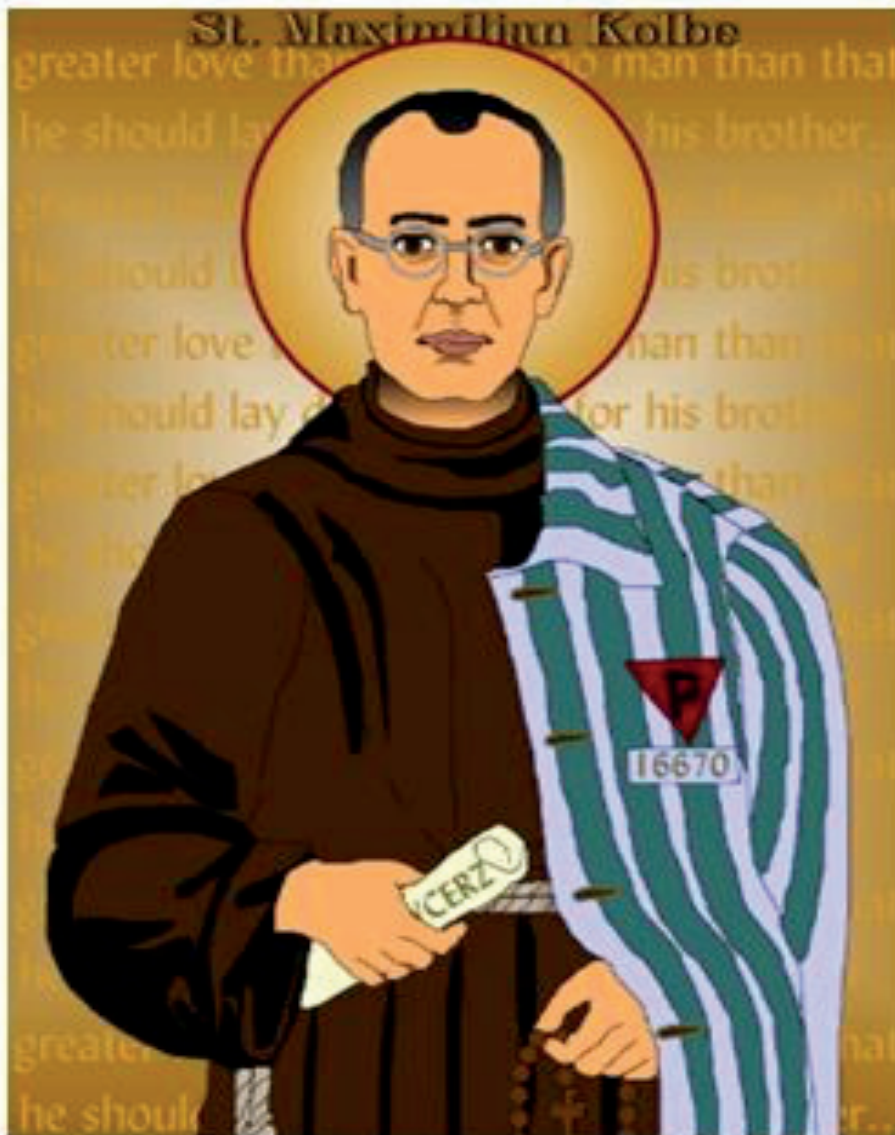


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

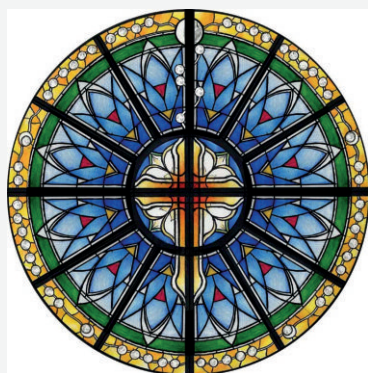
**30 minutes prior to
Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass**

After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm

Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE:
NOVEMBER 26, 2023**



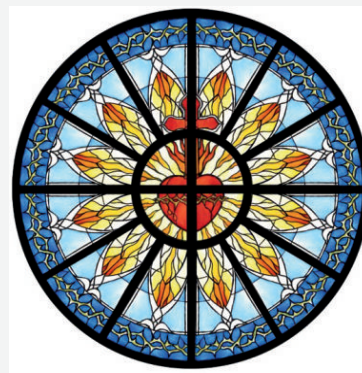
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**The Very Reverend Lawrence W. Jozwiak, E.V., J.C.L., Pastor
Deacon Dennis Hayes • Deacon Steve Klak • Deacon John Naber
Deacon David Persich • Deacon Matt Rust • Deacon Joe Weir**

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

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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:

Deacon Ronald Fraser †, husband of Edna Fraser

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

—And let perpetual light shine upon them.

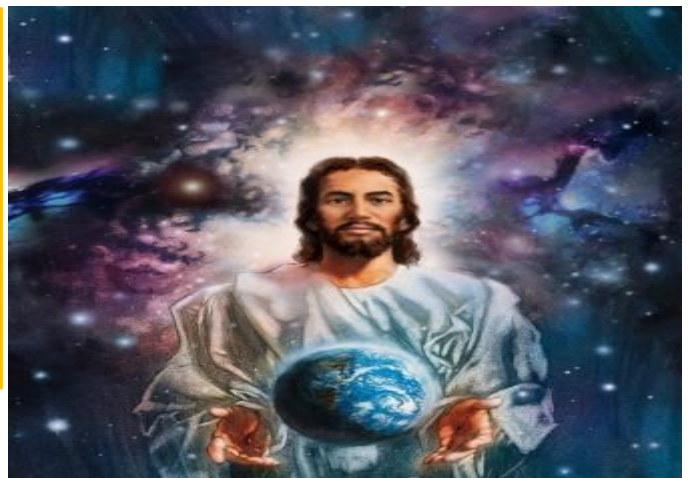
May they rest in peace. —Amen.

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.



Jesus, I trust in You



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 26, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Next Sunday, we begin a new liturgical year with the Season of Advent.

So what is the origin of this Solemnity of Christ the King? According to the USCCB's website: "Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to 'thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law' out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever."

"During the early 20th century, in Mexico, Russia & some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ 'is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all' (*Quas primas*, 7)."

"Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. 'From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures' (*Quas primas*, 13)."

"The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives: 'He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires & love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in

our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' - *Quas primas*, 33"

"Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. **This solemnity encourages us the celebrate and live out our faith in public.** 'Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, people unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King' (*Quas primas*, 26)."

"For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world & remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church & of the entire universe."

So the wisdom of Pope Pius XI in 1925 is as applicable to our world today. Let us pray for our world. Let us pray that we as Catholics may live as authentic Christian lives, both personally & in the public sphere, open to God's graces, so as to be a light in our world of God's love.

On this weekend, we celebrate the 9th anniversary of the beginning of Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel. What a beautiful witness of faith to the Real Presence in the Eucharist that this parish has. Thank you to all who are spending time before the Blessed Sacrament. How many innumerable blessings and graces flowing forth from your time before the Lord. What a beautiful way for peace & quiet in prayer before Jesus. If you want to sign up for any specific hour, contact Susie Charnock at 281-813-1492. For needed hours, see p. 10.

See p. 10 for the schedule of Masses for the December holidays, as well as expanded time for confession during Advent. Please take advantage of these times. Invite someone to join us during Advent & Christmas.

Let us pray for peace in the world & in our families.



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: #1191

Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187

Gathering Hymn: #574—Crown Him with Many Crowns

Gloria (inside cover of hymnal)

Gospel Alleluia

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

Preparation Hymn: #491—Jesus, the Lord

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn:

#751—The Servant Song

God Be in My Head

Sending Forth Hymn: #881—Lift High the Cross



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The Lord God promises to act as a shepherd to his scattered flock. He will rescue, pasture, & give them rest. He'll seek the lost, return the strayed, heal the sick, & bind the injured. He will also judge between the different kinds of sheep in his flock. (Ez 34:11-17)

Psalms: The LORD is my shepherd who meets all my needs, guiding & sustaining me. I will dwell in his house forever, surrounded by his goodness & kindness. (Ps 23)

Second Reading: Christ has risen, initiating the resurrection for all. He'll reign until all enemies, including death, are defeated. Ultimately, everything will be subjected to God. (1 Cor 15:20-28)

Gospel: Jesus tells his disciples about the final judgment where people will be separated like sheep & goats. Those who helped the needy will inherit eternal life, being told that their good deeds were done unto Jesus himself. Those who neglected the needy will face eternal punishment. (Mt 25:31-46)

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21: 1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21: 5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 95, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 12:33-37

Pray for an end to violence.

Weekend Homilies are recorded & posted on our parish webpage:

<https://stmaximilian.org/homily>



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Mass Intentions



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

Monday, November 27 34th or Last Week in
Ordinary Time

8:30 am Michael Williams † & Marie Williams †

Tuesday, November 28

6:30 pm Isabel Boylan †

Wednesday, November 29

8:30 am Iluminada Cortez †

Thursday, November 30 St. Andrew

8:30 am Rosie Switzler †

Friday, December 1

8:30 am Anthony & Bet Widacki

Saturday, December 2

5 pm Joe & Jeanette Coury

Sunday, December 3 1st Sunday of Advent

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Yeo Siew Gek †

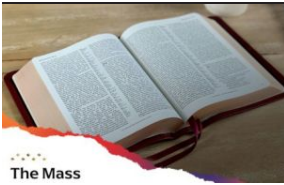
12 Noon Clara Kmiec † & Steve Kmiec †

WE WELCOME YOU!

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.



**Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 21: The Four Gospels**

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

The Mass

Have you ever wondered why there are four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John? Why not just one? For nearly 2000 years, theologians, scholars, and saints have been wondering about this “problem.” For some people, differences in the four Gospels regarding details and the order of events can feel like a challenge. Even more, the Gospel according to St. John is very different from the other three. So, what is the deal?

First, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are all very similar. They are called the synoptic Gospels, coming from the word “synopsis,” which means, “at one view.” For the most part, these three Gospels are similar in content, although each contains a few events, miracles, and teachings which are not in the others. In addition, in each of these Gospels, some of the events are related in a different order. Secondly, the Gospel of John is very different in style; one doesn’t need to read more than a few verses to realize it gives us a quite different account of the life of Jesus.

Why Are There Four Gospels? One of the main reasons for there being four Gospels relates to how they developed. First, Jesus Christ, present on the earth, taught, preached, and worked miracles. After his Death, the Apostles orally proclaimed the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, faithfully recounting his life and words. This oral stage of preaching, as well as catechesis, hymns, and doxologies, became the background for the Gospel writers, called Evangelists. After several years of preaching and meditation, the Gospel writers took the oral sources and earliest body of instruction and wrote it all down in what we know today as the four Gospels.



When the Gospel writers wrote these accounts (under the guidance of the Holy Spirit), they had different audiences and different contexts in mind. This accounts for some of the differences we find in their Gospels. For example, scholars suggest that St. Matthew was writing for a Jewish audience who would know, for example, the Jewish background for rituals and other things Jesus did. Therefore, the Gospel of Matthew doesn’t explain the meaning of these things because he is assuming that his readers would already know them. More importantly, because he was writing for a Jewish audience, it was important to St. Matthew that he show that Jesus was the true Messiah they had been waiting for. St. Luke, on the other hand, was a former Gentile who had converted, and he was writing for a Hellenistic (Greek) audience who would not have understood Jewish rituals and traditions. That is why we find in his Gospel more detailed explanations of ceremonial actions. The Gospel of Mark, the first Gospel to be written, presents a powerful narrative of Jesus’ life and often includes more vivid detail than the others. St. John, writing a little later than the other three, emphasized specific events to inspire & confirm his readers’ faith in Jesus, since he could assume that they would already be familiar with the story of Jesus & his miracles & teachings.

The True Purpose of the Gospels So, we can see, in writing the Gospels, the writers were not simply recalling the deeds and words of Jesus; they were preaching Jesus, the true Messiah, so that people would really get to know him. The Gospels, in this sense, are kind of like homilies, which are a way to try and help people relate to Jesus and his message of salvation. They are a careful presentation of what Jesus said and did—both an instruction and an invitation to deeper faith.

That we have these four Gospels after 2000 years is really an argument for their Divine Inspiration. Had these documents simply been authored by men, the differences in words, events, and ordering would have been too much to overcome. People would have quickly dismissed Christianity as a religion that could not get its story straight! For us, we can see that God has allowed various accounts with differing details to stand together in the same book of books (the Bible) because they were accepted as inspired by God, even if somewhat different. The early Fathers of the Church let them stand as handed down because they respected the Tradition as received. They respected the received Gospels as sacred and realized that if they tried to “fix them” by rolling them into one narrative, we would be missing out on some special aspect of the life and ministry of Jesus as it was recounted by one or the other of the Gospel writers. They saw the wisdom of God that having four Gospels with four different presentations of Jesus would ensure that all people, no matter what their background or experiences, could listen to or read an account about Jesus Christ that they could understand, that would speak to their hearts, and that would draw them into a life of union with Jesus the Son of God, the true Savior of the world!

For Reflection

1. Set aside time to expose yourself to the distinctive characteristics of each Gospel. Start by reading just the first chapter of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. What do you notice? What does each Gospel have in common with the others? What distinct contribution(s) does each Gospel offer? Give thanks to God for our four Evangelists!

2. Spend time in prayer with Jn 20:30-31, where the author of the Gospel according to John explains why this text was written. Contemplate the “signs” of Jesus’ presence in your own life. Ask for greater faith through knowledge of the Gospels.

Source: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-21-the-gospel>

**All Souls Memorial Wall & Book of the Memorial Deceased**

This is the last Sunday of November.
Please pick up your pictures of your loved ones today after Mass.



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Sunday, November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Coffee & Donuts
Mass
Mass
RCIA , Day of Reflection
Mass

Gajowniczek Bldg after Masses
Church 8:00 am
Church 10:00 am
Room 215 11:30 am
Church 12 Noon

Monday, November 27

Mass
Scouting
Confirmation Prep-Student & Sponsor
Children's Choir Christmas Practice
Women's ACTS Team Meeting
Power Prayer Hour

Church 8:30 am
Gajowniczek Building 6:00 pm
Kolbe Hall 6:00 pm
Church 6:30 pm
Rooms 215-216 6:30 pm
Chapel 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 28

Legion of Mary meeting
Confession
Mass
RCIA For Children, Year 2-Parent & Student Meeting
Communion & Liberation Wkly Mtg

Room 203 5:00 pm
Church 6:00 pm
Church 6:30 pm
Room 205 6:30 pm
Room 201 7:30 pm

Wednesday, November 29

Mass
Food Pantry
Rosary
Choir Rehearsal
Men's ACTS Team Meeting
Mom's Club
Evening Prayer

Church 8:30 am
Higgins Building 3:30 pm
Chapel 6:30 pm
Canticle Hall 6:30 pm
Room 212 6:30 pm
Room 201 7:00 pm
Chapel 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 30

Mass
Youth Faith Formation, Thursday Classes

Church 8:30 am
Gajowniczek Building 6:30 pm

Friday, December 1

That Man Is You!
Mass
Confession
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Gajowniczek Building 5:30 am
Church 8:30 am
Church 9:00 am
Room 110 10:30 am

Saturday, December 2

Confession
Vigil Mass

Church 3:00 pm
Church 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 3

1st Sunday of Advent

Coffee & Donuts
Mass
Mass
RCIA Session
Mass
Youth Faith Formation, Sunday Classes

Gajowniczek Bldg after Masses
Church 8:00 am
Church 10:00 am
Room 215 11:30 am
Church 12 Noon

Gingerbread House Advent Party
Gajowniczek Bldg 2:30 pm
Kolbe Hall 4:00 pm

SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS



We are once again collecting for the **Christmas Giving Tree, Share Your Blessings** program.

There will be special Christmas Trees set up in the narthex of the main church entrance beginning the weekend of November 25. The special gift tags hung on these trees will suggest the age and gender for whom you can donate a Christmas gift. You will also find a gift suggestion sheet at the information tables. We ask that you return the unwrapped gift(s) with the attached gift tag(s) to St. Max the weekends of December 2-3 and December 9-10.

If you know a parish family who needs help or if you would like to adopt a parish family, please contact the parish office at 281-955-7324 or email us at FoodPantry@stmaximilian.org.

The Christmas Giving Tree supports Catholic Charities, area families and our own parishioners who are in need during this Christmas season. Don't miss your chance to bring joy and Christmas blessings to families in our community.



"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., Dec. 9th

Come join us!



Spiritual Adoption: End of Month 7
We are now in the 3rd 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 or 281-639-1999.

Children's Christmas Choir

Grades 3-8

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



Sign Up



The Office of Aging Presents:

NURTURING THE ROOTS OF OUR COMMUNAL TREE
A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE TO HONOR AND SUPPORT AGING



PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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LIMITED SEATING

THE CONFERENCE FEATURES PRESENTATIONS AND VENDORS THAT SUPPORT PASTORAL AND PRACTICAL CARE FOR FAMILIES WITH OLDER ADULTS. FOR MORE INFORMATION/REGISTRATION:


VISIT: ARCHGH.ORG/OFFICES-MINISTRIES/SOCIAL-JUSTICE-AND-LIFE/AGING-MINISTRY/EVENTS/

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

The annual Archdiocesan celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be Saturday, December 9. There will be a procession at 8 am followed by Mass at 10 am & traditional dancing at Noon. All are welcome & invited to attend. Location: Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy., 77002.



Dear Heavenly Father, as we prepare for this Advent season, we especially are in need of peace. War rages on in our world. It impacts the daily lives of millions in different ways. This year, as much as ever, we need Jesus, Prince of Peace, in our world and in our hearts. Amen.

Next Sunday—December 3rd is the First Sunday of Advent

Due to an early publishing deadline the collections for the November 18/19 weekend will be reported in a future bulletin.

FAITH DIRECT®

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.



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

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



PARTICIPATE IN 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.** We will provide everything from the bar-be-cue chicken to the paper plates & the plastic forks! If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4FA5A92CA0FD0-45930253-joyofsharing> Should you have any questions, call Bobby Knight at 281-813-0983 or e-mail at rknight829@gmail.com

Financial donations can be made via Faith Direct (designate Christmas Joy of Sharing) or volunteers will be outside church after masses the weekend of December 9-10 to collect donations. You may also bring your donation to the church office starting December 4. In addition, you may use the QR Code below to donate specifically to this ministry.

Other ways to help: **Workday/Prep Day at St. Max on Sat, Dec 9 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (sign up at above link); **Serve at locations on Christmas morning (sign up at above link); **Non-Financial donations (sign up at above link). As always, your prayerful support is greatly appreciated!

"The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' Matthew 25:40



"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

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.



26 STEVEN DRABBANT	27 HENRY STADLER	28 JAMES SCHNITZLER	29 DCN. VIET NGUYEN	30 WESLEY HENRY	31* ANDRES CARABEZ	Nov. '23
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Pursuing a Vocation that is filled with Joy!

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/06985048?challenge-id=1bc07edd-95c9-4583-bcc4-ae621078ec50_1700173203930

- 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.

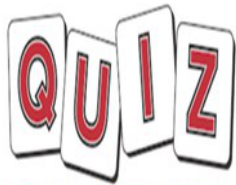


Please feel free to use a code name if you want privacy.

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.

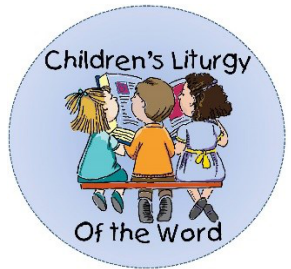


KAHOOT BIBLE TRIVIA!



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



YOUTH MINISTRY

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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.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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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
First day of class,

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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 are generous with our gifts of time, talent & treasure, especially when it's not always convenient for us.

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

Holiday Schedule

—Friday, Dec. 8: The Immaculate Conception of Mary (a Holy Day of Obligation)

—Thursday, Dec. 7—7 pm Vigil Mass

—Friday, Dec. 8—8:30 am & 7 pm Masses

—Sun., Dec. 10—12 Noon Mass, 2nd Sunday of Advent with Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration in Kolbe Hall.

—6:30 pm Mass, Tues., Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

—Saturday, Dec. 23—5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass

—Sun., Dec. 24 morning only: 4th Sunday of Advent
8 am & 10 am Masses

There will be NO 12 Noon Mass on this Sunday only.

—Christmas Eve, Sunday evening, Dec. 24:

• **4 pm, 6 pm & 8 pm Mass**

(15 minutes of carols before 4 pm: Children's Choir)

(15 minutes of carols before 8 pm: Adult Choir)

• Police directing traffic at intersection lights after 4 pm & 6 pm Mass.

—Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25: 10 am Mass only.

—Saturday, Dec. 30—5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass

—Sunday morning, Dec. 31—8 am, 10 am & 12 Noon

Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve, Sunday evening, Dec. 31—5 pm Vigil

New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1—10 am Mass only

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Lisa Abbott, Cynthia Aguirre, 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, Delia Rodrigues, 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

Confessions during Advent

Tuesdays: (Dec. 5, 12 & 19): 5:30 pm—6:20 pm

Fridays: After the 8:30 am Mass

Thurs., Dec. 7: 5:30 pm—6:45 pm prior to 7 pm Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception.

Friday, Dec. 8: the Immaculate Conception:

• after the 8:30 am Mass

• 5:30 pm—6:45 pm prior to 7 pm Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

• 5:30 pm—6:20 pm prior to 6:30 pm Mass

Saturdays:

• Dec. 9, 16 & 23—8:30 am - 9:30 am

• Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23—3 pm—4:30 pm

Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

"For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe."



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

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



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