACTS retreat.

Catholic Daughters Court #2493

Christmas Seafarer Surprise Boxes are back!

Please bring your donations & shoe boxes to any of the masses on Nov. 4-5 & Nov 11-12. CDA members will have drop off access outside in the Plaza. A full description of items needed & preferred sizes are available by accessing the attached QR code or going to www.houstonseafarers.com Please check out this list as things have changed in recent years & certain items are not needed. We appreciate your generosity.



Come join **Fishers of Men** on **Saturday, Nov. 11th** from **7:30-9 am** in **Room 215**. Come experience what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Experience with other men who desire to live the Catholic faith. Free coffee!

Tuesday, Nov. 7rd: 7 pm-8 pm
(Every first Tuesday of the month.)

THYSIA
An hour of Eucharistic
Adoration, Worship, and
Scripture

After 6:30 p.m. daily Mass
every first Tuesday

"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!

Parish Financial Report:**Income Statement**

Fiscal Year:
July 1st - June 30th

July 1, 2022 -
June 30, 2023
Prior Year

July 1, 2023 -
June 30, 2024
Forecast

INCOME**2022-2023****2023-2024**

Offertory	\$1,698,740	\$1,594,968
Maintenance & Repair	\$175,039	\$177,049
Kolbe Kids	\$409,452	\$279,523
Religious Education & Youth	\$23,611	\$53,400
Fall Festival	\$107,335	\$109,482
Other Ministries	\$227,140	\$149,430
Ignite	\$12,947	\$0

TOTAL INCOME**\$2,654,264****\$2,363,852****EXPENSES**

Religious Education & Youth	\$38,554	\$52,740
Ministries	\$152,489	\$152,602
Parish Operations	\$839,138	\$934,231
Kolbe Kids	\$412,626	\$305,903
Fall Festival	\$39,569	\$41,744
Plant (Building & Grounds)	\$860,277	\$746,230

TOTAL EXPENSES**\$2,342,653****\$2,233,450****Net Excess (Deficit)****\$311,611****\$130,402**

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



8 Reasons to Make Your Offertory Gift Through Faith Direct (online giving)

1. No more checks to write or envelopes to find.
2. 52 Weeks of predictable income for our parish.
3. Greater security than cash or checks, especially in light of several Catholic parishes that have had weekend collections stolen.
4. No cost for you to participate.
5. Online control of your offertory giving – including 2nd collections, special collections & fees.
6. Reduction of envelope & postage expense for St. Maximilian Kolbe parish. It costs us \$9,516 *annually* for parish contribution envelopes.
7. Offertory cards enable you to witness your gift of treasure. This way others know you are contributing by placing something into the collection baskets.
8. Earn credit card points for your online donations.

Join the parishioners who use Faith Direct for their parish giving. Visit www.faithdirect.net, our parish code is **TX625** or call 866.507.8757 (toll-free) for more info; or go to <https://stmaximilian.org/give> OR use this QR Code to make a donation.



Thank you: Knights of Columbus' donation of \$3,300 to the Pew Fund.



Total Cost of Pews: \$203,532.40
Collected: \$ 58,942.54
Balance: \$144,589.86

Giving is more than a responsibility—it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience—it is evidence of our faith.—William Arthur Ward (1921-94), American educator

Collection for the Week of October 23—29, 2023

Collections	\$18,350
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,273
Total	\$19,623
<i>Faith Direct: 10/31/2023 (is received twice a month)</i>	
Collections:	\$12,461
Maintenance & Repair:	\$332
Total	\$12,793
Archdiocesan Second Collection	\$504

We reached our 2023 mandatory amt: **\$150,000!**

- Amount Paid so far: **\$156,797** (\$6,797 paid over goal)
- Amt pledged to be paid: **\$8,118**
- Amt paid + to be pledged: **\$164,915**
- Amt. over mandatory amt: **\$14,915**
- 400 donors out of 2163 households





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

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.

National Vocation Awareness Week – November 5 – 11, 2023

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	Nov. '23



Thank you, Veterans! Saturday, Nov. 11th: A Prayer for Veterans

Lord God, Almighty Father, Creator of all & author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, We ask you to bless all our Veterans, living & faithfully departed.

To those living: Give them courage, hope & strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love & compassionate healing. Be their power & protector, leading them from darkness to light.

For those departed: Look kindly on our departed Veterans especially those who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death & resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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!



Coffee & Donuts every Sunday,

Plan to join us for fellowship in the Education Bldg.

Learn the Bible through Kahoot Bible Trivia, cf. p. 9.

Pray for our blessings on our parish!

BACK TO SCHOOL BIBLE BLITZ

https://kahoot.it/challenge/09021830?challenge-id=1bc07edd-95c9-4583-bcc4-ae621078ec50_1698692126207

- 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.



QUIZ

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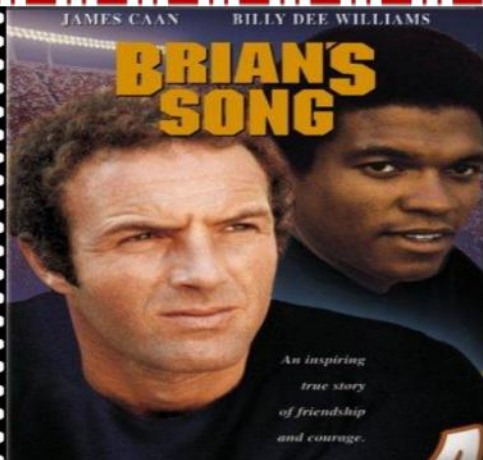
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Faith Football Friendship

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.

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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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

NOVEMBER: For the Pope
We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

That we ask God to help us grow in the virtue of humility.

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight & those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money & possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety & depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God & each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship & humility is the seed of trust.

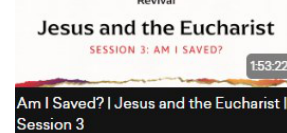
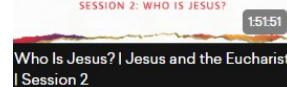
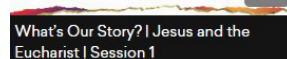
[Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) is offering a new 7-part series called **Jesus and the Eucharist**. Made with the help of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, the series gives examples of pursuing virtue & faith in the modern world. Catholic Bishops, professors & speakers lend insight to help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

- 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)
- 7) **Bread for the Journey** (1 hr, 55 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!

- Go to <https://formed.org/signup>
- Enter our parish zip code 77064 & select our parish
- Enter your name & email



Pray for our parish!

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