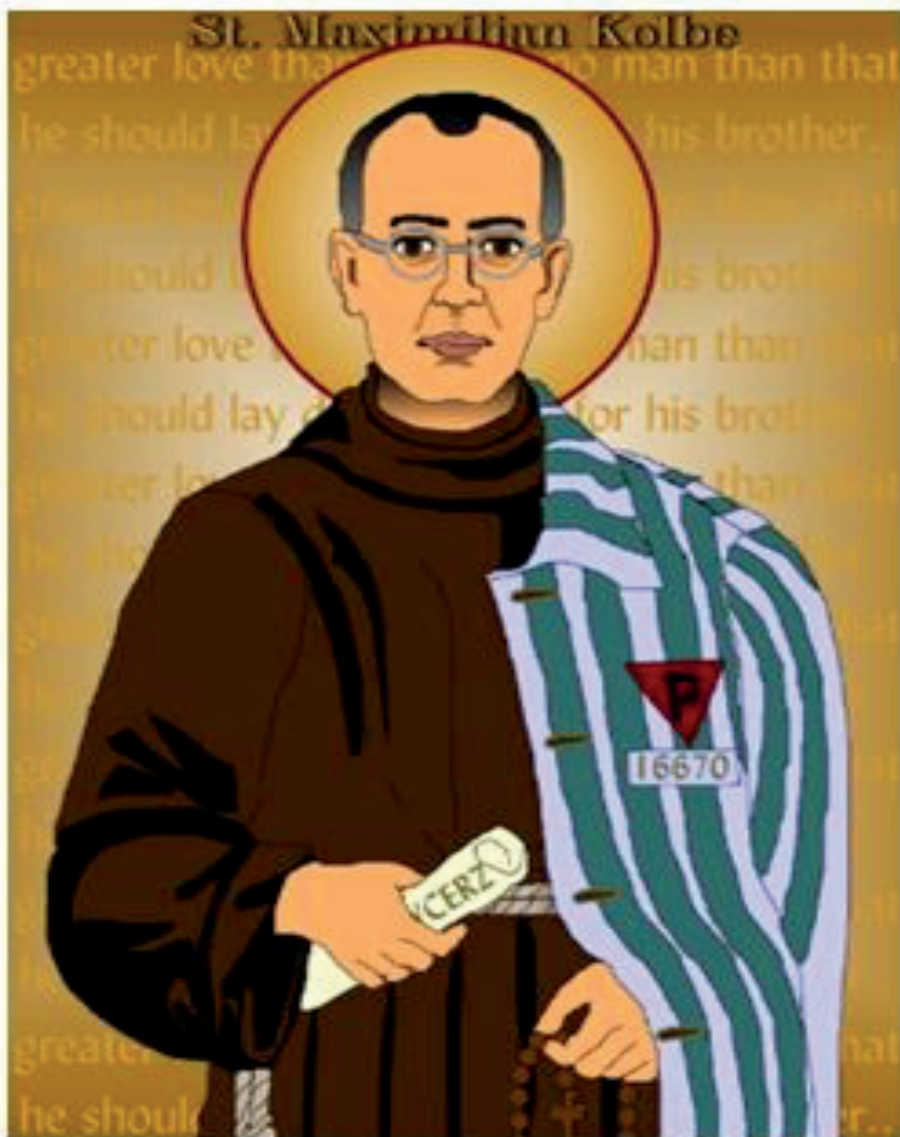


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

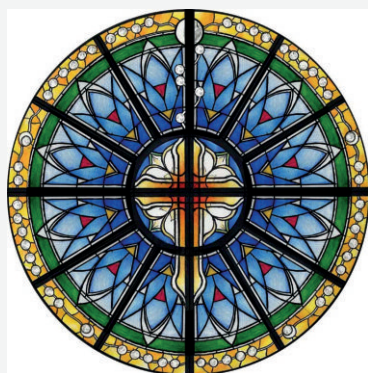
**30 minutes prior to
Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass**

After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm

Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 23, 2023**



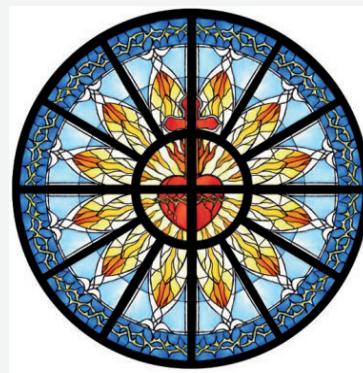
**Parish Office Hours
Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm**

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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)
 Patricia Fahy (Recorder)
 John Garcia
 Dennis Taylor
 Esteban Teran
 John Syzdek
 Jeanette Coury
 Leslie Escobar
 Jan Hains
 Edward Lock
 Thomas Spjut

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 Chris Wuenscher—Coordinator of Youth Ministry
 Janice Burns—Faith Formation Assistant & Baptismal Coordinator
 Eileen Mace—Kolbe Kids EC Program Director
 Beth Jones—Parish Business Manager
 Phyllis Schoelman—Parish Secretary
 Miguel Perdomo—Maintenance; Lupe Mendez—Custodian

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 Evie Ornelaz
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 Paul Hains
 Rosa Elena Barragan-Ojeda
 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.

BLOOD DRIVE THIS SUNDAY! APRIL 23

Direct sign-up link is: tinyurl.com/yk8hznt9

Coffee & Donuts every Sunday,

Plan to join us for fellowship in the Education Bldg.

**"Never be afraid of loving Mary too much.
You can never love her more than Jesus did."**

— St. Maximilian Kolbe

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

Sammy Romano, Sr. †; Janet LaBorne †
Dennis Joseph Storemski †
Tom Phillips †; Harrison Quach †



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 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

April 23, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last weekend was Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope Francis preached on God's abundant mercy. "The wounds of Christ, still visible after his resurrection, are the greatest sign of God's love & mercy....Let us ask ourselves, however, if in the name of this love, in the name of Jesus' wounds, whether we are willing to open our arms to those who are wounded by life, excluding no one from God's mercy, but welcoming everyone -- each person like a brother, like a sister, like God welcomes everyone. God welcomes everyone."

Pope Francis said the community of the church "is where you will find me (Jesus); that is where I will show you the signs of the wounds impressed on my body: the signs of the love that overcomes hatred, of the pardon that disarms revenge, the signs of the life that conquers death....Christians should ask themselves where they look for Jesus.... Is it 'in some special event, in some spectacular or amazing religious manifestation, solely at the emotional or sensational level?' Or do they look for the Lord 'in the community, in the church, accepting the challenge of staying there, even though it is not perfect?' Despite all its limitations & failures--which are our limitations & failings--our mother church is the body of Christ....It is there, in the body of Christ, that, now & forever, the greatest signs of his love can be found impressed."

Based upon what the Pope said, let us all pray for people who have left the active practice of the Catholic faith because they have been hurt by clergy or laity. If they have gone to another parish or denomination, I wonder how long will it be before another hurt occurs since every body of believers is made of people who are capable of hurting others. If the offended person has given up on any church assembly, then how sad that is. As the Pope stated: "It is there, in the body of Christ, that, now & forever, the greatest signs of his love can be found impressed." Invite people to come home to church.

This Sunday is our parish blood drive. Please give the gift of life by donating blood. You can reserve a time to donate (tinyurl.com/yk8hznt9). Walk-ins are welcome. With our last blood drive, we collected 26 pints of blood. Though grateful for these donations, I think our parish could donate much more. There is no substitute for blood. It cannot be manufactured. The only way is to donate blood. While 1 in 7 hospitalized people will need a blood transfusion in a life-

time, only 1 in 20 eligible blood donors actually donate. Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center needs 1,000 donations every day of the year to serve patients in our community. Giving on an ongoing basis helps ensure blood components are always available for the patients. Your donation could mean the difference between life & death for someone. With each donation of blood, you are saving up to 3 lives because a whole blood donation can be divided into 3 components—red blood cells, plasma & platelets.

- Red blood cells are used to treat cancer, surgery & trauma patients.
- Plasma often is needed to replace fluids in burn & trauma patients.
- Platelets help cancer & bone marrow transplant patients recover.

Last week we distributed the book *"Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist."* If you did not receive your copy, you may pick up such a copy on Saturday after Mass from the ACTS ladies in front of church or on Sunday during Coffee & Donuts. It is an excellent book to help us understand the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread & wine become the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit & 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.

Have you noticed that the parking lot has been restriped? Funds from the Maintenance & Repair Fund helped cover the cost of \$22,000+. Continue to be generous to this fund to help fund other necessary projects. Also, there are some "able-bodied" people who should not be parking in the handicapped parking spaces. These spaces are reserved solely for those who are "handicapped" & should have a handicap permit to do so. For safety issues, drive slowly in the lot.

The Ladies ACTS retreat is Thursday-Sunday, April 27-30. There are still spaces available. Give God a chance to work in your life by attending this retreat. See an ACTS team member after Mass. The KC golf tournament is scheduled for this coming Friday, April 28. Contact Pat Greaney (patgr48@gmail.com) on how you can assist them to make this tournament a huge success!

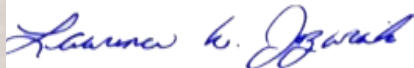
See p. 6 on an important workshop "Getting your Legal & Spiritual House in Order" about end of life issues to be held at Christ the Redeemer Church on Saturday, May 6.

"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: #1067

Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187

Gathering Hymn: #611—All Creatures
of Our God & King

Gloria (inside cover of hymnal)

Gospel Alleluia

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

Preparation Hymn: #443—Now the Green Blade

Rises (Journey Songs hymnal)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymns:

#525—The Strife is O'er

#918—In the Breaking of the Bread

Sending Forth Hymn: #523—Christ the Lord is Risen
Today



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Mass Intentions



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 +

Monday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:30 am Domingo Dimapilis Villanueva +

Tuesday, April 25

St. Mark

6:30 pm Robert L. Strauss +

Wednesday, April 26

8:30 am Brian Paul Saizan +

Thursday, April 27

8:30 am Joe Walker

Friday, April 28 St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon

8:30 am Melba Rader +

Saturday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

5 pm Gumecindo Calderon +

Sunday, April 30

4th Sunday of Easter

8 am Joseph Hahn +

10 am Michael Williams + & Marie Williams +

Noon Parishioners of St. Maximilian

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus,
who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14,
22-33).

Psalm — Our God shows us the way to live (Ps. 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God
who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of
the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two
disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

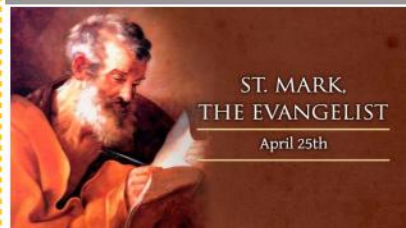
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;
Jn 10:1-10



St. Mark, the Evangelist, is the author of
the 2nd Gospel and
the patron saint of
notaries & Venice,
Italy

WE WELCOME YOU!

**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.

Power Hour Prayer Time *Need a spiritual boost?*
Join us at 7 pm 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 re-
quest to have the daily readings sent to your email.



Spiritual Adoption: End of Month 1--"My heart is beating!"

"Thank you for praying for me. I am now one month old.

I have a heart pumping my blood.

I am 10,000 times bigger than at conception.

I have all the foundations of my body, brain, nerves, organs & muscles."

Please pick up a blessed Spiritual Adoption Prayer Card, at the church exits, to pray for an unborn child to be saved from abortion. This prayer campaign ends December 25, although continued prayers afterward is encouraged. Please also pray for an end to abortion and the healing and reconciliation of all involved.

You created my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. Psalm 139:13-14

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.



CDA
Crowning of Mary
Sunday, May 7th
10 am Mass

**ST. GIANNA NOVENA**

Wednesday, April 19 - Thursday, April 27



By signing up, at the email below, you'll get the novena, emailed to you each day.

<https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/saint-gianna-novena>

We invite you to pray a special novena for moms in need. St. Gianna Beretta Molla is a powerful patron for pregnant & parenting mothers. As a physician & mother, she knew intimately what it was like to struggle with a challenging medical diagnosis during pregnancy. We look forward to praying with you, and with Saint Gianna, in support of mothers in need!

Teaching on the Real Presence of the Eucharist:
Presence - Bonus Episode: Biblical Foundations with Dr. Tim Gray

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/biblical-foundations-with-dr-tim-gray>

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" These words uttered 2,000 years ago are echoed today. The doctrine of the Real Presence presents a difficulty for many people. When we take the time to understand the difficulties, we become better equipped to help address them. This can be done especially by showing how the Scriptures really do mean what the Church says they do. This session examines objections to the Church's Eucharistic teaching & provides scriptural answers for them. This apologetic helps us to give a reason for our faith & to gain a deeper insight into our faith. See p. 8 on how to login into Formed.org

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The Catholic Faith. On Demand.

All Men are Welcome! Come sing with the Choir
this Sat., April 29th @ 5 pm Mass!



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



What are appropriate signs of reverence with respect to the Body & Blood of Christ?

“The Body and Blood of Christ present under the appearances of bread and wine are treated with the greatest reverence both during and after the celebration of the Eucharist (cf. *Mysterium Fidei*, nos. 56-61). For example, the tabernacle in which the consecrated bread is reserved is placed "in some part of the church or oratory which is distinguished, conspicuous, beautifully decorated, and suitable for prayer" (Code of Canon Law, Can. 938, §2). According to the tradition of the Latin Church, one should genuflect in the presence of the tabernacle containing the reserved sacrament. In the Eastern Catholic Churches, the traditional practice is to make the sign of the cross and to bow profoundly. The liturgical gestures from both traditions reflect reverence, respect, and adoration.”

Please take note below
(What the U.S. Bishops are saying!)

“It is appropriate for the members of the assembly to greet each other in the gathering space of the church (that is, the vestibule or narthex), but it is not appropriate to speak in loud or boisterous tones in the body of the church (that is, the nave) because of the presence of Christ in the tabernacle.”

“Also, the Church requires everyone to fast before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ as a sign of reverence and recollection (unless illness prevents one from doing so). In the Latin Church, one must generally fast for at least one hour; members of Eastern Catholic Churches must follow the practice established by their own Church.”

(The Eucharist, usccc.org)



“My ACTS Retreat stirred my soul into a closer relationship with the Lord.”

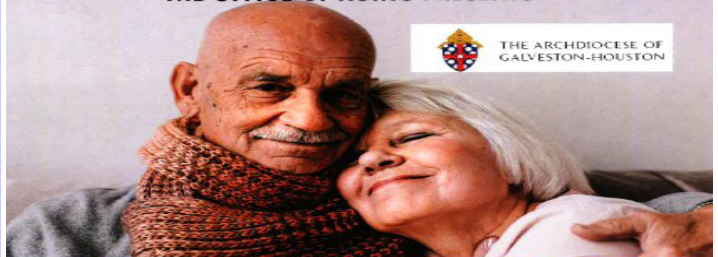
The 2023 Women's ACTS Retreat is THIS WEEK-April 27-30, & it's not too late to sign up! This 3-day, 3-night Catholic lay retreat is presented by St. Maximilian parishioners & runs from Thursday evening to Sunday noon Mass. If your faith is lukewarm ... you crave a personal connection with God ... or 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 the St. Maximilian website, or call Josie Arredondo at 832.646.3779.



Meet Deacon David & Lori Persich This Monday!

Did you know that a husband has to have written permission from his wife to enter the permanent diaconate program in the Catholic Church? Or that both husband & wife may attend the requisite four years of diaconate classes together? Ladies, join your Sisters of the Spirit this Monday, April 24, at 7 pm in Room 215 of the Gajowniczek Building for a meet-&-greet with St. Maximilian's newly ordained Deacon David Persich and his wife, Lori. The Persiches will answer questions about the diaconate formation process — & the personal faith journey that led them to it. Bring a friend & join us!

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 Apr. 10—16, 2023

Collections	\$19,358
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 1,223
Total	\$20,581

Faith Direct: 4/15/2023

Collections	\$28,754
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 1,778
TOTAL:	\$30,532

Faith Direct is received twice a month.

Archdiocesan 2nd Collections \$ 1,510



← 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.

Be generous to the Maintenance & Repair fund.

**When you give to God,
you discover that God
gives to you.**

GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART



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

**We are \$79,898 short to
meet our mandatory
amount by June 30th.**

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

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: \$70,102
- Amt. under mandatory amt: \$79,898
- 208 donors out of 2123 households

OUR DAILY BREAD

This day center in Galveston provides human services to women & men who are experiencing homelessness. It is committed to upholding the dignity of each person by providing programs to help break the cycle of homelessness. The staff encourages & empowers those seeking help to make positive choices, to seek treatment for mental, emotional or addictive disorders, and to develop a plan of action & a network of community support. Toward this, the center provides counseling, nutritious meals, support groups, clothing, hygiene articles, referral & education.

There will be a 2nd collection this 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://stm Maximilian.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>

p. 8 Diving into the beauty of the Catholic Faith has never been easier, using any internet connected device. Discover teachings on doctrine, sacraments & bible, saints, books, movies, etc. There is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ & His Church.

Registering on FORMED is easier than ever!

—Go to <https://formed.org/signup>

—Enter our parish zip code 77064 & select our parish

—Enter your name & email

You can also sign up for daily reflections to be sent to your email at <https://daily.formed.org/>



**GABRIEL PROJECT HELPS
PREGNANT WOMEN IN CRISIS**



The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston offers assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances during pregnancy.

Volunteers provide practical advice & help, as well as spiritual support, & Christian witness to mothers in need. Please call **(713) 225-5826**.

The next Café Catholica Lite will be held on May 11, at St Patrick Church (1010 35th St, Galveston) from 7-8:45 pm. Our speaker is Fr. Robert Murphy, SJ, Vocations Promoter with the Jesuits, and his talk will be "How to Make a Decision: Discerning the Ignatian Way." The night will include lite snacks, the talk, Q&A, and communal prayer. The talk will be available to view online as well (link available online at www.archgh.org/cafecatholica). The Café Catholica program seeks to help young adults (ages 18-39) encounter Christ and his Church. All young adults are invited to join. For more information, contact yacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778.

NOTE: This press release is **direct quote** from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Public Affairs Office.

U.S. Bishops' Pro-Life Chairman on Chemical Abortion Drug Ruling by Circuit Court

APRIL 14, 2023 BY THE USCCB'S

WASHINGTON — On Wednesday night, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit partially upheld a recent district court ruling to reverse preliminarily the U.S. Food & Drug Administration's loosening of access & safety standards for the abortion drug, mifepristone. The circuit court overturned, however, part of the lower court's ruling, which would have suspended the approval of mifepristone to be on the market while the case continues to proceed in the courts. Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, provided the following statement in response:

"The 5th Circuit was right to recognize the dangers of unrestricted chemical abortion to women's health & safety. We are grateful for the restoration of protections, and any limitation on the use of these lethal drugs. We hope that the final ruling will result in removal of chemical abortion from the market altogether. Abortion is never the right choice for a difficult or unexpected pregnancy, as it always ends one life and risks another. We pray ardently that our nation will authentically support and accompany women, so that ending the lives of their children alone in their own homes will be unthinkable."

**Our First Eucharist celebrations will be
on May 6 & the weekend of May 13 & 14.**

Pray for an end to violence.

This year's **Men's WATCH** is August 5th. 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



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
*FOR FUTURE PRAYER CALENDARS, VISIT HOUSTONVOCATIONS.COM/PRAY-FOR-OUR-SEMINARIANS/

We will be offering a Spirituality series on Mondays in May, June, and July at 12:30 pm in Room 214. This will also be repeated in-person and on Zoom at 6:30 pm. Bring your lunch or dinner, if you like. We will start with teachings from Fr. Ronald Rolheiser (member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate). Watch the bulletin for more information to come soon!

3rd Saturday of each Month "The Chosen"

Have you heard the buzz about the show in regards to the life of Jesus? On the 3rd Saturday of each month after the 5pm Saturday Mass in Kolbe Hall (about 6:15pm), we will start showing "The Chosen." The 1st 2 episodes were shown on April 15th; go to stmaximilian.org/adult to see how to catch up. This event will go throughout the summer (through August 19th). Bring your own food & drinks for your family, if you like. Next showing: Saturday, May 20th. **Come join us!**



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**

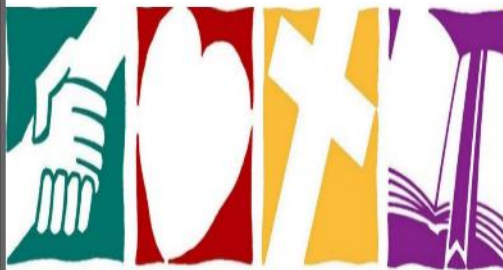
Registration Deadline
Elem., Jr High MAY 28
High School JUNE 29

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



Faith Formation

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



**Save the
Date:
Arch-
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Youth
Conference
July 28-30**



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

Good Friday Retreat

Mark your calendars! Kamp Kolbe
Vacation Bible School
Register: stmaximilian.org/kamp-kolbe-vbs
Mon.-Fri. mornings
June 19-23.
Volunteers needed!



**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 take time in silence, every day, to ask God what he wants us to do.

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" Luke 24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

Food Pantry is open: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

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The pantry could use the following items: canned corn, canned hearty meal soups (no cream soups), pasta sauce, peanut butter, & cereal. No outdated food products please. The Food Pantry is not able to accept any medications. Updated 4/18/23

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*"So you could not keep watch
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"Mt 26:40*

**Pray for
Our Nation**

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



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