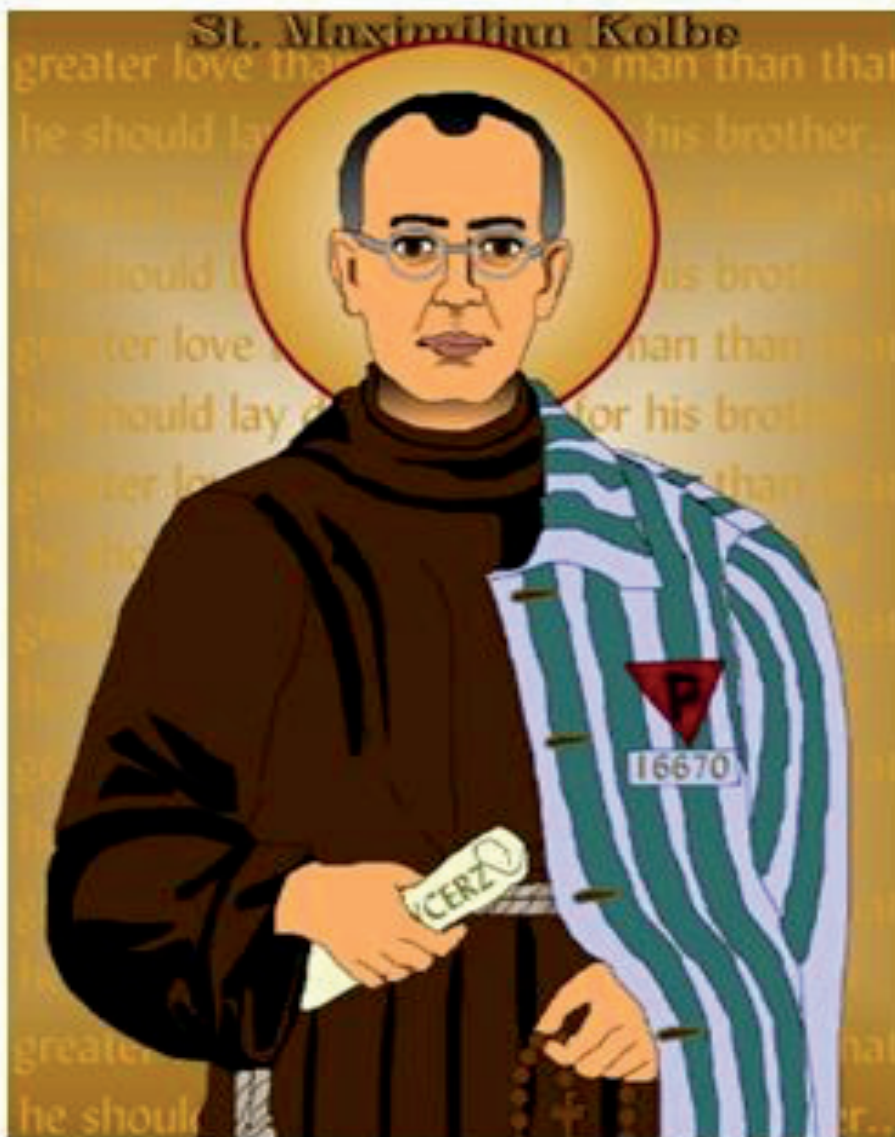


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

A Parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

8 am

10 am

12 Noon

Daily Mass

8:30 am Monday

6:30 pm Tuesday

8:30 am: Wed.- Friday

Confessions

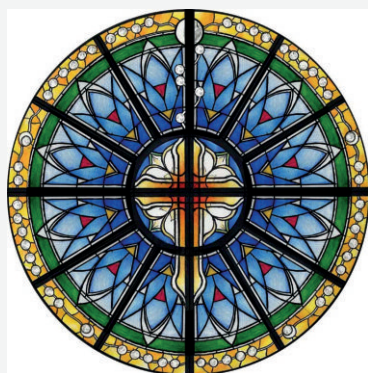
**30 minutes prior to
Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass**

After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm

Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 16, 2023**



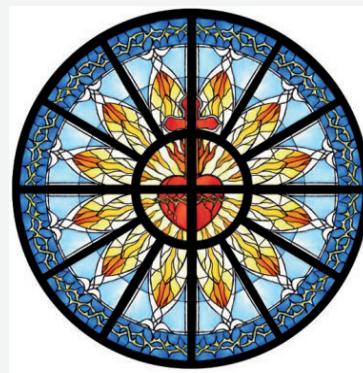
**Parish Office Hours
Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm**

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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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 John Garcia
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 John Syzdek
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 Jan Hains
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 Thomas Spjut

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 Miguel Perdomo—Maintenance; Lupe Mendez—Custodian

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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 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.



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 16th**, at **2:30 pm** **in the Church** to pray and sing in recognition & thanksgiving for God's tremendous mercy.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 16th

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

April 16, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Second Sunday of Easter is known also as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. John Paul II instituted this Sunday of Mercy on May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina. Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska was a humble Polish nun whom Jesus chose to receive private revelations about Divine Mercy. Sr. Faustina recorded these revelations in her diary, including 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy be observed.

This message of Divine Mercy took on a dire urgency in the 1930's "when civilization began to experience an 'eclipse of the sense of God' and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity & inherent dignity of human life," a reality that still plagues our society now. Pope St. John Paul II (Memory & Identity, 2005) stated: "This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sr. Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church."

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687). (Instructions for its recitation are provided on p. 5.) Source: <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-Sunday> Join us today, Sunday, in the church at 2:30 pm for a special Divine Mercy prayer service.

What is the Eucharist? The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving. In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present -- body, blood, soul & divinity-- under the appearances of bread & wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

This is the central teaching of the Catholic Church. This teaching makes us unique from the other Christian denominations. It is what unites us as a Catholic Church, and it is a

stumbling block to other denominations. Some Catholics are not fully formed in this knowledge to understand the depth of this truth or how to explain it to others.

As a result, the U.S. Catholic Bishops have committed us to a 3-year Eucharistic Revival on formation & missionary discipleship. All parishes are encouraged in this coming year to focus on a better catechetical understanding of the meaning & significance of the Eucharist. To begin that goal, we have purchased the book entitled "*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*." It is a well written book by Brant Pitre, a theologian. He writes in a "down to earth" style & unlocks the secrets of the Last Supper. This book is available (one per household) after the Masses today for all those who desire to understand the Eucharist more fully. This book will benefit anyone: those with little or no understanding all the way to a person who has a great faith in the Real Presence. More is to come in catechesis on the Eucharist.

Recently, I informed you that our parish office was burglarized in mid March & the 200+ pound safe was stolen with a weekend collection in it. FYI, 6 other parishes have been burglarized also unfortunately. Some of those parishes had their collections stolen; others were not. The most recent theft of a different parish included the entire collection from Easter weekend. For our own parish, the counted but not deposited collection from March 11th - 12th was still in that stolen 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 in the process of contacting you that your check was stolen & are 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. Let us pray this rash of burglaries will stop, and those responsible be caught.

We are securing additional lighting, researching better & more cameras, a new alarm system, re-keying the entire parish complex. With the new door locking system for the church, this will be the 1st building to be re-keyed. If you have been to the office lately, we have installed some security measures to protect the safety of the staff. You must first ring the doorbell to be let into the office. Unfortunately, we have had some "not so friendly people" approach the office recently. Also, there is a security task force of parishioners looking at security issues / procedures at Mass and eventually the entire parish campus. Let us pray for safety issues.

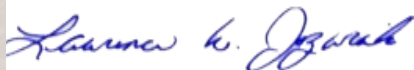
Thank you to all who came to Holy Week and all who worked to make the services & church so beautiful!

"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: #1066

Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187

Gathering Hymn: #524—Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Gloria (inside cover of hymnal)

Gospel Alleluia

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

Preparation Hymn: #680—We Walk by Faith

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymns:

#706—Where Charity & Love Prevail

#903—Baptized in the Water

Sending Forth Hymn: #539—Sing with All the Saints in Glory



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalms — Be thankful to God who loves us forever (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;

1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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

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



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 15

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

5 pm Frank Sliva +

Sunday, April 16

2nd Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy

8 am Jude Wiggins

10 am Lindsay Bowker +

Noon Parishioners of St. Maximilian

Monday, April 17

8:30 am Ming Hai Wong +

Tuesday, April 18

6:30 pm Vick Todaro +

Wednesday, April 19

8:30 am Norman Sydlík, Sr. +

Thursday, April 20

8:30 am Leonidas Cui +

Friday, April 21

St. Anselm of Canterbury

8:30 am John Nguyen

Saturday, April 22

5 pm Ashley Pereira +, Herman Pereira +,
& Lila Calderon +

Sunday, April 23

3rd Sunday of Easter

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Macario V. Esperanza +

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

Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make our parish worship so beautiful for Holy Week.

Thank you to those who decorated the church so beautifully.



WE WELCOME YOU!

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.

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.





Saint Maria Faustina

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of 5 decades. The Chaplet is preceded by 2 opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina & followed by a closing prayer.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

2. Optional Opening Prayers

— You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, & the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world & empty Yourself out upon us.

— **Repeat 3 times:** *O Blood & Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!*

Jesus, I trust in You

3. Our Father

4. Hail Mary

5. The Apostle's Creed

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body & Blood, Soul & Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins & those of the whole world.

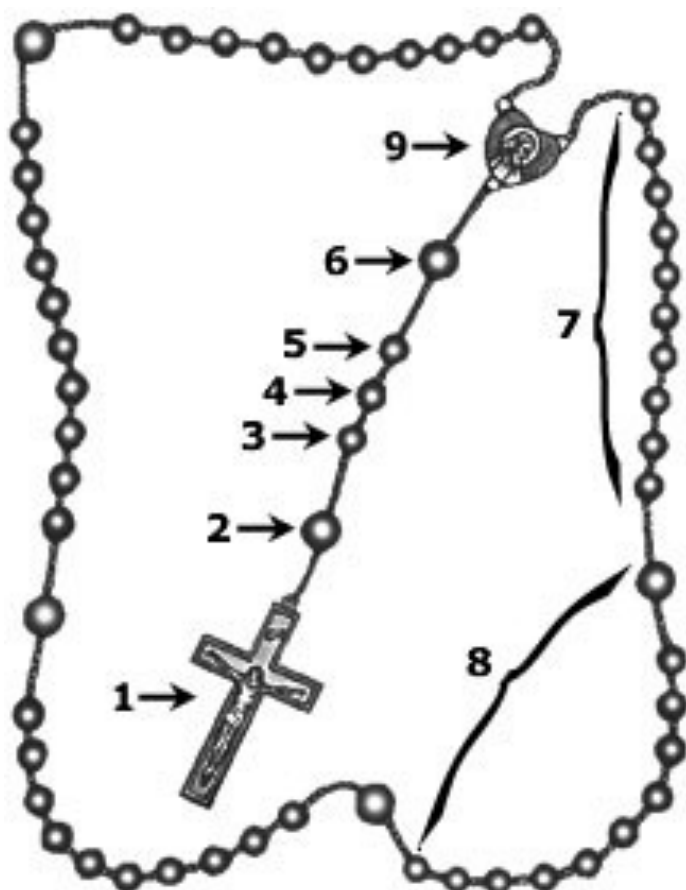
7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade: *For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us & on the whole world.*

8. Repeat for the remaining decades: Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead & then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat 3 times): *Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

10. Optional Closing Prayer: *Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless & the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us & increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.*

SOURCE: <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/praythechaplet.php>



DIVINE MERCY

Dark background of the image
-The world is in darkness without Jesus

Right hand raised to the height of the shoulder in the act of blessing
-Jesus is bestowing His blessings upon us.

The red ray
-As blood is needed to keep a body alive and healthy, so too the Holy Eucharist keeps souls alive and healthy

Left foot stepping forward
-The Lord is not waiting for us to come to Him. It is he who makes the first move, coming to us with his peace as in the Upper Room.

Illumination of Image comes from Jesus
-Jesus is the Light in the Darkness, showing us the way to be and act.

Left hand drawing aside his robe near his heart, showing the opening to it.
-Jesus is opening His Heart to us. He is showing us how much he loves us.

The white ray
-The serum or "water" that poured forth from Christ's side indicating the cleansing we receive through the power of the Holy Spirit in Baptism and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Signature: Jesus I Trust in You
-A reminder of the need to trust in God's mercy & who obtains mercy for us. "The graces of My mercy are drawn by mean of one vessel only, & that is – trust. The more a soul trusts the more it will receive"

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to come celebrate 21 years of saving women & their pre-born children from the horror of abortion.

Houston Coalition For Life, 2023 Benefit Dinner and Auction

Friday, May 12, 2023

Silent Auction @ 5pm, Seating begins @ 6:30pm, Dinner & Live Auction 7 - 9:30pm
Bayou City Event Center ~ 9401 Knight Road ~ Houston, TX

Tickets are \$150.00. Knights of Columbus is sponsoring it's members & spouses.

Contact Tom, 281-380-0403, or Karen Comstock 281-639-1999



That Man Is You! (TMIY) meets every Friday morning in the Education Building at 5:30—7 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.

St Max KofC Council #10720

2023 CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, Apr 28, 2023 – 8am shotgun

start/lunch/prizes after play

Cypress Lakes Golf Course

Sign up as a player, team, or sponsor

Contact: Pat Greaney, patgr48@gmail.com; 832-605-2715



Importance of the Eucharist!

"By his Real Presence in the Eucharist, Christ fulfils his promise to be with us "always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). As St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "It is the law of friendship that friends should live together. . . . Christ has not left us without his bodily presence in this our pilgrimage, but he joins us to himself in this sacrament in the reality of his body & blood" (*Summa Theologiae*, III q. 75, a. 1). With this gift of Christ's presence in our midst, the Church is truly blessed. As Jesus told his disciples, referring to his presence among them, "Amen, I say to you, many prophets & righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it" (Mt 13:17). In the Eucharist, the Church both receives the gift of Jesus Christ & gives grateful thanks to God for such a blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of himself in the celebration of the Eucharist under the appearances of bread & wine Christ gives us the gift of eternal life." (The Eucharist, usccc.org)

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

Peggy Yaklin †, mother of Karen, Scott, & Juels
Ginger Kallus †, wife of Dennis Kallus

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.



The 2023 Women's ACTS Retreat is April 27–30!

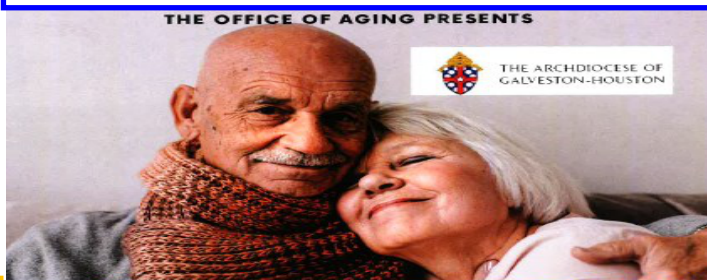
This 3-day, 3-night Catholic lay retreat is presented by St. Maximilian parishioners and runs from Thursday evening to Sunday noon Mass. If your faith is lukewarm ... you crave a personal connection with God ... or you simply enjoy "hanging with the girls," then you deserve ACTS! For info or to register,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

"At my ACTS Retreat, I found a sisterhood like no other."

Kolbe Seniors, look for your Flocknote or sign-up genius in your emails. Our next meeting is this Friday, April 21. Lunch is from Luby's. We will play the game LRC, so bring a supply of quarters with you if you come. New sign-ups for trips will be out. You must RSVP thru sign-up genius or by contacting Becky Keels at stmax.kolbe.seniors@gmail.com or 713-724-1075 by Tuesday, April 18.

Sisters of the Spirit – Next Meeting Monday, April 24th

THE OFFICE OF AGING PRESENTS



Getting your Legal & Spiritual House in Order

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023
8:30 AM-12:00 PM

CHRIST THE REDEEMER
CATHOLIC CHURCH
11507 HUFFMEISTER RD., HOUSTON, TX 77065

SAVE THE DATE !!
NO COST !!

Collection for the Week of Mar. 27—Apr. 2, 2023

Collections	\$24,496
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 858
Total	\$25,354

Faith Direct is received twice a month.

Archdiocesan 2nd Collections \$ 306



← 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.

Collection for the Week of Apr. 3-9, 2023

Collections	\$29,612
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 1,682
Total	\$31,294

Faith Direct is received twice a month.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land \$3,317

Be generous to the Maintenance & Repair fund.

Charity begins at home and generally dies from lack of outdoor exercise.

GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART



**Have you made your
DSF pledge yet?**

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

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: \$67,472
- Amt. under mandatory amt: \$82,528
- 194 donors out of 2123 households

ANGELA HOUSE

The mission of Angela House is to successfully transition women into the community from incarceration. Founded in 2001, this transitional, residential facility provides emotional, spiritual & educational support for women seeking to change their lives as they return to the community & voluntarily choose to reside at Angela House. This ministry also provides a unique opportunity for members of the Archdiocesan community to play a role in welcoming the women through a variety of volunteer opportunities.

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Home Missions Collection. Please be generous.

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>



**Those who received
Sacraments
at the Easter Vigil.**



**We joyfully welcome our RCIA participants who
received Sacraments at this year's Easter Vigil.**

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

**Karen Crosby & Sean Weda
Michael Aaron Flores, Michael Louvier,
Ivan Vasquez**

Thank the Lord for the **Sacrament of Baptism!** We believe that every child is a precious gift of God. It is in Mark 10:13-16, where Jesus says, "Let the children come to me." As parents & godparents, the greatest way to bring a child to Jesus is to bring the child to baptism. Then you help the Lord build on that baptism by teaching the Faith at home & witnessing to it by your life. Congratulations & welcome to:

**Julissa Paige Delgado
Anakin Jose Barrera
Ava Marie Garcia
Griffin David Jones
Reese Elaine Smith**

**Blaire Elizabeth Penton
Gail Tomas Barrera
Isabella Michelle Garcia
Norah Grace Sarabia
Milo Phan Manalang**

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Coffee & Donuts every Sunday,

Plan to join us for fellowship in the Education Bldg.

**There will be a reception THIS
SUNDAY, April 16th with our
newly received after 10am Mass along
with Coffee and Donuts. Join us!**

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

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.

APRIL 2023

16 THEODORE BIRKOFER	17 TRIEU NGUYEN	18 KYLE GIBSON	19 MITCHELL SCHUMANN	20 ORLANDO HERRERA	21 JAMES SCHNITZLER	22 DCN ZACHARY MULDROW	15 RYAN BERGER
23 HAI DAO	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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**PRIESTS
VS
SEMINARIANS**

— FRIDAY —
APRIL 21, 2023

STRAKE JESUIT GYM
**TICKETS GO ON SALE
MARCH 24TH!**




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.



YOUTH MINISTRY

CHRIST-CENTERED OUTREACH-MINDED RELEVANT
SERVANT-FOCUSED SCRIPTURE-BASED

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


S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			28	29	30	1
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29



Faith Formation

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

Save the Date:
Archdiocesan Youth Conference
July 28-30



Donate to our team online – information at www.stmaximilian.org
Rice Bowls can be returned at Faith Formation class on Thur, Apr 13 or Sun, Apr 16.



Sacraments Information 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.

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

Mark your calendars! Kamp Kolbe
Vacation Bible School
Mon.-Fri. mornings
June 19-23.



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 help our parish create a welcoming environment where people feel included.

“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

Food Pantry is open: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

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



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**BLOOD DRIVE
NEXT SUNDAY!
APRIL 23**

**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**

Monday	3 am—4 am
Tuesday	12 Midnight—1 am
Wednesday	2 am—3 am
Thursday	2 am—3 am
Thursday	12 Noon—1 pm



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, Nadia Juarez, 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, 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 Early Childhood Program



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.

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