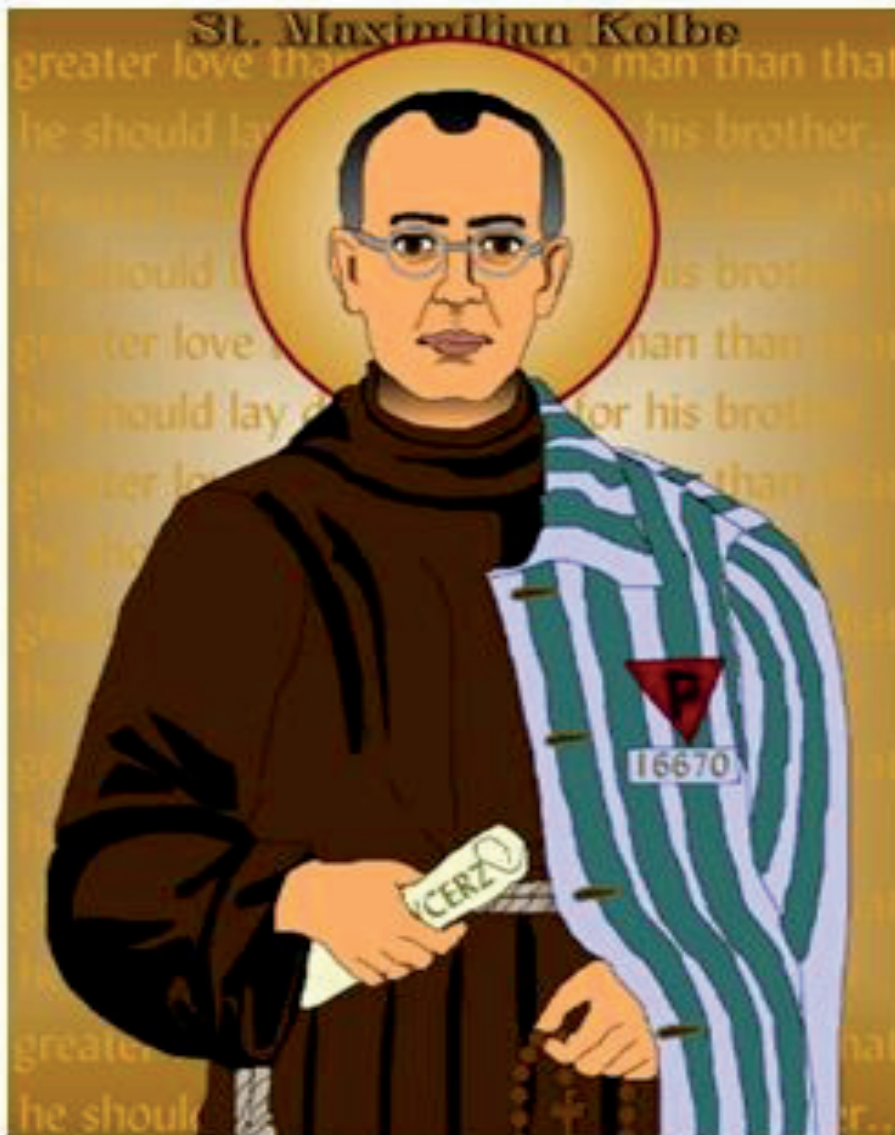


# ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

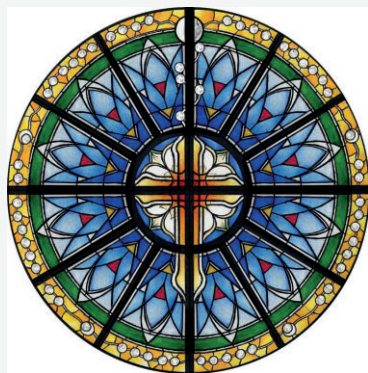
## Confessions

**Saturdays**  
3 pm—4:30 pm

Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

**No confessions during  
Holy Week**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
APRIL 2, 2023**

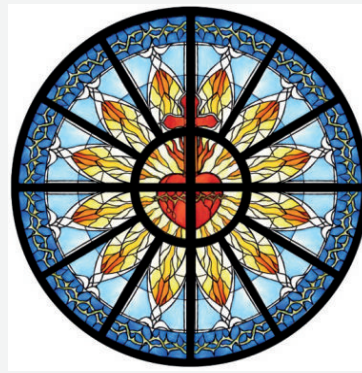


**Parish Office Hours**  
Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm

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

## OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We are the Christian Community of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Embracing our many and diverse gifts, we are united in Christ Jesus. Challenged by the teachings of Our Lord, and inspired by the example of our Patron, we strive to serve God, and to minister to others, in prayer, sacrament, faith formation, and charity.*

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Janis Echeverria (Facilitator)  
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 Dennis Taylor  
 Esteban Teran  
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 Jeanette Coury  
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 Edward Lock  
 Thomas Spjut

### PARISH STAFF

Mary Alice Greaney—Music Director  
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 Chris Wuenscher—Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
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 Phyllis Schoelman—Parish Secretary  
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 Thomas Nelson  
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 Madelyn Henderson

### SACRAMENT of BAPTISM:

**ADULT BAPTISM:** Adults who desire to become Catholic will participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

**INFANT BAPTISM** (under the age of 7 years old): We celebrate Infant Baptism on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Parents of infants to be baptized are to attend Baptismal classes, preferably before the child is born. Godparents are encouraged to attend but are not required.

### SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION:

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

### SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Couples who are considering marriage are to contact the parish office, at least six (6) months (preferably earlier) before the couple's projected wedding date.

### SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK:

Any Catholic who is to have surgery due to a serious illness OR whose health is seriously impaired due to a serious illness or old age should be anointed ASAP, preferably before going to the hospital. Contact ASAP a priest to schedule an anointing.

### Pray for the repose of the souls of our faithful departed:

**George Tshilelgi †**, father of Georgette Tshilelgi  
**Msgr. Benedict (Benny) J. Zientek †; Rose Deathe †**  
 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!**

### Pray for Those Receiving Sacraments The Elect to be baptized

Nathaniel Burciaga, Zacarias Burciaga,  
 Lynn Dang, Hudson Hoth, Teagan Hoth,  
 Janette Mesa Rivera

### Candidates to be received into the Church

Karen Crosby & Sean Weda

### Baptized Candidates receiving Confirmation & First Eucharist

Michael Aaron Flores, Michael Louvier,  
 Ivan Vasquez

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

### 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



Each year, I re-run an explanation of what occurs during Holy Week as a refresher. We begin Holy Week, the most holy of all weeks, when we remember the Paschal Mystery: the suffering, death, resurrection & ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. Make this Holy Week truly special & holy, different by not only attending the liturgies but striving to pray more & to live out more fully the great commandments to love God, neighbor & self. On **Passion/Palm Sunday**, we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem by hearing the passion according to Matthew.

At the 7 pm Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 4 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Cardinal DiNardo will bless the Oil of the Sick (used in the Anointing of the Sick) & Oil of Catechumens (used to anoint individuals prior to Baptism). The Cardinal will consecrate the Chrism Oil. All 3 oils consist of olive oil. But only the Chrism Oil has the fragrant perfume of balsam, symbolizing the sweetness of Christ. The Chrism Oil is used at Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders (both for priesthood & the episcopate but not for the diaconate) & the dedication of a new church and/or new altar. These 3 oils will be brought to each parish, & they will be presented here at the 7 pm Holy Thursday Mass. Since Fr. Lawrence & some of the deacons will be at the Chrism Mass, there will be no 6:30 pm Mass on Tuesday, April 4 here at St. Maximilian (and no confessions prior to that Mass).



## The Sacred Triduum

With the **7 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday**, we enter the Easter Triduum—3 high holy days that conclude with evening vespers on Easter Sunday. The Church advises us not to have any Masses until the evening on Holy Thursday. At 7 pm, we remember Jesus' example of service when He washed the feet of his 12 apostles in the Gospel. In the Roman Missal, the washing of the feet is an option, not mandatory. But the Gospel mandate is that we all are called to serve one another. We remember the institution of the Eucharist & the ordained priesthood. We keep watch until midnight, praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Can you spend at least one hour in prayer, spending time before the Lord?

**All 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth: You are invited for the Good Friday Retreat 9 am-4:30 pm**



**8:30 am Morning Prayer: Thursday-Saturday**  
No 8:30 am Mass Thursday & Friday

**9 am Holy Saturday: Blessing of Easter Food**  
All in the Chapel



On **Good Friday**, we have the **3 pm Liturgy of Friday of the Passion of the Lord**. This liturgy has 3 main components: 1) the Liturgy of the Word with the reading of the Passion from the Gospel of John; 2) the Veneration of the Cross: everyone is asked to venerate the cross with some sign of reverence: a kiss, touching the cross, a genuflection or bow, etc. But the Roman Missal does allow a "corporate" veneration of the cross from the pews; 3) Distribution of Holy Communion that was consecrated the evening before on Holy Thursday. **Good Friday** is the only day of the year that Mass is not offered.

**Good Friday is a day of fast & abstinence (See p. 5).**



On **Holy Saturday**, we have the great Easter Vigil that begins at 8:30 pm since the Church insists that this liturgy does not begin prior to nightfall. There is no 5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass this Saturday only. This liturgy consists of 4 parts: 1) A Service of Light with the lighting of the new Paschal Candle & singing of the *Exultet*, the Easter Proclamation; 2) Liturgy of the Word with scripture readings reminding us of salvation history, with the sung Gospel Alleluia returning after its Lenten absence; 3) Reception into the Church either through Baptism or non-Catholic Christians joining the Church. Also 3 baptized Catholics will receive Confirmation & Eucharist; and 4) Liturgy of the Eucharist. At the end of the Easter Vigil, a final blessing & dismissal is given, unlike at the end of Holy Thursday & Good Friday. On **Easter Sunday**, we have our normal Mass times (8 & 10 am; 12 Noon).

**Make every effort to enter into this most Holy Week.**

## Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, April 1-2: Regular Mass times with Masses beginning in the Plaza with a procession into the church, weather permitting.**

**\*\*\*No confessions during Holy Week.\*\*\***

**No 6:30 pm Tuesday Mass here due to the 7 pm Chrism Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart**

**8:30 am Morning Prayer (Chapel): Thursday-Saturday**  
(No 8:30 am Mass: Thursday-Friday)

**7 pm Holy Thursday Mass, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

***Good Friday is a day of fast & abstinence.***

**10:30 am Good Friday walking Stations of the Cross**  
(Meet in the Plaza: 1.75 miles)

**3 pm Good Friday Liturgy, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am on Holy Saturday: Blessing of Easter Food**  
**No 5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass this Saturday only.**

**8:30 pm Holy Saturday Mass, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

***Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>:***

***8 & 10 am, 12 Noon***

***Easter Egg Hunt between the Easter Sunday Masses (plaza)***

## Liturgy Corner for Weekend Masses

**Gospel Outside:** Hymnal: #1033 / A

**Scripture readings:** Hymnal: #1035 / A

**Order of Mass:** Hymnal #166 - #187

**Gathering Hymn:** #1032 = Hosanna to the Son of David; #498—All Glory, Laud, and Honor

**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:** #681—We Remember

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Mystery of Faith**

**Amen**

**Lamb of God / Agnus Dei #313B**

**Communion Hymns:**

#511—Were You There

#491—Jesus, the Lord

**Sending Forth Hymn:** #881—Lift High the Cross



## TODAY'S READINGS

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — O my God, why have you cast me off? (Psalm 22)

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

## READINGS for the WEEK

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday: Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

**Lord's Supper: #1040:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday: #1043:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

**Holy Saturday:**

**#1048:** Reading I: Gn 1:1 - 2:2; Ps 104

**#1049:** Reading II: Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16;

**#1050:** Reading III: Exodus 14: 15-15:1;

**#1052:** Reading V: Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

**#1054:** Reading VII: Ez 36:16-28; Ps 42;

**#1055:** Epistle: Rom 6:3-11;

**#1055:** Gospel / A: Mt 28:1-10

**Sunday: #1065** Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

## 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.

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## Mass Intentions



### 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 +

### No Confessions during Holy Week

### Monday, April 3

Monday of Holy Week

8:30 am Hee Tee Phan

### Tuesday, April 4

Tuesday of Holy Week

### No 6:30 pm Mass this Tuesday only.

### Wednesday, April 5

Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 am Bobby Embesi +

### Thursday, April 6: Holy Thursday

8:30 am Morning Prayer— Chapel (No 8:30 am Mass)  
7 pm Mass Parishioners of St. Maximilian

### Friday, April 7 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

**Good Friday is a day of fast & abstinence.**

8:30 am Morning Prayer— Chapel (No 8:30 am Mass)

**10:30 am Good Friday walking Stations of the Cross**

**3 pm Liturgy of Good Friday Service**

### Saturday, April 8 Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

8:30 am Morning Prayer - Chapel

9 am Blessing of Easter Food - Chapel

**No 3—4:30 pm Confessions; No 5 pm Mass**

8:30 pm Eater Vigil Mass Parishioners of St. Maximilian

### Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Maximilian

## WE WELCOME YOU!

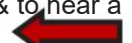
**Weekend Homilies** are recorded & posted on our parish webpage:

<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](http://stmaximilian.org) or call Josie Arredondo @ 832.646.3779.

**The parish office will be closed beginning at 12 Noon on Holy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> through Monday after Easter, April 10<sup>th</sup>.**  
**May you have a blessed Easter 2023!**

**9 am Holy Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

### *Blessing of Easter Food Baskets*

For many Eastern European countries, it's a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. This Catholic ritual has been cherished for centuries among many families. It has now been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom. What goes into a food basket depends on the one's preferences. Typical foods are bread, ham, sausage, butter, decorated eggs & wine, but can be any food that will be used on Easter Sunday to break the paschal fast of the Easter weekend. Decorate a food basket or simply bring your Easter food to be blessed & start a family tradition! Blessing will be held in the Chapel. Come to 8:30 am Morning Prayer, followed by blessing of the foods.

**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.

### **Spend Your Summer With "The Chosen"**

Have you heard the buzz about the show in regards to the life of Jesus? Starting April 15 after the 5pm Saturday Mass in Kolbe Hall (about 6:15pm), we will start showing "The Chosen." The first two episodes will be shown on April 15th, with others to be shown throughout the summer. Bring your own meal or snacks, if you like.



**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**

### **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 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to join us!

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 16th**

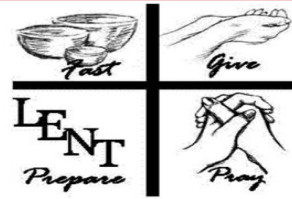


In the 1930's, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary:

***"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment...Let no soul***

***fear to draw near to Me...It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."***

There will be a **special prayer service** to honor God's great attribute, that of His loving Mercy. We invite you to join us on **April 16<sup>th</sup>**, at **2:30 pm in the Church** to pray and sing in recognition and thanksgiving for God's tremendous mercy.



### **Good Friday is a day 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). If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering & death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully & to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

**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)



### 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 the cutoff line for when a baby should not be aborted?
- Is your support for abortion (or any restrictions on it) based on science or more of a “gut” feeling?
- Do you think the human dignity of babies in the womb increases over time? • More questions to come.

Source: “How to Defend Life” by the Houston Coalition for Life, [houstoncoalition.com](http://houstoncoalition.com)



**Christian fasting,  
at its root,  
is the hunger of a  
homesickness for God.**

### Holy Communion vs Eucharist

“The word ‘Eucharist’ refers to the Sacrament of the Eucharist, which is the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ truly present on the altar under the appearances of bread & wine. The word ‘Communion’ refers the actual reception of the Eucharist by the person receiving it, as well as the communion of the members of the Church.”

(The Eucharist, usccc.org)

**“Let us love the Cross and  
let us remember that we are not  
alone in carrying it. God is helping us.  
And in God Who is comforting us, as  
St. Paul says, we can do anything.”  
– St. Gianna Beretta Molla**

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## Search & Rescue

How to Bring Loved Ones  
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 (281) 358-9195

**Food Pantry is open: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm**

[FoodPantry@stmaximilian.org](mailto:FoodPantry@stmaximilian.org)

The pantry could use the following items: canned corn, hearty meal soups (no cream soups), pasta sauce, Ramen soup, peanut butter, mashed potatoes, & Minute rice. No outdated food products please. The Food Pantry is not able to accept any medications. Updated 3/27/23

### Pope Francis's suggestions on how to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words & say kind words.  
Fast from sadness & be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger & be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism & be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries & trust in God.  
Fast from complaints & contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures & be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness & fill your heart with joy.  
Fast from selfishness & be compassionate to others.  
Fast from grudges & be reconciled.  
Fast from words & be silent so you can listen.

**Fasting is only 1% of not eating & drinking.  
The rest of the 99% is bringing your heart  
& soul closer to God.**



### Collection for the Week of Mar. 20—26, 2023

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Collections          | \$20,770        |
| Maintenance & Repair | \$ 2,465        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$23,235</b> |

**Faith Direct: 3/31/2023 (received twice a month).**

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Collections</b>              | <b>\$10,525</b> |
| <b>Maintenance &amp; Repair</b> | <b>342</b>      |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>\$10,867</b> |

Archdiocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections \$ 245



← 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.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Give generously on

**Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
for the **Holy Land Collection**.

### 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.*



### GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART



MINISTRY



SERVICE



EDUCATION



### Have you made your DSF pledge yet?

**Remember: the goal is to meet our mandatory amount by June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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: \$55,612
- Amt. under mandatory amt: \$94,388
- 160 donors out of 2123 households

### Director of Correctional Ministries Deacon Alvin Lovelady

The priests, deacons & lay volunteers provide sacramental & pastoral care to those victimized by crime & violence, as well as the nearly 60,000 men & women who are incarcerated in 2 federal facilities, 22 state prison units & 10 county jails located within the boundaries of the Archdiocese.



‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry & you gave me food, I was thirsty & you gave me drink, a stranger & you welcomed me, ..., **in prison & you visited me.** (Mt. 25: 34-36)’

### 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.  
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## Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters of America scholarships!

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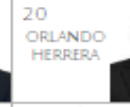










**Pray for our parish!**

**Coffee & Donuts every Sunday,  
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Plan to join us for fellowship in the Education Bldg.

## 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.

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| Pray for <b>Timothy Spjut</b> from our parish who is studying at Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas as a seminarian for formation & studies for our Archdiocese.                                     |  |   |  |   |   | 1 VIET NGUYEN           |
| 2 BEN MUELLER    | 3 WESLEY HENRY      | 4 DENNEGHY MASON       | 5 BASIL HOUSEWRIGHT   | 6 CARLOS VELERO     | 7 MICHAEL JAMES ARIENZA  | 8 JOHN CLARK            |
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| 16 THEODORE BIRKOFER   | 17 TRIEU NGUYEN     | 18 KYLE GIBSON         | 19 MITCHELL SCHUMANN  | 20 ORLANDO HERRERA  | 21 JAMES SCHNITZLER      | 22 DCN ZACHARY MULDRON  |
| 23 HAI DAO  ANDRES CARABEZ  | 24 DANIEL PHILLIPS  | 25 GRIFFIN ALEXANDER   | 26 DAVID RAMIREZ      | 27 MARLON BARAO     | 28 LUIS ARMAS            | 29 CHRISTIAN MAI        |

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.

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# 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

Open to All!

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You,  
for by Your Holy Cross  
You have redeemed the world.

Info & Registration Here →



# Easter Egg Hunt

IN THE PARISH PLAZA  
AFTER 8AM MASS &  
BETWEEN 10AM & NOON MASSES



Pray for abundant blessings  
on all our young people & their families.



## 2023 Calendar Faith Formation/CCE Summer Intensive

| MAY / JUNE 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S               | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
| 28              | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4               | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11              | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18              | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25              | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |

Elementary &  
Junior High  
Grades 1st - 8th  
9:00a to Noon  
June 5 - 16

Registration Deadline  
Elem., Jr High MAY 28  
High School JUNE 29

Parent Meeting  
First day of class, after  
student dismissal to class

High School  
Grades 9th - 12th  
6:30p to 8:30p  
July 6 - 25  
Su, Tu, Th

| JUNE/JULY 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 9              | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16             | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23             | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

<https://stmaximilian.org/children-youth-faith-formation>

Myriam Dinner: For high school students who desire to enter the religious sisterhood. April 11 @ 6pm at St Theresa in Sugar land <https://archgh.cventevents.com/event/92dbc205-3cc2-4cef-bbea-4c9213da61f6/summary>



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turned at Faith For-  
mation class on Thur,  
Apr 13 or Sun, Apr 16.



## Sacraments Infor- mation Fair

after the  
Masses May 20-21. Is  
your child anticipating  
Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion  
or Confirmation? Do you need to find out more  
about Faith Formation class? Come by our table  
in the Education Building for more information.

**APRIL:** For a culture of peace and non-violence

**We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.**

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

That we learn to put other's needs before our own and help our neighbor "carry his cross".

**"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." Matthew 27:32**

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

### *Jesus, I trust in You*

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 John Syzdek for more info @ [johnsyzdek1@yahoo.com](mailto:johnsyzdek1@yahoo.com)

### REPENT, & BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL.

#### Pray for an end to violence.

#### 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



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