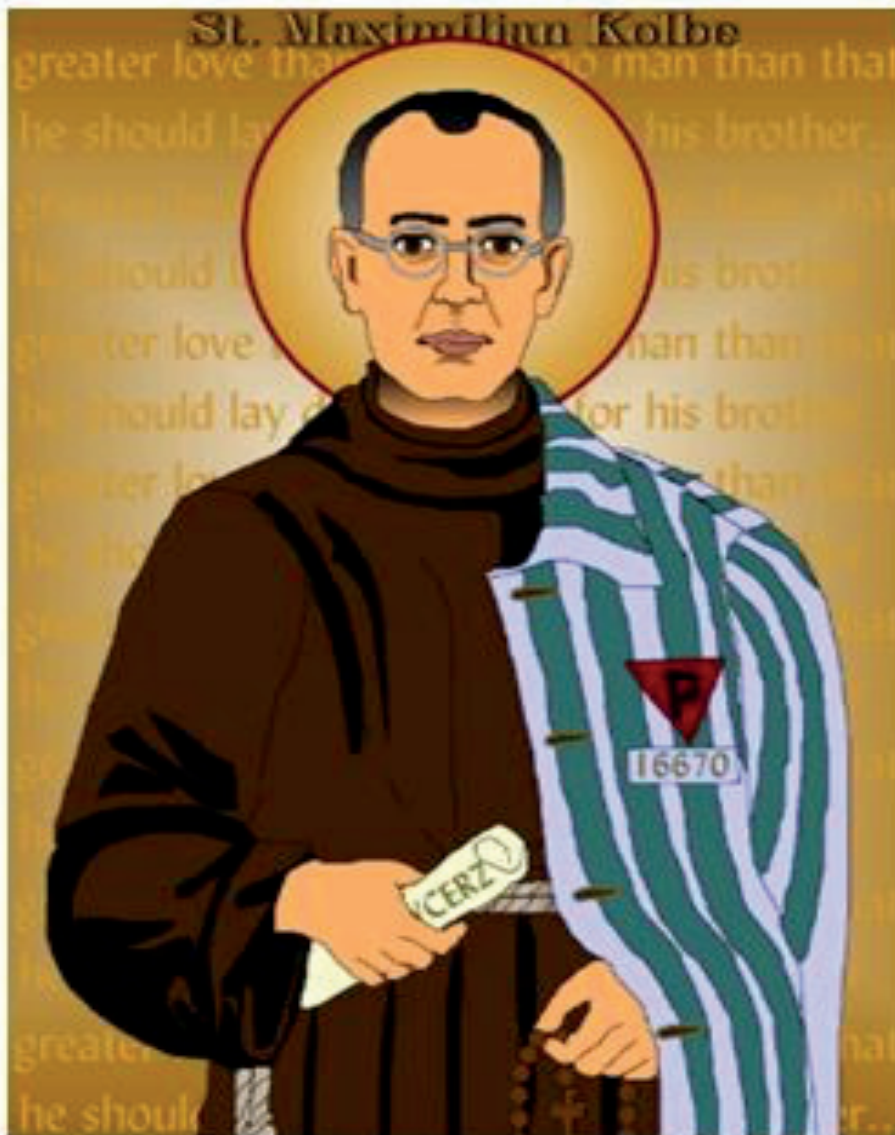


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

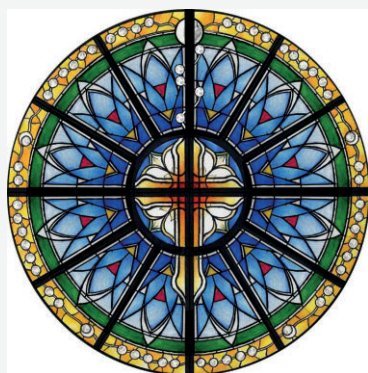
After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment.

See Ash Wednesday &
special Lenten Confession
times—pg. 8.

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 19, 2023



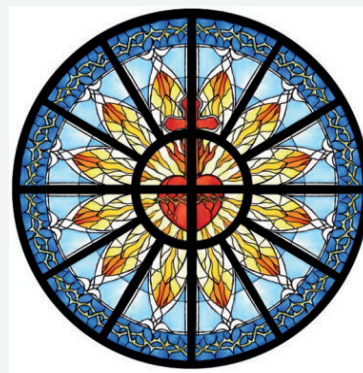
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Deacon Dennis Hayes • Deacon Steve Klak • Deacon John Naber
Deacon David Persich • Deacon Matt Rust • Deacon Joe Weir

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.

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 John Syzdek
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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:

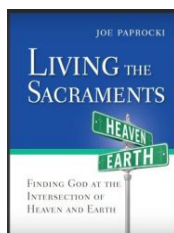
Adults and older youth who have not been Confirmed should contact the parish office.

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.



AFF LENTEN STUDY... Come by our sign-up table to join this year's Lenten Study. It's been our practice to meet in small groups to study, discuss and fellowship in order to get closer to Christ during the Lenten season. This year's study will focus on how we can better use the grace of the Sacraments to increase our awareness and love for God in our lives. We will provide the needed materials. Donation to cover costs is voluntary. The study can be done in a group (we can help you find one) or as a family or individual. If you want to help lead a group, please contact Molly Smith at mollys@stmaximilian.org TO-DAY as groups may start meeting as early as Feb 23.

How to donate for the relief efforts for those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey & Syria!

I have been asked if the U.S. Catholic Church will take up a collection for the relief efforts from the earthquakes. So far, there has been no decision made. If you want to contribute, you may donate directly to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS), an agency on behalf of the Catholic Bishops of the U.S., to assist the poor & vulnerable overseas.



<https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes?ms=agicrs2023eqk00her00>

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

February 19, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting & almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday & ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. Since Sundays are considered "mini-Easters" and thus are excluded from the count, the season lasts 40 days. The 40 days of Lent is rooted in the biblical usage of the number forty. Forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification & renewal, such as 40 years in the desert. In the New Testament, 40 days is the length of Jesus' time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel."

"Lent is a period of preparation to remember his suffering & death, & to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture & other prayers; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin & evil, and began new life in Christ. It is also a time to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession)."

"Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline & fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning & origins of the Lenten fasting tradition. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time & talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: 'Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs.' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446)."

Why do we have ashes on Ash Wednesday? "For centuries, Catholic Christians have marked the beginning of the season of Lent by receiving ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This tradition has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting & almsgiving, it's appropriate that this ancient sign marks the beginning of the season."



St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Lawrence W. Jozwiak

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak
Pastor

"The ashes themselves are usually made by burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday. (Most parishes buy ashes already prepared.) This symbolically connects the beginning of Lent with its end, connecting our change of heart with Christ's passion, death & resurrection."

"Ashes are usually distributed as part of the Mass on Ash Wednesday, often after the homily. But they may be distributed in a Liturgy of the Word service also. (See p. 8 for our parish schedule.) As people approach the priest or other minister, he presses the ashes to their foreheads, and speaks one of two phrases: 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return,' or 'Repent and believe in the Gospel.'"

"In many places, Ash Wednesday services are among the most popular of the whole year—a day that's not even a Holy Day of Obligation. Cynics have suggested that this is because people "get" something, as they do on Palm Sunday. But there's nothing particularly appealing about getting smudged with ashes. Perhaps, the appeal is the expression through a physical sign of a desire for interior conversion."

"The Gospel for Ash Wednesday is a reminder that the real purpose of the season of Lent isn't to make public demonstrations of piety—even the wearing of ashes—but to seek conversion of heart." (All the above material was taken from the USCCB website "What is Lent?", including "Why Ashes?" by Fr. Larry Rice. <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent>)

Can non-Catholics, including those in RCIA, receive ashes (called a sacramental)? As long as they believe in Christ and the reason for Ash Wednesday (Repent, and believe in the Gospel), then they may. The Church has instituted sacramentals which are distinct from the 7 Sacraments. Sacramentals are sacred signs which signify effects which are obtained through the intercession of the Church, such as the sign of the cross, rosaries, scapulars, palms, ashes, holy water, etc. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1667-1679).

Remember: Ash Wednesday is a day of fast & abstinence & Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, as well as other penitential acts which should occur during the entire Lenten season. See p. 6 for more info. Refer to the confession schedule on p. 8, especially confessions on Ash Wednesday. Confessions are readily available throughout the entire season of Lent. Attend the 7 pm Friday Stations of the Cross also, as well as Lenten Fish dinners.

There are different online Lenten reflections, on p. 9, as well on our web site: <https://stmaximilian.org/> There are 2 different Lenten books (Magnificat & The Little Black Book) on the book racks in the entrance of the church. Also join the AFF Lenten Study on p. 3. Let's take Lent seriously.

"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: #1110

Order of Mass: Hymnal #166 - #187

Gathering Hymn: #644—There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Gloria (inside cover of hymnal); **Alleluia**

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

Preparation Hymn: #828—Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

**Holy, Holy, Holy
Mystery of Faith; Amen
Lamb of God**

Communion Hymns:

#751—The Servant Song

#696—Ubi Caritas

Sending Forth Hymn: #606—Glory and Praise to Our God



Are the consecrated bread & wine "merely symbols"?

In everyday language, we call a "symbol" something that points beyond itself to something else, often to several other realities at once. The transformed bread and wine that are the Body and Blood of Christ are not merely symbols because they truly are the Body and Blood of Christ. As St. John Damascene wrote: "The bread and wine are not a foreshadowing of the body and blood of Christ—By no means!—but the actual deified body of the Lord, because the Lord Himself said: 'This is my body'; not 'a foreshadowing of my body' but 'my body,' and not 'a foreshadowing of my blood' but 'my blood'" (The Orthodox Faith, IV [PG 94, 1148-49]). At the same time, however, it is important to recognize that the Body and Blood of Christ come to us in the Eucharist in a sacramental form. In other words, Christ is present under the appearances of bread and wine, not in his own proper form. We cannot presume to know all the reasons behind God's actions. God uses, however, the symbolism inherent in the eating of bread and the drinking of wine at the natural level to illuminate the meaning of what is being accomplished in the Eucharist through Jesus Christ. (The Eucharist, usccb.org)

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 18

5 pm Jane Nearing-Go + & Beauty Grace Gotiong +

Sunday, February 19 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Lindsay Bowker †

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

Monday, February 20 World Day of Social Justice Presidents' Day

8:30 am Liturgy of the Word—No Mass

Tuesday, February 21 St. Peter Damian Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday

6:30 pm Sarah Calderon +

Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday Day of Fast & Abstinence

See Ash Wednesday Confession Times—pg. 8.

7 am Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

(Scripture Service with no Holy Communion)

8:30 am Mass/Geneva Perez Reyes †

12 Noon Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

(Scripture Service with no Holy Communion)

5:30 pm Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

(Scripture Service with no Holy Communion)

7 pm Mass/Parishioners of St. Maximilian
Repent, and believe in the Gospel.

Thursday, February 23 St. Polycarp

8:30 am Louise Widacki

Friday, February 24 Day of Abstinence

8:30 am Eulalio Peria †

Saturday, February 25

5 pm Karen Kaping †

Sunday, February 26 1st Sunday of Lent

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Fernando Navarez †

12 Noon Minh Thi Bach +, Chinh Van Bach +,
Trivan Bach + & Thanh Tuyen Bach +

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Lev. 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — Our God shows mercy & graciousness (Ps 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Mt 5:38-48).

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> On the very top Menu bar, tab in on "Daily Reading." Then click on the date of the readings you would like to read. Or go to our parish website. You may also request to have the daily readings sent to your email.

Donuts & Coffee every Sunday!

Plan to join us for fellowship in the Education Building after each Sunday Mass.



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*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted,
saves those whose spirit is crushed.* -- Ps 34:19

Our Consolation Ministry is offering a 10-week program to help people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The group is designed to be small, so space is limited. Meetings will be Saturdays from 2-4 pm starting Feb 24. Contact [Molly Smith](mailto:Molly.Smith@stmaximilian.org) in the Parish office for more info (281-955-7324 or molly.smith@stmaximilian.org)



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Faith in Action
Help Build Our Faith Community

St Max KofC Council #10720 – SAVE THE DATE!

2023 Charity Golf Scramble is coming
Friday, Apr 28, 2023 – 8am shotgun
Cypress Lakes Golf Course
More details to come



The St. Joseph Altar will be held
Sunday, March 19th following the
10 am & 12 noon
Masses in Kolbe Hall.



Catholic Women's Conference
Saturday, March 25
9:30AM – 5PM
St. Mary's Seminary



FAITH ~ FUN ~ FELLOWSHIP ~ FOOD

2023 speakers:

Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, Lisa May, and Kim Brown.

~ Early registration is now open, cost \$59 ~



Register at ghcw.org



All Men are Welcome!
Come sing with the Choir
On Saturday,
February 25th @ 5 pm Mass!

Prayer for a Fruitful Lent

Lord Jesus, you know best what we need to grow in faith, hope and love. As we observe this Lent through prayer, fasting and charitable works, may we be open to whatever gifts your Holy Spirit offers us. May we live our baptismal promises with greater fidelity for our good and the good of the whole world. Amen.



7 pm Fridays: Stations of the Cross
in the church
Every Friday of Lent through March 31

Confessions prior to & during Stations
6:30 pm-7:30 pm
Every Friday, except March 17th

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





How does one respond to the following “argument” about abortion? “Women will be prosecuted for miscarriage or ectopic pregnancies.”

“Many examples given by pro-abortion activists of women going to jail after a miscarriage involve illegal drug use by the mother which is considered child abuse. The law is not targeting innocent mothers experiencing a tragic loss of life. Abortion is the direct and intentional murder of a child through tearing the limbs off of, crushing the skulls of, and poisoning a living child to death. This is what we’re trying to stop. The truth is – legally and morally – treatment for a miscarriage, pre viable separation when a mother’s life is in immediate danger, and ectopic pregnancies are not abortions and have never and will never be treated in such a way by the law.”

Source: “How to Defend Life” by the Houston Coalition for Life, houstoncoalition.com



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.

The parish offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20th in observation of Presidents’ Day.

St. Max ladies, join your Sisters of the Spirit for our next meeting at 7 pm Monday, Feb. 27th in Room 215/216 of the Gajowniczek (Education) Building. (Remember it is a new night, the 4th Monday of each month). Fr. Lawrence is the presenter: 7 pm Monday, Feb. 27th. **Topic: “Why do we go to Confession?”**



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH DINNERS

All Fridays of Lent,
Feb. 24th—March 31st

To go or eat in Gajowniczek Bldg.
6 pm until about 8 pm

1 hour prior to 7 pm Stations of the Cross & after
Stations of the Cross.

Fried or Grilled (Blackened) Fish, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Baked Potato (with fixings), French Fries, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies, Green Beans & Drink.

Adults - \$12; Children (under 12) - \$6



Have a sweet tooth?

Our **Catholic Daughters** will have individual desserts at the Fish Dinners. Love donations will be accepted.

Proceeds will go towards scholarships offered to high school seniors & other local charities.

Food Pantry is open: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

FoodPantry@stmaximilian.org

The pantry could use the following items: canned chicken, canned corn, canned chili, pasta sauce, Ramen soup, dry rice, paper towels, shampoo, & deodorant. No outdated food products please. The Food Pantry is not able to accept any medications, either over the counter or prescription. Updated 2/7/23

St. Maximilian has long been a supporter of Magnificat Houses through our support of the Loaves & Fishes soup kitchen & the Christmas Day meals ministry. Since 1968, Magnificat Houses has proved to be an alternative to the streets by sheltering, clothing, feeding & providing mental health support & spiritual guidance to men & women – of all mental abilities, social backgrounds, religions & cultures – as they rebuild their lives. On April 20, 2023, Magnificat Houses is hosting its’ annual fundraiser at Saint Arnold’s Brewery. Please support this wonderful ministry by purchasing tickets or through your generous donations at www.MHIHouston.org One of our own parishioners, Bobby Knight, is now Board Chair for this organization.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat: The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer the next Rachel’s Vineyard retreat for women & men seeking healing after abortion the weekend of March 24-26. This retreat is part of Project Rachel’s ministry. All inquiries & registrations are strictly confidential. To register or for more info, contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at jkfritsch@archgh.org 713-741-8728 or 713-440-3443.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast & abstinence (Canon 1251).

Fasting binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken. (Canon 1252)

Abstinence binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. (There is no upper age cut off for abstinence as there is for fasting.) On days of abstinence during Lent (Ash Wednesday & Fridays), the consumption of meat of mammals or fowl is not allowed. The Church strongly encourages the observance of Friday abstinence throughout the year, but failure to do so is not regarded as sinful. (Canon 1252)

Penitential Days: The divine law binds all the Christian faithful to do penance each in his or her own way. In order for all to be united among themselves by some common observance of penance, however, penitential days are prescribed on which the Christian faithful devote themselves in a special way to prayer, perform works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their own obligations more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence, ... (Canon 1249). The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year & the season of Lent (Canon 1250).

Collection for the Week of Feb. 6—12, 2023

Collections	\$18,635
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 640
Total	\$19,275
<i>Faith Direct: 2/15/2023 (is received twice a month)</i>	
Collections	\$24,009
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 1,753
TOTAL	\$25,762
Archdiocesan 2 nd Collections:	\$4,226



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- Amount Paid in 2022: \$179,236
- 2022 mandatory amt: \$144,900
- **2023 mandatory amt: \$150,000**
- Amount Received: \$17,305
- Amt. under mandatory amt: \$132,695
- 46 donors out of 2123 households

O God, our refuge and our strength, we give praise for the many gifts You have given Your people, our parishes, and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Grant to us a generosity of spirit so that we may carry out the mission you have entrusted to us. Strengthen our hearts so that we might freely share the gifts You have bestowed, and may the success of the Diocesan Services Fund help us to proclaim the Gospel of Christ boldly in the world.

We ask this through
Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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- Adoration:** To increase your relationship with God through prayer life.
- Community:** To create a spiritual environment in your parish, family, and friendships & live strong moral values.
- Theology:** To learn more about scripture and our Catholic faith.
- Service:** To join in fellowship in church ministries & share your talents to help meet pastoral needs.



Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

Ash Wednesday: Feb. 22nd

Day of Fast & Abstinence

- **7 am Liturgy of the Word with ashes**
(Scripture service with no Holy Communion)
Confessions after the 7 am liturgy
- **8:30 am Mass with ashes**
Confessions: 7:30 am – 8:15 am & After 8:30 am Mass
- **12 Noon Liturgy of the Word with ashes**
(Scripture service with no Holy Communion)
Confessions: 11:30 am – 12 Noon & After 12 Noon liturgy
- **5:30 pm Liturgy of the Word with ashes**
(Scripture service with no Holy Communion)
Confessions: 5 pm – 5:30 pm & 6 pm – 6:45 pm
- **7 pm Mass with ashes**

Stations of the Cross: 7 pm Fridays

Confessions during Lent

- Ash Wednesday: See schedule above
- Tuesdays: 5:30 pm-6:20 pm
- Fridays after 8:30 am Mass
- Fridays: 6:30 pm-7:30 pm, Every Friday of Lent prior to & during Stations of the Cross beginning Feb. 24-March 31, except March 17
- Saturdays: 3 pm-4:30 pm
- No scheduled confessions during Holy Week.
- Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

REPENT, & BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL.



The entire collection on Ash Wednesday will go to the Archdiocesan Social Ministries Collection. Please be generous.

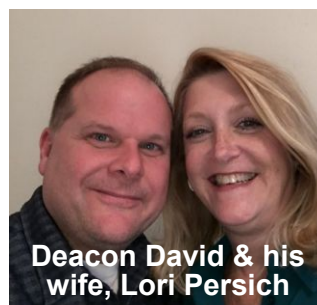
Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters of America scholarships!

Applications for the Knights of Columbus' Deacon Auburn Higgins Memorial Educational Scholarships & the Catholic Daughters' Father John Francis Ulm Educational Scholarships are now being accepted. The application form can be found @ www.stmaximilian.org. The deadline to submit applications is April 15th. Contact Jeff Kopecky @ jalkop@juno.com or Karen Consley @ kconsley@comcast.net for more info.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Pray for **Timothy Spjut** from our parish who is studying at Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas as a seminarian for formation & studies for our Archdiocese.

Pray for more vocations.



Deacon David & his wife, Lori Persich

Congratulations to Deacon David Persich who was ordained at the diaconate ordination on Friday, February 17, 2023.
Pray each day for a seminarian below.

PRAYER for VOCATIONS — The Most Reverend Joseph A. Fiorenza

Loving and gracious God, Father of all, you bless your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters & brothers to offer themselves in the service of the gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to you, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

FEBRUARY 2023

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26 DCN. ZACHARY MULDRON	27 CHRISTIAN MAI	28 TRIEU NGUYEN			18 ANDRES CARABEZ	 HOUSTON VOCATIONS ARCHDIOCESE OF HOUSTON



Lent for KIDS

Refill Heart
(Almsgiving/Charity)

What it means?
Donate to a charity, do good works, be helpful to family members, do a random act of kindness, give someone a compliment, clean-up without being told, do your homework

What it means?
Pray every day, go to confession, read a section from the bible each day, say a special prayer for a family member or friend, read stories about Jesus or other Catholic Saints

Reset Soul
(Prayer)

Reboot Mind
(Fasting)

What it means?
Focus on God, no meat on Fridays, no sweet treats for the day, drink water instead of soft-drinks, have a "technology-free" day (no phones, television, i-pads or computers),



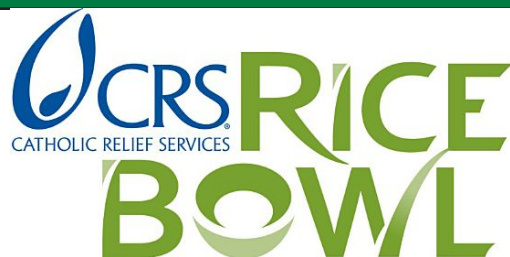
Enter into the Paschal Mystery & be transformed this Lent using reflections from Return on Formed.org. <https://watch.formed.org/return-with-fr-john-burns>



Sign up for weekly reflections on the Sunday readings from the Office of Ignatian Spirituality. Also, young adults can sign up to join an online discussion group with peers about these reflections. <https://jesuitseastois.org/news-feed/lent-2023-audio-reflections>



Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving



St Maximilian Faith Formation will be collecting for (Catholic Relief Services) CRS Rice Bowl. This program is a great way for families to grow closer to God in prayer, fasting & almsgiving as well as make a real impact on global hunger.

Prayer: One way that we can deepen our Lenten journey is through gratitude. CRS Rice Bowl can help make us aware of our blessings by learning about the struggles of others & how we can help. There are also Lenten Reflections here: <https://www.crsricebowl.org/how-to-practice-lent> and an email sign-up for weekly reflections.

<https://www.crsricebowl.org/> has short videos highlighting just 3 countries where CRS impacts families & communities: Honduras, Kenya & the Philippines.

Fasting: Choose a simple meatless meal from a CRS country here <https://www.crsricebowl.org/recipe> & add your meal "savings" to your Rice Bowl contribution. You can also promote doing an extra chore or save the money from whatever you choose to "give up" for Lent (e.g. candy, ice cream, sodas, eating out, etc).

Almsgiving: We will be handing out Rice Bowl materials at Faith Formation on Feb 23 & Feb 26, but anyone can participate by collecting in a container and bringing the amount collected to Molly Smith the week after Easter. If you wish to use a credit card, you can contribute to our team here: <https://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=6127> (also on the St Max website: <https://stmaximilian.org/>).



Matthew Kelly returns with a new version of Best Lent Ever. Sign up for daily video reflections to boost your awareness of God in the Holy Moments of everyday life. <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html#form-one>

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Faith Formation Classes in February

**Sunday: Feb. 26
Thursday: Feb. 23**

FEBRUARY: For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity & welcome towards those most in need.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

That we find it in our hearts to pray for people that don't always treat us well.

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Laura Aguianga, Eleanor Antunez, Rosa Avalos, Chau Tung Bach, Lupe Batey, Melissa Batey, Isabel Bernal, Gloria Cantu, Anna Cardona, Bill Carew, Carolyn Cartafalsa, Marisela Castaneda, Emilio Chavez-Cody, Kayson Clay, Robert Coldwell, Michael Contreras, Jesse Corona, Aurora Corral, Brayden Vossler Corson, Jim Dodge, Harold H. Emmers, Jr., Aurora Enciso, Lisa Everett, Missy Fouts, Joseph Gallagher, James Geary, Mary L. Broussard-Gee, Kenny Gordon, Ellis Goss, Mack Harper, Mitzi Harper, Georgia Hohensee, Danette Isaacs, Lupe Kaminski, Madison Koopmann, Noemi Lopez, Charlie Lozano, Jr., Barrett Mandel, Marc Maraccini, Rachele Marchisio, Frank Martone, Russell Neal, Diem Le Nguyen, Richard Ornelaz, Carmen Ortiz, Reyna Parkhurst, Walker Pennington, Wyatt Pennington, Stan Petty, Anthony Phillips, Irma Phillips, Jose Rodriguez, Kent Rogers, Richard Ramirez, Kyle Rosenfeld, Anita Roth, Nelda Ramos Ruiz, Alveraize Saizan, Maria Senjudo, Patricia Simon, Sam Sinclair, Anthony Sliva, Louise Slott, Bradley Smart, Lance Smith, Doris Soukup, Michael Spears, Albert Stocker, Michael Svemith, Christine Swiech, Ken Switzler, Consuelo Estrada Torres, Fr. John Ulm, Merlita Velasquez, Linda Webb, Carolyn & Gary Webber, Baby Wire, Chuck Woodruff, Frances Wooley, Dee Worrell, & Calvin Sing Yeung

CONFIRMATION for ADULTS

- Are you a baptized Catholic who has received First Holy Communion but have not received Confirmation?
- OR are you looking for an opportunity to refresh your understanding about the Church's teachings?

- If so, St. Maximilian Kolbe will be offering **Adult Confirmation classes beginning on Monday, Feb. 20th at 6:30 pm.**

Contact Deacon Matt Rust at 281-300-9923 or matt.rust@stmaximilian.org for more info.

That Man Is You! (TMIY) part of your Lenten sacrifice! It is certainly a sacrifice



to wake-up on a Friday morning to be to church for 5:30 am. It is a sacrifice of time & sleep to set your mind on things that are

above (God) & to fellowship with other like-minded men (neighbor). The Spring Semester begins on Feb. 24th, the first Friday of Lent. Each session starts with Breakfast, Prayers, a Video Presentation, & Small Group Discussion with a hard stop at 7 am. Just show-up or for more information contact Tom Comstock @ 281-380-0403.

Pray for new chair people to volunteer to coordinate this year's October Fall Festival!



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To sign up, contact Susie Charnock @ 281-813-1492.

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

"Mt 26:40"

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Wednesday	11 am—12 Noon
Thursday	2 am—3 am

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