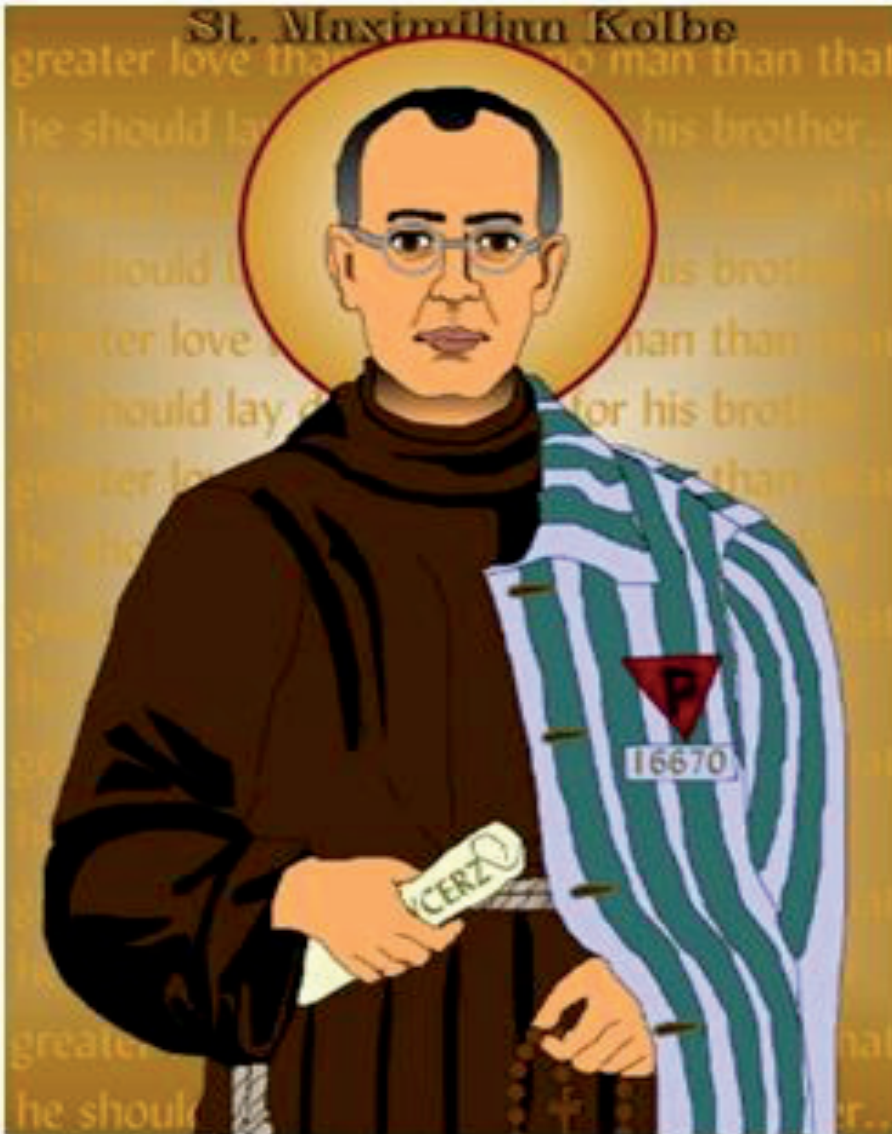


# ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



*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.**

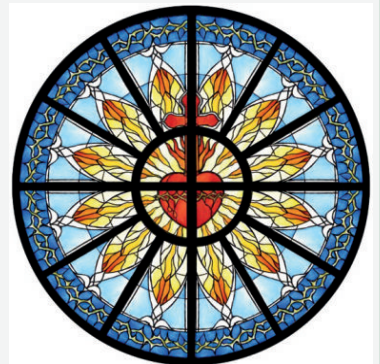
**32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NOVEMBER 12, 2023**



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

**10135 West Road**  
**Houston, TX 77064**

**Parish Office: 281-955-7324**  
**Fax: 281-955-7328**  
**Website: [www.stmaximilian.org](http://www.stmaximilian.org)**  
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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; [Open Position—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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

**Anna Guidry †**, mother of Karen Comstock  
**Frank M. Della Sala †**, brother of Daniel Della Sala  
**Rudy Sanchez †**

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 12, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last Saturday, we had our parish International Festival, the first time since Covid. Everyone told me it would be a great success & people would love it! I have to admit that this event met all these predictions & more! Everyone was in such a festive mood, enjoying each other, the food & music. There were some 26 different ethnic foods available. Yes, our parish is indeed made up of many different ethnic/cultural backgrounds.

Thank you also to Noemi Lopez who spearheaded a slide show & video presentation, remembering the 40 year history of our parish. She was assisted in this project by: Becky Keels, Bernie Dyer, Anna Subotich, Imelda Villarreal and Gayle Shearer. Our parish was founded 40 years ago on July 1, 1983. Thank you Noemi & others who did such a great job. This presentation was available at our International Festival.

Thank you to Mark Kohlschmidt, the facilitator of the Finance Council, who spoke at all the Masses last weekend, giving us a summary update on our parish financial situation. Thank you to all who contribute so generously in time, talent & treasure to our parish & to others!

Concerning the Fall Festival, the figures are as follows:

	<u>2023 Festival</u>	<u>2022 Festival</u>
Income:	<u>\$110,523.64</u>	\$107,335.87
Expenses:	<u>\$49,894.02</u>	<u>\$39,568.31</u>
Net :	<u>\$60,629.62</u>	\$67,767.56

Income this year was slightly above last year, but our expenses were slightly above last year. But with inflation & cost of living higher, it is understandable that our expenses were higher this year. In spite of those realities, we still did rather well. Thank you once again to all who took active leadership roles this year, as well as anyone who helped out with the festival and who attended it.

With some people hurting due to inflation, it is important that we do our best to help those in need. Our food pantry shelves have become more sparse. Thank you to those who have responded in giving, but please continue to give. You may bring your food items to the church & place them in the basket chests in the narthex (entrance) of the church & chapel. You can bring your food items to the

parish office. Or you can make a monetary donation designated to the Food Pantry.

Make sure you get your "shoe-boxes" in by this Sunday for the Catholic Daughters' drive for the seafarers & their Christmas gift. The KC's are taking your orders for cooked turkeys for Thanksgiving. Give yourself a break from some of the Thanksgiving cooking & also support the KCs.

The new St. Max Mom's Club is beginning. See p. 7 for some of their initial activities. Young people are needed to sing for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. See p. 6 for more info and how to sign up, including using the QR code. Also, a choir for our youth has formed, singing at the Sunday 12 Noon Mass. We can use more singers, especially males. Talk to the musicians after Mass on how to get involved.

If you know any one who might be interested in a 40 hour per week, Custodian / Janitorial position here at the parish, contact Beth Jones at 281-955-7324 or by email [elizabeth.jones@stmaximilian.org](mailto:elizabeth.jones@stmaximilian.org) The position is available to both male or female & involves moderate lifting.

Faith Direct is an online giving for your parish contributions, including 2<sup>nd</sup> collections, special collections & fees. In light of several archdiocesan parishes being burglarized including our own parish during this past Spring Break, the Finance Council is encouraging you to consider giving online. With online giving, then the parish will have less cash & checks that any possible burglar may have access to. Though we will continue the use of envelopes, note the high cost of such envelopes in #6 below.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Use this QR code to enroll with Faith Direct.



**"The Cross is the school of love."**  
**"The most deadly poison of our time is indifference."**  
 —St. Maximilian Kolbe



St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

*Lawrence W. Jozwiak*

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak  
 Pastor

**"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: #1185  
**Order of Mass:** Hymnal #166—#187  
**Gathering Hymn:** #590—Christ, Be Our Light!  
**Gloria** (inside cover of hymnal)  
**Gospel Alleluia**  
**Profession of Faith/Creed:** #174 or inside cover of hymnal  
**Preparation Hymn:** #553—O Spirit All-Embracing  
**Holy, Holy, Holy**  
**Mystery of Faith**  
**Amen**  
**Lamb of God**  
**Communion Hymn:**  
 #871—We Shall Rise Again  
**Sending Forth Hymn:** #680—We Walk By Faith



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Wisdom is radiant & doesn't fade, easily found by those who seek her. She eagerly meets those who watch for her & brings freedom from worry to the worthy. (Wi 6:12-16)

**Psalms:** I seek & thirst for God, finding greater good in His kindness than in life itself. I find satisfaction & joy in meditating on Him & calling upon His name. (Ps 63)

**Second Reading:** Don't grieve without hope for those who've died. If we believe in Jesus' resurrection, the dead will also rise. At Jesus' return, both the dead & living will meet Him. (1 Thes 4:13-18)

**Gospel:** Jesus shares a parable about ten virgins waiting for a bridegroom. Five are wise & bring extra oil, while five are foolish & don't. When the bridegroom arrives, only the wise ones can join him in the wedding feast, as they are prepared. The message stresses readiness & vigilance. (Mt 25:1-13)

## READINGS for the WEEK

**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23-3:39; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8; *Proper readings for Peter & Paul:* Acts 28: 11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 14:22-23

**Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

## WE WELCOME YOU!

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



In Memoria Sacred Music Concert Sun., Nov. 19, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1111 St. Joseph Parkway, 77002). Concert starts at 3 pm. Doors open at 2:30 pm. \$25 per person (discounts for seniors and students).

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## Mass Intentions



### 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 †

### Monday, November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:30 am Robert Maurer †

### Tuesday, November 14

6:30 pm Consuelo Acosta †

### Wednesday, November 15

St. Albert the Great

8:30 am Jesus Bueno †

### Thursday, November 16

St. Margaret of Scotland,  
St. Gertrude

8:30 am Rosa Maria Jacqueline "Jackie" Vu †

### Friday, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:30 am Martina Carranza †

### Saturday, November 18

The Dedication of the  
Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

5 pm Vick Todaro †

### Sunday, November 19

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Peter Lee †

12 Noon Robert L. Strauss †

## 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.







The Mass

### Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 19: Alleluia

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

Alleluia! With this familiar word (generally sung) of the Gospel Acclamation, we all stand for the Gospel. Where does that word come from? According to the Catechism, “Alleluia” is a word that means, “Praise the Lord!” (CCC, no. 2589). As the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* reminds us, this sung acclamation is a rite “by which the gathering of the faithful welcomes and greets the Lord who is about to speak to them in the Gospel and profess their faith by means of the chant. It is sung by everybody, standing, and is led by the choir or a cantor” (GIRM, no. 62).

While we use the word “Alleluia” for the Gospel Acclamation most of the time, as Charles Belmonte notes, “During Lent, instead of Alleluia, an acclamation is made before and after the verse before the Gospel” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 90). For example, the people might acclaim, “Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ!” or “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!”



**Honoring the King of Kings** If you have ever wondered why we stand during the Gospel Acclamation and the proclamation of the Gospel, the above reminder explains it well. According to standard manners and etiquette (which are not always observed in our modern day in the same way as in the past), we always stand when someone important or honored enters the room. For example, when a king or leader would enter, everyone would stand to greet that person. In a similar way, we are honoring the Lord Jesus present before us in the Word of God. We stand to acknowledge his presence, and we stand to give him honor. As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “we stand in respect as the Master prepares to speak to us just as he spoke to the apostles” (A Study of the Mass, p. 8).

Other ways to increase our reverence and honor for Jesus present in the Holy Gospel are by using a Book of the Gospels and processions with candles and incense. As you may have noticed, we sometimes use a large, ornate book with decorated pages for the Gospel. This book is placed on the altar before the proclamation of the Gospel, showing the connection between Jesus present in the Word of God and Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist (more on that connection in the future). The Book of the Gospels is a very beautiful way to honor the Holy Gospels, with its decorated pages and beautiful artwork helping us call to mind how blessed we are to be hearing the actual words and actions of Jesus.



**The Dignity of God’s Word** The honor for Jesus the Word of God increases even more when we use candles and incense. Candles remind us of Jesus the Light of the World and act as a kind of reverential escort for Jesus in the Gospels. Incense, which we use to honor holy people and things, reminds us of the dignity of the Gospels and all of the Word of God, one of God’s main ways of speaking to us.

Have you ever noticed that before going to proclaim the Gospel, the priest stops at the altar, bows in reverence, and then seems to be saying something? What he does there is a prayer asking the Lord to strengthen him for the joyful opportunity and privilege of proclaiming the words of Jesus in the Gospel. As he bows, the priest says silently, “Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel.” If a deacon proclaims the Gospel, the celebrant gives him a blessing with similar words. This prayer recognizes the honor of what is about to take place and helps the priest or deacon to prepare for it.

The Gospel Acclamation really fits right in with all these honors which we give to Jesus. It is an acclamation of praise and excitement for Jesus truly present. We are overjoyed if we realize the significance of what is taking place: Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Son of God, the One who came to save the world, the One who walked on this earth nearly 2000 years ago, is speaking to all of us together as his family. No wonder the Church asks us to stand and praise God. No wonder the Church asks us to sing together in joy and praise: Alleluia!

### For Reflection

1. Pray with Psalm 147, which begins and ends with “Hallelujah!” (v. 1, 20). Consider the psalmist’s claim: “How good to sing praise to our God; / how pleasant to give fitting praise” (Ps. 147:1). After reflecting on the psalmist’s words, “count your blessings,” offer your own praise to God for the wonders he has worked in your life.
2. Reflect on the use of “Alleluia” in [Revelation 19:1-10](#). Next time you participate in Mass, keep in mind that our proclamation of “Alleluia” echoes the worship of the saints and angels in heaven.

Source: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-19-alleluia>



### 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 12/32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts	Gajowniczek Bldg	after Masses
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
RCIA Session	Room 215	11:30 am
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
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

### Monday, November 13

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Scouting	Gajowniczek Building	6:00 pm
Children's Choir Christmas Practice	Church	6:30 pm
Women's ACTS Team Meeting	Rooms 215-216	6:30 pm
Catholic Daughters Monthly Mtg	Kolbe Hall	7:00 pm
Power Prayer Hour	Chapel	7:00 pm

### Tuesday, November 14

Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Legion of Mary meeting	Room 203	5:00 pm
Confession	Church	6:00 pm
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
ACTS Core Team Meeting	Room 218	7:00 pm
Communion & Liberation Wkly Mtg	Room 201	7:30 pm

### Wednesday, November 15

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 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 16

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Sisters of the Spirit Meeting	Gajowniczek Building	6:30 pm

### Friday, November 17

That Man Is You!	Gajowniczek Building	5:30 am
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Confession	Church	9:00 am
Adult Faith, Prophets	Room 215	9:30 am
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Room 110	10:30 am
Kolbe Seniors Monthly Meeting	Kolbe Hall	11:00 am

### Saturday, November 18

Baptism Preparation Class	Room 215	8:30 am
Confession	Church	3:00 pm
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
CDA Annual Holiday Bake & Craft Sale	Gajowniczek Bldg.	after Masses

### Sunday, November 19/33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts	Gajowniczek Bldg	after Masses
CDA Annual Holiday Bake & Craft Sale		
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
RCIA Session	Room 215	11:30 am
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
Communion & Liberation Choir Practice	Room 201	1:30 pm



To all who participated in the International Festival!!

### "The Chosen"

Join us in watching this popular series on "the big screen" in Kolbe Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month after the 5 pm Mass in Kolbe Hall (around 6:15 pm). We are now meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!**



### **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 underway:

**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. 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](http://www.houstonseafarers.com). Check out this list as things have changed in recent years & certain items are not needed. We appreciate your generosity.



Invite your family & friends to celebrate & give thanks to Almighty God for all the gifts He has given each & everyone of us.

**10 am Mass, Thursday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**There will be no 8:30 am Mass that Thursday.**

The parish offices will be closed Thursday & Friday, Nov. 24 & 25 for the Thanksgiving holidays.

## **Children's Christmas Choir**

**Grades 3-8**

**Monday Practices from 6:30-7:30 pm  
in Canticle Hall starting Nov 13th**



**Sign Up**







Ladies, mark your calendars for the annual Sisters of the



Spirit Pie Exchange this Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7 pm in the Gajowniczek Building. We'll meditate on the approach of Advent & savor some "sweet" friendship. Bring a pie to share—and head home with a tin of slices to save for later! It's our last S.O.S. of the year, so let's spread some early holiday cheer! Contact Grace Moren at [grmoren@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grmoren@sbcglobal.net) for more info.



Join the parishioners who use Faith Direct for their parish giving. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://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.



## Respect Life in All Stages of Life

### St. Max Mom's Club

## UPCOMING EVENTS



PLAYDATE  
10AM

NOV  
**14**

MEETING IN  
EDUCATION  
BUILDING  
7-8:30PM

NOV  
**29**

CHRISTMAS  
PARTY IN  
EDUCATION  
BUILDING  
7:30-8:30PM

DEC  
**13**

PLAYDATE  
10AM

DEC  
**18**

Contact Hannah for more details & playdate locations:

[hannahjankowski15@gmail.com](mailto:hannahjankowski15@gmail.com) or 214-616-5609



**Spiritual Adoption: End of Month 7**  
We are now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester.  
Only 2 months left to go!

*"I move when I hear you!  
Thank you for praying for me. I'm  
now 28 weeks old."*

*I am about 14 inches long and weigh about 3 pounds!  
I respond to light!  
I like to stick out my tongue!"*

Pick up a blessed Spiritual Adoption Prayer Card, at the church exits, to pray for an unborn child to be saved from abortion. This prayer campaign ends Dec. 25, although continued prayers afterward are encouraged. Also pray for an end to abortion & the healing & reconciliation of all involved.

*"I have come that they may have life,  
and have it to the full." John 10:10*

Watch the amazing and medically accurate, animated video of human life from the moment of fertilization.

<https://babyolivia.liveaction.org/> For more info, contact Karen at [kcomstock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kcomstock@sbcglobal.net) or 281-639-1999.



The Knights of Columbus will be selling tamales after the Masses this weekend.

Be sure to pick some up! They are always delicious!



**If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what he gives.**

—Robert South (1634-1716), English clergyman

### Collection for the Week of Oct. 30—Nov. 5, 2023

Collections	\$39,000
Maintenance & Repair	\$2,668
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,668</b>

*Faith Direct is received twice a month.*

Archdiocesan Second Collection	\$4,615
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### We reached our 2023 mandatory amt: **\$150,000!**

- Amount Paid so far: **\$156,957**  
(**\$6,957 paid over goal!**)
- Amt pledged to be paid: **\$7,849**
- Amt paid + to be pledged: **\$164,806**  
Amt. over mandatory amt: **\$14,806**
- 401 donors out of 2163 households







The winners of the Kolbe Kids' Pumpkin decorating contest: Hudson Weda, Noah Ruiz & Lily Pena. Congratulations! What awesome decorating!



**Kolbe Seniors**, look for your FlockNote text or email. November meeting is the 17th. We'll be seeing the 40th Anniversary History of the parish put together by our own Noemi Lopez. Bring donations for the food pantry. RSVP by Tuesday, Nov 14th to have a lunch reserved. Questions? Email, text, or call Becky Keels at [stmax.Kolbe.seniors@gmail.com](mailto:stmax.Kolbe.seniors@gmail.com) or 713-724-1075.

**Congratulations** to our newly married couples at St. Maximilian. May they be blessed with many years of happiness together.

Megan Skinner & Benjamin Harris  
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26 STEVEN DRABBANT	27 HENRY STADLER	28 JAMES SCHNITZLER	29 DCN. VIET NGUYEN	30 WESLEY HENRY	31* ANDRES CARABEZ	Nov. '23

## Share Your Blessings – Christmas Giving Tree

Christmas trees will be going up the weekend of November 18/19 for the **Share Your Blessings – Christmas Giving Tree** program. If you are interested in sponsoring a family please email Anna Cardona @ [foodpantry@stmaximilian.org](mailto:foodpantry@stmaximilian.org)



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**Food Pantry is open Wednesdays at 3:30 pm WE NEED MORE FOOD!**

[FoodPantry@stmaximilian.org](mailto: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



**Coffee & Donuts every Sunday,**

Plan to join us for fellowship in the Education Bldg.

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

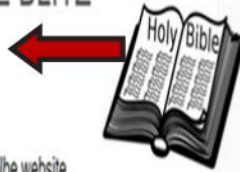
**Pray for our blessings on our parish!**



# BACK TO SCHOOL BIBLE BLITZ

[https://kahoot.it/challenge/06983661?challenge-id=1bc07edd-95c9-4583-bcc4-ae621078ec50\\_1699300225526](https://kahoot.it/challenge/06983661?challenge-id=1bc07edd-95c9-4583-bcc4-ae621078ec50_1699300225526)

- 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.



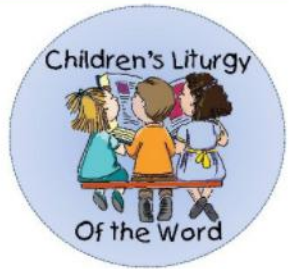
## KAHOOT BIBLE TRIVIA!



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

## HELP WANTED!

Teach the Gospel to kids ages 5-9. Only once a month at the Mass you are already attending. We are now asking for volunteers for the Noon Mass. For more info or to volunteer, contact Molly Smith at [molly.smith@stmaximilian.org](mailto:molly.smith@stmaximilian.org)



## ST. MAX YOUTH FALL 2023

**Junior High** **High School**  
Sundays 4:00-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.



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.**

## ST. MAX ADVENT PARTY

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Pray for Israel.  
Pray for Our Nation.

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

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



Parent Meeting  
Firstday 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 understand God's call is urgent, in the here & now, in our current circumstances.

**"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13**

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here & now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Lisa Abbott, Eleanor Antunez, Lupe & Melissa Batey, Norma Bodin, Maria Bueno, Bill Carew, Rebecca Carter, Susie Charnock, Aurora Enciso, Rose Farris, Missy Fouts, Joseph Gallagher, Estrella Gonzalez, Elizabeth Anna Goodman, Soledad Haren, Georgia Hohensee, Maria Ibarria, Anne Jackson, 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, Christine Swiech, Ken Switzler, Consuelo Estrada Torres, Ngoc Anh Uy, Linda Webb, Carolyn & Gary Webber, Frances Wooley, & Chuck Woodruff

## National Eucharistic Revival Supplement – November 2023

Dear friends, following the path of the National Eucharistic Revival set for us by our Bishops, we pray that the whole Church in heaven and on earth will be united in this most Blessed Sacrament.



### THEME: ALL SAINTS AND SOULS UNITED IN THE EUCHARIST

#### Eucharistic Saint



**St. Juliana of Liège** (d. 1258). This Belgian nun received mystical visions urging her to promote a new feast of the Eucharist. She labored for twenty years to foster this devotion in her local church. Six years after her death, an Archdeacon of her diocese was elected Pope Urban IV, who then authorized the feast of Corpus Christi for the Universal Church.

#### Back to Basics

**SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION:** If the Eucharistic Revival is to bear any real fruit, it must be accompanied by a revival of Confession. The Church's canon law, Catechism, and dozens of other Church documents make this clear:

"Anyone who is conscious of grave sin may not celebrate Mass or receive the Body of the Lord without previously having been to sacramental confession, unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess." ~ Code of Canon Law (1985), 916.

Keep in mind that the Church doesn't require us to be saints to receive the Eucharist! It only asks us to receive the Lord's Body and Blood "worthily" (1 Cor 11:27).



#### Calls to Action



**Repentance** – A necessary condition for entering the Kingdom of Heaven is repentance for our sins. Remember, these were the first words of Our Lord in His public ministry: "Repent and believe!" (Mk 1:15).

**Practice** – We must have recourse to the saints and angels in order to approach the Eucharist worthily. Each of us has a guardian angel who assists us at Mass, and so do our patron saints. If we don't have a patron saint, we can choose a particular saint who will help us worship Christ in the Blessed Sacrament with true faith!

"Let no one approach this Sacrament with indifference. Let no one be faint-hearted; rather let everyone have burning hearts, all fervent... For we are pilgrims on our way to heaven." ~ St. John Chrysostom

#### National Eucharistic Revival Resources

Keep up to date on the National Eucharistic Revival at the Bishops' website: [www.EucharisticRevival.org](http://www.EucharisticRevival.org). For news on the upcoming Eucharistic Congress, go to [www.eucharisticcongress.org](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org). Also, get the Eucharistic Revival Edition Prayer Cards at [www.SitStandKneel.com](http://www.SitStandKneel.com) for great evangelization resources to spread the Eucharistic fire!



### EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT:

To the side are days/times where help is needed.  
 To sign up, contact Susie Charnock @ 281-813-1492.  
 "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?..."  
 ~Mt 26:40

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12 Midnight—1 am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> →	<b>1 am—2 am *NO ADORER*</b> ←
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2 am—3 am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9 am—10 am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1 am—2 am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2 am—3 am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10 am—11 am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5 am—6 am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4 am—5 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6 pm—7 pm</b>



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