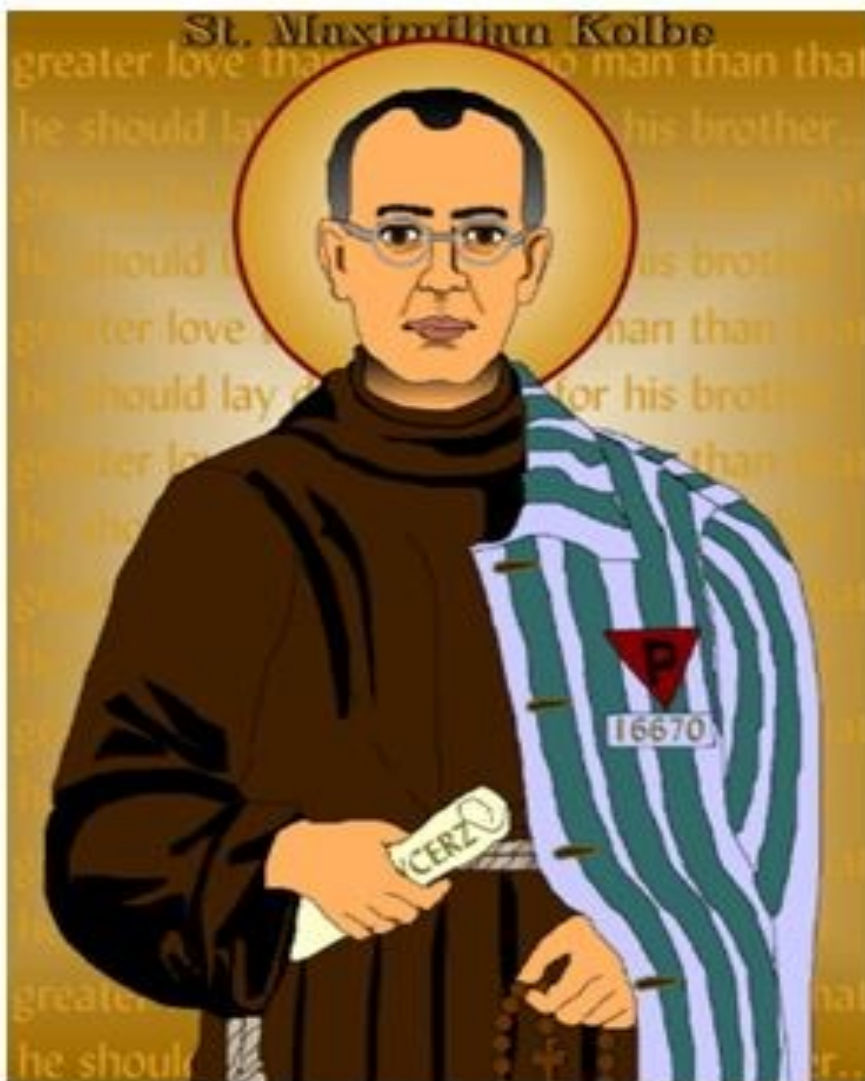


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

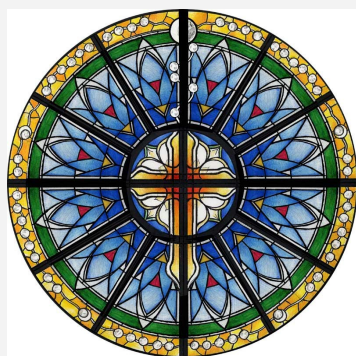
30 minutes prior to
Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass

After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm

Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 25, 2023

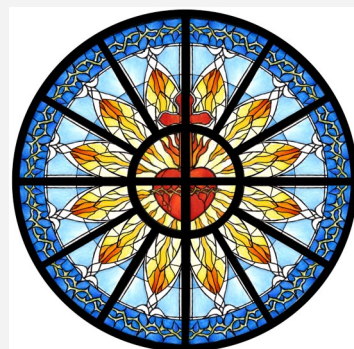


Parish Office Hours
Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm

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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 Syzdek
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 Thomas Nelson
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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.

May our communities continue to persevere in the love of God with arms of welcome outstretched to all those we meet.

STAY HYDRATED!! Proper hydration is important for our health & can impact our mood & productivity. During the summer months with soaring temperatures, it is even more crucial to stay hydrated. Tips for staying hydrated include drinking water first thing in the morning, carrying a water bottle with you while running errands, & opting for water when eating out.

Texas Department of Health & Human Services

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

Hubert Morrison †, brother-in-law of Mary Broussard-Gee
Roy Postel †, brother of Anita Flores

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

June 25, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Starting Thursday, June 22nd (feast day of Saints Thomas More & John Fisher) through Thursday, June 29th (Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul), the Church is commemorating Religious Freedom Week. Religious freedom allows the Church & all religious communities to live out their faith in public to serve the good of all.

The Church believes religious freedom is a divine gift, part of Catholic teaching on human dignity. Unlike some other nations, the First Amendment to our U.S. Constitution gives every individual & group of people the right of freedom of religion & speech. It states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." The Supreme Court in the 20th century ruled that the 14th Amendment (ratified in 1868) requires states to guarantee fundamental rights such as the First Amendment's prohibition against the establishment of religion. This means that states, like the federal government, can "make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

Some people misunderstand the concept of "separation of church & state," as if the church cannot speak up. As the First Amendment states, the government cannot make any law that establishes a religion for the nation nor can it prevent a religion from being practiced. Plus, that First Amendment gives to the people the right for freedom of speech and right to assemble. That applies to any church. But that applies to any other group, including a group that espouses to viewpoints that we would not endorse, like groups that espouse "superiority" over other ethnic / racial groups.

The Church believes that religious freedom or liberty is being threatened throughout the world & even in our own nation. In some nations, the public practice of religion of various faiths is not allowed or curtailed, such as in China and now beginning even in Honduras.

Religious freedom is more than the "freedom to worship" at a church, synagogue, or mosque. It means people shouldn't have to go against their core values & beliefs in order to conform to culture or government. The following are 3 examples of how religious freedom is being "chipped away" here, according to the U.S. Bishops: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/current-threats-religious-liberty>



St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak
Pastor

- "HHS mandate for sterilization, contraception & abortion-inducing drugs. The mandate of the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) forces religious institutions to facilitate or fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching. Further, the federal government tries to define which religious institutions are "religious enough" to merit protection of their religious liberty."

- "Catholic foster care and adoption services. Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia & the State of Illinois forced local Catholic Charities out of adoption or foster care services—by revoking their licenses, ending government contracts, or both—because they refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit."

- "Discrimination against small church congregations. New York City adopted a policy that barred the Bronx Household of Faith and other churches from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for other uses."

Pope Francis has asked American Catholics to preserve & defend religious freedom, both in the U.S. & throughout the world. The U.S. Bishops are sponsoring this Religious Freedom Week to pray for the following issues:

- **June 22—Respect for Sacred Spaces:** Pray that Christian witness in the face of attacks on our churches will convert hearts to faith in Jesus Christ, and that people of all faiths would be free to gather in sacred spaces without fear.

- **June 23—The Seal of Confession:** Pray that governments would respect the seal of confession, as the U.S. Church continues to work to remove the scourge of clergy abuse.

- **June 24—Nicaragua:** Pray for our Catholic sisters & brothers who are suffering in Nicaragua.

- **June 25—Religious Student Groups:** Pray that religious student groups would be free to be faithful to their distinctive missions.

- **June 26—Religious Freedom in Nigeria:** Pray that herders & farmers in Nigeria, whose conflict over access to land & resources has fueled religious tensions, may find the means to compromise & work out their differences in a non-violent manner.

- **June 27—Faith at Work:** Pray that business leaders would promote a culture that welcomes faith at work (allowance to wear religious symbols or clothing).

- **June 28—Service to Immigrants & Refugees:** Pray that the Lord would protect all migrants & refugees, & that all those who work with people on the move would be free to serve.

- **June 29—Catholic Healthcare:** Pray that governments will respect the consciences of all individuals & institutions that care for the sick & vulnerable.

Beyond the importance of praying, it is necessary to Reflect & Act. For more info on Reflect & Act, go to: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>

"The Cross is the school of love."

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

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

"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: #1125

Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187

Gathering Hymn: #745—Christ is
Made the Sure Foundation

Gloria (inside cover of hymnal)

Gospel Alleluia

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

Preparation Hymn: #47—The Cry of the Poor

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymns:

#746—All That is Hidden

#651—Open My Eyes

Sending Forth Hymn: #656—Leade Me, Guide Me



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.'" (Jer 20:10-13)

Psalms: Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

Second Reading: Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. (Rom. 5:12-15)

Gospel: Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. (Mt. 10: 26-33)

WE WELCOME YOU!

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2-18; Ps 15; Mt 7:6-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-18; Ps 105; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34, Tm 4:6-18;
Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1-22; Ps 128; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:36-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-16; Ps 89; Rom 6:3-11;
Mt 10:37-42

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, June 24

The Nativity of St. John
the Baptist

5 pm Claire Comstock

Sunday, June 25 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Jude Wiggins

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

Monday, June 26

8:30 am Vick Todaro †

Tuesday, June 27

St. Cyril of Alexandria

6:30 pm Mary Flanagan †

Wednesday, June 28

St. Irenaeus

8:30 am Hermann Pi

Thursday, June 29

Ss. Peter & Paul

8:30 am Assunta Rubino †

Friday, June 30

8:30 am Michael Williams † & Marie Williams †

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 †



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.

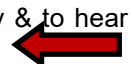
Power Hour Prayer Time *Need a spiritual boost?*

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.





Helps You Pack Your Faith When You Travel!

Ladies, it's summertime and vacation plans are in full swing! Join your Sisters of the Spirit this month for tips on keeping your eyes on Christ while they are also opened to new sights and sounds around the world. From finding a local Mass while you're on the road to working in time for Scripture meditation – or even forming a vacay Christian book club with friends – gather inspiration with us **THIS Monday, June 26 at 7 pm in Room 215** of the Gajowniczek Building. Please bring a friend and join us!

Pray for our blessings on our parish!



RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM
WEEK

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public & to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of [Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher](#), through June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect & act to promote religious freedom.

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>

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.

All life is sacred & valuable 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

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 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).



**All Men are Welcome!
Come sing with the Choir
Sat., June 24th @ 5 pm Mass!**



“Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher were Renaissance men. Talented & energetic, they contributed to the humanist scholarship of early modern England. More wrote theological & philosophical treatises, while making a career as a lawyer & government official. Bishop John Fisher worked as an administrator at Cambridge, confronted the challenge Martin Luther presented to Christian Europe, and most importantly served as Bishop of Rochester. As a bishop, he is notable for his dedication to preaching at a time when bishops tended to focus on politics. These men were brilliant. They both corresponded with Erasmus, who helped Bishop Fisher learn Greek & Hebrew, and who also famously referred to More as a man for all seasons.”

“Above all their accomplishments, these men bore witness to a deep faith in Christ and his Church. More considered joining religious life and was assiduous

in his devotional practices. As a married man, he committed himself wholly to his vocation as a father. At the time, disciplinary practices with children tended to be severe, but More's children testify to his warmth, patience & generosity. St. John Fisher was a model shepherd and demonstrated remarkable humility. He remained in the small Diocese of Rochester his entire episcopal ministry, devoting himself to his local church rather than seeking promotion to a larger, more powerful diocese.”

“More & Fisher are well-known for opposing King Henry's divorce. Ultimately, it was their refusal to sign an oath of supremacy that led them to be executed. King Henry VIII claimed to be the supreme head of the Church in England, asserting sovereign power over English Christians. Neither Fisher nor More could abide this claim, and their steadfastness to their consciences put them in conflict with the king. They were convicted of treason.”

“It is good to love one's country, but ultimate loyalty is due only to Christ & his kingdom. Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher show us what faithful citizenship looks like. They loved & served their country. In the moments just before his execution, More is said to have stated, “I die the King's good servant, but God's first.” They never rose up to incite rebellion or foment revolution. They were no traitors. But when the law of the king came into conflict with the law of Christ, they submitted to Christ. These men gave their lives for the freedom of the Church & for freedom of conscience. They bear witness to the truth that no government can make a claim on a person's soul. May their example continue to illuminate the path for us, as we seek to faithfully serve our Church and country.”

“We ask for the intercession of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher, that we too would be good servants to our country, but God's first!”

Source: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/st-thomas-more-and-st-john-fisher>

Collection for the Week of June 12—18, 2023

Collections	\$26,110
Maintenance & Repair	\$2,680
Total	\$28,790

Faith Direct: 6/15/2023 (received twice a month)

Collections	\$18,961
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,788
Total	\$20,749

Archdiocesan Second Collection	\$995
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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.

Christian stewardship begins with God at the center. The church as an institution is a means to the end of the church as the People of God. Stewardship is servanthood to God through the church, not to the church institution.

Next week we will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection** to support the Universal Church & the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers & sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, & disasters. Please be generous. For more info, visit:

www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART



- **2023 mandatory amt: \$150,000**
- **Amount Received: \$121,261**
- **Amt pledged to be paid: \$20,755**
- **Amt received + pledged: \$142,016**
- **Amt. under mandatory amt: \$7,984 (\$28,739 short in amt received)**
- **322 donors out of 2123 households**

Even "smaller" sacrifices, over time, equal a significant contribution to our parish.

Example of a possible sacrifice:

Sacrifice one \$6 coffee from a coffee shop per month for the remaining 6 months = \$36
IF the 1,801 households who have not yet made a DSF pledge would pledge \$36, that would equal \$64,836 more in total pledges. **We need only \$7,984 more!**

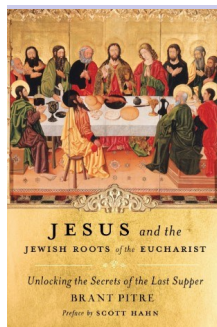
**Give to DSF today
so we can meet our mandatory
amount by June 30th.**

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>



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 will be starting a 10-lesson companion study to the book called *Lectio: Eucharist*. The study is available on formed.org (our parish has already paid for a subscription for each of our parishioners). 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 information, go to www.stmaximilian.org/adult. If you did not receive a copy and 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

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***

More info to come!

Age Groups...Pre-school
Elementary School (Gr. 1-5)
Junior High (Gr. 6-8) & High School

p. 8 Coffee & Donuts every Sunday, Plan to join us for fellowship in the Education Bldg.

"June 29th is the feast day of these 2 apostles. The faith of these 2 men allowed Christianity to grow and spread."

"St. Peter was originally named Simon. Jesus called him "rock" and declared that he would build his church on this man. He always seemed to put his foot in his mouth, often blurting out answers to Jesus's questions. During the trial and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, He famously denied our Lord three times. But he did turn out to be the leader of the early Church and was the first pope. After the resurrection & Pentecost, he went out & boldly spread the good news, eventually being martyred for his faith." [St. Peter is depicted holding the keys to heaven (cf. Mt. 16:19)]



St. Peter

St. Paul

"St. Paul was originally called Saul. He was a Jewish pharisee who was determined to stamp out the newly developing Christian religion. He persecuted followers of Jesus Christ and took part in the stoning of St. Stephen, the first martyr. But then he had a conversion experience, meeting the risen Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus. He did a complete about face and became a great witness and missionary for our Lord. His letters are included in the New Testament and give great insight into the early Church. He was also martyred." [St. Paul is depicted with the sword (martyrdom) and book of his epistles in the New Testament)].

"These were the men whom God used to spread the gospel and let the early Church thrive despite terrible persecution. Their flaws should give us hope, that God can also work through us."

Saints Peter & Paul, Pillars of the Church, pray for us.

Source: <https://young-catholics.com/8483/saints-peter-and-paul-apostles/>

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

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.



JUNE 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 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, & 24**

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

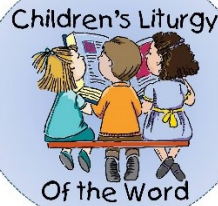
3rd Saturday of each Month: "The Chosen"

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>



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.

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



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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JUNE: For the abolition of torture.
We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

That we have the strength and courage to be joyful witnesses of our Catholic faith in all circumstances.

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." Matthew 10:32
 Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

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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www.discovermass.com/subscribe/



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! Kolbe Kids' is now hiring teachers for the 2023/24 school year. Contact Eileen Mace at 281-923-2932 or by email eileenm@stmaximilian.org

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Eleanor Antunez, Lupe Batey, Norma Bodin, Bill Carew, 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

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

Some very special rings were lost perhaps in the parking lot of St. Maximilian on Saturday, June 10th. Have you seen them? Do you know anything about them? Please let us know in the parish office if you do. Thank you.

How do you want to get involved in the parish?

- Coffee & Donuts • Adoration • Choir • Food Pantry
- Helping Hands (funeral receptions) • Fall Festival
- Sacristan (person who gets everything ready for Mass) • Altar Servers • Ushers
- Lectors (reading the Scriptures at Mass)
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (lay people distributors of Holy Communion)
- 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	12 Noon—1 pm
Thursday	1 pm—2 pm
Thursday	7 pm—8 pm



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