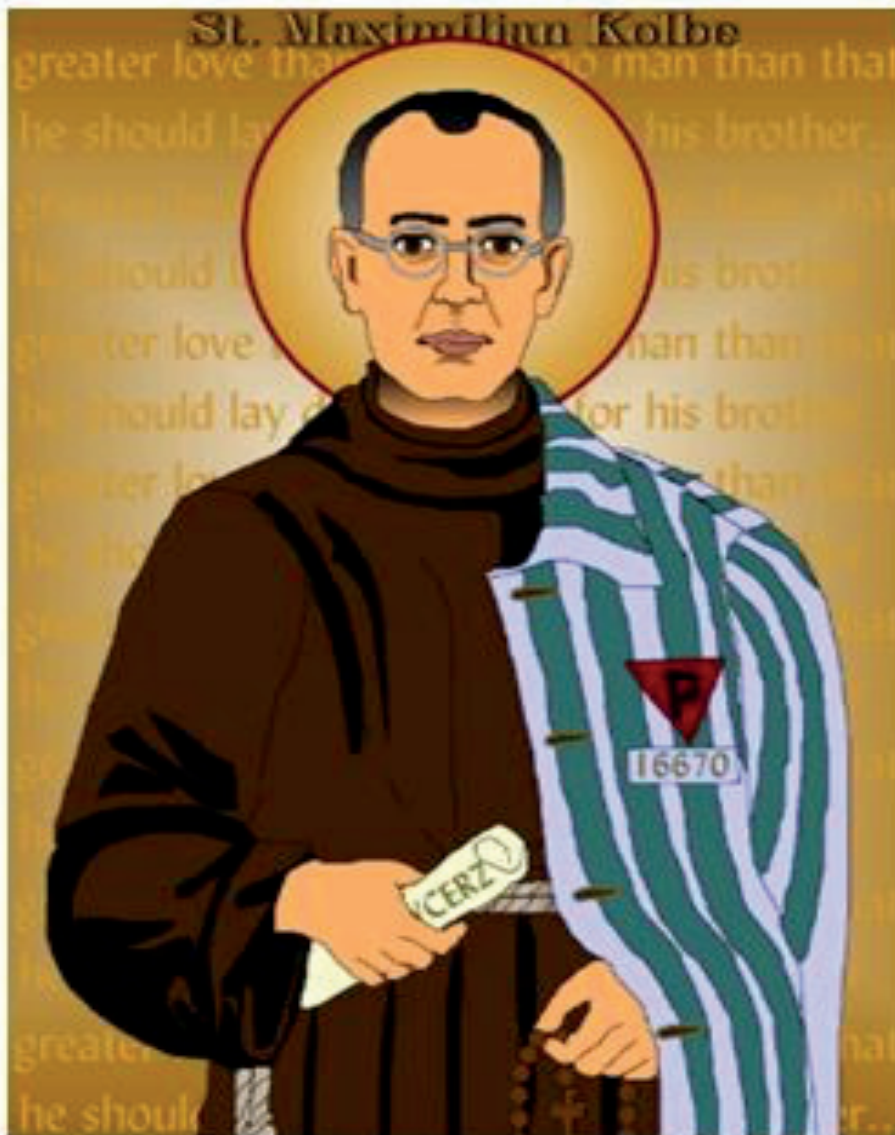


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

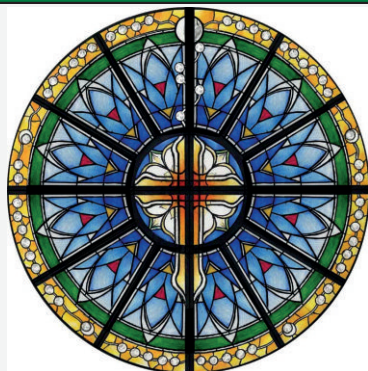
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Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass

After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm

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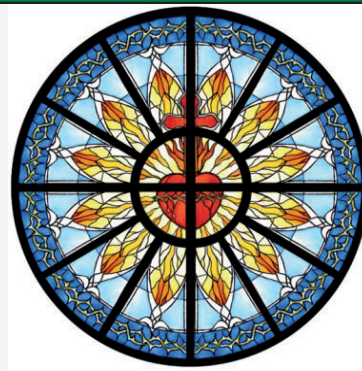
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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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SACRAMENT of BAPTISM:

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

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

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION:

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

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

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

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK:

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

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

Alma Nora-Rangel †, cousin of Anna Lopez

Fr. Richard E. Paulissen, M.M. †

Delia Rodrigues †, sister of Irma Garza

George Mandiola †, husband of Celia Mandiola

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.



Tuesday, Feb. 6th: 7 pm-8 pm

THYSÍA

An hour of Eucharistic
Adoration, Worship, and
Scripture

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

**Pursuing a Vocation
that is filled with Joy!**

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

February 4, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I announced last weekend, we are making a change in the tabernacle. I am hoping that transfer will be complete by this weekend, unless complications arise. Let me explain how we came to this decision. After consulting the deacons & their wives, staff, Art & Environment committee, Pastoral & Finance Councils & the Cardinal & receiving their complete support, the original tabernacle from our previous worship space will return from storage & be placed in the middle where the current gold tabernacle is. The gold tabernacle will be moved then to the chapel.

Why the change? The current gold tabernacle is very beautiful, but proportionately it is too small for our large church. Various people, including visiting clergy, have made this observation. Plus, the current tabernacle door is only 5½ inches wide. The clergy have to tilt the ciborium (container for the hosts) in order to place it into the gold tabernacle. At times when tilting, the lid shifts. Though we have not had any spillage, I want to avoid any possible future mishap. Due to its small size, the gold tabernacle does not allow very many extra ciboria to be placed into it. The gold tabernacle will be much more suited for the chapel. I will use a smaller ciborium size in this gold tabernacle since we do not need to store much on reserve in the chapel. The original tabernacle will be beautiful, matching the candle stands & ambo as it was designed to do so. See p. 6 for a picture of the original tabernacle, just in case the change is not finished by this weekend.

To facilitate this change, the half wall of stone will remain. But the stone work outlining the gold tabernacle will be removed & returned to its original state of sheet rock when the church was built. Remember: when the church was built, the tabernacle was off to the side behind the area where the Mary & Joseph statues are.

Also, the back wall over the middle exit doors from the baptismal area to the narthex will be re-configured to house a beautiful mosaic of the Holy Spirit. This mosaic was designed, made & contributed by a parishioner. Her husband helped with its framing & hanging brackets. Its location is to signify the Holy Spirit "descending down" upon the waters of baptism & the person to be baptized, as well as our "taking" the Holy Spirit with us into the world when we leave church. See p. 6 for a picture of this mosaic.

The main narthex (both ceiling & walls) will be repainted, as well as the 2 shrines in the church & the ceiling of the transept entrances. Many necessary wall repairs & repaint-

ing to the chapel & its entrance will occur. It is unclear exactly how long all these projects will take. But I am hoping all will be completed by Easter.

All the above projects have the approval of the Finance & Pastoral Councils. Thank you to all who have contributed to the Maintenance & Repair Fund. If you have not contributed in the past, please consider doing so, especially with the additional security projects. More lighting will be installed outside. The project to rekey & install a fob system has occurred in the church. The remaining buildings are also having a new fob system. Once that has occurred, a brand new, improved alarm system is being installed.

For those adult Catholics who lack Confirmation, our preparations sessions begin Monday, Feb. 19th: 6:30 pm. Even if you have Confirmation, you are welcome to attend to refresh your understanding of the Catholic faith.

After all the Masses this weekend in Kolbe Hall, Catholic Daughters are coordinating an exhibit of 64 Eucharistic miracles. Our exhibit is part of a world-wide exhibit on such miracles & the Eucharist. I encourage everyone to go over to learn more about such miracles. This exhibit is being offered also for young people in faith formation. Coffee & donuts will be in Kolbe Hall on this Sunday only.

Remember this First Tuesday, Feb. 6th we have confessions 6 pm-6:25 pm, 6:30 pm Mass & then a Holy Hour, Thysia from 7 pm-8 pm. Please come. See p. 8 for the schedule for Ash Wednesday, confessions during Lent, & Stations of the Cross. Also mark your calendar for our Parish Lenten Mission the weekend of Feb. 24th-25th, & Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 26th-28th. Sr. Lisa Valentini who gave the Mission Appeal a few months ago will be returning for this Lenten Mission. To learn more about our 13 day parish pilgrimage to Poland, etc., see p. 10 & go to our parish website <https://stmaximilian.org/2024-pilgrimage> Deacon Dennis Hayes was honored by the Knights of Columbus as being named as one of 2 outstanding deacons in our Archdiocese for their service! Congratulations Deacon! See p. 7.

The repairs & re-painting of the chapel is scheduled to begin this Monday, Feb. 5th & is expected to take up to 2 weeks to complete. Thus, 24 hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been suspended, beginning Sunday, Feb. 4th. We will have limited Exposition Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm in the parish office area, in what use to be the chapel.

I will not be present this Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass since I am committed to install a new pastor at Corpus Christi Church at their Vigil Mass. Fr. Michael Grey, C.S.Sp., will be here for confessions & our 5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass. I will be present for the 3 Sunday Masses.



St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Lawrence W. Jozwiak

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak
Pastor

"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: #1105

Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187

Gathering Hymn: #567—Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Gloria (inside cover of hymnal)

Gospel Alleluia

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

Preparation Hymn: #640—There is a Balm in Gilead

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn:

#909—Jesus, Hope of the World

#724—I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Sending Forth Hymn: #685—How Can I Keep from Singing?



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Job laments life's hardships, comparing his suffering to a laborer's toil & a slave's longing for relief. His nights are restless, his days joyless, feeling his life fleeting like the wind. (Jb 7:1-7)

Psalms: Praise the Lord for His kindness & mercy. He restores & unites, heals the brokenhearted, & knows all creation intimately. He uplifts the humble, humbling the wicked. (Ps 147)

Second Reading: Preaching the gospel is my entrusted duty, not a ground for pride. My reward lies in sharing it freely, adapting to serve all, with the hope of sharing in its blessings. (1 Cor 9:16-23)

Gospel: Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law at her home. That evening, many sick & demon-possessed were brought to him; he healed them, not allowing demons to speak. Seeking solitude, Jesus prayed in the early morning. Urged by his followers, he continued his mission, preaching & exorcising demons throughout Galilee. (Mk 1:29-39)

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 & 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Weekend Homilies are recorded & posted on our parish webpage:

<https://stmaximilian.org/homily>



Pray for an end to violence in homes.

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

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 3

St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

5 pm Vigil Jeanette & Joe Coury

Sunday, February 4

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day for Consecrated Life

8 am Anna Mae Dupont †

10 am Patrick Nelson †

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Maximilian

Monday, February 5

St. Agatha

8:30 am Ashley Pereira †, Herman Pereira †, & Lila Calderon †

Tuesday, February 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions

6:30 pm Patrick Sturgill †

Wednesday, February 7

8:30 am Harry & Isabel Boylan †

Thursday, February 8

St. Jerome Emiliani,

St. Josephine Bakhita

International Day of Prayer & Awareness against Human Trafficking

8:30 am Jovannie Teran †

Friday, February 9

8:30 am Nicholas Bermea

Saturday, February 10

St. Scholastica

5 pm Vigil John Eaves †

Sunday, February 11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Sick

World Marriage Day

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Ofelia E. Alegre †, Macario Esperanza †, & Leonida Esperanza †

12 Noon Deacon Ron Fraser †

CONFIRMATION for ADULTS

• Are you a baptized Catholic who has received First Holy Communion but have not received Confirmation?

• OR are you looking for an opportunity to refresh your understanding about the Church's teachings?

• If so, St. Maximilian Kolbe will be offering **Adult Confirmation classes beginning on Monday, Feb. 19th at 6:30 pm.**

Contact Deacon Matt Rust at 281-300-9923 or matt.rust@stmaximilian.org for more info.

Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ!

For the scriptures used at Mass every day & to hear a Reflection, go to: <https://www.usccb.org> 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 31: The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

As we conclude the Liturgy of the Word and prepare to transition to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, it is a fitting time to reflect on how these main parts of the Mass are united and complement each other. We previously touched on this unity in our reflection on the homily. This time, we will hear from a couple of our recent popes. As *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states, "The Mass consists in some sense of two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, these being so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed" (*GIRM*, 28, also cf. SC 56, 48, 51). Perhaps the two main parts of the Mass seem obvious, but how are they "so closely interconnected"? How are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist related? As two examples, they both strengthen us in understanding our faith and living it out in the world, and they both draw us deeper into true unity with Christ.

The Two Ways Our Lord Nourishes Us

Pope St. John Paul II reflected on how the unity of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist goes back to the early Church: "We are well aware that from the earliest times the celebration of the Eucharist has been linked not only with prayer but also with the reading of Sacred Scripture and with singing by the whole assembly. As a result, it has long been possible to apply to the Mass the comparison, made by the Fathers, with the two tables, at which the Church prepares for her children the word of God and the Eucharist, that is, the bread of the Lord" (*Dominicae Cenae*, 10). This image of the two tables illustrates for us that we are fed in two main ways through the Mass: through the hearing of God's word to us and through the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As we have reflected before, through the Scriptures we come to know God as he reveals himself to us; we learn who we are as his people; and we learn how to live our lives in him and with one another. As we will see as we continue through the Mass, in the Eucharist we are nourished in a unique way through the true presence of Jesus and his dwelling with us through Holy Communion. Our Lord nourishes us in two wonderful ways!



Pope Benedict XVI, reflecting on these two tables of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist, emphasizes the unity between them: "First of all, there is a need to reflect on the inherent unity of the rite of Mass. Both in catechesis and in the actual manner of celebration, one must avoid giving the impression that the two parts of the rite are merely juxtaposed... There is an intrinsic bond between the word of God and the Eucharist. From listening to the word of God, faith is born or strengthened (cf. *Rom 10:17*); in the Eucharist the Word made flesh gives himself to us as our spiritual food. Thus, 'from the two tables of the word of God and the Body of Christ, the Church receives and gives the faithful the bread of life.' Consequently it must constantly be kept in mind that the word of God, read and proclaimed by the Church in the liturgy, leads to the Eucharist as to its own connatural end" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 44).



Relationship and Unity

Pope Benedict's words remind me of the way we grow in relationships. Typically, we first encounter others at a bit of a distance. Maybe we see them in a group, or we cross paths in some way. Next, there is usually a time when we are learning basics, such as names, family backgrounds, schools, or jobs. If the relationship continues to grow, we learn more about what a person thinks, likes, and hopes or dreams. Over time, a friendship grows and deepens, and with that depth comes greater love and intimacy. Of course, even with a depth of love, we know we still communicate with each other and continue to learn more. Our love helps us to understand each other more fully and our ongoing communication helps us deepen our love. This basic comparison helps me realize more concretely what I think the popes are teaching us: in the Mass, we encounter Jesus both through the Liturgy of the Word and through the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Both tables bless us with growing deeper in our relationship with him. Both lead us deeper in unity. Both invite us to share the fruits of that unity with one another. Both increase our hope for the perfect unity with Christ that awaits us in heaven. For now, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet is coming in the Liturgy of the Eucharist!



For Reflection:

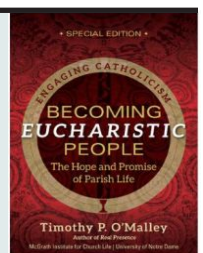
1. How do you experience the Liturgy of the Word as nourishment? Pray with *Ezekiel 3:1-3*, in which the Lord instructs Ezekiel to eat a scroll. Meditate on the image of "tables" set for a feast as a way to awaken your "appetite" for worship as you prepare for Mass.
2. As Father Luke quoted, "the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed" (*GIRM*, 28) from the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Prepare your heart to receive instruction and refreshment by asking the Lord to give you these graces every time you participate in Mass. After Mass, take time to reflect on the instruction and refreshment you have received, and give thanks to God.

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-31-the-liturgy-of-the-word-and-the-liturgy-of-the-eucharist>

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 for more info or sign up at

<https://stmaximilian.org/adult-formation>



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Sunday, February 4 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts	Kolbe Hall	after Masses
The Eucharistic Miracles of the World	Kolbe Hall	all day
Mass	Church	8:00 am
Mass	Church	10:00 am
RCIA Session	Room 215	11:30 am
Mass	Church	12 Noon
Youth Faith Formation, Sunday Classes		
Adult Faith, Sermon on the Mount	Gajowniczak Bldg	2:30 pm
	Kolbe Room	6:30 pm

Monday, February 5

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczak Building	9:00 am
Scouting	Gajowniczak Building	6:00 pm
Women's ACTS Team Meeting	Room 212	6:30 pm
Power Hour of Prayer	Chapel	7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 6

Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczak Building	9:00 am
Legion of Mary meeting	Room 203	5:00 pm
Confession	Church	6:00 pm
Mass	Church	6:30 pm
RCIA for Children, Year 2-Parent/Student Mtg	Room 205	6:30 pm
Thysia, Holy Hour	Church	7:00 pm
ACTS Core Team Meeting	Room 212	7:15 pm

Wednesday, February 7

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczak Building	9:00 am
Food Pantry	Higgins Building	3:30 pm
Men's ACTS Retreat Reunion Meeting	Gajowniczak Building	5:30 pm
Rosary	Chapel	6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Canticle Hall	6:30 pm
Evening Prayer	Chapel	7:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Higgins Bldg.-Youth Room	7:00 pm

Thursday, February 8

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczak Building	9:00 am
Youth Faith Formation-Thursday Classes	Gajowniczak Building	6:30 pm

Friday, February 9

That Man Is You!	Gajowniczak Building	5:30 am
Mass	Church	8:30 am
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

Saturday, February 10

Fishers of Men Monthly Meeting	Room 215	7:00 am
Mass for all (Catholic Charities)	Church	8:30 am
Infant Baptisms	Church	10:00 am
Confession	Church	3:00 pm
Vigil Mass	Church	5:00 pm
"The Chosen" movie night	Kolbe Hall	6:15 pm

Sunday, February 11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts	Gajowniczak Bldg	after Masses
Mass	Church	8:00 am
Mass	Church	10:00 am
RCIA Session	Room 215	11:30 am
Mass	Church	12 Noon
Youth Faith Formation-Sunday Classes		
Jr. High Youth Group	Gajowniczak Building	2:30 pm
Adult Faith,-Sermon on the Mount Study	Higgins Bldg.-Youth Room	4 pm
	Kolbe Room	6:30 pm

On Saturday, Feb. 10th, we will have an 8:30 am Mass open to all parishioners, since the leadership of Catholic Charities will be holding a seminar nearby & asked if I would have a Mass for them. Due to all the good Catholic Charities does, I agreed to this 8:30 am Mass.

Changes:

The mosaic of the Holy Spirit will be hung in the coming weeks over the exit doors near the baptismal font.



(Just in case the tabernacle change will not be completed by this weekend, here is a picture of what it will look like.

Our original tabernacle from our previous worship space will be placed in the middle under the large crucifix. The current gold tabernacle will be placed in the chapel.



See Pastor's Message on p. 3 for an explanation of this change.

Feb. 8th is the annual day of prayer & awareness against human trafficking. Feb. 8th is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child & sold into slavery in Sudan & Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun & dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery & comforting the poor & suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000.

Human Trafficking: Key Statistics

The International Labour Organization (ILO) & Walk Free Foundation's "Global Estimate of Modern Slavery" (2016) provides alarming statistics on the prevalence of human trafficking worldwide:

- 25% of all victims are children age 17 or younger, representing 10 million girls & boys worldwide.
- Nearly 30% of all victims are men & boys; jumping to 46% for victims of forced labor.
- Of the 24.9 million victims of forced labor & commercial sexual exploitation, nearly 1 of 4 were exploited outside their home country. For every 1,000 people across the world in 2016, 5.4 were victims of human trafficking

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.



Our ACTS community offers warm thanks to Fr. Lawrence and the entire St. Max family for the love, support & prayer for our 2024 Men's Retreat! The men's team was joined by more than 60

volunteers working behind the scenes to help our retreatants share in an experience that has impacted more than 1 million lives worldwide. Thank you!

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

Pray for our blessings on our parish!



Congratulations to our Deacon Dennis Hayes who was selected as the recipient of the Knights of Columbus Clergy Appreciation Award this year. He and one other deacon were honored

as outstanding deacons of the Archdiocese for their diaconal service. Let us give thanks to all our deacons for their service.



Join the parishioners who use Faith Direct for their parish giving. Visit www.faithdirect.net, our parish code is TX625 or call 866.507.8757 (toll-free) for more info; or go to <https://stm Maximilian.org/give> OR use this QR Code to make a donation.



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

FoodPantry@stm Maximilian.org

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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Kolbe Hall

February 1, 3 & 4, 2024

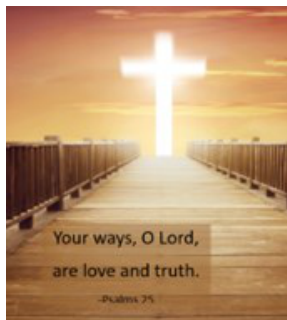
**After Masses and during CCE
Classes**

Coffee & Donuts this Sunday in Kolbe Hall, Feb. 4th

It's GO Time. Sign Up for Your ACTS Retreat!



The 2024 Women's ACTS Retreats is Feb. 15-18! Women, it's the perfect way to show yourself some love for Valentine's Day! Spend a 3-day, 3-night Catholic lay retreat presented by the most fun group of St. Max ladies you'll meet! If your faith is lukewarm ... you crave a closer connection with God ... or you'd simply enjoy a weekend away among great new friends & prayer partners, then ACTS is for you! Click the QR code, see the ACTS team members in red shirts after Mass, or contact Director Valerie Delafosse, 713.305.5578.



Come join **Fishers of Men** on **Saturday, Feb. 10th** from **7:30-9 am** in **Room 215**. Come experience what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Experience with other men who desire to live the Catholic faith. Free coffee!



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 renowned 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.

Begin to pray on what your DSF gift / pledge will be this year?



Our 2024 mandatory amount is \$155,000!



We are the Lord's

Next week, we will come together for the Commitment Weekend to support the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF), which supports the 64 ministries that no one parish can accomplish on its own. Through your support of DSF, you fulfill the Gospel command to love your neighbor as yourself.

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Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving Ash Wednesday: Feb. 14th

Day of Fast & Abstinence

- **7 am Liturgy of the Word with ashes**
(Scripture service with no Holy Communion)
Confessions after the 7 am liturgy
- **8:30 am Mass with ashes**
Confessions: 7:30 am – 8:15 am & After 8:30 am Mass
- **12 Noon Liturgy of the Word with ashes**
(Scripture service with no Holy Communion)
Confessions: 11:30 am – 12 Noon & After 12 Noon liturgy
- **5:30 pm Liturgy of the Word with ashes**
(Scripture service with no Holy Communion)
Confessions: 5 pm – 5:30 pm & 6 pm – 6:45 pm
- **7 pm Mass with ashes**

Stations of the Cross: 7 pm Fridays Confessions during Lent

- Ash Wednesday: See schedule above
- Tuesday: 5:30 pm - 6:20 pm
- Friday after 8:30 am Mass
- Friday: 6:30 pm-7:30 pm, Every Friday of Lent (except the 1st Friday, Feb 16) prior to & during Stations of the Cross beginning Feb. 23-March 22.
- Saturday: 3 pm-4:30 pm
- No scheduled confessions during Holy Week.

Parish Lenten Mission

Presenter:

Sr. Lisa Marie Valentini

Dates:

**Sat. & Sunday Masses,
Feb. 24th-25th
Monday-Wednesday,
Feb. 26th-28th**



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World Day for Consecrated Life Sunday, February 4th

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS DAILY!*				FEBRUARY 2024			1 BASIL HOUSEWRIGHT	2 LUKE PARMENTER	3 WESLEY HENRY
4 JOHN CLARK	5 JAMES SCHNITZLER	6 GRIFFIN ALEXANDER	7 MITCHELL SCHUMANN	8 THEODORE BIRKOFER	9 TRIEU NGUYEN	10 MICHAEL JAMES ARIENZA			



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.

Do you listen to audiobooks? Get the Formed App & listen to great content for free: •Introduction to the Devout Life by St Francis de Sales, or •Theology for Beginners by Fr Frank Sheed, or •If Your Mind Wanders At Mass by Dr Thomas Howard, or •The Lamb's Supper by Dr Scott Hahn. There are many more offered.



"The Chosen"

Join us in watching this popular series on "the big screen" in Education Bldg 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: **February 10—Season 3, episodes 3**



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2024
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

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

Parent Meeting
First day of class,

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Student Holiday

FEBRUARY: For the Terminally Ill
Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, & their families, receive the necessary medical & human care & accompaniment.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

That – just as Jesus rose early to pray – we, too, may find time in our day to be with God & to receive strength & nourishment from Him.

“Rising very early before dawn, he left & went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick & preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

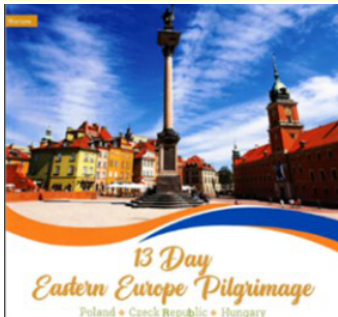
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“Jesus who himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20: 35)



13 Day Pilgrimage to Poland, Czech Republic & Hungary

On Sept. 1-13, 2024, Fr. Lawrence will be leading a 13 day Eastern Europe Pilgrimage to Poland, Czech Republic & Hungary for our parish. We will be visiting the home of our patron saint, St. Maximilian Kolbe, as well as the concentration camp where he died. Plus, we will visit sites associated with the Divine Mercy devotion, Pope St. John Paul II, etc. If you are interested on more details & its cost, go to our parish website (<https://stmaximilian.org/2024-pilgrimage>).

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”Mt 26:40*

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer the next Rachel's Vineyard retreat for post-abortion healing on the weekend of February 23-25. This retreat is part of Project Rachel's ministry. All inquiries & registrations are strictly confidential. To register or for more info, contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities: email at jdumalet@archgh.org or call at 713-741-8728 or 713-440-3443.

Monday	5 am—6 am
Monday	3 pm—4 pm
Tuesday	12 Midnight—1 am
Tuesday	4 am—5 am
Wednesday	1 am—2 am *NO ADORER*
Wednesday	2 am—3 am
Wednesday	6 am—7 am
Wednesday	4 pm—5 pm
Thursday	1 am—2 am
Thursday	2 am—3 am
Thursday	10 am—11 am
Saturday	4 am—5 am

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