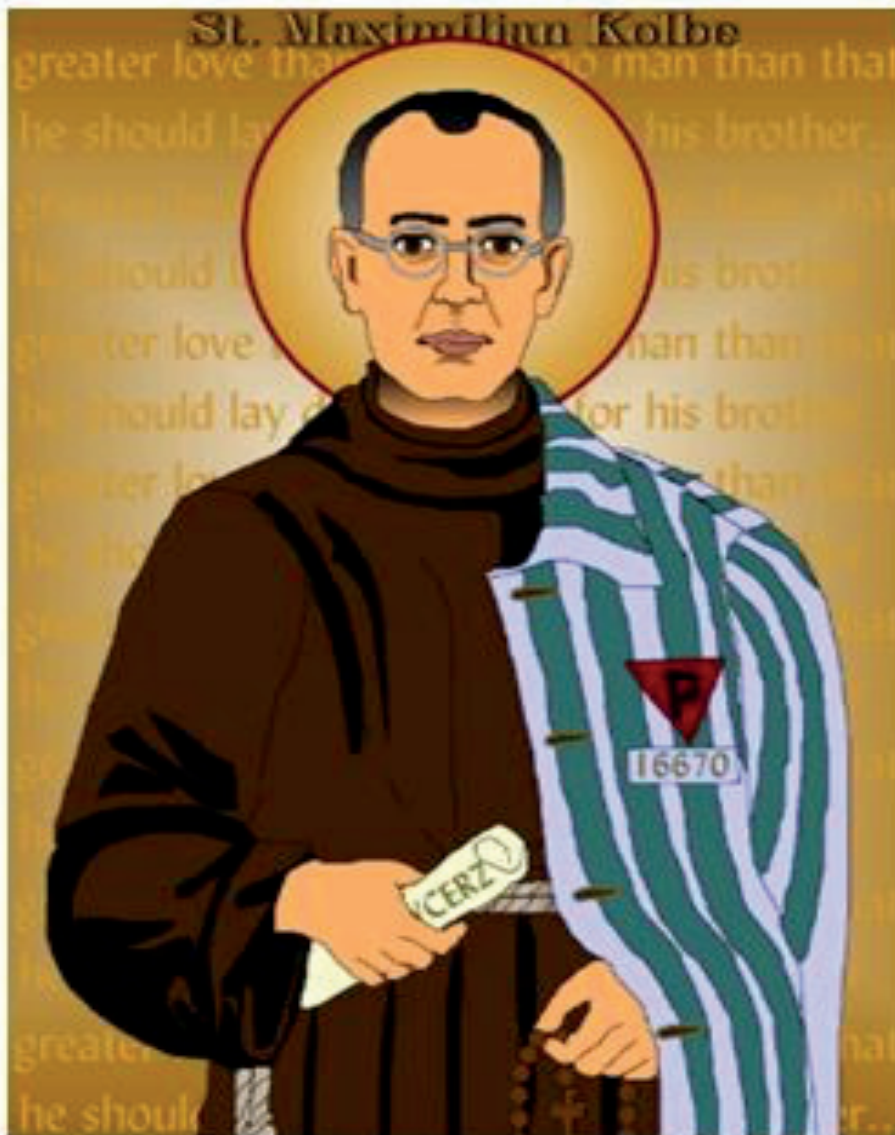


# ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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**

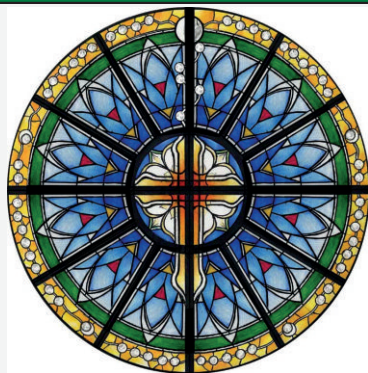
**After Friday 8:30 am Mass**

**Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm**

**See Ash Wednesday & Lent: p. 8**

**Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.**

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 11, 2024**



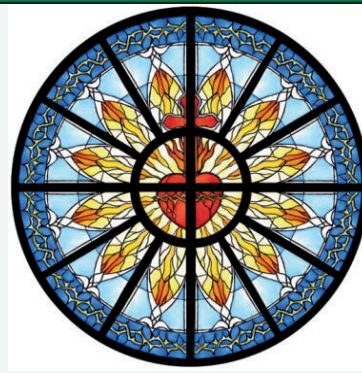
**Parish Office Hours  
Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm**

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Deacon Dennis Hayes • Deacon Steve Klak • Deacon John Naber  
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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.*

### 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; Conrad Gonzales—Custodian

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Sean Kennedy  
 David Ricke  
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 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:

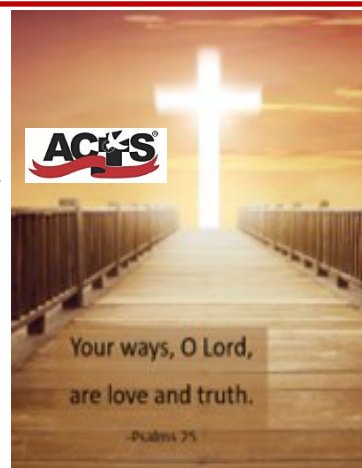
Any Catholic who is to have surgery due to a serious illness OR whose health is seriously impaired due to a serious illness or old age should be anointed ASAP, preferably before going to the hospital. Contact ASAP a priest to schedule an anointing.

**“Remember you are dust, and  
to dust you shall return.”** Genesis 3:19



**There is still time  
to sign up for the  
Women's ACTS  
Retreat, Feb 15-18.**

Click the QR code or  
contact Director Valerie  
Delafosse, 713.305.5578



### 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 11, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is a very busy week. Ash Wednesday begins this Wednesday with 5 opportunities to receive ashes: 2 Masses (8:30 am & 7 pm) & 3 Liturgy of the Word services (7 am, 12 Noon & 5:30 pm; no Holy Communion). Ample confession times are available on Ash Wednesday & during the entire Season of Lent. See p. 8 for the schedule for confessions, stations of the cross, Friday fish dinners, etc. I will be available for confessions every Friday evening of Lent for at least one hour, except this very 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Lent, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> since I have confessions at the Women's ACTS retreat this Friday. See pp. 6-7 for different Lenten resources to help you to enrich your Lenten spiritual experiences.

Please mark your calendar to attend the Parish Lenten Mission. Sr. Lisa Valentini will be the presenter. Many of you will remember her from a few months ago when she gave a Mission appeal, and so many people were pleased with her talk (see p. 8 for her picture). The theme is "A Time to Remember that God loves you...God LOVES you...God REALLY loves you!" It is a simple message that so many people struggle to really believe. Sr. Lisa will speak at all the weekend Masses on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, Sr. Lisa will speak about 30 minutes after the 8:30 am Mass each day (I am adding an 8:30 am Mass on that Tuesday). Sr. Lisa will speak for up to an hour at 7 pm on those 3 days. Her talk in the mornings will be different than the talk in the evenings.

"Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting & almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday & ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. Since Sundays are considered 'mini-Easters' and thus are excluded from the count, the season lasts 40 days. The 40 days of Lent is rooted in the biblical usage of the number forty. Forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification & renewal, such as 40 years in the desert. In the New Testament, 40 days is the length of Jesus' time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel."

Remember Ash Wednesday is a day of fast & abstinence. See p. 8 for the requirement for fast & abstinence. "Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline & fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning & origins of the Lenten fasting tradition. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money,

but through the sharing of our time & talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: 'Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs.' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446)."

I challenge you during this entire Season of Lent to remember the poor in your prayers. I encourage you to bring some food items (at a minimum one item, if not more) every weekend to help us to replenish our food pantry. Please leave these food items (no outdated items) near the exit door of the church.

Today, Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, is known as World Day of the Sick, instituted by Pope St. John Paul II. Please pray the Prayer for the Sick & Prayer for the Caregiver on p. 7. Also this Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, is known as World Marriage Day. Please pray the Prayer for Married Couple on p. 6. Also, I encourage all married couples to enter into a One Week Retreat for Married Couples, by doing a reflection each day for 7 days. The retreat is available both in English & Spanish & may be secured at: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/home-marriage-retreat-national-marriage-week-2024-english-and-spanish> Plus, to receive a daily, helpful marriage tip, go to: <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/daily-marriage-tips-archive/>

Anyone who is married will admit that a good marriage involves a lot of hard work & much communication & forgiveness, much prayer & graces. While we affirm those who are married, let us pray also for those marriages that are struggling, fractured & broken, and for spouses who lost a spouse through death.

Thank you to the Catholic Daughters who coordinated the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. Plenty of people came over to learn. If you were not able to come and/or did not have enough time to read all the material, you can go to the following website read about all these miracles: <http://www.miracolieucaaristici.org/galleria/en/galleria.html?wh=italia>

I hope you like the new look in our main church with the return of the original tabernacle of our previous worship space. The chapel renovations are coming along. I will inform you when the chapel will re-open. Hopefully, the mosaic of the Holy Spirit will be hung this coming week. The main narthex (both ceiling & walls) are in the process of being repainted, as well as the 2 shrines in the church & the ceiling of the transept entrances.

Let us pray that we all take Lent seriously, being open to God's abundant graces.

**"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: #1108

**Order of Mass:** Hymnal #166—#187

**Gathering Hymn:** #656—Lead Me, Guide Me

**Gloria** (inside cover of hymnal)

**Gospel Alleluia**

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

**Preparation Hymn:** #588—I Have Loved You

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Mystery of Faith**

**Amen**

**Lamb of God**

**Communion Hymn:**

#955—Precious Lord, Take My Hand

#478—Return to God

**Sending Forth Hymn:** #644—There's A Wideness in God's Mercy



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** The Lord directed Moses & Aaron on handling potential leprosy, requiring priestly examination &, if confirmed, declaring the person unclean. Afflicted individuals had to signify their condition by their appearance, vocalize their unclean status, & live in isolation, highlighting the seriousness with which leprosy was treated. (Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46)

**Psalm:** In confessing my sins, the Lord forgave me, turning my distress into the joy of salvation. Let the righteous find joy & refuge in Him, celebrating His mercy. (Ps 32)

**Second Reading:** In everything, even in eating & drinking, aim to honor God. Avoid causing offense, seeking the good of many for salvation. Follow my example, as I follow Christ's. (1 Cor 10:31-11:1)

**Gospel:** A leper's plea for healing was met with Jesus' compassionate touch & affirmation, leading to immediate cleansing. Despite Jesus' directive for discretion & adherence to Mosaic law for verification, the healed man publicized his miracle, complicating Jesus' public ministry & drawing even larger crowds to seek him in solitude. (Mk 1:40-45)

### READINGS for the WEEK

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mt 4:4b; Mk 1:12-15

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

<https://stmaximilian.org/homily>



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

**Pray for life in all stages of life!**

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## Mass Intentions



### Saturday, February 10

St. Scholastica

8:30 am Mass Catholic Charities

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 †

### Monday, February 12

8:30 am Jhon Christian Viana Alega †

### Tuesday, February 13 Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras

6:30 pm Women's ACTS Team & Retreatants

### Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Fast & Abstinence, see p. 8

See Ash Wednesday Confession times, p. 8

7 am Liturgy of the Word w/ Ashes

(Scripture service with no Holy Communion)

8:30 am Mass w/ Ashes Pauline Weir †

12 Noon Liturgy of the Word w/ Ashes

(Scripture service with no Holy Communion)

5:30 pm Liturgy of the Word w/ Ashes

(Scripture service with no Holy Communion)

7:00 pm Mass w/ Ashes,

Parishioners of St. Maximilian

*Repent, and believe in the Gospel.*

### Thursday, February 15

8:30 am Stash & Tilly Gorka †

### Friday, February 16

8:30 am Adam Perez

7 pm Stations of the Cross in the Church

### Saturday, February 17

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

5 pm Vigil Carol Schottie †

### Sunday, February 18

1st Sunday of Lent

8 am The Dan Gallagher Family

10 am Lindsay Bowker †

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Maximilian

5:30 pm Rite of Election (No Mass)

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo presiding

**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.





## Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 32: The Parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist By Fr. Luke Spannagel: Step-by-Step through the Mass

As we continue our journey through the Mass, we come to the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**. Growing up as an altar server, the preparation for the Liturgy of the Eucharist was always one of the most action-packed moments of the Mass. There are several things to bring to the altar and an order to how they should arrive. As we have noted, every part of the Mass has a background and a significant meaning, even some of the quick (and sometimes quiet) gestures in this part of the Mass. There are special cloths, shiny chalices, candles, bread, wine, and water, among many other things. All of them will serve a purpose, and with the words of Christ, the bread and wine will become Christ himself—his true Body and Blood—his true presence with us!

### What is the Liturgy of the Eucharist?

As the *General Instruction for the Roman Missal* teaches, “At the Last Supper Christ instituted the Paschal Sacrifice and banquet, by which the Sacrifice of the Cross is continuously made present in the Church whenever the Priest, representing Christ the Lord, carries out what the Lord himself did and handed over to his disciples to be done in his memory. For Christ took the bread and the chalice and gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, ‘Take, eat, and drink: this is my Body; this is the chalice of my Blood. Do this in memory of me.’ Hence, the Church has arranged the entire celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist in parts corresponding to precisely these words and actions of Christ, namely:

At the Preparation of the Gifts, the bread and the wine with water are brought to the altar—the same elements, that is to say, which Christ took into his hands.

In the Eucharistic Prayer, thanks is given to God for the whole work of salvation, and the offerings become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Through the fraction and through Communion, the faithful, though many, receive from the one bread the Lord’s Body and from the one chalice the Lord’s Blood in the same way the Apostles received them from the hands of Christ himself” (*GIRM*, 72).

### The Parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist

For an in-depth summary of the parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we turn to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*:

“The Liturgy of the Eucharist, the essential part of the sacrifice, includes: the preparation of the altar; the preparation of the gifts: bread, wine, and water are brought to the altar ([and in many places] the money offerings or offerings for the poor), [typically] the offertory song is sung during this preparation; the priest washes his hands; an invitation to prayer is prayed by the priest. There follows the Eucharistic prayer, which is a prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification and the center of the Eucharistic celebration. It contains: the preface, expressing thanksgiving in the name of the entire people of God; the acclamation or *sanctus* (holy, holy, holy), which is recited by the priest and people or sung, the Eucharistic prayer; the invocations for the Church, the epiclesis; narration of the institution and consecration of the bread and wine in the words of Christ; the fulfillment of the command given by Christ to the Church to carry on this mystery of the sacrifice, called the anamnesis; the offering of the victim to God the Father in the Holy Spirit; the intercessions for the living and the dead and for the faithful present; the final doxology, and concluding Amen” (*Catholic Encyclopedia*, Thomas Nelson Inc., Nashville, 1976, p. 197).

Now *that* is a table of contents! Although this listing may seem complex, we’ll be taking each section one at a time, breaking it down so we can understand the importance of each part in the Mass and its importance for us. As we journey through the parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, remind yourself that these pieces all serve a grand purpose: our pathway to the true presence of Christ on the altar at Mass!

### For Reflection:

1. As Father Luke leads us into deeper appreciation for each part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, consider beginning this journey by reflecting on each of the New Testament accounts of the institution of the Eucharist: 1 Cor. 11:24, Mt. 26:26–30, Lk 22:24–30, Jn 13:1–15, Mk 14:22–26. You could reflect on one passage each day during the week in preparation for participation at Mass on Sunday.

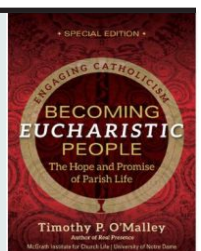
2. As you fulfill the obligations of your state in life each day, bring to the altar of your heart a reflection on all the words, materials, and actions that form your daily work and prayer. Bring your own experience of preparing and executing work and your intentionality around it to our deepening understanding of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and allow Father Luke’s insights to inform your attitude towards your daily tasks.

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-32-the-parts-of-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](mailto:molly.smith@stmaximilian.org) for more info or sign up at

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



## p. 6 THIS WEEK AT ST. MAXIMILIAN

### Sunday, February 11 6th 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, Day of Reflection	Room 215	11:30 am
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
Youth Faith Formation, Sunday Classes		
	Gajowniczak Bldg	2:30 pm
Middle School Youth Group	Higgins Bldg	4:00 pm
Adult Faith, Sermon on the Mount	Kolbe Room	6:30 pm

### Monday, February 12

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Scouting	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Confirmation Prep/Student & Sponsor Meeting #3	Kolbe Hall	6:30 pm
	Room 212	6:30 pm
Women's ACTS Team Meeting	Room 215	7:00 pm
Catholic Daughters Monthly Mtg	Chapel	7:00 pm
Power Hour of Prayer		

### Tuesday, February 13

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>

### Wednesday, February 14

### Ash Wednesday

<b>Liturgy of the Word w/ Ashes</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>
Confession	Church	7:30 am
<b>Mass w/ Ashes</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Confession	Church	9:00 am
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Prayer Blanket Ministry meeting	Room 211	9:30 am
Confession	Church	11:30 am
<b>Liturgy of the Word w/ Ashes</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
Food Pantry	Higgins Building	3:30 pm
Confession	Church	5:00 pm
<b>Liturgy of the Word w/ Ashes</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
Confession	Church	6:00 pm
Rosary	Chapel	6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Canticle Hall	6:30 pm
Evening Prayer	Chapel	7:00 pm
<b>Mass w/ Ashes</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

### Thursday, February 15

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Faith Formation Deanery Meeting	Kolbe Hall	10:00 am
Women's ACTS Retreat Send-off	Kolbe Hall	5:00 pm

### Friday, February 16

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
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Room 110	10:30 am
Kolbe Seniors Meeting	Kolbe Hall	11:00 am
KofC Fish Fry	Gajowniczek Building	6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross	Church	7:00 pm

### Saturday, February 17

Confession	Church	3:00 pm
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>

### Sunday, February 18

### 1st Sunday of Lent

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
Ladies ACTS Retreat returns		for 12 Noon Mass
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
Archdiocesan Rite of Election	Church (No Mass)	5:30 pm
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Celebrant		

### Addition:

The mosaic of the Holy Spirit will be hung very soon over the exit doors near the baptismal font.



### 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. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.** Contact Deacon Matt Rust at 281-300-9923 or [matt.rust@stmaximilian.org](mailto:matt.rust@stmaximilian.org) for more info.

The observances of **National Marriage Week** (Feb. 7-14) & **World Marriage Day** (Sunday, Feb. 11) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life & love that begins with supporting & promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme, "Marriage...one flesh, given & received" highlights the one-flesh union of husband & wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread \* wine—as real flesh & blood.

### Prayer for Married Couples



Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, & strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Marriage Tips for each day:

<https://www.foryourmarriage.org/daily-marriage-tips-archive/>

### Love Beyond Words One Week Retreat for Married Couples National Marriage Week 2024

Reflections for a married couple for 7 days:  
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/home-marriage-retreat-national-marriage-week-2024-english-and-spanish>

# FORMED

LENT RESOURCES

[Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) will send daily Lenten reflections (Daily Bread or Drawing Closer to God) to help you grow during Lent by signing up here: <https://daily.formed.org/lent>  
—*Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture* is a series of daily reflections from Dr Brant Pitre on the Eucharist. OR  
—*Drawing Closer to God* is an art show for families to learn about how we can follow Jesus' journey through Lent.  
—There is also a week-by-week calendar of suggested materials for adults and children.



**Upcoming Blood Drive**  
**Save the Date!**  
**Sunday, February 25**  
**8 am – 1:30 pm**



**Return weekly Lenten reflections from Fr John Burns.**  
<https://watch.formed.org/return-with-fr-john-burns>



**World Day of the Sick: Sunday, Feb. 11th**

February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope St. John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses.

"Let us remember this central truth in life: we came into the world because someone welcomed us; we were made for love; and we are called to communion & fraternity."

"To those of you who experience illness, whether temporary or chronic, I would say this: Do not be ashamed of your longing for closeness and tenderness! Do not conceal it, and never think that you are a burden on others. The condition of the sick urges all of us to step back from the hectic pace of our lives in order to rediscover ourselves."

—Pope Francis 32nd World Day of the Sick

**A Prayer for the Sick**

Dearest and gentle Jesus, You knew what it was to suffer, to feel pain, to be afraid of what may come. I know that in my most difficult moments, you are nearer to me than my own breath, filling every part of me with your deep and overwhelming love. Never allow me to forget, that your love is wrapped around me like a soft warm blanket, keeping me safe, giving me courage and comfort. Lord, I ask you, watch over my loved ones and those who care for me. Lift them up when they grow weary, or when patience grows thin. Bless them and hold them close to your heart. You are with us all in this journey. We are grateful. Amen. © 2024 —Bev Beltramo, D.Min, BCC; National Association of Catholic Chaplains

**A Prayer for the Caregiver**

May you know the presence, the strength, and the love of God as you care. Caregiving has so many challenges and demands. It also has a deep knowing that caring, strength, and patience beyond our normal ability shows up when needed. In the midst of caregiving, we acknowledge that we cannot do this on our own. A Source greater than ourselves makes us greater, more responsive. This is the transformation, the sacred encounter we have with God and with the one for whom we care. Prayer is the anchor. God, our Faithful One, is with us always and in all ways. God's presence surrounds us, in quiet moments and in the most demanding circumstances. Breathe in the love, the patience, the strength of God that is yours. May gratitude fill your being for a job well done. Amen.

—Beth McPherson. National Association of Catholic Chaplains. © 2024

**Lenten Resources**

Come to our parish website (<https://stm Maximilian.org/>) daily to access reflections on the daily readings from Bishop Robert Barron with Word on Fire Lent.

Want to add some of the spiritual wisdom of St Ignatius of Loyola to your Lent? There is a series of short videos to help you get started and grow closer to God. <https://www.jesuits.org/spirituality/ignatian-lent/>

Check out the kiosk in the narthex of the church for Lenten booklets from Magnificat or Little Books (Little Black Book).



Join the parishioners who use Faith Direct for their parish giving. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://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](mailto: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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from the womb to the tomb!**



**St. Maximilian Kolbe:  
"Day of Prayer for Life"**  
**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>: 7 am-3 pm**  
**(1 or 2 hour shifts)**

Co-sponsored by Archdiocese & Houston Coalition for Life  
Consider joining us in peaceful prayer either at outside at:

—Planned Parenthood Abortion Facility 4600 Gulf Freeway OR  
—sign up to pray at home.

For more info, Ginger McKnight at 713-412-0678 or email [vamcknight@comcast.net](mailto:vamcknight@comcast.net)

Your prayerful presence can influence a lady not to have an abortion. While abortion is illegal in Texas, the largest Planned Parenthood in the Western Hemisphere on I-45 remains open referring women out of state, providing info to find abortion pills & offering financial assistance for abortions.

Your prayers continue to matter as innocent preborn life is still under attack in our state & nationwide. We hope you will continue to join us & stand up for the voiceless & be there for women in crisis pregnancies.



**Parish Lenten Mission**  
**A Time to Remember that God**  
**loves you... God LOVES you...**  
**God REALLY loves you!**

**Presenter:**

**Sr. Lisa Marie Valentini**

**Dates: Sat. & Sunday Masses,**  
**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday-Wed., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**

**After 8:30 am Mass & at 7 pm**

**Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are**  
**days of fast & abstinence (Canon 1251).**

**Fasting** binds all persons who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday through those who have completed their 59<sup>th</sup> year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken. (Canon 1252)

**Abstinence** binds all persons who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, unless prevented by poor health. (There is no upper age cut off for abstinence as there is for fasting.)

**On days of abstinence during Lent (Ash Wednesday & Fridays), the consumption of meat of mammals or fowl is not allowed.** The Church strongly encourages the observance of Friday abstinence throughout the year, but failure to do so is not regarded as sinful. (Canon 1252)

**Penitential Days:** The divine law binds all the Christian faithful to do penance each in his or her own way. In order for all to be united among themselves by some common observance of penance, however, penitential days are prescribed on which the Christian faithful devote themselves in a special way to prayer, perform works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their own obligations more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence, ... (Canon 1249). The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year & the season of Lent (Canon 1250).

**KC Fish Dinners—all Fridays of Lent**  
**Dinner & Entertainment-Music!**

**6 pm—8 pm**

**Friday, February 16th**



**KEEP LENT AS A PRIORITY.**

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

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- 2023 mandatory amt: \$150,000

**Our 2024 mandatory**  
**amount is \$155,000!**

- Amount Received: \$5,585
- Amt. under mandatory amt: \$149,415
- 31 donors out of 2172 households



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# **Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving**

## **Ash Wednesday: Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



# **LENT**

**Fasting is not about**  
**a diet of burning calories.**  
**It's about burning ego, pride & sin.**

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Youth having a good time bowling!  
Thanks to all who joined in the fun!



## CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH!

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## Upcoming Youth Confirmation Retreat February 23 -25, 2024

Fall Spring Schedule  
Formation:

- 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

Many sessions open for Faith

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

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

**Middle School Youth  
Group meeting  
Today ! 4—5:30 pm**

**Next High School Youth  
Group meeting  
Wednesday, February 21  
7—8:30 pm**

FEBRUARY						
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**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

## Discipleship

Are you looking to grow deeper in your faith? Wanting to start a prayer life but you don't know where or how to start?



Discipleship groups and one on one meetings are important tools for growing in your faith.  
Learn more how to get started here!



**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 everything we do is for the glory of God.

*"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink,  
 or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." -  
 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money, and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

#### Collection for the Week January 29-February 4, 2024

Offertory:	\$25,303
Maintenance & Repair	\$632
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,935</b>

#### Faith Direct: 31 January 2024 (received twice a month)

Offertory	\$12,823
Maintenance & Repair	\$465
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,288</b>

Archdiocesan 2nd Collection	\$360
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### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Lisa Abbott, Cynthia Aguirre, Lupe & Melissa Batey, Norma Bodin, Maria Bueno, Bill Carew, Becca Carter, Susie Charnock, Rachele Cortez, Robert Durocher, Aurora Enciso, Deena Everest, Missy Fouts, Joseph Gallagher, Sandy Embesi, Armando Garcia, Estrella Gonzalez, Elizabeth Anna Goodman, Soledad Haren, Nicholas Harper, Wendy Hilton, Georgia Hohensee, David Holcomb, Anne Jackson, Taylar Jackson, Carl Kaping, 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, Alveraize Saizan, Maria Senjudo, Guillermo Stewart-Gaynor, Christine Swiech, Ken Switzler, Consuelo Estrada Torres, Ngoc Anh Uy, Debbie Vela, Linda Webb, Carolyn & Gary Webber, Antonia Wong, Frances Wooley, Chuck Woodruff, & Susan Yano

**Kolbe Seniors**, our February meeting is this Friday, Feb. 16th. Come ready for a cowboy roundup as Russ & George share info about the rodeo with us. Because Lent has started, lunch will be tuna box lunches from Subway. Trip sign ups are out through June. RSVP by Tuesday on FlockNote signup genius or by contacting Becky Keels at 713-724-1075 or [stmax.kolbe.seniors@gmail.com](mailto:stmax.kolbe.seniors@gmail.com) concerning lunch on this Friday.

"The Chosen" - Sat., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm in Kolbe Hall.



### 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>).



#### EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT:

To the side are days/times  
 where help is needed.  
 To sign up, contact Susie  
 Charnock @ 281-813-1492.  
*"So you could not keep watch  
 with me for one hour?..."*  
*"Mt 26:40"*

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Monday	3 pm—4 pm
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
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Thursday	2 am—3 am
Thursday	10 am—11 am
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