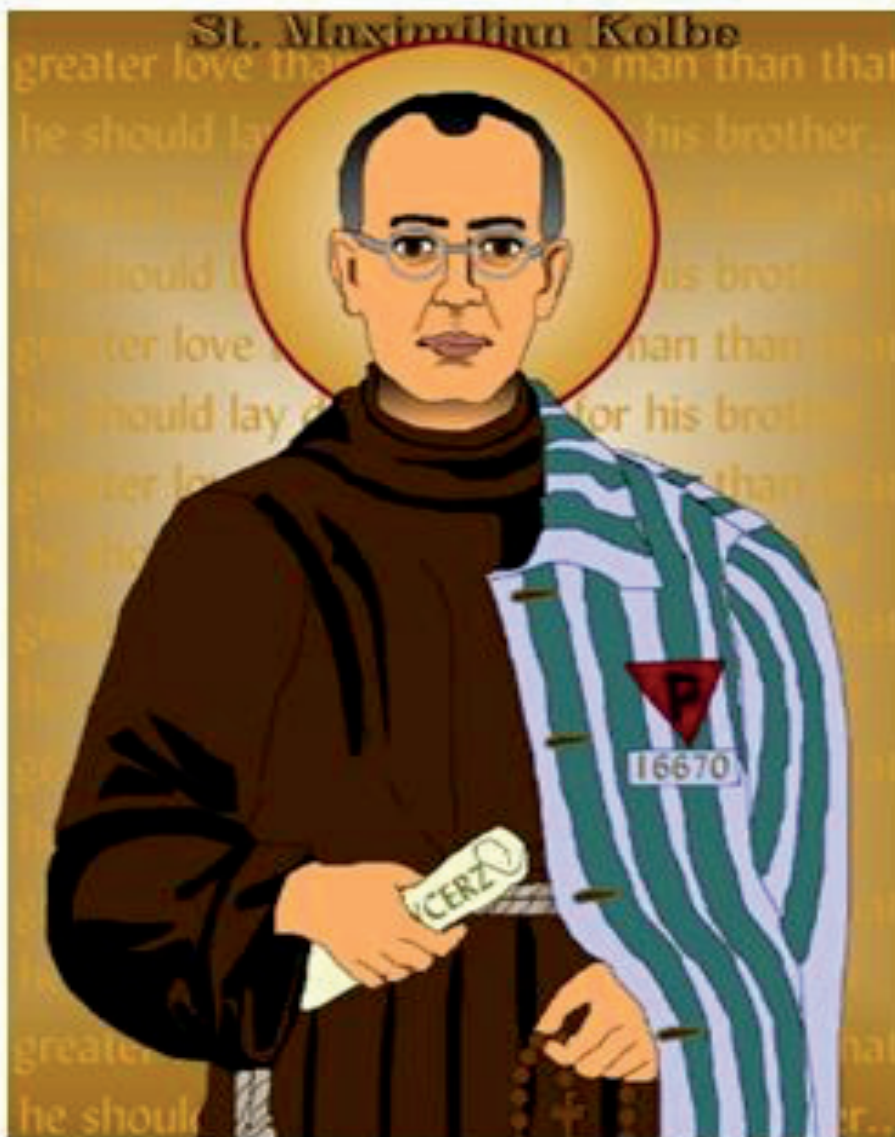


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

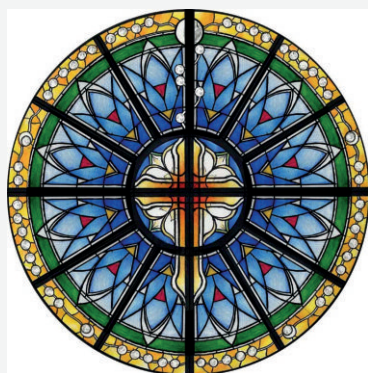
30 minutes prior to
Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass

After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm

Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 16, 2023



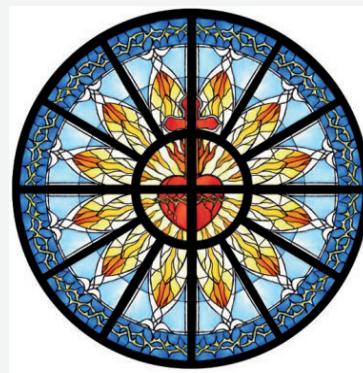
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Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm

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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

PARISH STAFF

Mary Alice Greaney—Music Director
 Molly Smith—Director of Evangelization & Catechesis
 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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Sean Kennedy
 David Ricke
 Bob Charnock
 Mark Kohlschmidt (Facilitator)
 Evie Ornelaz
 Thomas Nelson
 Mauricio Antunez
 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.

It is time to start thinking about the
St. Maximilian Fall Festival!
Saturday, October 7, 2023

Pray for a successful Fall Festival.

Pray for many volunteers
to help out.

Pray for many donors.

Pray for good weather
& attendance.

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

Bill Buell †, brother-in-law of Nancy Carew

Efraim Aguilar †

Louis Bao Thieu Tran †, brother of Theresa Tran

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 dark-
ness & doubt that comes from grief. —Amen.



*Pray for Stephen Anthony Perales &
 Alexandria Nicole Gonzales
 who were married on July 15, 2023.*

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 16, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

For the last 2 weekends, I have announced the importance of seeing the movie, Sound of Freedom, that addresses the evil of human sex trafficking of children. Many people are pleased the movie is doing much better than ever expected. This movie was delayed in its release by 5 years. There are many supporters of this movie. But of course, not everyone is supportive, criticizing certain parts or characters of the movie or the real life people behind the movie. But what cannot be disputed is the fact that sex human trafficking is a reality in our world, an evil that must be exposed & addressed.

If you have not seen the movie, go see it ASAP. Please stay to watch the entire credits after the movie. There is a 3 minute, special message by the main actor, Jim Caviezel, about this movie that needs to be heard. I am posting this special message on our parish website & on p. 6 of this bulletin & sent it out via Flocknotes.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, "Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. (It generates over \$150 billion in profits per year.) Every year, 40.3 million of men, women & children are trafficked worldwide – including right here in the U.S. California, Texas & Florida are the states with the highest numbers. It can happen in any community and victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality. Traffickers might use the following methods to lure victims into trafficking situations:

- Violence
- Manipulation
- False promises of well-paying jobs
- Romantic relationships"

"Language barriers, fear of their traffickers, and/or fear of law enforcement frequently keep victims from seeking help, making human trafficking a hidden crime." Traffickers look for people who are easy targets for a variety of reasons, including:

- Psychological or emotional vulnerability
- Economic hardship
- Lack of a social safety net
- Natural disasters
- Political instability"

"The trauma caused by the traffickers can be so great that many may not identify themselves as victims or ask for help, even in highly public settings....Human trafficking is often a

hidden crime. Victims may be afraid to come forward and get help; they may be forced or coerced through threats or violence; they may fear retribution from traffickers, including danger to their families; and they may not be in possession of or have control of their identification documents."

"Human trafficking exists in every country, including the U.S. It exists nationwide—in cities, suburbs & rural towns. Human trafficking includes sex trafficking. But it is not the only type of human trafficking. Forced labor is another type of human trafficking; both involve exploitation of people. Victims are found in legitimate & illegitimate labor industries, including sweatshops, massage parlors, agriculture, restaurants, hotels & domestic service."

"Forced labor occurs when individuals are compelled against their will to provide work or service through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. This crime happens both in the United States and overseas. The International Labour Organization (ILO) estimated that 24.9 million people around the globe were in forced labor as of 2016. Victims are rarely able to seek help for various reasons. For instance, they may be hindered by language barriers, or they may physically be unable to leave the premises to seek help if their movements are restricted and monitored by their employer."

"Traffickers who exploit people for forced labor do not discriminate. Neither do employers: Victims can be any age, race, religious affiliation, gender identity, or nationality. They may also come from any socioeconomic group. Certain risk factors, however, may make certain individuals more vulnerable to forced labor than others., including:

- Unstable immigration status
- Language barriers
- Poverty & lack of basic needs like food, shelter & safety
- The psychological effects of a recent or past trauma
- Lack of social support systems like friends, family, and community
- Physical or developmental disabilities"

"Traffickers frequently target vulnerable populations, such as children, individuals without lawful immigration status, those with debts, and those who are isolated, impoverished, or disabled, to name a few. U.S. citizens, foreign nationals, women, men, and children can all be victims of forced labor." **Source:** <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/what-human-trafficking>

Let us work for a greater awareness and an end to this human trafficking, our modern day form of slavery.

Remember: God's children are not for sale!

Sign up for the Women's & Men's W.A.T.CH. retreats.

"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!

Lawrence W. Jozwiak

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: #1134

Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187

Gathering Hymn: #644—There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Gloria (inside cover of hymnal)

Gospel Alleluia

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

Preparation Hymn: #593—I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn:

#916—I Receive the Living God

#651—Open My Eyes

Sending Forth Hymn: #596—Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior



WE WELCOME YOU!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The Lord's word is likened to rain that nourishes the earth, promising that it will accomplish its intended purpose without returning void. (Is 55:10-11)

Psalm: The land's fruitful yield is a result of divine intervention, leading to joy & celebration. (Ps 65)

Second Reading: Current sufferings are minimal compared to the future glory awaiting God's children. All creation yearns for this liberation & shares in the anticipation of redemption. (Rom 8:18-23)

Gospel: Jesus shares a parable about a sower who scattered seeds, symbolizing the spreading of God's word. The seeds fell on different types of soil, representing various responses to the message. Some seeds produced abundant fruit, while others were hindered by thorns, rocky ground, or birds. Jesus explains the meaning of each element, highlighting the importance of receptive hearts for the growth & understanding of God's teachings. (Mt 13:1-23)

Must see Movie: Sound of Freedom

Remember:
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See p. 6 for more info.



Weekly Devotional Prayer: All in the Chapel

Power Hour of Prayer @ 7 pm on Mondays.

Holy Rosary @ 6:30 pm on Wednesdays.

Evening Prayer @ 7 pm on Wednesdays.

Divine Mercy & Rosary @ 3 pm on Thursdays.

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 15

St. Bonaventure

5 pm John Bull †

Sunday, July 16 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Chris & Carol Martin

10 am Lindsay Bowker †

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Maximilian

Monday, July 17

8:30 am David & Camila Thiam †

Tuesday, July 18

St. Camillus de Lellis

8:30 am Robert Josh

Wednesday, July 19

8:30 am Sean † & Marilyn Chandler

Thursday, July 20

St. Apollinaris

8:30 am Vick Todaro †

Friday, July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:30 am Emily McCrocklin †

Saturday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

5 pm Lillie G. Messina †

Sunday, July 23 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Steve Castillo †

10 am Juliet Korst †

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Maximilian

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8;
Mt 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7;
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27;
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18;
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6,
8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

Weekend Homilies are recorded & posted
on our parish webpage:

<https://stmaximilian.org/homily>



Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ!

For the scriptures used at Mass every day & to hear a Reflection, go to: <https://www.usccb.org>



On the very top Menu bar, tab in on "Daily Reading." Then click on the date of the readings you would like to read. Or go to our parish website. You may also request to have the daily readings sent to your email.

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—RSVP for
the picnic starting
next weekend.**

Sunday, August 13th

Church Tour &

Stained Glass

Windows Presentation

1:30 pm



World Youth Day: The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will be taking 106 young adult pilgrims to participate in World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Lisbon, Portugal, August 1-6, 2023. World Youth Day is an event that was initiated by St. John Paul II in 1985 & is meant to gather Catholic young people from around the world for several days of prayer, catechesis, & community. Please keep all pilgrims from Houston in your prayers this summer as we participate in this event with our pontiff & more than a million young pilgrims from around the world. If you can make a financial gift to help support these young pilgrims on their journey, we would appreciate your support. More details about the trip and how to donate can be found online at: www.archgh.org/wyd2023

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.



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- 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/>

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ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Women's

W.A.T.C.H.
Retreat

AWAKE

O sleeper, and
arise from the dead,
and **CHRIST** shall
give you **LIGHT**
Ephesians 5:14



JULY 29-30, 2023

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ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**MEN'S
W.A.T.C.H.
RETREAT**



AUGUST 5-6, 2023

I am the VINE
 you are the branches.
 Whoever remains in me and I in him
 will bear much **FRUIT**
 because without me you can do nothing.

John Syzdek - johnsyzdek1@yahoo.com (346) 314-8897
 Esteban Teran - nabetse47@yahoo.com (832) 398-6483

Kolbe Seniors, our July meeting is the Friday, July 21st. Come join us for a History lesson on Hot Springs by Jim Sigmund, lunch by Luby's, and trip sign ups. All parishioners 50+ are welcome. RSVP is required for a lunch. Be on the look out for your FlockNote in email or text message. Email, text or call Becky Keels to RSVP by Tuesday the 18th or with questions to 713-724-1075 or stmax.kolbe.seniors@gmail.com



Astro's baseball game on July 6th; 38 Kolbe Seniors plus Father Lawrence in attendance.

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

JUNE Baptisms

Eleanor Gianna Trinh Cordero **Joseph Adam DeLeon**
Annjanette Evette DeLeon **Violet Jade Manuel**
Adam Joseph Moore **Adrian Morales**
Albany Valeria Arriola Sanchez **Olive Evie Toro**
David Anthony Sanchez

JULY Baptisms

Raidel Alamo **Relin Alexandra Betancourt**
Thea Rose Blaszak **Reyna Guadalupe Betancourt**
Zoey Michelle Harris **Layne Anh Sanchez**
Ashton Soukchanh **Edith Rose Towers**
Mackenzie Scarlett Nell **Gregory Knight Towers**

Sound of Freedom



**A MUST SEE
 MOVIE TO
 SUPPORT THIS
 CAUSE**
**Movie: Sound of
 Freedom**
**Remember:
 God's children
 are not for sale!**

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 & purchase tickets in advance for Sound of Freedom, as theaters are selling out nationwide. <http://www.angel.com/freedom>

Watch this brief special message during the credits after the movie: <https://www.tiktok.com/@fernspeech1/video/7252529017025432878>



St. Arnold's Brewery tour & lunch on June 7th, 30 Kolbe Seniors. We get around! Come join us on our next outing! Most road trips are on the county provided bus so we do not have to drive!



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.

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, reach out to: Madelyn Henderson (madelyn.henderson@gmail.com), Angie Willis (angiemwillis@gmail.com), or Nancy Reece (ngr_77095@yahoo.com).



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>

Collection for the Week of June 26—July 2, 2023

Collections	\$22,814
Maintenance & Repair	\$890
Total	\$23,704

Faith Direct: (received twice a month)

Archdiocesan Second Collection	\$3,749
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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.

Collection for the Week of July 3—9, 2023

Collections	\$17,025
Maintenance & Repair	\$395
Total	\$17,420

Faith Direct: (received twice a month)

Archdiocesan Second Collection	\$127
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Be generous to the Maintenance & Repair fund.

As of July 11th,
we are \$6,236 over our
mandatory amount
(Amount paid + pledged
to be paid.) Thank you!
(\$13,374 short in amt paid)
Have you made your
DSF pledge yet?



GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART



MINISTRY



SERVICE



EDUCATION



20 cents of every DSF \$1 dollar donation goes to: Promoting, Preparing & Supporting the Clergy

Vocational ministries address the full range of support for the clergy from the beginning stages of discernment to retirement. These ministries offer education and formation of men for the priesthood and permanent diaconate as well as provide direct sacramental & pastoral care, spiritual direction, and fraternal support as they carry out their ministries.

**Christian stewards seek the heart of God
in faithfully, joyfully & gratefully managing all
the gifts God has given.**



**All life is sacred & valuable
from the womb to the tomb!**

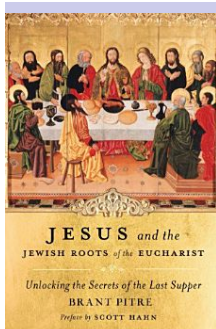
- **2023 mandatory amt: \$150,000**
- **Amount Paid so far: \$136,626**
(\$13,374 short in amt paid)
- **Amt pledged to be paid: \$19,610**
- **Amt paid + to be pledged: \$156,236**
Amt. over mandatory amt: \$6,236
- **365 donors out of 2123 households**

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, July 20: Lesson 4, Manna & Water
Saturday, July 23: Lesson 7, John 6 & the Real Presence

"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)

Kathleen Hafernik
Winner: July 2 drawing

Pray for our parish!

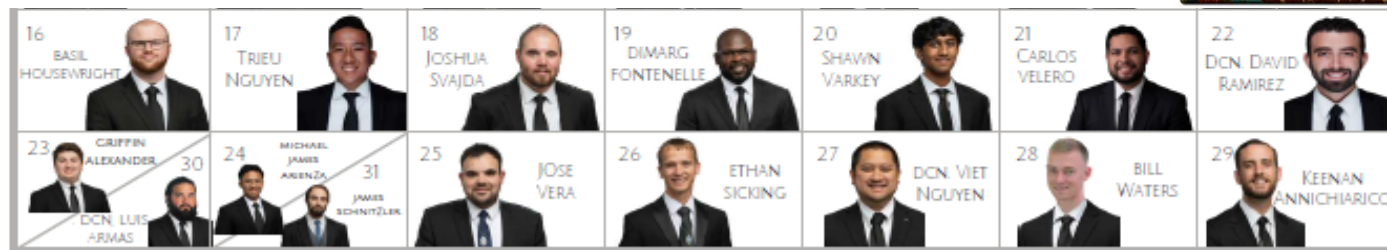
We will be offering a **Spirituality Summer Series** on Mondays in July at 12:30 pm in Room 214. This will also be repeated in-person & on Zoom at 6:30 pm. Bring your lunch or dinner, if you like. We will start with teachings from Fr. Ronald Rolheiser (member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate). **July 17th**

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

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.

JULY 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/

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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**. 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

Reading Period 3: July 16-30.....Drawing 3 for each age group: July 30th after the Noon Mass.

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS!

Sign up for Flocknote:
Text - StMaxYM To 84576

SNOW CONES!

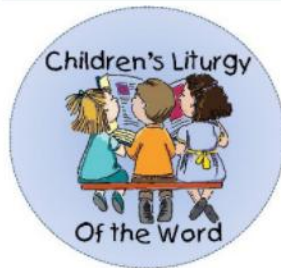
COOL OFF AFTER
ALL THE MASSES
NEXT WEEKEND
AND BRING A LOVE
DONATION FOR
YOUTH GOING TO
AYC!

AYC 2023

Please consider sponsoring a student
to go to the Archdiocesan Youth
Conference this month! Contact our
youth director Chris at
chris.wuenschner@stmaximilian.org
to see how you can help!

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 this Sat., July 15th. Come join us!**



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

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

Faith Formation

Online Registration Now Open Fall-Spring, Home-based

Fall Spring Schedule Many sessions open for Faith Formation beginning in September:

- Sunday afternoons 2:30-4pm Grades Pre-K to 12
- Thursday evenings 6:30-8pm Grades Pre-K to 8
- Homeschool session Grades K-8

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**Fridays 10:30am-Noon;
Level 1 & 2 (pre-k and up)**

2023-2024 (CCE) Calendar Faith Formation- Fall / Spring

AUGUST							SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER						
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Sunday Session 2:30p -4p
PreK - 12th Gr.

Thursday Session 6:30p -8p
PreK - 8th Gr.

Registration Deadline
1st Deadline: August 14
2nd Deadline: August 29

Parent Meeting
First day of class,

CFSD
Student Holiday

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 the seeds God sows in our lives may take root and lead to greater prayer, participation and generosity.

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." - Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

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

Impostor priest email/texting scams

Recently, there has been an increase in reports of fraudulent email solicitations for financial support, usually in the form of gift cards. These reports are coming from email accounts or text messages identifying as Archdiocesan priests. To minimize fraudulent impact, we are encouraged to remind our parishioners that priests/churches would never make such appeals to the parish community. Please notify the church office immediately if you should receive **any** unfamiliar donation requests. Thank you.

Though **St. Mary Magdalene** is mentioned in the New Testament several times and has become known as the "Apostle to the Apostles," little information has been recorded about St. Mary Magdalene. Many historians and writers have tried to connect the dots between what is said of her in the Bible and what stories have been passed on through legend, often yielding opposing results. What matters most is what the Church does know to be true: St. Mary Magdalene was a penitent woman who so devoted her life to Christ that she was present at both His crucifixion and shortly after His resurrection from the dead. What a blessed woman, indeed! Her feast day is July 22nd.

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 SICK

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, &

"Holy women and men do not have easier lives than others. On the contrary, they are often objects of opposition. But through prayer, they nourish the flame of their faith, as oil used to do for lamps. And thus, they move ahead walking in faith and hope."

Pope Francis



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

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 17: SPIRIT NIGHT:** Rise & Run: Living Chastity in Friendship & Dating. Brian Butler, Co-Author of Theology of the Body for Teens

• **July 24:** Decisions, Direction & Discernment: How Mary, Joseph & the Saints can Help; Paul George, Author & National Speaker

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

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



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