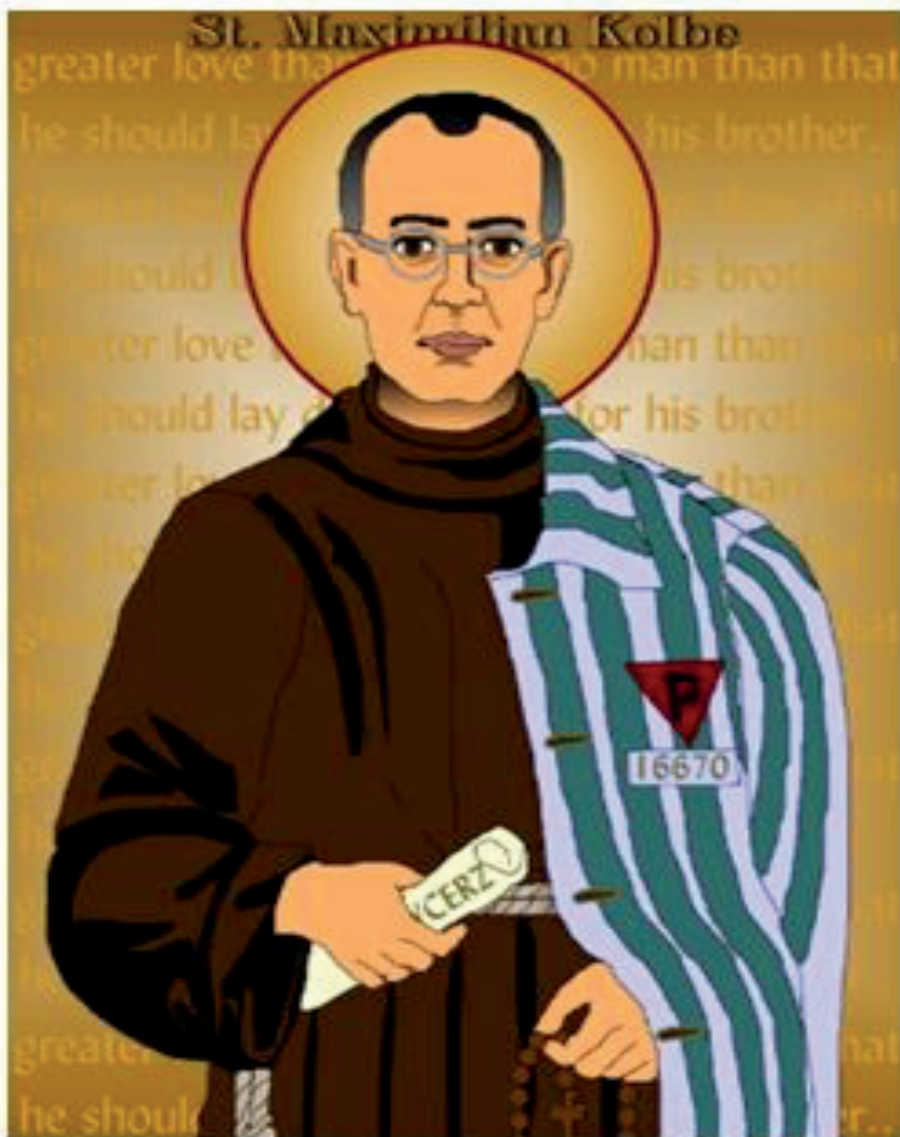


# ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

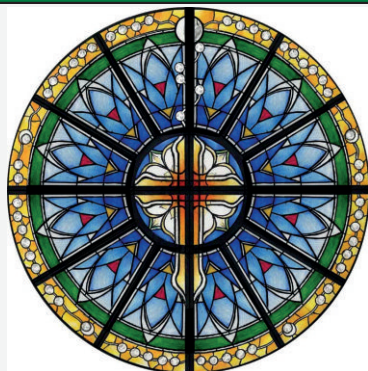
30 minutes prior to  
Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass

After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm

Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 14, 2024



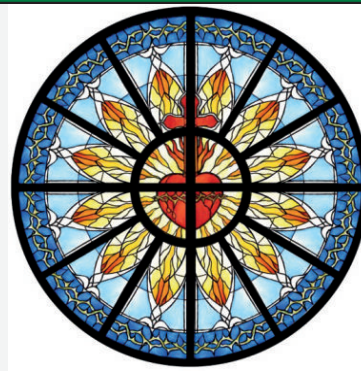
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Deacon Dennis Hayes • Deacon Steve Klak • Deacon John Naber  
Deacon David Persich • Deacon Matt Rust • Deacon Joe Weir

## 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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### PARISH STAFF

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 Phyllis Schoelman—Parish Secretary  
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 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:

**Lawrence “Larry” Melcer †**  
**William “Bill” Weber †, husband of Sandie Weber**

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.

**WE WELCOME YOU!**



St Anthony is venerated all over the world as the Patron Saint for lost articles, & is credited with many miracles involving lost people, lost things & even lost spiritual goods. Feast Day: January 17<sup>th</sup>

**Join Us for a  
 Pancake Breakfast  
 after all the  
 Sunday Masses in Kolbe Hall  
 TODAY—Sun., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>**



### 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

January 14, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Many times I “repeat” myself when teaching because repetition is how we learn. But also, each year we have new people and/or people now “hear” for the first time. The Christmas Season ended after Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. (In some years, this feast day falls on a Sunday.) Prior to 1969, some might remember that the Christmas Season lasted for 40 days through February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple (also known as Candlemas).

We began the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Ordinary Time on Tuesday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. Only then do the Christmas decorations come down. There is no such 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time since the Baptism of the Lord preempts it when it falls on a Sunday. Ordinary Time includes all those times outside of Advent, Christmas, Lent and the Easter Season. Remember “Ordinary Time” does not infer this time is not special, distinctive, interesting or does not include important events in the life of Jesus such as forgiveness, healings & other miracles.

Ordinary Time is called “ordinary” not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas & Easter seasons) or in penance (as in Advent & Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

The vestment color during Ordinary Time is green. Why green? Green for many signifies hope and growth, just like the first buds in spring time. We are hopeful and grow when we hear the life and ministry of Jesus.

Tomorrow, Monday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, is a national holiday commemorating the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is observed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of January. He was born on Jan. 15, 1929 & was killed on April 4, 1968. He was the prominent leader & spokesperson for the Civil Rights Movement from 1955 until he was assassinated in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the MLK holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed 3 years later. Initially, some states resisted observing the holiday. Finally in 2000, all 50 states began to observe it.



St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

*Lawrence W. Jozwiak*

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak  
Pastor

Pope Francis has stated that we must combat the indifference to what is happening around us. We must make an effort to be informed & then to do something! Likewise, Dr. Martin Luther King stated “Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance & conscientious stupidity.” Once we become aware, then we must make a decision: strive to do something or to do nothing. Dr. King said: “He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.” Whatever the injustice, we are all called to be knowledgeable, concerned & somehow we are to respond. Injustice, violence, hate, prejudice & discrimination have no place in society.

To be knowledgeable: January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Although slavery is commonly thought to be a thing of the past, human traffickers generate \$150 billion in profits by trapping millions of people in horrific situations around the world, including here in the U.S. Traffickers use violence, threats, deception, debt bondage & other manipulative tactics to force people to engage in commercial sex or to provide labor or services against their will. Estimates vary worldwide, but some 24.9 million are in forced labor, including 3.8 million adults & 1 million children in forced sexual exploitation. 71% of all human trafficking are women & girls. 25% of them are children. The following website offers 20 ways to fight against human trafficking: <https://www.state.gov/20-ways-you-can-help-fight-human-trafficking/>

Remember the “9 Days for Life” prayer campaign occurs January 16-24. I encourage you to register online for this novena at <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup> to receive by email or as a phone text each day the prayer intention, a short reflection & suggested actions to help build a culture of life (either in English or Spanish). See the parish website (<https://stmaximilian.org/>) or p. 8 for details.

After all 3 Sunday Masses today, the ACTS Community is sponsoring a pancake breakfast in Kolbe Hall. All are invited. Be generous in your donations. Coffee & donuts will be moved to Kolbe Hall this one weekend. Men & women, consider attending the ACTS men’s retreat (Jan. 25-28) or women’s retreat (Feb. 15-18). See p. 8 for details.

Lent begins very early, with Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> & Easter Sunday is on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendar for our parish Lenten Mission, Saturday/Sunday Masses, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, and Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Sr. Lisa Valentini who gave the mission appeal will return for the parish Lenten Mission.

The 3 speakers in the church were fixed Monday inexpensively & quickly!

**“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: #1096

**Order of Mass:** Hymnal #166—#187

**Gathering Hymn:** #606—Glory & Praise to Our God

**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:**

#790—The Summons

#777—Here I Am, Lord

**Sending Forth Hymn:** #544—Lord, You Give the Great Commission



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** In the temple, young Samuel hears the Lord's voice thrice but confuses it for Eli. Eli recognizes the divine call & advises Samuel to respond, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Samuel obeys, & from then on, he grows in God's presence, with his words carrying significance. (1 Sm 3:3-19)

**Psalm:** With patient anticipation, I waited for the Lord. He inclined to my plea, gracing me with a new song of praise. I offer not sacrifices, but an open ear to obey. In the scroll, it's written—my joy is in fulfilling Your will, & Your law resides within my heart. I proclaim Your righteousness boldly, my lips unbridled in the assembly. (Ps 40)

**Second Reading:** Remember, our bodies are meant for the Lord, a temple of the Holy Spirit. United with Christ, we must avoid immorality, as it dishonors both ourselves & God. We were bought at a cost, so let's honor Him in our bodies. (1 Cor 6:13-20)

**Gospel:** John the Baptist points out Jesus as the Lamb of God. Two of his disciples decide to follow Jesus, & he invites them to see where he stays. Andrew, one of the disciples, excitedly tells his brother Simon Peter that they've found the Messiah, & Jesus gives Peter a new name, Cephas (Peter). (Jn 1:35-42)

### READINGS for the WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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## Mass Intentions



### Saturday, January 13

St. Hilary

5 pm Vigil Thelma Martinez Perez †

### Sunday, January 14

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am The Intentions of the Gallagher Family

10 am Rachele Marchisio

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Maximilian

### Monday, January 15

8:30 am Vick Anthony Todaro †

### Tuesday, January 16

6:30 pm Gumecindo Calderon †

### Wednesday, January 17

St. Anthony

8:30 am FSSP

### Thursday, January 18

8:30 am Charles Wiggins †

### Friday, January 19

8:30 am Jose & Enriqueta Enciso †

### Saturday, January 20

St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

5 pm Vigil Joe & Irene Hundl †

### Sunday, January 21

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Lindsay Bowker †

12 Noon Thelma Perez †

**Kolbe Seniors**, Happy New Year! Time to look for your Flocknote invite to the Friday, January 19, meeting. We will be playing BINGO. Sign up for trips to Space Center Houston, a piano concert, NSS Day of Prayer, and the Holocaust Museum. Questions or to RSVP for lunch, text or email Becky Keels 713-724-1075 or [stmax.kolbe.seniors@gmail.com](mailto:stmax.kolbe.seniors@gmail.com)

**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> 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.





## Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 28: The Creed as Profession of Faith

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

The Mass

What does the word *Creed* mean? According to Fr. Guy Oury, “A Latin word for the Creed is *symbolum*. Its first meaning is that of a sign, a mark of recognition by which an envoy is accredited or strangers know each other as belonging to the same group. The ‘symbol’ of faith identifies Christians. People who are not Christian cannot profess it without a lie on their part” (*The Mass*, p. 71). In addition to being a sign of our unity, the Creed also is a summary of core doctrines we believe in and an important part of the Mass. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states, “The purpose of the Creed or Profession of Faith is that the whole gathered people may respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings taken from Sacred Scripture and explained in the Homily and that they may also honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith by pronouncing the rule of faith in a formula approved for liturgical use and before the celebration of these mysteries in the Eucharist begins” (*GIRM*, no. 67). In summary, Charles Belmonte says, “The symbol or Creed expresses our response and assent to what we have just heard in the readings and in the homily” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 99). Having heard the truths of the Faith in the Liturgy of the Word, now we profess them in the Creed.

**Stand and Profess** Why do we stand up to profess our Faith? As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “Through the Creed, we as a community of believers stand and profess, in precise terms, the foundations of our faith. We stand for the Creed because of its importance in our Church and in our lives. Of important note is another gesture the Church asks of us as we profess the Creed. As we say ‘[and by] the Holy Spirit [was incarnate] of the Virgin Mary and became man,’ we are to bow in adoration of the Incarnation and birth of our Lord. Interestingly, on those respective solemnities (Annunciation and Christmas) we are to retain the ancient custom of genuflecting during those lines” (“*A Study of the Mass*,” p. 10). As we have reviewed previously, each of the gestures and postures within the liturgy has a meaning and can help us pray more deeply. Throughout the Mass, we stand together for the principal prayers. In a very practical way, standing is another way of giving our assent, as when a crowd stands in applause. Standing adds an additional fervor to the recognition. In a similar way, standing to pray together adds an element of strength to the words we proclaim. Bowing while we recall the Incarnation acknowledges in a humble way how much we honor that significant moment in world history. Genuflecting on the Solemnities of the Annunciation and Christmas adds even more solemn praise to the joy of that moment, reflecting our adoration of our Lord who took on a human nature, becoming man for our sake.



As we profess our faith together, we are joined in a unity that began at our Baptism. “As on the day of our Baptism, when our whole life was entrusted to the ‘standard teaching,’ let us embrace the Creed of our life-giving faith. To say the Credo with faith is to enter into communion with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst we believe” (*CCC*, no. 197). The *Catechism* quotes St. Ambrose: “The Creed is the spiritual seal, our hearts’ meditation and ever-present guardian; it is, unquestionably, the treasure of our soul” (*CCC*, no. 197).

Reflecting upon St. Ambrose’s words recalls for me the amazing gift we have been given through our Baptism, being invited into the very life of God. That is definitely worth standing up and professing together!

### For Reflection:

1. Consider your posture(s) during various forms of prayer. What prompts you to stand in respect and fervor? What leads you to bow your head in awe and wonder? Pay attention to praying with your whole self, including your bodily posture.
2. The next time you pray the Creed alone, call to mind your unity with all Christians who profess this faith.

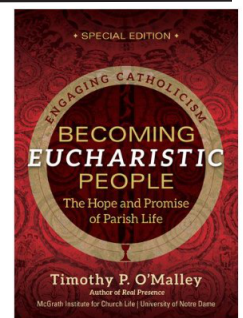


**Source:** <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-28-the-creed-part-2>

## 2024 Lenten Study

Grow your faith this Lent by joining a small group in the parish to read & discuss *Becoming Eucharistic People* by Dr Timothy P. O'Malley. There are 3 ways to participate: sign up as an individual, sign up to be added to a group & meet new people or invite others & host your own group. Hosts & discussion leaders are needed.

Please contact [molly.smith@stmaximilian.org](mailto:molly.smith@stmaximilian.org) for more info or sign up at <https://stmaximilian.org/adult-formation>



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### Sunday, January 14 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts	Kolbe Hall	after Masses
ACTS Pancake Breakfast	Kolbe Hall	after Masses
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
RCIA Session	Room 215	11:30 am
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
Adult Faith, Sermon on the Mount	Kolbe Room	6:30 pm

### Monday, January 15

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Scouting	Gajowniczek Building	6:00 pm
Confirmation Prep-Student/Sponsor	Meeting #2	
	Kolbe Hall	6:00 pm
Women's ACTS Team Meeting	Room 212	6:30 pm

### Tuesday, January 16

Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Legion of Mary meeting	Room 203	5:00 pm
Confession	Church	6:00 pm
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
Men's ACTS Retreat Music Practice	Room 203	6:30 pm

### Wednesday, January 17

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Food Pantry	Higgins Building	3:30 pm
Rosary	Chapel	6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Canticle Hall	6:30 pm
Men's ACTS Team Meeting	Room 212	6:30 pm
Evening Prayer	Chapel	7:00 pm

### Thursday, January 18

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Youth Faith Formation-Thursdays Classes	Gajowniczek Building	6:30 pm

### Friday, January 19

That Man Is You!	Gajowniczek Building	5:30 am
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Confession	Church	9:00 am
Adult Faith-Sermon on the Mount Study	Room 215	9:30 am
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Room 110	10:30 am
Kolbe Seniors	Kolbe Hall	11:00 am

### Saturday, January 20

Baptism Class	Room 215	9:00 am
Confession	Church	3:00 pm
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
CDA Ladies Bunco Night	Kolbe Hall	6:15 pm

### Sunday, January 21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts	Gajowniczek Bldg	after Masses
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
RCIA Session	Room 215	11:30 am
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
Youth Faith Formation-Sunday Classes	Gajowniczek Building	2:30 pm
Adult Faith-Sermon on the Mount Study	Kolbe Room	6:30 pm



### "The Chosen"

Join us in watching this popular series on "the big screen" in the Education Building on the 2nd Saturday of the month after the 5 pm Mass (around 6:15 pm). Be sure to mark your calendar for the following date:

**January 13 -- Season 3, episodes 1 & 2**

Looking for a way to engage in 2024?? Try a podcast (available on multiple platforms like Google Podcasts, iTunes, Spotify, Stitcher, etc). Fr Mike Schmitz has a podcast where he reads a selection of Scripture & gives a short reflection every day. You can listen to the entire *Bible in a Year* podcast just by investing about 25 minutes a day. If you have tried in the past, try again. God has more spiritual fruits for those who desire to listen to His Word.

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**PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
(St. Andrew Community Center)  
19222 Tomball Parkway  
Houston, TX 77070

**FRI, JAN 26, 2024**  
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**SAT, JAN 27, 2024**  
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**FOR: PARISH LEADERS**

**FOR: OLDER ADULTS & FAMILY MEMBERS**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**FREE EVENT**

**FOR QUESTIONS/ASSISTANCE WITH REGISTRATION, CALL 713-741-8712**

**LIMITED SEATING**

THE CONFERENCE FEATURES PRESENTATIONS AND VENDORS THAT SUPPORT PASTORAL AND PRACTICAL CARE FOR FAMILIES WITH OLDER ADULTS. FOR MORE INFORMATION/REGISTRATION:

VISIT: [ARCHGH.ORG/OFFICES-MINISTRIES/SOCIAL-JUSTICE-AND-LIFE/AGING-MINISTRY/EVENTS/](https://ARCHGH.ORG/OFFICES-MINISTRIES/SOCIAL-JUSTICE-AND-LIFE/AGING-MINISTRY/EVENTS/)

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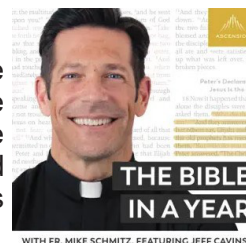
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**Be generous to the Maintenance & Repair fund.**



**Pray for an end to violence in homes.**







Concerned about your young child's Speech and Language development? Kolbe Kids' ECP has invited Amy Lerman, Speech and Language specialist from the Parish School to discuss, "Growing Language at Home and Making it Manageable". Please call Eileen Mace @ 281-970-0979 to reserve your spot for Tuesday, January 23rd from 10--11:30 am.

**Belated Birthday Wishes to Anne Jackson** who turned a proud 85 on January 4, 2024!



Have you noticed the Gaga Pit behind Kolbe Hall? Come check it out - maybe join in on a game or two!

- Congratulations to our couples who were married in November:  
Lynn Dang & Phong Phan  
Jennifer Navarro & Rich Tran  
Sierra Jacob & Huy Lam
  - Congratulations to our couples who were married in December:  
Stephanie Rodriguez & Ian Bogany  
Thanh Bui & Bobby Nguyen
- May all these couples be blessed with many years of happiness together.



### **Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters of America Scholarships!**

Applications for the Knights of Columbus' Deacon Auburn Higgins Memorial Educational Scholarships & the Catholic Daughters' Father John Francis Ulm Educational Scholarships for graduating high school seniors are now being accepted. The application form can be found @ [www.stmaximilian.org](http://www.stmaximilian.org). The deadline to submit applications is April 1st. Contact Jeff Kopecky @ [jalkop@juno.com](mailto:jalkop@juno.com) or Karen Consley @ [kconsley@comcast.net](mailto:kconsley@comcast.net) for more info.



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### **Food Pantry is open Wednesdays at 3:30 pm** **WE NEED MORE FOOD!**

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The pantry could use the following items: 7.5-15.8 oz canned pasta-Chef Boyardee, SpaghettiOs, 10-19 oz canned soup meals-chicken noodle, vegetable beef, etc., no "cream of" soups, ramen noodle soup, 14-15.25 oz canned fruit, 4 oz fruit cups, 5-12 oz canned tuna, 4-12.5 oz canned chicken, 4.6 oz Vienna sausage, 24 oz Hunts pasta sauce, 12-24 oz spaghetti, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, body soap, & toilet paper. No outdated food products please. The Food Pantry is not able to accept any medications or alcoholic beverages.

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

— St. Maximilian Kolbe

**"Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"**

(Acts 20: 35)

The confessional is not a torture chamber, but the place in which the Lord's mercy motivates us to do better.

—Pope Francis



p. 8 **Give the Gift of an ACTS Retreat!**

*Know someone who could really benefit from a life-changing spiritual retreat in the New Year?* Click the QR code to download a registration form or simply learn more about the **Men's & Women's ACTS Retreats at St. Max.** ACTS Retreats are a 3-day, 3-night Catholic lay retreat presented by St. Max parishioners from Thursday evening to Sunday noon Mass. Centering on core teachings concerning Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, they offer a spiritual journey that calls the soul to friendship in Christ and community. For more info, watch for sign-up tables after Masses in the weeks ahead or contact a retreat director below

**2024 ACTS Men's Retreat**

**January 25–28**

Retreat Director: Wayne Pelingon,  
713.966.9832

**2024 ACTS Women's Retreat**

**February 15–18**

Retreat Director: Valerie Delafosse,  
713.305.5578



**Coffee & Donuts this Sunday,**  
Plan to join us for fellowship in Kolbe Hall.

**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5**

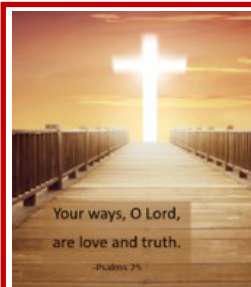


That Man Is You! (TMIY) will begin its Spring semester on Friday, January 26th. The 13-week spring semester contains powerful videos on the theme, *The Light of Men*. Embedded in

the semester is a 5-week series where we go to the Holy Land to contemplate the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, culminating on Good Friday with a video on the Crucifixion. Videos also feature renown Catholic speakers like Dr. Peter Kreeft and Dr. Ralph Martin. All men are welcome! Come join us every Friday in the Education Building from 5:30am-7am. Breakfast is served. Video begins about 6 am. Small group discussion at 6:30am. Closing prayer 7am sharp. For more info, call or text Tom Comstock 281-380-0403.

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**Women's ACTS  
Retreat**

**Feb. 15-18, 2024**

For more info,  
contact Retreat

Director: Valerie Delafosse,  
713.305.5578

**Hot Pancake Breakfast  
after all Masses on Jan. 14!**



*Kick off the New Year with a hot pancake breakfast after all Masses on Sunday, January 14!* The ACTS community members will be cooking up flapjacks fresh off the griddle in Kolbe Hall to raise funds for upcoming retreats. Donations appreciated! Come hungry, & bring family & friends to enjoy a warm welcome from friends old & new!

All in the ACTS Community are encouraged to help. Tabletop griddles, cooks, servers & food donations are needed! Contact Thomas Prochazka at 832.628.6262 for more info. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a monetary donation to support our St. Max ACTS ministry, contact Dana Pike at 713.927.3071.

**TODAY!!**



Would you like to join the Prince of Peace Pro-Life Ministry & Texans from across the state @ the Texas Rally for Life on Saturday, January 27, 2024, in Austin, Texas? A

chartered bus will be available to those who would like to attend. Though the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, returning the power to legislate abortion to the people & their elected officials, we must continue to work to keep Texas a pro-life state. If you have any questions, please contact me either via email [cbradberry1@comcast.net](mailto:cbradberry1@comcast.net)

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



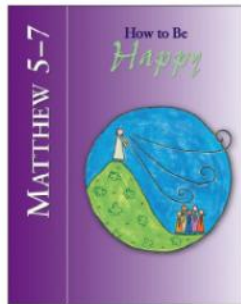
<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

Pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine & in any other troubled areas, for an end to terrorism & all violence, including those assaulted by guns & other instruments of harm, and for the safety of all those who protect us.





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



Join us for a short 6-week Bible study on the Sermon of the Mount in Matthew 5-7. This includes the Beatitudes & other things that include the heart of Christ's teachings. Perfect for beginners & those more familiar with the Scripture. Class is offered at 2 times, join the one that is best for your schedule – Fridays at 9:30am in Room 215 or Sundays at 6:30pm in the Kolbe Room; also offered on Zoom. Classes have started, you can still join in. Contact Molly Smith at [molly.smith@stmaximilian.org](mailto:molly.smith@stmaximilian.org) for more info.

All life is sacred & valuable!



Faith Formation classes resume Thursday, Jan. 18 & Sunday, Jan. 21.

Fall Spring Schedule Formation:

Many sessions open for Faith

- 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

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

Parents are the first teachers of their children in all things, especially in the ways of faith.



JANUARY							FEBRUARY						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29		

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

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

Parent Meeting  
First day of class,

CFISD  
Student Holiday

Pray for our blessings on our parish!



**JANUARY:** For the Gift of Diversity in the Church  
 Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, & to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

That we take time, every day, talking to God - praising Him, thanking Him & asking for His guidance.

**"Jesus turned & saw them following him & said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38**

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, & others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

#### Collection for the Week January 2—7, 2024

Offertory:	\$26,214
Special Gifts:	\$35,000
Maintenance & Repair	\$535
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$61,749</b>

**Faith Direct: EOY Dec. 31, 2023**

(received twice a month)

Offertory	\$5,150
Maintenance & Repair	\$150
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,300</b>

Archdiocesan 2nd Collection	\$71
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The **Legion of Mary** ministry is meeting at **5 pm** on **Tuesdays** in Room 203. Would your family like to welcome Mary to your home?" The Legion of Mary would be happy to bring Our Lady of Fatima statue to your home to stay for a week (or more). We would pray the welcome and goodbye with you and only ask that you pray the rosary before the statue each day She is at your home. Contact Dan Gallagher at [gallagher.dan.j@gmail.com](mailto:gallagher.dan.j@gmail.com) or (281) 450-4683 for more information.



### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Lisa Abbott, Cynthia Aguirre, Lupe & Melissa Batey, Norma Bodin, Maria Bueno, Bill Carew, Rebecca Carter, Susie Charnock, Robert Durocher, Aurora Enciso, Deena Everest, Missy Fouts, Joseph Gallagher, Armando Garcia, Estrella Gonzalez, Elizabeth Anna Goodman, Soledad Haren, Georgia Hohensee, Anne Jackson, Taylar Jackson, Madison Koopmann, Patria Lamela, Rachele Marchisio, Paul Mattern, Craig McKnight, Arma Morrison, Maria Mien Nguyen, Evie Ornelaz, Richard Ornelaz, Rose Pennell, Marie Perez, Stan Petty, Irma Phillips, Walker Ponder, Delia Rodrigues, Alveraize Saizan, Maria Senjudo, Sonja Spjut, Guillermo Stewart-Gaynor, Christine Swiech, Ken Switzler, Consuelo Estrada Torres, Ngoc Anh Uy, Debbie Vela, Linda Webb, Carolyn & Gary Webber, Frances Wooley, Chuck Woodruff, & Susan Yano

#### Weekly Devotional Prayer: All in the Chapel

Rosary, Divine Mercy & Prayers for the different Vocations @ 7:20 am pn Sundays.

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.

#### **We reached our 2023 mandatory amt:** **\$150,000!**

- Amount Paid so far: **\$172,049**  
(**\$22,049 paid over goal**)
- Amt pledged to be paid: **\$700**
- Amt paid + to be pledged: **\$172,749**  
Amt. over mandatory amt: **\$22,749**
- 407 donors out of 2163 households



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#### EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT:

To the side are days/times  
where help is needed.

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Charnock @ 281-813-1492.

"So you could not keep watch  
with me for one hour?..."

"Mt 26:40

Monday	5 am—6 am
Tuesday	12 Midnight—1 am
Tuesday	4 am—5 am
Wednesday	1 am—2 am <b>*NO ADORER*</b>
Wednesday	2 am—3 am
Wednesday	6 am—7 am
Wednesday	9 am—10 am
Thursday	1 am—2 am
Thursday	2 am—3 am
Thursday	10 am—11 am
Saturday	4 am—5 am



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