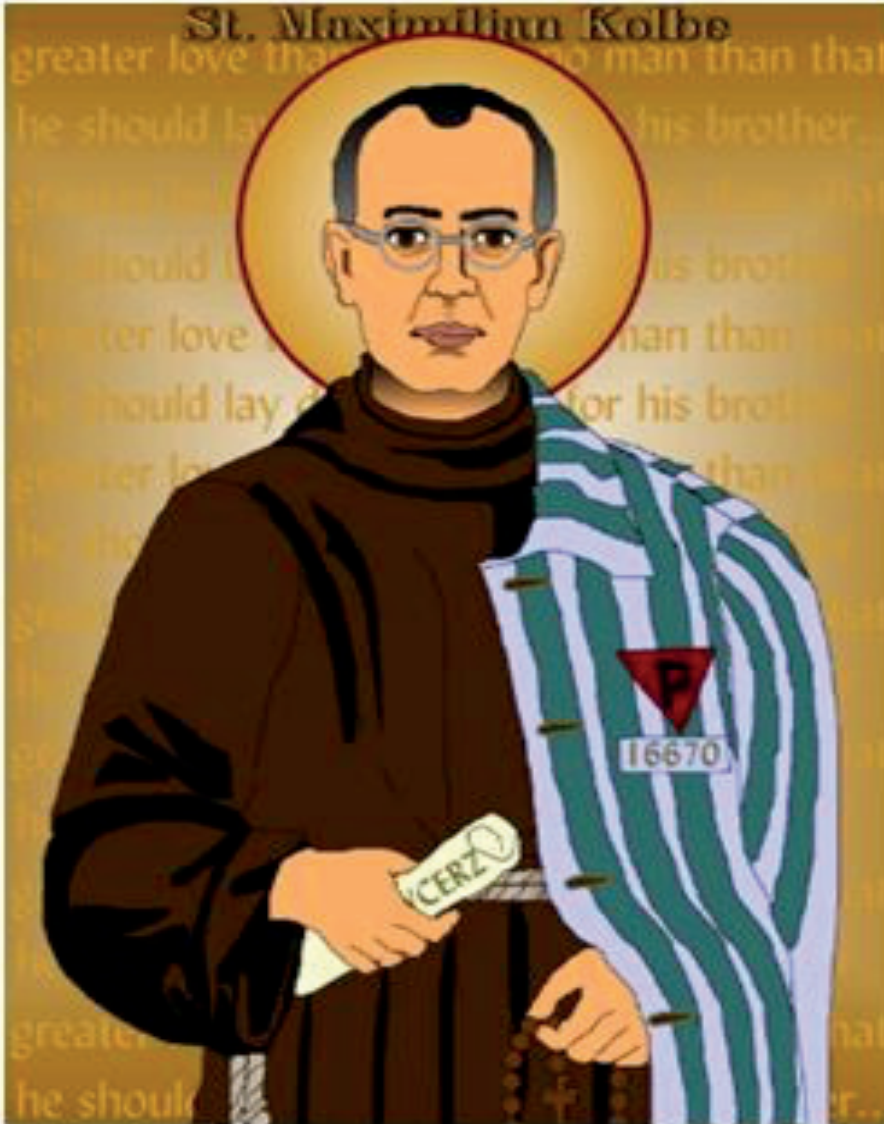


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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
10 am; Tuesday-July 4
Normally, 6:30 pm on Tuesdays
8:30 am: Wed.- Friday

Confessions

30 minutes prior to
Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass
****not on Tuesday, July 4****
After Friday 8:30 am Mass
Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm
Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 2, 2023



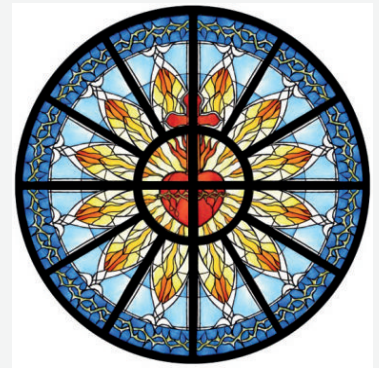
Parish Office Hours
Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm

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

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 Chris Wuenschel—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
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 Thomas Nelson
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SACRAMENT of BAPTISM:

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

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

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION:

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

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

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

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK:

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



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

Fr. Louis Zee †
Josephine Ciulla Maduzia †,
 mother of Fr. Norbert Maduzia

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

July 2, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Tuesday is July 4th. It is the 247th anniversary of our nation's independence. We have so much to be proud of. But just like any person, our nation is a work in progress. We have beautiful truths embedded in important rights. We need to continue to live them out even more fully, just as we are called to live out more fully Jesus' commandment to "love one another as I love you (John 15:12).

Remember the liturgical principle of *Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi* (The law of praying is the law of believing is the law of living). See how that principle is embodied in the Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass on July 4th which is as follows:

Let us pray:

Father of all nations and ages,
we recall the day when our country
claimed its place among the family of nations;
for what has been achieved we give you thanks,
for the work that still remains we ask your help,
and as you have called us from many peoples to
be one nation,
grant that, under your providence,
our country may share your blessings
with all the peoples of the earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Notice how we are reminded that God is the Father of all nations & ages, that we give thanks for what has been achieved, that we ask God's help for the work that still remains, that our nation is made up of many peoples and we are to share God's blessings with all peoples of the earth. I am amazed at the beauty of our prayers for Mass. Yet I wonder how often that beauty is perceived by the people who are listening and supposedly praying with the priest celebrant.

Normally on Tuesdays, we have confessions at 6 pm followed by the 6:30 pm Mass. We felt more people would come on this holiday if the Mass were at 10 am, the normal time for such Masses on some major holidays. As a result,

there will be no 6 pm confessions nor a 6:30 pm Mass on this Tuesday only. So I invite you all to come to the 10 am Mass this Tuesday on July 4th "to give thanks to God for what has been achieved," ask that we continue to improve in "the work that still remains" and that we as a nation "share God's blessings with all the peoples of the earth."

Starting at only the 10 am Mass next Sunday, July 9th, we are resuming the Children's Liturgy of the Word where the children will be dismissed prior to the 1st reading so as to hear a message more on a child's level of comprehension. Then the children will be welcomed back at the Offertory for the rest of the Mass. We wish we could have it at the 12 Noon Mass also, but we have only enough volunteers for the 10 am Mass. IF we secure more volunteers, we are receptive to extending it to the 12 Noon Mass time also.

Recently, a mother emailed me, asking IF I would be receptive to a Mother's Group forming here. Mothers need the support & fellowship of other Catholic mothers who share similar values & concerns in their vocation of motherhood. Many mothers feel "alone & isolated" in rearing their children, sometimes without the benefit of family nearby. I told this interested mother that I would be very supportive of such a group forming here. I consulted Eileen Mace, director of Kolbe Kids EC Program. Eileen & this one parishioner are taking the 1st steps to starting such a Mother's Group here, presuming there is such a desire. Those interested in such a fellowship for mothers, please take a short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9J98MHR>

Prior to Covid, our parish celebrated our patron's feast day each year on the Saturday normally closest to August 14th, the actual feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe. We are reviving that custom. On Saturday, August 12th, we will have a brief organ recital concert prior to the 5 pm Vigil Mass. When we dedicated our new organ, it was the context of sung Evening Prayer (Vespers) & a musical concert. This August 12th concert will showcase the variety of features of this new organ in a way that was not exhibited at the dedication prayer service. The invited organist will play for the 5 pm Mass & play some postlude music immediately following the Mass. After that 5 pm Mass in Kolbe Hall, we will have our traditional gathering with hamburgers, hot dogs, etc., being served. Mark you calendars for this event, and the return of the International Festival on Saturday, Nov. 4th.

"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: #1128

Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187

Gathering Hymn: #853—All People

That on Earth Do Dwell

Gloria (inside cover of hymnal)

Gospel Alleluia

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

Preparation Hymn: #782—Only This I Want

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn:

#783—Unless a Grain of Wheat

Sending Forth Hymn: #984—America the Beautiful



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: A influential woman in Shunem offers hospitality to the prophet Elisha. In gratitude, Elisha promises her a son, despite her husband's advanced age. (2 Kings 4:8-16)

Psalms: I'll forever sing the Lord's promises; His kindness is everlasting. (Ps 89)

Second Reading: Through baptism, we join Christ in His death and resurrection, signifying our new life. As Christ is free from death, we too, should live free from sin, and for God. (Rom. 6:3-11)

Gospel: Jesus instructs his apostles that true discipleship requires them to prioritize their love and devotion to him above even their closest family relationships. He also emphasizes the significance of receiving and supporting those who come in his name, assuring that even the smallest acts of kindness towards his disciples will be rewarded. (Mt. 10:37-42)

WE WELCOME YOU!

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 11; Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5-20; Ps 34; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1-19; Ps 115; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-67; Ps 106; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-29; Ps 135; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145; Rom 8:9-13; Mt 11:25-30

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.

Weekend Homilies are recorded & posted on our parish webpage:

<https://stmaximilian.org/homily>



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Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 1

St. Junipero Serra

5 pm Joe & Jeanette Coury

Sunday, July 2 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Edward Zarosky †

10 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

12 Noon James W. Cozart, Jr. † &

Jonathan Radke †

Monday, July 3

St. Thomas

8:30 am Alexander Lee †

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day

10 am Ashley Pereira †, Herman Pereira †, &

No 6 pm Confessions or 6:30 pm Mass Lila Calderon †

Wednesday, July 5

St. Anthony Zaccaria,
St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30 am Sarah Sakallah

Thursday, July 6

St. Maria Goretti

8:30 am Brian Cernoch †

Friday, July 7

8:30 am Olin Miyamoto †

Saturday, July 8

5 pm Margaret Yong †

Sunday, July 9 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Elridge Dupont, Sr. †

12 Noon Ralph Subotich †



On July 4th, everyone is invited to the 10 am Mass to give thanks & to pray for our nation.

On Tuesdays, Mass is at 6:30 pm. But since that Tuesday is a national holiday, the normal Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass is being moved to 10 am on that day only. No 6 pm Confessions.



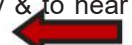
To Fr. Eric Pitre who will be hearing this Saturday's confessions & be the celebrant for this Saturday's 5 pm Mass (July 1st). Fr. Lawrence will be in Rosenberg,

TX at Sacred Heart Church, installing the new pastor at that parish on behalf of the Cardinal. Fr. Lawrence will be the celebrant for the 3 Sunday Masses, July 2nd.

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.



"God is not far away, He is a Father,
He knows you and loves you;
he wants to hold your hand,
even when you travel
on steep paths, even when you fall."

Pope Francis

Save the Date!
St. Maximilian Kolbe
Feast Day Celebration
Saturday, August 12th



4 – 4:45 pm

Church Organ Recital

5 pm Vigil Mass

Parish Picnic-Kolbe Hall

6:15 pm

The Rosary Making Ministry meets at 7 pm Thursday,
July 6th in the Parish Office Conference Room.

This ministry meets the 1st Thursday of every month for fellowship, learn how to make a corded rosary, pick up supplies & drop off completed rosaries. Come join us! Rosaries are available in the parish office & in the chapel if you need one. For more info, contact Barbara Sextro @ 713.818.6729 or Teri Corbitt at 832.544.1798.



Come join **Fishers of Men** on Saturday, July 8th from 7:30-9 am in Room 215. Come experience what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Experience with other men who desire to live the Catholic faith. Free coffee!



Pray for our blessings on our parish!

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th. May you all have a safe 4th of July!



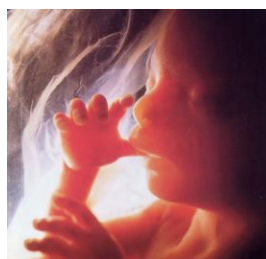
Have You Moved? Changed your Phone Number or Email Address? If you have it is important to let us know in the parish office. Call 281-955-7324 to update your information.

Spiritual Adoption:
End of Month 3

"I can suck my thumb!"

"Thank you for praying for me. I'm now 12 weeks old.

- I am fully formed.
- I'm about 3 inches long.
- I can squint and swallow and move my tongue.
- I will make a tight fist if you touch my palm."



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.

"The Lord called me from the womb... formed me from the womb to be his servant."

Isaiah 49:1, 5

Watch the amazing and medically accurate, animated video of human life from the moment of fertilization.



<https://babyolivia.liveaction.org/>

For more information, contact Karen at kcomstock@sbcglobal.net or 281-639-1999.

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from the womb to the tomb!**



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Pray for Peace in: Ukraine, The Holy Land Sudan, Nicaragua All other places in the world.

Café Catholica 2023: Rise Up!

The Café Catholica summer series is open to all young adults (ages 18-39) & features dynamic speakers, prayer, & socializing. Café Catholica 2023 will be held in person at St. Anne Church (2140 Westheimer Rd., Houston) on three Mondays in July. Each night will include Confession at 5:15 pm, Mass at 6:15 pm, dinner at 7:15 pm, and talk at 8:15 pm. This year's theme is: Rise Up! Come for all or part of the evening, no registration is needed to attend. Donations are accepted.

• **July 10:** Q&A with Cardinal DiNardo
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

For more info: go to www.archgh.org/cafecatholica

*"Jesus is the hand of the Father
who never abandons us,
the strong and faithful hand of the Father
who always and only wants our good."
Pope Francis*



Coming soon hopefully: the St. Max Mom's Club!

Mothers of all ages & stages are invited to join in the fellowship that St. Max Mom's Club will offer as we journey through the vocation of motherhood. If you are interested, take our short survey to help us plan for the upcoming year.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9J98MHR>

A MUST SEE MOVIE TO SUPPORT THIS CAUSE

Based on a true story of a rescue mission to save children from sex traffickers in Colombia. Jim Caviezel, who played Jesus Christ in the Passion of Christ, plays the leading role. He is a devout Catholic. In link below, watch trailer and purchase tickets in advance, as theaters are selling out nationwide.

<http://www.angel.com/freedom>



Please! Do NOT staple, glue, or tape your offertory envelopes! Thank you.

For Safety! Please do NOT let small children approach the candle stands unattended. Parents, watch your children when near the candles. Thank you!

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.



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL IS BACK!

St Maximilian Kolbe is a diverse parish & has representation of so many countries & ethnicities. To celebrate our diversity, we are reviving the International Festival on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023. (An event we had pre-Covid.) If you or a group of you are interested in representing a particular country or ethnicity, please reach out to: Madelyn Henderson (madelyn.henderson@gmail.com), Angie Willis (angiemwillis@gmail.com), or Nancy Reece (ngr_77095@yahoo.com).

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Thomas was one of the original Apostles. He was a dedicated follower of Christ. Thomas, unwilling to believe other Apostles had seen the risen Lord, he earned the title "doubting Thomas." On Christ's second apparition, Thomas saw the wounds in our Lord's hands and side and proclaimed, "My Lord and My God."

As the Apostles dispersed, Thomas eventually reached India.

He is the patron saint of architects.



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Collection for the Week of June 19—25, 2023

Collections	\$19,381
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,725
Total	\$21,106

Faith Direct: 6/30/2023 (received twice a month)

Collections	\$14,566
Maintenance & Repair	\$592
Total	\$15,158

Archdiocesan Second Collection	\$470
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← 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.

Today is the **Peter's Pence Collection**, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See & the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis & be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers & sisters. Please be generous. For more info, visit:

www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

29 cents of every DSF \$1 dollar donation goes to:

Teaching, Evangelizing & Worship Ministries charged with this mission administer the largest private school system in Texas & sustain numerous religious education programs serving more than 100,000 people of all ages. They also promote the Catholic faith, reach out to other faiths, advocate for social justice & support liturgical & musical ministries throughout the Archdiocese.

GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART



MINISTRY



SERVICE



EDUCATION



- **2023 mandatory amt: \$150,000**
- **Amount Received: \$123,563**
- **Amt pledged to be paid: \$20,140**
- **Amt received + pledged: \$143,703**
- **Amt. under mandatory amt: \$6,297**
(\$26,437 short in amt received)
- **335 donors out of 2123 households**



PEW PROJECT

The installation of the pews is complete. Clergy chairs are being re-upholstered to match the pew fabric. Hopefully, they will be finished for this weekend.

The pew project cost was about \$209,000. We were fortunate to have this money in savings. But that has made a huge dent in our savings. If you are able to make an additional contribution to assist in this project, mark that contribution with a memo toward "pew project."

Any contributions will be welcomed.

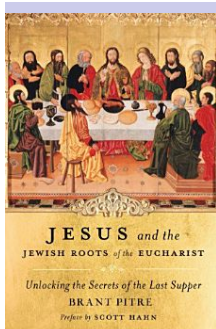
Thank you!

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>



Learn about the Holy Eucharist

On the 2 weekends after Easter Sunday, we gave out the book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* by Dr Brant Pitre. For those who have read it, are reading it or are unable to get the reading done, we have started a 10-lesson companion study to the book called *Lectio: Eucharist*.

The free study is available on Formed: <https://watch.formed.org/lectio-eucharist>

-with-dr-brant-pitre

You have the materials to study it on your own, but if you want to study it in a group, we will meet on **Saturday mornings at 9:30 am** which have started or **Thursday mornings at 9:30 am starting June 29**. Come to one meeting or to all of them. For more info, go to www.stmaximilian.org/adult If you did not receive a copy & would like one, some are available in the parish office.

Thursday, June 29: Lesson 1, Source & Summit
Saturday, July 1: Lesson 4, Miracles of the Exodus

"Williford Library Bucks" "Gift certificates" from the Williford Parish Library that can be redeemed for Fall Festival 2023 Tokens!

Library Hours...

Sundays, after the Masses

Times requested by parish Youth Formation and Ministries (ask to arrange times by request to library@stmaximilian.org)

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Coffee & Donuts every Sunday,

Plan to join us for fellowship in the Education Bldg.

Summer Reading Challenge...

...with a Catholic Twist!

Join in Summer Reading Challenge to earn "Williford Library Bucks"!

The challenge: Check out and read books or videos from the Parish Library! Fill out a short Mini Book Report (entry form) about the book and return with the book!

Prizes...

For every **2 books***** read, receive **1 Williford Library Buck**

Bi-weekly Drawing from entry forms submitted during that time for **5 Williford Library Bucks** for each age group!

Final drawing from all entries, all groups for **10 Williford Library Bucks** ***Need to be different books; duplicates not applicable***



Age Groups...Pre-school

Elementary School (Gr. 1-5)

Junior High (Gr. 6-8) & High School

Reading Period 2: July 2-16 Drawing 2 for each age group: July 16, 2023 after the Noon Mass

Pray everyday for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HOUSTON VOCATIONS ARCHDIOCESE OF HOUSTON	PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS DAILY*			JULY 2023		1 RYAN BERGER
2 WESLEY HENRY	3 MARLON BARAO	4 JOHN CLARK	5 CHRISTIAN MAI	6 JOHN PAUL ELLWANGER	7 ANDRES CARABEZ	8 MITCHELL SCHUMANN
9 HAI DAO	10 DENNEGHY MASON	11 HENRY STADLER	12 DANIEL PHILLIPS	13 ORLANDO HERRERA	14 KYLE GIBSON	15 THEODORE BIRKOFER
16 BASIL HOUSEWRIGHT	17 TRIEU NGUYEN	18 JOSHUA SVAJDA	19 DIMARG FONTENELLE	20 SHAWN VARKEY	21 CARLOS VELERO	22 DCN. DAVID RAMIREZ
23 GRIFFIN ALEXANDER 30 DCN. LUIS ARMAS	24 MICHAEL JAMES ARIZONA 31 JAMES SCHNITZLER	25 JOSE VERA	26 ETHAN SICKING	27 DCN. VIET NGUYEN	28 BILL WATERS	29 KEENAN ANNICHARICO

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 WWW.HOUSTONVOCATIONS.COM/PRAY-FOR-OUR-SEMINARIANS/

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS!

**Sign up for Flocknote:
Text - StMaxYM To 84576**

We will be offering a **Spirituality Summer Series** on Mondays in July at 12:30 pm in Room 214. This will also be repeated in-person & 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). **July Dates: 10, & 17**

AYC is open to incoming 9th graders through outgoing 12th graders. Contact Chris in the parish office for more information.

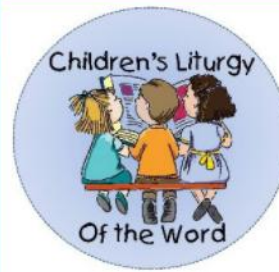
3rd Saturday of each Month: "The Chosen"

Have you heard the buzz about the show that re-imagines the Gospels showing how Jesus taught and loved? On the 3rd Saturday of each month after the 5 pm Mass in Kolbe Hall (around 6:15 pm), we will be showing episodes of "The Chosen." You can watch by going to <https://www.angel.com/watch/the-chosen>. This event will go throughout the summer (Aug 19th). **Next showing is Sat., July 15th. Come join us!**

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

Faith Formation

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



HELP WANTED!

Teach the Gospel to kids ages 5-9. Only once a month at the Mass you are already attending. We will be starting with 10am Mass and hope to have enough volunteers to include noon Mass as well. For more info or to volunteer, contact Molly Smith at molly.smith@stmaximilian.org.

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July 28-30, 2023 | Hilton of the Americas | Houston, TX

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Contact Chris to register!

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**2023 Calendar
Faith Formation/CCE
Summer Intensive**

The deadline for CCE Summer Intensive for High School session is June 29th!

Registration Deadline
Elem, Jr High MAY 29
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**

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JULY: For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way & opening to the encounter with God & all their brothers & sisters.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

That we use our gifts in the way that God intended for us.

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

Food Pantry is open: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

FoodPantry@stmaximilian.org

The pantry could use the following items: 1 lb. bag dry rice, 1 lb. bag dry beans, canned corn, 24 oz. canned Hunts pasta sauce, 10.75-19 oz. canned soups, 16-28 oz. peanut butter, 5-12.5 oz. canned chicken, 12-25 oz. jelly, macaroni & cheese. Hamburger or Tuna Helper, and 10-18 oz. cereal.. No outdated food products please. The Food Pantry is not able to accept any medications. Updated 6/15/23

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Eleanor Antunez, Lupe Batey, Norma Bodin, Bill Carew, Carolyn Cartafalsa, Missy Fouts, Joseph Gallagher, James Geary, Mary L. Broussard-Gee, Georgia Hohensee, Madison Koopmann, Rachele Marchisio, Arma Morrison, Maria Mien Nguyen, Richard Ornelaz, Stan Petty, Walker Ponder, Marian Rearick, Alveraize Saizan, Maria Senjudo, Guillermo Stewart-Gaynor, Ken Switzler, Consuelo Estrada Torres, Fr. John Ulm, Merlita Velasquez, Linda Webb, Carolyn & Gary Webber, Bryler Weda, Baby Wire, & Chuck Woodruff

**Blessed Virgin Mary of the Immaculate Conception,
Patroness of The United States,
Pray for us!**

This year's **Men's WATCH Retreat** is August 5/6.

Contact John Syzdek for more info @

johnsyzdek1@yahoo.com

This year's **Women's WATCH Retreat** will be held

July 29/30. Contact Elizabeth Gomez for more info

@ edeleon64@hotmail.com or Cassy Hunter @ cjhunter@flash.net

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- Coffee & Donuts •Adoration •Choir •Food Pantry
- Helping Hands (funeral receptions) •Fall Festival
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- Lectors (reading the Scriptures at Mass)
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- Teaching—children, youth or adults
- Other Social Outreaches •And more!

Contact the Parish Office: 281-955-7324

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
Tuesday	1 pm—2 pm
Tuesday	7 pm—8 pm
Wednesday	1 am—2 am
Wednesday	2 am—3 am
Thursday	2 am—3 am
Thursday	7 pm—8 pm



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