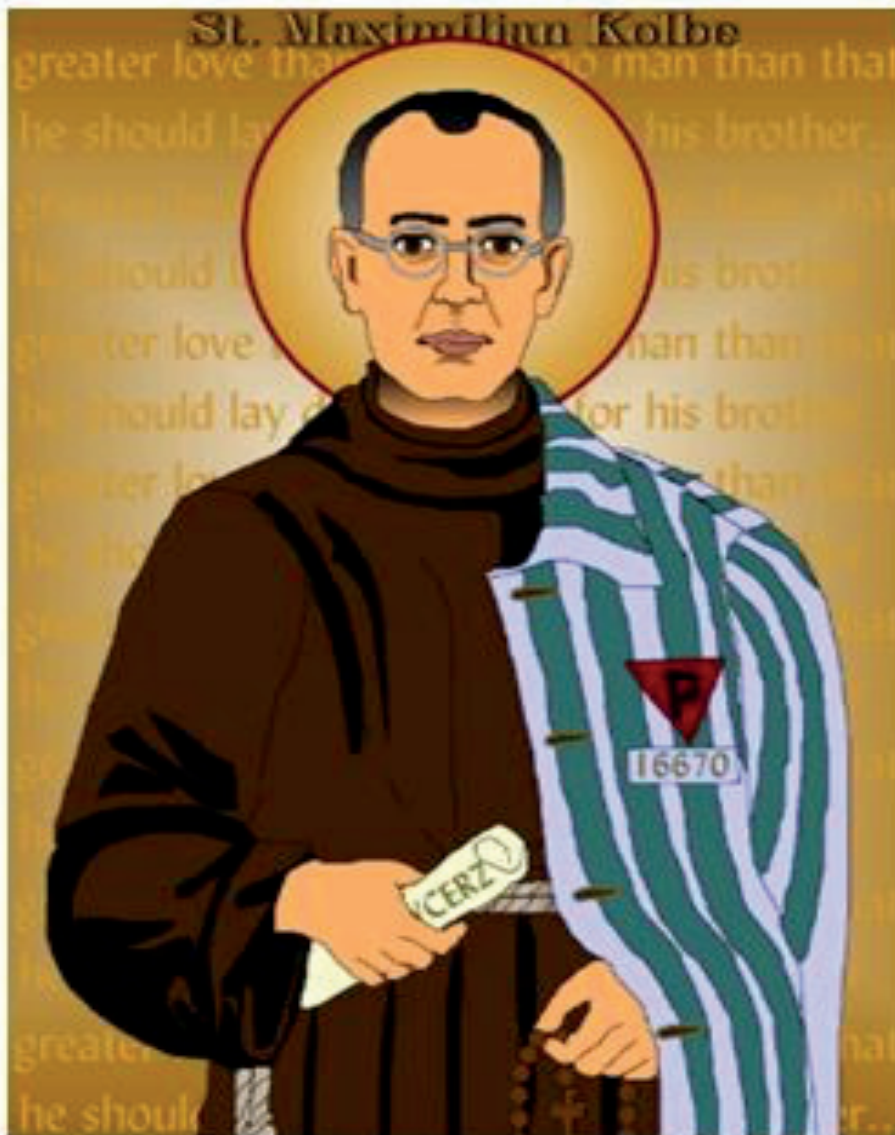


# ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

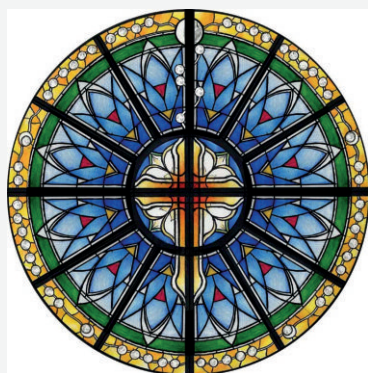
30 minutes prior to  
Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass

After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm

Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NOVEMBER 19, 2023



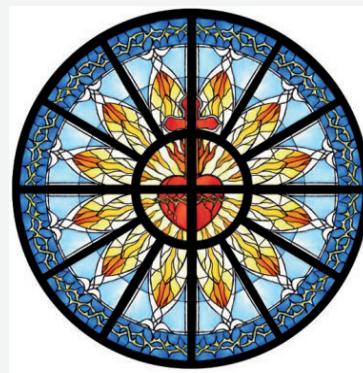
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Deacon Dennis Hayes • Deacon Steve Klak • Deacon John Naber  
Deacon David Persich • Deacon Matt Rust • Deacon Joe Weir

## 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)  
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 Dennis Taylor  
 Esteban Teran  
 John Syzdek  
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 Leslie Escobar  
 Jan Hains  
 Edward Lock  
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### 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  
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 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:

Joseph Pesce †, husband of Dorothy Pesce

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.



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.

### 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 19, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

This coming week ushers us into a holiday weekend, with Thanksgiving Day. How we need to be ever more thankful & satisfied for what we have. In its origins, Thanksgiving Day was a joint effort between the Pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower ship and the local Native American Wampanoag people. How beautiful the concept of a joint effort it was. But sad to say due to different interests, lifestyles & lack of communication, such unity did not last too long. Unfortunately, that is the history & experiences of many people who are different.

All are invited this Thursday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> to come to church for the 10 am Mass to give thanks to God for all our blessings and to pray for our needs. What a wonderful way to give thanks by partaking in the Holy Mass, the Holy Eucharist which means thanksgiving. But let us pray also that by the graces of God, people will learn to accept each other, live together peaceably, even when we may disagree with one another. That includes much needed healing & reconciliation in our families & friends, but also in our nation & world, especially in the Middle East, the Ukraine and other troubled areas in the world.

May we also pray for our Church. We all need to pray for conversion more fully to Christ and the need to repent from our prideful & self centered ways so that we can walk in the ways of Jesus more fully, more authentically. How often do we pray for our parish, the Archdiocese, our universal church and its leaders, both clergy, religious and the lay pastoral leaders? Do we pray for a welcoming Church, but a Church always faithful to Christ and His teachings?

Are you aware that there are cloistered religious sisters who pray for the Church, the world & other specific intentions? One such group is called the Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration or more commonly known as the Pink Sisters since they wear a pink habit. They live in & do not leave the cloistered convent, praying 24 hours a day with Perpetual Adoration. They pray 7 times a day with the Divine Office plus the Mass. Outside of these times, a sister is always kneeling before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament (taking 30 minute shifts), offering prayers & sacrifices, for the world & requested intentions, but especially for priests & missionaries. There are

some 420 members in 22 convents in 12 countries, 5 continents with 15 different nationalities. There are 4 convents in the U.S.: Philadelphia, PA, Corpus Christ, TX, St. Louis, MO & Lincoln, NE.

Recently, Rome announced a cloistered community / monastery of 6 Benedictine nuns from Argentina would be dedicated to supporting the pope's ministry with their prayer. Pope St. John Paul II established this monastery in 1994 "with the intention of inviting different contemplative orders to live there for a period of 3-5 years with 'the ministry of prayer, adoration, praise and reparation' in silence and solitude 'to support the Holy Father in his daily care for the whole church.'" This monastery is named *Mater Ecclesiae*, in honor of Mary, Mother of the Church.

When Pope Benedict XVI retired, this monastery became his personal residence, offering his continual service to the Church "through a life dedicated to prayer." After Pope *emeritus* Benedict VI died, Pope Francis decided this residence would return to its original purpose: "that contemplative orders will support the Holy Father in his daily care for the whole church, through the ministry of prayer, adoration, praise and reparation, thus being a prayerful presence in silence and solitude."

Just as there are religious orders praying for the Church, let us include in our personal prayers intentions for the Pope & his leadership of the universal Church, as well as the Archdiocese & Cardinal DiNardo, and our parish & myself as pastor, the deacons and the parish staff & key leadership roles in various parish groups,

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 either male or female & involves moderate lifting.

I will not be present for this Saturday's Vigil Mass since I will be installing a new pastor at another parish. Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> for our Family Advent party with gingerbread house making. See p. 9 to register. Remember: we begin the Christmas Joy of Sharing (feeding the hungry on Christmas Day, p. 6) & Share your Blessings—Christmas Giving Tree programs (p. 8). Thank you for all who are bringing food for the Pantry. But we invite even more people to bring food items to the church entrance—see p. 8. To our young children in grades 3-8, join a special choir to sing for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. After all Masses this weekend, buy some baked items & crafts from the Catholic Daughters.



St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

*Lawrence W. Jozwiak*

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak  
Pastor

**"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: #1188

**Order of Mass:** Hymnal #166—#187

**Gathering Hymn:** #598—O God Beyond All Prais-ing

**Gloria** (inside cover of hymnal)

**Gospel Alleluia**

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

**Preparation Hymn:** #593—I Want

to Walk as a Child of the Light

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Mystery of Faith**

**Amen**

**Lamb of God**

**Communion Hymn:**

#760—Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

God Be in My Head

**Sending Forth Hymn:** #803—For the Healing of the Nations



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** A good wife is invaluable, trusted by her husband & doing good all her life. She's hardworking & charitable, deserving of praise especially for her fear of the LORD. (Prv 31:10-31)

**Psalms:** Those who fear the LORD & walk in His ways are blessed. They enjoy fruitful labor, a prosperous family, & lifelong blessings from God. (Ps 128)

**Second Reading:** The day of the Lord will arrive unexpectedly. While others may be caught off guard, believers are children of light & should stay alert & sober. (1 Thes 5:1-6)

**Gospel:** A man going on a journey entrusts his servants with different amounts of money. Two servants invest & double their money, receiving praise & more responsibility from their master upon his return. The third servant hides his money & is chastised for his inaction, losing even what he had. (Mt 25:14-30)

## READINGS for the WEEK

**Monday:** Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 1; Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b & 15; Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11d-12a, 12cd; Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

**WE WELCOME YOU!**

**Weekend Homilies** are recorded & posted on our parish webpage:

<https://stmaximilian.org/homily>



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## Mass Intentions



### 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 †

### Monday, November 20

8:30 am Zachariah Sakallah

### Tuesday, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 pm Camila Thiam †

### Wednesday, November 22

St. Cecilia

8:30 am Harry Boylan †

### Thursday, November 23

St. Clement I, St. Columbian, Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Thanksgiving Day

**\*\*No 8:30 am Mass this Thursday only.\*\***

10 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

### Friday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac

8:30 am Richard & Mary L. Perez

### Saturday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

5 pm Clara Kmiec † Steve Kmiec †

### Sunday, November 26

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

8 am Octaviano D. Rosas †

10 am Edward Crisostomo †

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Maximilian

## 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. 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.







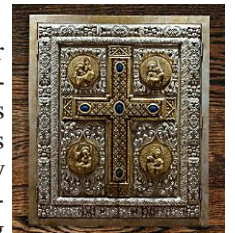
## Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 20: Gospel By Fr. Luke Spannagel: Step-by-Step through the Mass

The Mass

For many of us, the Gospel is one of our favorite parts of the Mass. We get to hear the stories about Jesus & the Apostles, how Jesus worked miracles of healing, and the words that he taught. For many, it is easy to imagine the scenes in our minds as we listen to the words. As the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states, “The reading of the Gospel constitutes the high point of the Liturgy of the Word” (*GIRM*, no. 60). The Second Vatican Council teaches us that the Gospels have a special importance among all the books of the Bible because they are “the principal witness for the life and teaching” of Jesus (*Dei Verbum*, 18). According to Charles Belmonte, the proclamation of the Gospel “emphasizes the union between the Incarnate Word, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, symbolized by the altar and sacramentally present after the Consecration, and the word of God written in the Gospel” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 91).

**The Meaning of the Gospel** What does the word Gospel mean? The glossary of the Catechism defines Gospel as “[t]he ‘good news’ of God’s mercy and love revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. [...] The Gospel is handed on in the apostolic tradition of the Church as the source of all-saving truth and moral discipline” (*CCC*, Glossary, “Gospel”). The four Gospels are named after their human writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The Second Vatican Council teaches, “The Church has always and everywhere maintained, and continues to maintain, the apostolic origin of the four Gospels. The apostles preached, as Christ had charged them to do, and then, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they and others of the apostolic age handed on to us in writing the same message they had preached, the foundation of our faith: the fourfold Gospel, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.” (*Dei Verbum*, 18).

During the Mass, after we stand for the Gospel Acclamation, the priest or deacon begins with that familiar dialogue: “The Lord be with you!” and the people respond, “And with your spirit!” Then, the priest introduces the Gospel and the people respond, “Glory to you, O Lord!” These back-and-forth dialogues help us to prepare for what is about to happen: the Lord Jesus speaking to us. Another preparation for the words of Jesus is a simple gesture of a sign of the Cross. As the priest or deacon says, “A reading from the holy Gospel according to...,” he will make a sign of the Cross on the Gospel book. At the same time, the people at Mass trace a small sign of the Cross on their foreheads, lips, and chests. I still remember, as a young boy, my dad teaching us to make this gesture and to say to ourselves: “May the words of the Gospel be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.” Those words have stayed with me through the years and are still a sincere prayer that the Word of God would be at the forefront of my daily living. As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, these acts and prayers are all “signs of veneration for the Word of God proclaimed to us in the holy Gospel. Our standing, our singing the Alleluia, our gestures and our responses are all outward signs of our inward disposition of love for Christ and reverence for his Word” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 8).



**Our Response to the Gospel** At the conclusion of the gospel passage for a particular Mass, the priest or deacon says, “The Gospel of the Lord!” Our response in faith is, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!” Then, the priest or deacon kisses the page he just read from and says silently, “Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away.” Charles Belmonte beautifully writes that “we can at least make ours the kiss the priest has placed on the sacred book. With it, we want to tell our Lord we are ready to give our lives for the truths contained in the Gospel... At the same time, we ask forgiveness for our faults” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 95).

Of course, the Gospels are so wonderful that we should read and pray about them more often than just at Sunday Mass. The life of Jesus is so rich and beautiful and can really provide great strength for us every day. Maybe try reading just one chapter of the Gospels every day and see what happens!

### For Reflection

1. Accept Father Luke’s advice and begin reading one of the four Gospels, starting with a chapter each day. Savor this opportunity to journey closer into relationship with Jesus.
2. Look at how each Gospel author introduces his text. What do the opening verses of each Gospel reveal about the message therein?

**Source:** <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-20-gospel>



### 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.



## p. 6 THIS WEEK AT ST. MAXIMILIAN

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

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

### Monday, November 20

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
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
Power Prayer Hour	Chapel	7:00 pm

### Tuesday, November 21

Legion of Mary meeting	Room 203	5:00 pm
Confession	<b>Church</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
Communion & Liberation Wkly Mtg	Room 201	7:30 pm

### Wednesday, November 22

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
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

### Thursday, November 23

**\*\*No 8:30 am Mass this Thursday only\*\***

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
Parish Offices Closed		

### Friday, November 24

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
Parish Offices Closed		

### Saturday, November 25

Confession	Church	3:00 pm
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>

### Sunday, November 26

**Our Lord Jesus Christ  
King of the Universe**

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 , Day of Reflection	Room 215	11:30 am
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>

### **Thanksgiving Day Prayer**

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people & for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty & fullness of the land & the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work & our rest, for one another, & for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray & give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **"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., Dec. 9th**

**Come join us!**



## **Catholic Daughters Court #2493 Holiday Bake/Craft Sale!**

Our Catholic Daughters are once again having their holiday bake & craft sale after all the Masses this weekend. No need to bake for Thanksgiving—get your favorite dessert from our CDA sisters & perhaps find a perfect hand-made gift as well.

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. In the U.S., more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty & provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. For more info, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd)

### **Christmas Joy of Sharing 2023**

On Christmas day, St. Maximilian Kolbe parishioners will once again prepare & serve meals to over 1,200 people at 11 different Houston area shelters. More info will be in the next week's bulletin on how to volunteer your time, etc. If you want to make a donation to this project, use this QR code.

**As always, your prayerful support is greatly appreciated!**



Kolbe Kids Early Childhood program is collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Maximilian Food Pantry. Come feed "the turkey" with your items!

## **Children's Christmas Choir**

**Grades 3-8**

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



**Sign Up**







**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.

On May 7, 2005, Pope Benedict XVI said the following in a homily in Rome: "The freedom to kill is not true freedom, but a tyranny that reduces the human being to slavery."

In our day, some try to justify the killing of the unborn by appealing to "freedom of choice." Tragically, however, women getting abortions feel that they have no freedom and no choice. They feel trapped, and this is why the pro-life movement provides alternatives to abortion. Moreover, this "freedom to kill" leaves no freedom or choice for the child who is killed. Freedom is not the ability to do whatever we want; freedom is the power to do what is right, to always respect the truth and to choose life.

Let us pray for all affected by abortion: unborn child, mother, father and all other family members & friends.



**Pray for an end to violence.**



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

JOIN THE ST. MAX  
MOM'S CLUB FOR OUR

### November Meeting

Wednesday, November 29th

7:00-8:30PM

Education Building Gathering Space

We will prepare for Advent with refreshments, a talk from Joy Onorato, an Advent craft and a special door prize!

Please bring any extra coat(s) you may have to be delivered to a local shelter.

RSVP Hannah at 214-616-5609

**It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving. —Mother Teresa (1910-97)**

#### Collection for the Week of November 6-12, 2023

Collections	\$17,447
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,283
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,730</b>
<i>Faith Direct: 11/15/2023 (is received twice a month)</i>	
Collections:	\$24,803
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,793
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$26,596</b>
Archdiocesan Second Collection	\$1,790

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

- Amount Paid so far: **\$159,529**  
(**\$9,529 paid over goal**)
- Amt pledged to be paid: **\$6,914**
- Amt paid + to be pledged: **\$166,443**  
Amt. over mandatory amt: **\$16,443**
- 401 donors out of 2163 households





## Share Your Blessings – Christmas Giving Tree

Christmas trees will be up starting November 23rd for the **Share Your Blessings – Christmas Giving Tree** program. If you are interested in sponsoring a family, email Anna Cardona at: [foodpantry@stmaximilian.org](mailto:foodpantry@stmaximilian.org)



This Photo by Lin

**“At my ACTS Retreat, I realized I was a ‘pew warmer’ at church.”**

*The 2024 Men’s & Women’s ACTS Retreats are coming!* ACTS Retreats are a 3-day, 3-night Catholic lay retreat presented by St. Max parishioners from Thursday evening to Sunday noon Mass. Centering on core teachings concerning Adoration, Community, Theology & Service, they offer a spiritual journey that calls the soul to friendship in Christ & community. If your faith is lukewarm ... you crave a personal connection with God ... you’d like to become more active at St. Max ... or you’d simply enjoy a weekend away among great new friends & prayer partners, then ACTS is for you! For more info, download a registration form from the St. Max website or contact a retreat director below.

2024 ACTS Men's Retreat | January 25–28  
Retreat Director: Wayne Pelingon, 713.966.9832

2024 ACTS Women's Retreat | February 15–18  
Retreat Director: Valerie Delafosse,  
713.305.5578



### Thanksgiving 2023 Eucharistic Adoration Schedule Wednesday (Nov 22)

Blessed Sacrament reposed at 8 am  
No exposition for the rest of the day

#### Thanksgiving Day (Nov 23)

NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Friday & Saturday (Nov 24-25)

NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Sunday (Nov 26)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resumes after the 12 Noon Mass.



### **...You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Romans 13:9**

Our “neighbor” is defined as every other living human being. It seems impossible to love someone who may be a cause of great harm to someone. One theologian defines love as “willing the good for someone.” We can begin willing the good for those persons we find impossible to love, praying that it might help them.

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

## Pursuing a Vocation that is filled with Joy!

**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

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.**

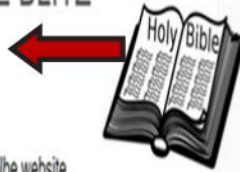
**Pray for our blessings on our parish!**



# BACK TO SCHOOL BIBLE BLITZ

[https://kahoot.it/challenge/01526021?challenge-id=1bc07edd-95c9-4583-bcc4-ae621078ec50\\_1699981533893](https://kahoot.it/challenge/01526021?challenge-id=1bc07edd-95c9-4583-bcc4-ae621078ec50_1699981533893)

- 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.



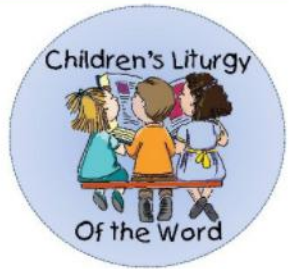
## KAHOOT BIBLE TRIVIA!



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!

# ST. MAX ADVENT PARTY



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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.**

Pray for an end to violence.  
Pray for Israel.  
Pray for Our Nation.

NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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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 answer God's call to nurture & develop our gifts & return them with increase.

**"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." – Matthew 25:21**

God calls us to nurture & develop the gifts He has given us & then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, & to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

**St. Cecilia's feast day is November 22<sup>nd</sup>. She is the patroness saint of music and musicians. With that in mind let us take this time to say how much we appreciate Mary Alice, our music director, and the wonderful St. Maximilian Choir!! Thank you all for your dedication to our music ministry & for all the beautiful voices.**



Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary wishes to Richard & Mary Perez. May you be blessed with many more years together.

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To the side are days/times where help is needed.

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*"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?..."*

*"Mt 26:40"*



Updated: 10/23/2023

## 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, Taylar 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

## Weekly Devotional Prayer: All in the Chapel

Power Hour of Prayer @ 7 pm on Mondays.

Holy Rosary @ 6:30 pm on Wednesdays.

Evening Prayer @ 7 pm on Wednesdays.

Divine Mercy & Rosary @ 3 pm on Thursdays.



**All Men are Welcome!  
Come sing with the Choir  
Sat., Nov. 25th @ 5 pm Mass!**

## ACTS Women's Retreat Teaming Is Underway!

All ladies who have attended an ACTS retreat are invited to join the 2024 ACTS Women's Retreat Team! Meetings take place on Mondays in the Education Building, starting with a meal & fellowship at 6:30 pm downstairs & followed by planning at 7 pm in Room 215/216.

<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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