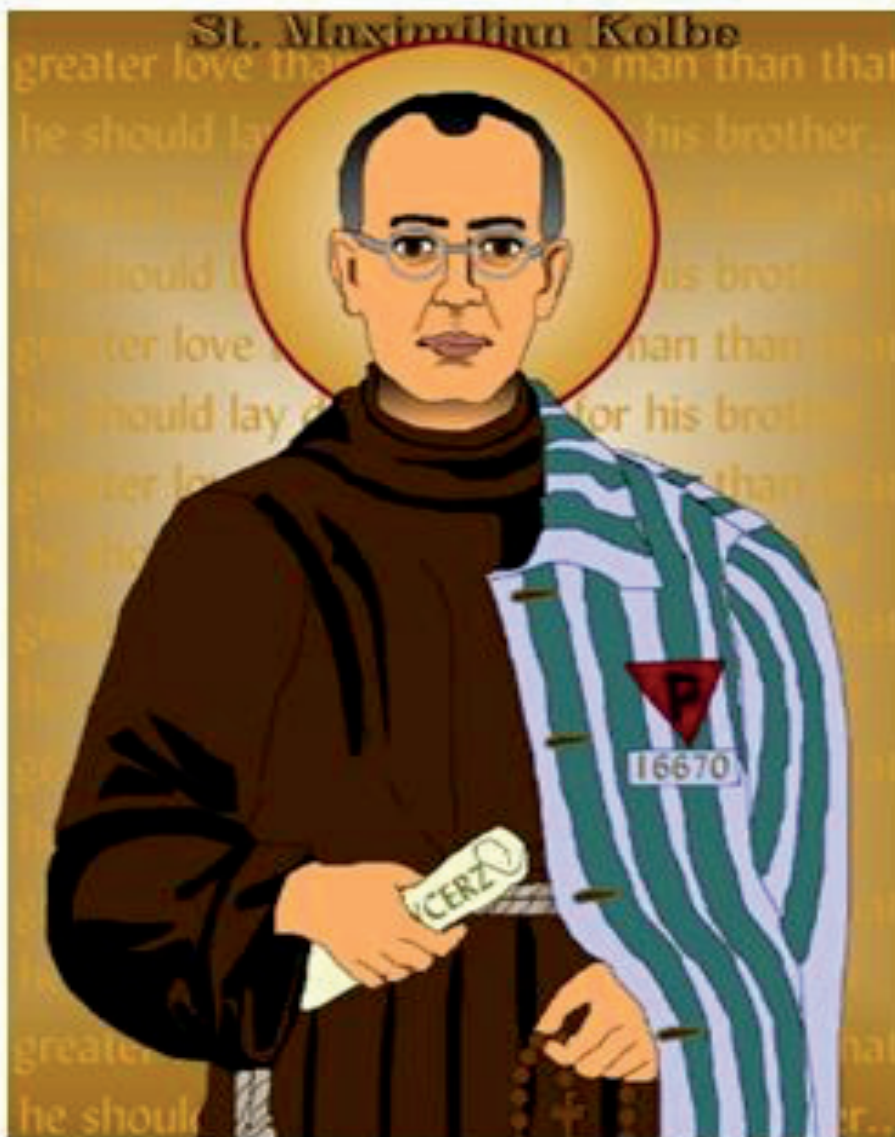


# ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

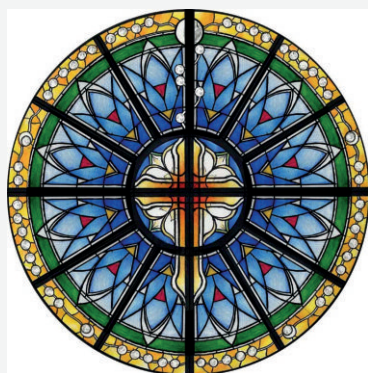
30 minutes prior to  
Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass

After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm

Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



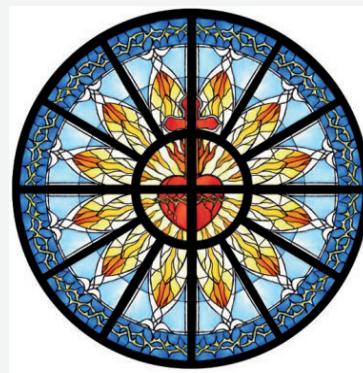
Parish Office Hours  
Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm

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The Very Reverend Lawrence W. Jozwiak, E.V., J.C.L., Pastor  
Deacon Dennis Hayes • Deacon Steve Klak • Deacon John Naber  
Deacon David Persich • Deacon Matt Rust • Deacon Joe Weir

## OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We are the Christian Community of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Embracing our many and diverse gifts, we are united in Christ Jesus. Challenged by the teachings of Our Lord, and inspired by the example of our Patron, we strive to serve God, and to minister to others, in prayer, sacrament, faith formation, and charity.*

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

### 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

### FINANCE COUNCIL

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

**Carloyn Cartafalsa †**

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.



**Make a pledge to support life. See p. 10!**

**Pray for our parish!**

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen.

(Our Sunday Visitor)



### 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

September 3, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend is Labor Day Weekend where many, not all, celebrate the national holiday of Labor Day. Occurring on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in September, Labor Day was a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of U.S. workers. Since it is a national holiday, let us pray for the safety of those who might be traveling and for enjoyment on this holiday.

Let us remember all those who are unemployed, especially those who are not valued as much since they are older, or discriminated against for other reasons, and for those who are "under-employed." Pray for more opportunities in trade schools, skilled training or apprenticeships. Pray for those in college who are preparing for their careers.

On the first Tuesday in August, we had in the church a Holy Hour (7 pm—8 pm) concluding with Benediction (blessing the assembly with the Consecrated Host), immediately after the 6:30 pm Mass. That was so well received that we have decided with consultation from the Pastoral Council that we will have such a Holy Hour every first Tuesday of the month, starting this Tuesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. See p. 5 for info.

Though we are so fortunate to have 24 hour Exposition & adoration, the Church encourages us to have such "Holy Hours" with Benediction. The hour will be filled with some music, reading of scripture, a brief reflection and plenty of silent prayer, all elements of what the Church ideally expects in a Holy Hour. For some people, a guided prayer hour is very helpful in their prayer. The coordinators of this Holy Hour have named it *Thysia*, which is a Greek word for sacrifice or offering. What a great opportunity to offer up an hour of prayer & adoration to our Lord. Come & pray in the Church before the exposed Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the 6:30 pm Mass (7 pm-8 pm). To keep it simple to remember, this Holy Hour will occur every first Tuesday of the month.

I also remind you that every Tuesday, I am available for confessions some 30 minutes plus before the Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass. I encourage you to take advantage of confession and/or 6:30 pm Mass. (Since I will be on vacation in the middle of September, there will be no 6 pm Tuesday confessions on Tuesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.)

I will be present at all this weekend's Masses except at the 10 am Mass. Fr. Wayne Ly will be the celebrant & homilist at 10 am. I will be at our neighboring parish, St. Matthew the Evangelist, installing the new priest as the Administrator (akin to being a Pastor. But one is named Administrator

when the priest is getting his first parish in charge, during his first year. Then afterwards, he is given the title pastor.) I will return here for the 12 Noon Mass.

Though the Faith Formation deadline has passed, if you have not registered your children yet, please contact the office immediately to see if there is any room left for your children. We are still in need of more faith formation teachers. Please volunteer for the privilege of passing on the truths of our faith to our younger people. Contact the office.

If you are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian denomination or you are a baptized Catholic who has not received your First Holy Communion & Confirmation (or you know someone), our RCIA process is for you. Contact the parish office ASAP since RCIA sessions begin shortly.

Check out the new, weekly Bible Blitz on p. 5 to see how good your knowledge is of the Sunday Scripture readings. Another Adult Faith Formation process is beginning Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. It is a 10 session study on the Prophets of the Old Testament. See p. 8 for more info. For those who want to view the popular series, "The Chosen," it has moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month after the 5 pm Vigil Mass. The next session is on Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at about 6:15 pm. See p. 8 for more info. For men who want faith formation & fellowship, TMIY meets every Friday at in the Education Bldg, 5 am-7 am. They are beginning a new series "The Light of Men" on Friday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. OR on the 2nd Saturday of the month (Sept 9<sup>th</sup>: 7:30 am-9 am) in the Education Bldg, Fishers of Men meet. For women, stay tuned for future meeting times for the Sisters of the Spirit.

If you have not picked up your Fall Festival raffle tickets, you may do so after the Masses. Many volunteers are needed for the festival. Volunteer your time & talent by speaking to the Festival people after Mass.

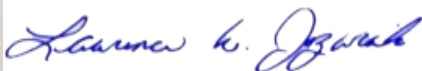
Please participate in the Houston Coalition for Life's Run/Walk for Life on Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Walking is a great witness for life! But also make a pledge to sponsor either Fr. Lawrence OR any of the other parishioners listed on the web site. You can use the QR code on p. 10 or go to the parish website. IF every walker of our about 150 walkers from St. Maximilian would have 5 people to make a pledge of \$25 each, then that would raise some \$18,750. If we had 300 walkers, then twice the amount! Naturally, some people would pledge more or less. To date, I personally have \$10,768 in pledges with 60 donors (10 parishioners, 5 Anonymous, 45 donors from previous parishioners). I challenge you as parishioners to make a sacrificial donation, either to me OR any other parishioner. Through your donation, you are enabling mothers to get the info & necessary help & resources to assist with their unborn & born child. Let us support life, by making pledges for the walkers/runners!

**"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: #1155  
Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187



Gathering Hymn: #961—Remember Your Love  
Gloria (inside cover of hymnal)

Gospel Alleluia

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

Preparation Hymn: #492—Jerusalem, My Destiny

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn:

#935—Draw Near

#681—We Remember

Sending Forth Hymn: #881—Lift High the Cross



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** You, O LORD, overcame me, and though I'm mocked and derided, I cannot hold back your word. It burns in my heart, and I cannot endure keeping it inside. (Jer 20:7-9)

**Psalm:** O God, I seek you with a thirst like dry, lifeless earth. I've seen your power and glory; your kindness is greater than life. My soul clings to you, and your right hand upholds me. (Ps 63)

**Second Reading:** I urge you to offer yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. Don't conform to this age but renew your mind to discern what is good and pleasing to God. (Rom 12:1-2)

**Gospel:** Jesus begins to explain that He must suffer, be killed, and resurrect. Peter rebukes Him, but Jesus says that Peter's thinking like a man, not God. He tells His followers to deny themselves, take up their crosses, and follow Him. Gaining the world but losing one's soul is futile. The Son of Man will come and reward each according to their deeds. (Mt 16:21-27)

### READINGS for the WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

**"Love alone extinguishes hatred. Love alone ultimately triumphs over injustice. Love alone makes room for others. Love alone is the path towards full communion among us."**

— Pope Francis

### Pray for Our Nation

**Weekend Homilies** are recorded & posted on our parish webpage:

<https://stmaximilian.org/homily>



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## Mass Intentions



### Saturday, September 2

5 pm Jorge Tijerina †

### Sunday, September 3

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Mary Perez  
10 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian  
12 Noon Vick Todaro †

### Monday, September 4

Labor Day

8:30 am James Lyko †

### Tuesday, September 5

International Day of Charity

6:30 pm Clara Kmiec †

### Wednesday, September 6

8:30 am Lillian Krolczyk †

### Thursday, September 7

8:30 am Joseph Ratzinger †

### Friday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am The Chandler Family

### Saturday, September 9

St. Peter Claver

5 pm Joe & Jeanette Coury

### Sunday, September 10

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Grandparents' Day

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian  
10 am Lindsay Bowker †  
12 Noon Clara Kmiec †

### WE WELCOME YOU!

### 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> Then click on the date of the readings you would like to read (in English or Spanish). Click on "Listen Podcasts" to hear the Word recited. Click on "View Videos" to hear a reflection. Click on "Get Daily Readings e-mails" to have the daily readings sent to your email. Or go to our parish website (<https://stmaximilian.org/>) to secure the readings.

**White Mass 2023 Save the Date:** The Annual White Mass and Reception will be held on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, beginning at 6pm. Cardinal DiNardo will be the main Celebrant. Registration will be coming soon! The White Mass is in honor of all members of the health care profession.

**Red Mass 2023 Save the Date:** The Annual Red Mass and Dinner will be held Wed., Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, beginning at 6:15 pm. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will be the main Celebrant & Homilist. More info & registration will be available soon! The Red Mass is in honor of all members of the legal profession.



25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration:

This ceremony will be held on **Sun., Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>** @ the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 pm, to honor couples celebrating their Silver (25th) Anniversary.

50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration:

This ceremony will be held on **Sun., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>** @ the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 pm, to honor couples celebrating their Golden Anniversary.

For both anniversary celebrations register online: <https://www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/pastoral-educational-ministries/family-life-ministry/> Scroll downward to Wedding Jubilee. Once registered, you will need to provide a copy of the Wedding Certificate issued by the parish of your wedding.



**Save the Date**  
**Saturday & Sunday,**  
**September 16 & 17**  
**Festival of Ministries**  
**& Catechetical Sunday**

**Firefighter Mass 2023 Save the Date**

The annual Firefighters Mass is Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 11am with Daniel Cardinal DiNardo as the main Celebrant and Homilist. During the Mass, a special tribute is given to firefighters who have passed away during the previous year. This Mass is open to active and retired firefighters, their families, and the general public.

**Pray for rain!**

**Impostor priest email/texting scams**

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, the archdiocese is encouraging all pastors to remind our parishioners that priests/churches would never make such appeals to the parish community. Notify the church office immediately if you receive *any* unfamiliar donation requests.

**Tuesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>: 7 pm-8 pm**  
(Every first Tuesday of the month.)

**THYSÍA**

An hour of Eucharistic  
Adoration, Worship, and  
Scripture

After 6:30 p.m. daily Mass  
every first Tuesday



Come join Fishers of Men on Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am -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!



## BACK TO SCHOOL BIBLE BLITZ

- Starts September 3rd and runs until November 19th.
- Look for the link each week in the bulletin or on the St. Maximilian Kolbe website.
- Grab your Bible, click the link, type in your family name and take the quiz.



[https://kahoot.it/challenge/04909511?challenge-id=1bc07edd-95c9-4583-bcc4-ae621078ec50\\_1693246315758](https://kahoot.it/challenge/04909511?challenge-id=1bc07edd-95c9-4583-bcc4-ae621078ec50_1693246315758)

Please feel free to use a code name if you want privacy.

This is not about getting a grade.

This is not about measuring how much anyone knows about the Bible.

This is for fun to help us all feel more comfortable with the Bible.

**QUIZ**



**KAHOOT BIBLE TRIVIA!**



CHALLENGE OTHERS AT THE PARISH ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUNDAY READINGS AND WIN PRIZES! SCAN QR CODE TO PLAY!

# Abide in Me

Do you want to experience a closer relationship with the Lord through prayer? Do you desire a

meaningful prayer life?

"Abide in Me" is a nine-week program for spiritual growth based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Personal prayer (1/2 hour daily on your own) and the weekly group-sharing experience will help you to achieve these goals.

We begin on Friday, September 15th at 10:00 am

Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church

11507 Huffmeister Road

Houston, TX 77065

Room 301 in the Chapel.

Register at <https://chrcc.com/spirituality>

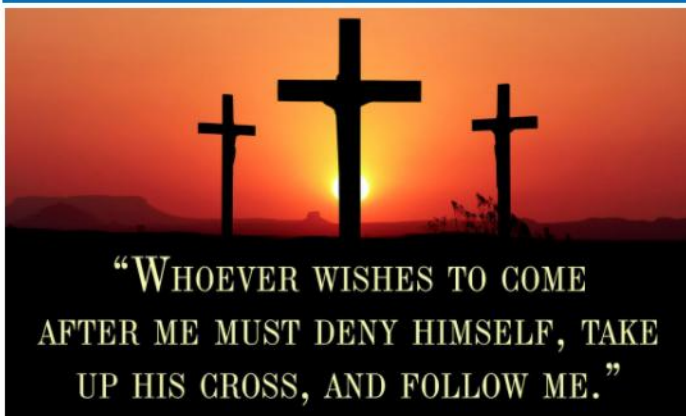
The Rosary Making Ministry meets at 7 pm Thursday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Office Conference Room. This ministry meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month for fellowship, learn how to make a corded rosary, pick up supplies & drop off completed rosaries. Come join us! Rosaries are available 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.



**That Man Is You! (TMIY) meets every Friday morning in the Education Bldg at 5:30 am - 7 am.**



Starting Friday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, TMIY is beginning a new series entitled: The Light of Men. To watch a preview, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DP0xjeoBUR8>



## p. 6 Spiritual Adoption: End of Month 5

**"Mommy felt me kick today!"**

**"Thank you for praying for me. I'm now 20 weeks old.**

**- I'm about 9 inches long, and weigh about one pound.**

**- I'm really getting big, and mommy can now feel me kick & move around! Hey! Someday maybe I'll play soccer!"**



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 Dec. 25, although continued prayers afterward is encouraged. Please also pray for an end to abortion and the healing and reconciliation of all involved.

**"Did not He who made me in the womb make him? And did not One fashion us in the womb?" Job 31:15**

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](mailto:kcomstock@sbcglobal.net) or 281-639-1999.

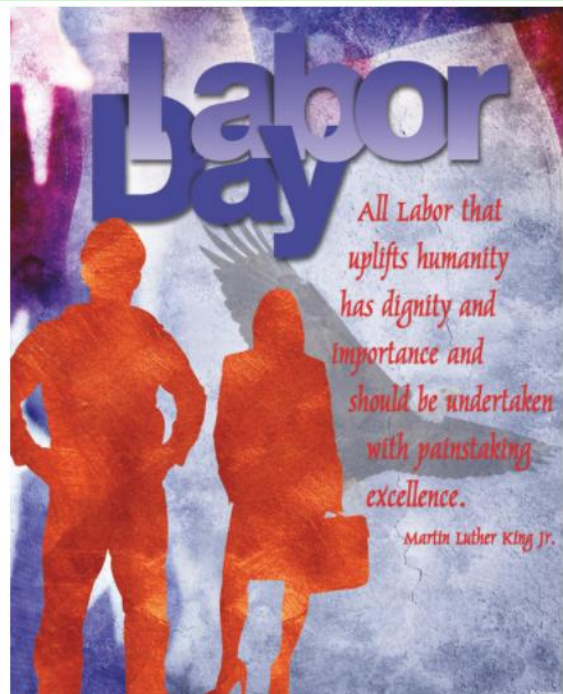
### Let us pray for those who protect us:

- our military people,
- police officers,
- fire fighters &
- medical people.



### 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! Contact Eileen Mace at 281-923-2932 or by email [eileenm@stmaximilian.org](mailto:eileenm@stmaximilian.org)





### Collection for the Week of August 21-27, 2023

Collections	\$19,722
Maintenance & Repair	\$3,436
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,158</b>

<i>Faith Direct: 31 August 2023 (received twice a month)</i>	
Collections	\$11,011
Maintenance & Repair	\$342
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,353</b>

Archdiocesan Second Collection	\$147
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- **2023 mandatory amt: \$150,000**
- **Amount Paid so far: \$148,443**  
**(\$1,557 short in amt paid)**
- **Amt pledged to be paid: \$12,984**
- **Amt paid + to be pledged: \$161,427**  
**Amt. over mandatory amt: \$11,427**
- **387 donors out of 2163 households**



### Be generous to the Maintenance & Repair fund.

This weekend there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Catholic University of America Fund. The University of St. Thomas will benefit also from this collection. Be generous.



### St. Maximilian Fall Festival! Saturday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

Pray for a successful Fall Festival.  
Pray for many volunteers to help out.  
Pray for many donors.  
Pray for good weather & attendance.  
Pick up your raffle tickets to sell.

Time is a gift. God gives time to us with certain expectations of how we'll use it. However, our free will allows us to do whatever we want with it—good or bad. We can cherish our time, but we can also neglect it. We can hoard our time, but we can also share it. We can invest our time, but we can also squander it...



The Mass

### Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 7: Greeting

By Fr. Luke Spannagel: Step-by-Step through the Mass

"Hello, Joe. How are you?" Whenever we see someone we know, we might greet him or her in this way. However, the Mass, the gathering of the family of God, doesn't begin like this at all. Why not? Without a doubt, the Mass isn't just like meeting people on the street. When we come to Mass, we aren't just passing by an acquaintance: we are encountering and worshipping Almighty God. After the Sign of the Cross, the priest says, "The Lord be with you," or one of the other versions given in the Missal, such as "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all;" or "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." This greeting indicates right away that what we are about to do is going to be very different from the normal daily routine. Also, it recalls that we are part of something greater—the universal celebration of the Liturgy—God with all his people.

**Far from Ordinary** If the only thing the priest said was something like, "I'm glad to see you" or "Boy, it's cold today," he might give the impression that we are just entering into familiar chatter. We could miss that something sacred is about to happen. So, the universal greeting helps us prepare to enter more fully into the celebration of the Mass and helps us to realize this will be a sacred gathering with Almighty God present before us. If you think about the words, they are actually a prayer said by the priest asking that the grace, peace, love, etc., of God be with each person—now that's a way to start a gathering of God's people! The faithful then respond with their own part of the prayer, asking a similar grace for the priest by responding, "And with your spirit."

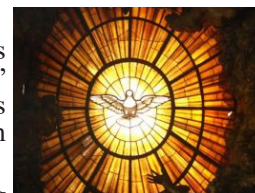
**Whose Spirit?** Why do we say, "And with your spirit?" Our English translation of the phrase is actually a direct word-for-word translation from the Latin prayers of the Mass: "Et cum spiritu tuo." This phrase also clearly connects us to several places in the Bible. For example, we see the priest's greeting, "The Lord be with you," in Ruth 2:4; & we see the people's response, "The Lord be with your spirit," in 2 Tim 4:22.

Okay, Father, I see where those lines are in the Bible. But what does "spirit" mean here? According to several saints and Christian writers, "spirit" refers not to the soul of the priest but to the spirit he has received through the sacrament of Holy Orders. As Edward Sri writes, quoting Jeremy Driscoll for support: "By saying 'and with your spirit,' the people are acknowledging the Holy Spirit's unique activity through the priest during the sacred liturgy by virtue of his ordination. As Jeremy Driscoll explains, 'The people are addressing the "spirit" of the priest; that is, that deepest interior part of his being where he has been ordained precisely to lead the people in the sacred action. They are saying in effect, "Be the priest for us now," aware that there is only one priest, Christ Himself, and that this one who represents them now must be finely tuned to perform his sacred duties well.'" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 28).

The greeting at the start of Mass is a prayer that the Lord will be present with the people and a prayer back from the people acknowledging the spiritual gift God has given to the priest to help lead us in prayer. It is definitely a more formal greeting than we would use out and about. However, what we do at Church is definitely different than meeting each other at a ballgame or a restaurant. The priest may very well go on to give some words of welcome or make a comment on the weather, but those comments follow the opening dialogue: "The Lord be with you," "And with your spirit." Now, let's pray together as God's family!

**For Reflection:** Read Ruth 2 and 2 Timothy 4:19-22 to see our liturgical greetings in these contexts. Take time to meditate on these passages, placing yourself in the scenes and recognizing that you are part of a great lineage of human relationships.

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-7-greeting>





## Respect Life in All Stages of Life



### Prayer Blanket Ministry

Would you be interested in helping to sew blankets for the Prayer Blanket Ministry? How about donating material, or a monetary donation to buy material with? If

so contact Elsa Garcia either by calling or sending a text to 281-685-9526. You may also contact Elsa by email: [ecgarcia55@att.net](mailto:ecgarcia55@att.net)



### "The Chosen"

Join us in watching this popular series on "the big screen" in Kolbe Hall on the **SECOND** Saturday

of the month after the 5 pm Mass in Kolbe Hall (around 6:15 pm). We met the 3rd Saturday for the Summer, but now the 2nd Saturday for the Fall. Go to the Adult Faith Formation page on our website to see the showing schedule or to find out how to catch up on previously shown episodes. **Next showing: Saturday, September 9th. Come join us!**

The parish offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> for the Labor Day holiday. May you all enjoy the three day weekend!

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.

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**Coffee & Donuts every Sunday,**

Plan to join us for fellowship in the Education Bldg.

### *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*

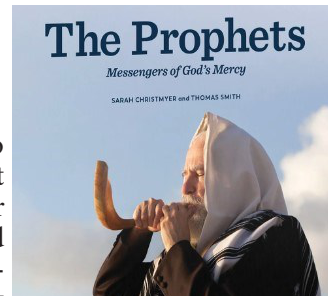
God sent prophets to speak to His people to help them reject sin & selfishness, draw closer to God & act with justice and generosity. It is nearly impossible to understand the work

& message of Christ Jesus without seeing how God used prophets to guide His people earlier in salvation history. Join us for a 10-session study. The class will be offered:

- 6:30 pm Sundays on Zoom or in room 215 starting on Sept 10 **OR**
- 9:30 am Fridays in room 215/216 starting on Sept 15.

For Zoom info, pgo to the Adult Faith Formation page on our website: [www.stmaximilian.org/adult-formation](http://www.stmaximilian.org/adult-formation) If you would like to reimburse the parish for the cost of the materials, it is \$35. Contact Molly Smith for more info:

[molly.smith@stmaximilian.org](mailto:molly.smith@stmaximilian.org)



### Pope Francis on Defense of the Unborn

"Nowadays efforts are made to deny them [unborn children] their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church's effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. Yet this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development" -- Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel," November 24, 2013.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27  HOUSTON VOCATIONS	28	<b>SEPTEMBER '23</b>			1 THOMAS VU 	2 JEFFREY VARGAS 
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## SACRAMENT OVERVIEW PARENT MEETING

Do you have a child grade 1-12 who needs First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation or Baptism? Come to an open house style meeting to find out about eligibility requirements, schedules, and more.

**Kolbe Hall 6:30-7:30pm on Monday, September 11**



## Faith Formation

Online Registration Now Open

, Fall-Spring, Home-based

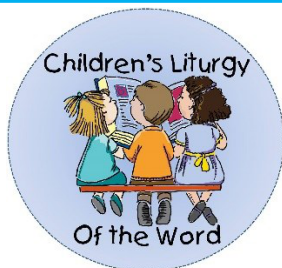
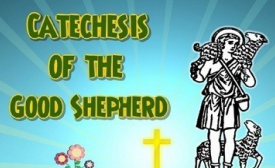


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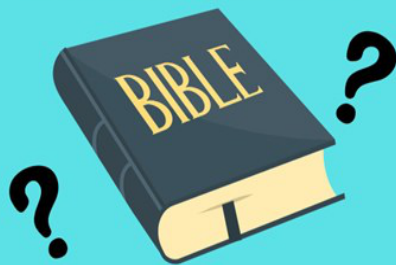


### HELP WANTED!

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

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

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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,

CFISD  
Student Holiday

**See pg. 5 for details.**



**SEPTEMBER:** For people living on the margins  
We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in  
inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by insti-  
tutions & never considered of lesser importance.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

That each of us may have the strength and courage to put Jesus first above worldly ways and material gains.

*"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - Matthew 16:26*

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Eleanor Antunez, Rudy Archuleta, Lupe Batey, Melissa Batey, Norma Bodin, Bill Carew, Aurora Enciso, Missy Fouts, Joseph Gallagher, James Geary, Georgia Hohensee, Madison Koopmann, Rachele Marchisio, Arma Morrison, Maria Mien Nguyen, Richard Ornelaz, Rose Pennell, Stan Petty, Irma Phillips, Walker Ponder, Marian Rearick, Alveraize Saizan, Maria Senjudo, Guillermo Stewart-Gaynor, Ken Switzler, Consuelo Estrada Torres, Ngoc Anh Uy, Linda Webb, Carolyn & Gary Webber, Bryler Weda, Frances Wooley, & Chuck Woodruff

### Food Pantry is open: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

FoodPantry@stmaximilian.org

The pantry could use the following items: canned vegetables, canned beans, canned pasta, 1 lb. bag dry rice, 1 lb. bag dry beans, 24 oz. canned Hunts pasta sauce, canned soups, peanut butter, canned meats, jelly, macaroni & cheese, instant potatoes, Hamburger or Tuna Helper, oatmeal, sandwich crackers, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, body soap, toothpaste, and 10-18 oz. cereal.. No outdated food products please. The Food Pantry is not able to accept any medications or alcoholic beverages.

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You can register or sponsor someone  
at: <http://www.houstoncoalition.com>

You can sponsor Fr. Lawrence Jozwiak by making a  
donation at: <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/Walk4HCL/FrLawrenceJozwiak>

->For to pledge for other walkers, go to: <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/Walk4HCL/team/SaintMaximilianKolbeCatho>

Funds raised will benefit **Houston Coalition for Life's Pregnancy Centers**. Your support will help with free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, Christian Counseling, and referrals for material & financial help to women in crisis pregnancies. Assistance is needed now more than ever before! For info: call Tom Comstock @ 281-380-0403

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Tuesday	12 Noon—1 pm *most needed
Wednesday	1 am—2 am
Wednesday	2 am—3 am
Thursday	1 am—2 am
Thursday	2 am—3 am
Thursday	5 pm—6 pm
Friday	9 pm—10 pm *most needed
Sunday	6 pm—7 pm *most needed



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