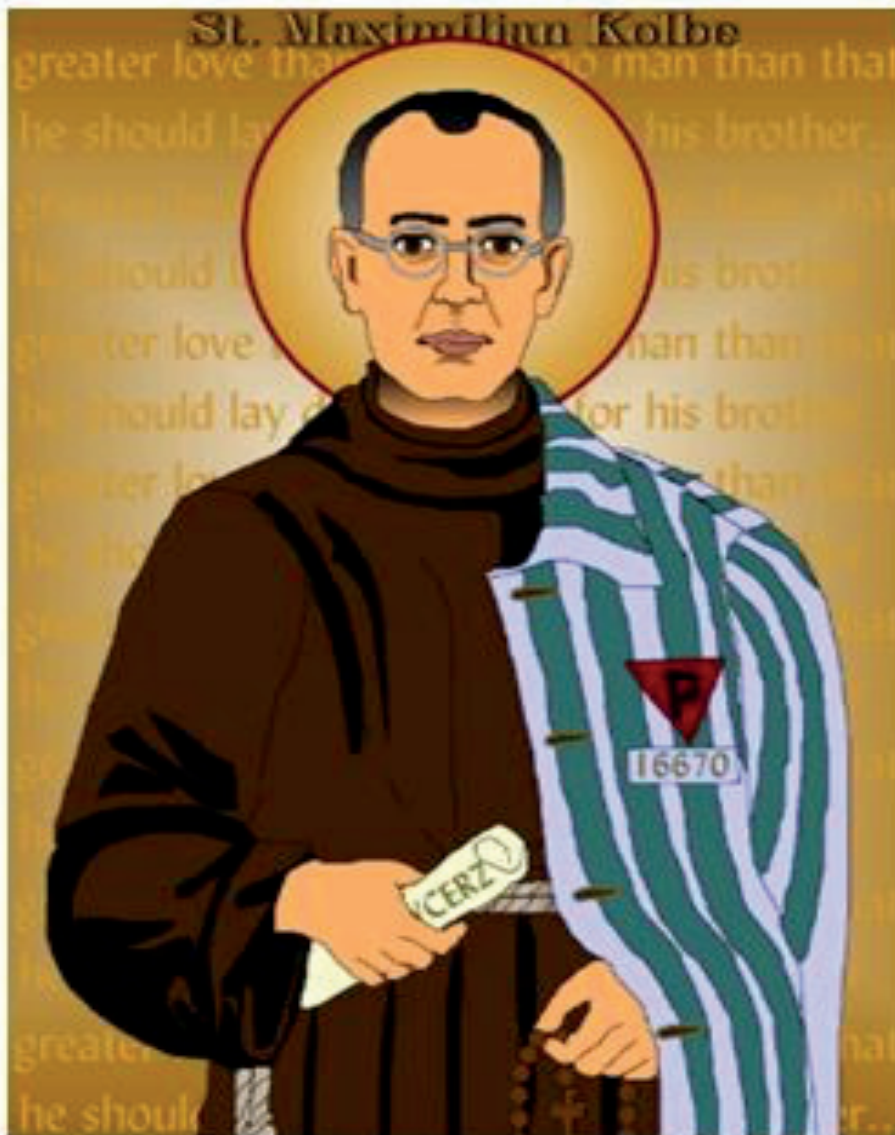


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

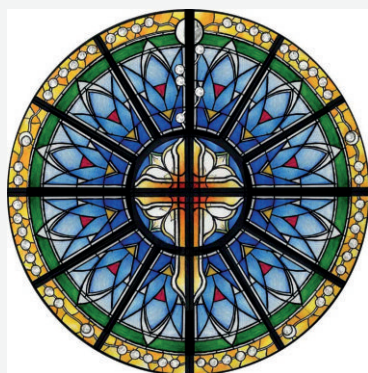
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- Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 26, 2023**



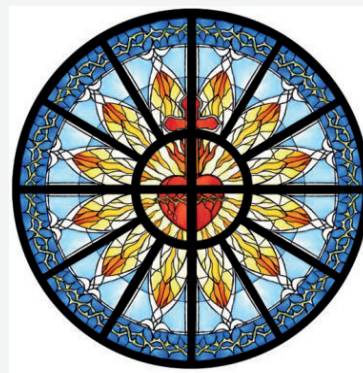
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Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm**

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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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 John Garcia
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 Esteban Teran
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 Phyllis Schoelman—Parish Secretary
 Miguel Perdomo—Maintenance; Lupe Mendez—Custodian

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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:

Marie Williams †, wife of Ray Williams
Joseph Benjamin Nguyen Van Binh †, the father of
Fr. Truong Son Nguyen; Carmen La Rosa-Lopez †

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.



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



HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday,
 April 1st & 2nd
 (regular Mass times)**

No confessions during Holy Week.

7 pm Holy Thursday Mass, April 6th

3 pm Good Friday Liturgy, April 7th

10:30 am - 12 Noon Good Friday: Outdoor Pilgrimage Stations of the Cross by the youth. All are welcomed.

**8:30 pm Holy Saturday Vigil Mass, April 8th
 (April 6th – 8th: No other times other than above)**

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 9th
 8 & 10 am, 12 Noon**

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

March 26, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend is the 5th Sunday of Lent. In the Roman Missal (the red book the priest uses for the Mass), it states, "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

Note that the rubrics state the crosses & images *may* be covered, but it is not mandatory to do so. Some parishes do cover such images; other parishes do not. Sometimes, it depends on how difficult it may be to do so, the height of the image, the safety in covering, etc. In our parish, though it takes much work, most of our images are "easy" to cover, except it is much more challenging / difficult to cover the large crucifix. The church's custom is not to cover the Stations of the Cross & stained glassed windows. In some family traditions, they even cover the images in their households.

Why do we cover up images that are beautiful? Images like the cross only 1 week before Holy Week when we should be extra aware of what Christ did for us on Good Friday? The rationale is the coverings alert us to a stark reminder of something "different or special" is about to occur. That we are entering a sacred time right before Holy Week, especially when many "take for granted" the images. Hopefully, the coverings encourage a heightened sense of anticipation of Easter Sunday. The uncovering prior to the Easter Vigil is symbolic, a reminder of our life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, exiled from our true home of heaven. Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection. It is only through our death that the veil is lifted, and we are finally able to see fully the beauty of everything in our lives.

If you have not gone to confession, I encourage you to do so ASAP, whether here at our parish (see p. 5) or at another parish. Do not wait until the last moment. Most parishes do not offer confessions during Holy Week because plenty of times have been offered earlier and just because how busy the priests are in preparation for all the Holy Week liturgies (and yes, how few priests we have today). Last weekend, I ran an examination of conscience for you. For several weeks, I have been running on p. 5 "How to go to Confession."

Again, we have the 7 pm Friday Stations of the Cross with confessions 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Also, partake in the Friday Lenten Fish dinners (6 pm - 8 pm). The last Friday of

March, plan on attending the 7 pm Stations, the Lenten Fish dinner, as well as the 8 pm movie, *The Iron Giant* (see p. 9).

To our youth (grades 5th-8th grades), register & attend the Good Friday Retreat, April 7th: 9 am - 4:30 pm. The youth will have a pilgrimage outdoors on Good Friday, praying the Stations of the Cross, 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Though the youth will be leading the Good Friday Stations, everyone (of all ages) is invited to come & pray the Stations with the youth!

Thank you to the Catholic Daughters who sponsored the St. Joseph's Altar last Sunday. Remember the Spiritual Adoption for 9 months, praying for an unborn child to be saved from a possible abortion (see p. 8). To all high school seniors who need a possible scholarship to assist with college, refer to p. 8 & apply to the Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters of America educational scholarships.

To keep you informed, the parish office building was burglarized one night during Spring Break. The office was broken into from the back side, with their vehicle parked along the bayou. Various offices were rummaged through, & the safe that weighs more than 200 pounds was stolen. Unfortunately, the counted but not deposited collection from March 11th - 12th was still in that safe. We estimate about \$5,500 cash was stolen, as well as all the checks. Fortunately, all cash donations that were in envelopes were documented to the donor, & every check was stamped "For deposit only: St. Maximilian Kolbe Church." We have a complete list of every check donation. We are contacting you ASAP that your check was stolen & will be asking you to re-issue a new check. The good news is our insurance will re-imburse us for any losses/damages beyond our \$5,000 deductible. But we have lost \$5,000. Since the collection was documented by donor, that will help us to recover as much as possible.

I have given an update to the Pastoral Council this past week, and I will be giving an update to the Finance Council this coming week. As the Sheriff Department, as well as our insurance company stated, thefts occur all too often, regardless of protections. Fortunately, no staff member or parishioner was hurt in this burglary. We all can "second guess" now what occurred or should have occurred. We are formulating better security methods to be implemented, including more cameras, etc. We will be "re-keying" all the buildings. I have been told that our key system has never been re-keyed since our parish was founded. Unfortunately, the list of people who supposedly have keys was stolen also.

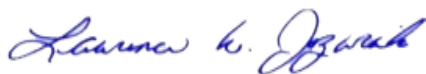
Have you made your Diocesan Services Fund pledge yet? See p. 7 for info on how your DSF pledge supports necessary, *daily* hospital ministry, primarily in the Medical Center. This invaluable ministry allows so many Catholic patients to receive the Sacraments & patient care *regularly*. Donate to DSF to meet our mandatory amount by June 30th!

"The Cross is the school of love."

"The most deadly poison of our time is indifference."

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!



Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak
Pastor



"There is no greater love, than to lay down one's life for one's friend." John 15: 13

Liturgy Corner for Weekend Masses

Scripture readings: Hymnal: #1028

Order of Mass: Hymnal #166 - #187

Gathering Hymn: #479—Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Confiteor #167 or inside cover of hymnal
with Chanted Kyrie #169

No Gloria during Lent; Gospel Acclamation

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

Preparation Hymn: #746—All

That is Hidden

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God / Agnus Dei #313B

Communion Hymns:

#945—I Am the Bread of Life

#651—Open My Eyes

Sending Forth Hymn: #492—Jerusalem, My Destiny



READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,
17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

On April 7th, Good Friday, all are invited to pray the **Novena to the Divine Mercy** 2:30 pm in the Immaculata Chapel. Each day we will pray the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** and offer intentions to

the **Merciful Heart of Jesus**. On the following 8 days, we will pray at **3 pm** in the Chapel and will complete the novena on **Saturday, April 15th**. Please plan to join us!



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE
Sunday, April 16th
2:30 pm in the Church

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. Each session starts with Breakfast, Prayers, a Video & Small Group Discussion with a hard stop at 7 am. Just show-up or for more info contact Tom Comstock @ 281-380-0403.

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

5 pm Frank & Lila Cuthbertson +

Sunday, March 26 5th Sunday of Lent

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Nap Esperanza †

12 Noon Hien Thi Pham + & Van Thi Vu +

Monday, March 27

8:30 am Anthony Zernicek +

Tuesday, March 28

6:30 pm Thomas Sakallah

Wednesday, March 29

8:30 am Audrey Loo

Thursday, March 30

8:30 am Michael Williams +

Friday, March 31

8:30 am Carol Schottie +

Saturday, April 1

5 pm Joe & Jeanette Coury

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Jearald Dyer +

12 Noon Tuyen Hong Nguyen + &
Hien Thi Pham +

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalms — The Lord is kind and saves us (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

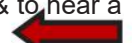
Weekend Homilies are recorded & posted on our parish webpage:

<https://stmaximilian.org/homily>



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.



The 2023 Women's ACTS Retreat is April 27-30! This 3-day, 3-night Catholic lay retreat is presented by St. Maximilian parishioners and runs from Thursday evening to Sunday noon Mass. If your faith is lukewarm ... you crave a personal connection with God ... or you simply enjoy "hanging with the girls," then you deserve ACTS! For info or to register, watch for the ACTS table after Mass, download a registration form from stmaximilian.org or call Josie Arredondo @ 832.646.3779.



St Max KofC Council #10720

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SAVE THE DATE!

2023 CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

Friday, Apr 28, 2023 – 8am shotgun

Cypress Lakes Golf Course

More details to come

"Every baptized person is sent to announce the Good News by loving & serving others. We cannot remain mere spectators."

Pope Francis

How to go to Confession!

1. Prepare yourself by doing an examination of conscience. (There are many available via different sources, especially on the internet. See p. 3 also.) Ask the Holy Spirit to assist you to make a good confession.
2. Make the decision to go to confession anonymously (behind a screen) OR face to face. One way is not necessarily better than the other. With either choice, you may kneel, stand or be seated.
3. The priest normally greets you with a hello or welcome & then leads you in the sign of the cross. The priest may choose to recite a reading from Scripture or says something else prior to your confession.
4. Then you say: "Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been (state how long) since my last confession. These are my sins." (If you do not remember how long, simply say that to the priest.)
5. Tell your sins simply & honestly to the priest. With mortal sins, state the kind & number. Then state your venial sins. You might even want to discuss briefly the circumstances & the root causes of your sins and ask the priest for advice or direction. (But confession is not an extended counseling time.) When you are through with your sins, say: "I am sorry for all these sins & for the ones of my past life, especially for the ones I truly cannot remember." This way you do not have get in line again for confession if you forgot one innocently.
6. Listen to any advice the priest may give you & accept the penance from him. (If there is a difficulty with the penance given, let the priest know.) Then pray out loud an Act of Contrition. In the confessional, a copy is always available. There are different versions. Two are below. You may even make one up on your own.
7. The priest will pray the Absolution Prayer. When the priest states "...I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," make the sign of the cross.
8. Dismissal by the priest. The priest may state: "Go in peace. You respond: "Thanks be to God." Also, thank the priest upon leaving.
9. Spend some time with Our Lord, thanking & praising Him for the gift of His mercy. Do your penance ASAP. You are free to receive Holy Communion, even if you have not had time to complete your penance.
10. Return often to the Sacrament of Penance (confession). It is a powerful help to get rid of our weaknesses, grow in holiness & lead a balanced & virtuous life.

ACT of CONTRITION (1973 Rite of Penance)

O My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong & failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered & died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

ACT of CONTRITION (Traditional)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, & I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good & deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more & to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Confessions during Lent

- 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.



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



How does one even approach a person about abortions?

The best way to approach someone about abortion is not to bombard them with endless facts, statistics and science. The best way to discuss difficult issues is by using the Socratic method – that is, asking questions.

When you ask questions & respectfully listen to their answers, the person might come to realize the inconsistency of their arguments for themselves.

Here are a few example questions you could ask:

- What is an abortion? • How do they actually do an abortion? • Why do you support abortion?
- Is there a point in pregnancy when you would oppose abortion? (More questions to come.)

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



St. Maximilian Ladies...join your **Sisters of the Spirit** for a talk by author Joan Edwards, whose book, *Discipleship Toolkit*, outlines

26 steps for living out Jesus's mandate to "Go and make disciples ... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19–20). Joan is a nurse, Bible study leader, and missionary who has discipled around the world. She will have copies of her book available during the meeting **this Monday, March 27, at 7 pm in Room 215 of the Gajowniczek Building**. Bring a friend and join us!



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KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH DINNERS

All Fridays of Lent, until March 31st

Fridays are days of Abstinence.

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.



St. Maximilian's Catholic Daughters, Court #2493 recently installed their new court Chaplain, Deacon Steve Klak.



Why do we call the presence of Christ in the Eucharist a "mystery"?

"The word 'mystery' is commonly used to refer to something that escapes the full comprehension of the human mind. In the Bible, however, the word has a deeper and more specific meaning, for it refers to aspects of God's plan of salvation for humanity, which has already begun but will be completed only with the end of time."

"The Eucharist is a mystery because it participates in the mystery of Jesus Christ and God's plan to save humanity through Christ. We should not be surprised if there are aspects of the Eucharist that are not easy to understand, for God's plan for the world has repeatedly surpassed human expectations and human understanding. Furthermore, any time that we are speaking of God we need to keep in mind that our human concepts never entirely grasp God. We must not try to limit God to our understanding, but allow our understanding to be stretched beyond its normal limitations by God's revelation." (The Eucharist, usccc.org)

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

Collection for the Week of Mar. 13—19, 2023

Collections	\$18,981
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 2,970
Total	\$21,951

Faith Direct is received twice a month.

Archdiocesan 2nd Collections \$ 2,833



← This QR code will link you to our **Faith Direct account** where you can make ongoing contributions or a one-time contribution. It is quick, easy & efficient. Please consider using this QR code.

Easter Flower Donations

Please be generous with your donations for the Easter Flower Fund so that our church will be decorated beautifully for Easter.

If you want to help decorate the church, contact the parish office.



Maintenance & Repair Fund:

In the near future, the entire parking lot will be power washed & then re-stripped. How much will this cost?

a) \$16,291 b) \$18,596 c) \$21,760 d) \$22,699

Please donate to the Maintenance & Repair Fund.

Answer: c) \$21,760

Have you made your DSF pledge yet?

Remember: the goal is to meet our mandatory amount by June 30th.

GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART



MINISTRY



SERVICE



EDUCATION



Your DSF gift makes a difference!

Your generosity makes all the difference to the success of the Church in this Archdiocese.

Through your gifts to the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF), together we can support ministries & organizations throughout the Archdiocese that help our local Church live out its Gospel mission.

- Amount Paid in 2022: \$179,236
- 2022 mandatory amt: \$144,900
- **2023 mandatory amt: \$150,000**
- Amount Received: \$52,137
- Amt. under mandatory amt: \$97,863
- 153 donors out of 2123 households

Catholic Chaplain Corps

The Catholic Chaplain Corps (CCC) provides sacramental & pastoral care to the patients, families & staff of hospitals & institutions of the Texas Medical Center, plus other hospitals, nursing homes & inpatient hospices throughout the Archdiocese. In addition to its exemplary staff of Priests & Lay Chaplains, the CCC equips & supports Catholic laypersons to serve as Pastoral Visitors, who address spiritual & emotional needs through empathic listening, intercessory prayer & relevant scripture.



HOW TO DONATE

- Use the QR code for DSF
- Go to: <https://www.archgh.org/ways-to-give/diocesan-services-fund-dsf/donate-to-dsf/>
- Go to our parish website: <https://stmaximilian.org/>
Tab in below the DSF logo.
- For the above 3 ways, make sure you select our parish, St. Maximilian Kolbe, to appear on the drop down menu.
- Use the DSF pledge envelope in the pew.
- Use the DSF pledge envelope mailed to your home. (make sure our parish, St. Maximilian Kolbe, is listed on your mailed DSF pledge card.)



See if your company will match your DSF donation. Go to:

<https://www.archgh.org/media/13562/agh-matching-gift-companies-december-2019.pdf>

**All life is sacred & valuable
from the womb to the tomb!**

**Spiritual Adoption:
Perhaps we can't save them all...
Start with one.**

Pick up a **Spiritual Adoption Prayer Card**, at the church exits, to pray for an unborn child to be saved from abortion. Please pray daily for 9 months, or as often as you can, from **March 25 (Jesus' conception) – December 25 (Jesus' birth)**. Follow the bulletin for monthly updates.

"Thanks for praying for me. I'm here! God made me!" At the moment of conception, a unique human person was created--me! Remarkably, even though just a single cell, I already have the entire blueprint that will define my eye and hair color, adult height, and aptitude for math, art, and sports. All that is required now is nourishment and a safe home in which to live and grow."



Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Jeremiah 1:5 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.

"Is your faith tired? Do you want to reinvigorate it? Look for God's gaze: Sit in adoration, allow yourself to be forgiven in Confession, stand before the Crucified One. In short, let Him love you." —Pope Francis

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. For more info, contact Jeff Kopecky @ jalkop@juno.com or Karen Consley @ kconsley@comcast.net

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Pray for our parish!

Coffee & Donuts every Sunday.

Plan to join us for fellowship in the Education Bldg.

Power Hour Prayer Time Need a spiritual boost? Join us at 7pm on Monday nights in the Immaculata Chapel. One hour of prayer includes the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, consecrations & litanies to Jesus & Mary along with meditation music & hands on healing prayer. Call Jeanette Coury at 281-914-3676 for more info.

Thank you to Fr. Adam McClosky who celebrated the Masses last weekend!



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

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.

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.

MARCH 2023



O LORD JESUS CHRIST, GREAT HIGH PRIEST, LEAD OUR SEMINARIANS IN YOUR UNERRING FOOTSTEPS: SO THAT THEY MAY BECOME PRIESTS WHO ARE MODELS OF PURITY, POSSESSORS OF WISDOM AND HEROES OF SACRIFICE. TEACH THEM GENEROSITY AND DETACHMENT FROM WORLDLY GOODS: BUT ABOVE ALL TEACH THEM TO KNOW YOU AND TO LOVE YOU, THE ONE AND ONLY ETERNAL PRIEST. AMEN.



Good Friday Retreat

April 7, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

5th - 8th Grade Youth

Cost \$20



Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage

10:30 a.m.-Noon

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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>

Family
Movie
Night
3/31

Stations of
the Cross
7-7:30

Lenten Fish
Dinner
6-8 (\$12)

8:00-9:30
Movie
(outside
if weather
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Any questions: chriswuenscher@stmaximilian.org



Faith Formation

Online Registration Now Open Summer, Fall-Spring, Home-based

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**Faith Formation
Classes in
MARCH**

**Sundays: 3/26
Thursdays: 3/30**

MARCH: For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

That we open our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives and become "partakers of the divine nature."

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

This year's **Men's WATCH** is August 5/6. The team roles are now being discerned. The men are meeting most Sundays 7 am in the Education Building. Contact Mitch Reece for more info @ 832-528-6755 or mreece@collarini.com

Pray for our blessings on our parish!**Things to do when you break your fast too early**

- 1) Give yourself acceptance.
- 2) Think about why it happened.
- 3) Try again tomorrow.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed on **HOLY THURSDAY, April 6** at 8 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Monday **April 10** after the **8:30 a.m.** Holy Mass.

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

Pray for
Our Nation

Wednesday	2 am—3 am
Wednesday	11 am—12 Noon
Thursday	2 am—3 am
Thursday	12 Noon—1 pm
Friday	5 am—6 am

**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

Kolbe Kids
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Registration is now open for Kolbe Kids' Early Childhood Program! Kolbe Kids' has one of the best student to teacher ratios in the area! Classrooms will fill up quickly. Contact Eileen Mace for an appointment to tour the school. Kolbe Kids' has been an important part of the St. Maximilian Kolbe community for 26 years. 281/970-0979.

Kolbe Kids Spring Program & Silent Auction for teacher projects will be held on Wed., March 29 at 12:30pm. All are invited!

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