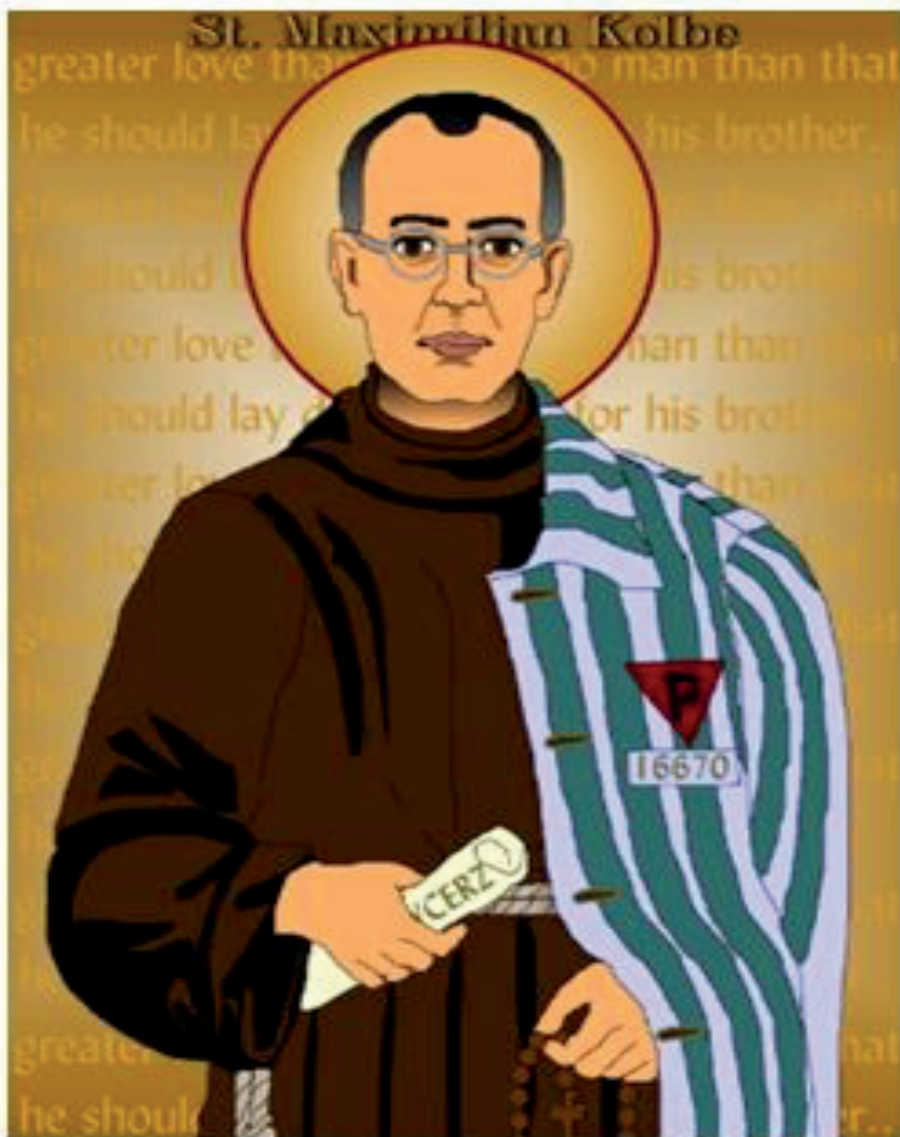


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

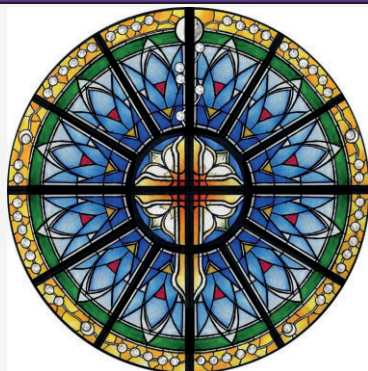
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Confessions in Lent

- 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
- See p. 8 special Confessions times for the Parish Lenten Mission.
- No scheduled confessions during Holy Week.
- Or by appointment: 281-955-7324

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2024



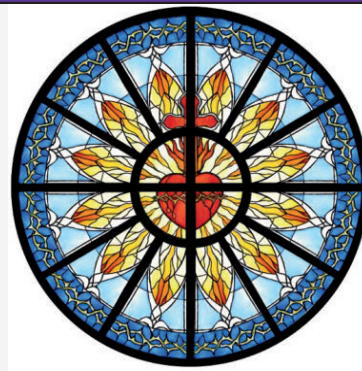
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Deacon Dennis Hayes • Deacon Steve Klak • Deacon John Naber
Deacon David Persich • Deacon Matt Rust • Deacon Joe Weir

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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 John Garcia
 Dennis Taylor
 Esteban Teran
 John Syzdek
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 Mauricio Antunez
 Paul Hains
 Rosa Elena Barragan-Ojeda
 Madelyn Henderson

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM:

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

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

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION:

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

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

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

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK:

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

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

Thomas Zaiontz †, husband of Agnes Zaiontz
Thomas Keine †, brother-in-law of Ali & Dcn. Matt Rust
Augustina Puente †

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
 —And let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. —Amen.

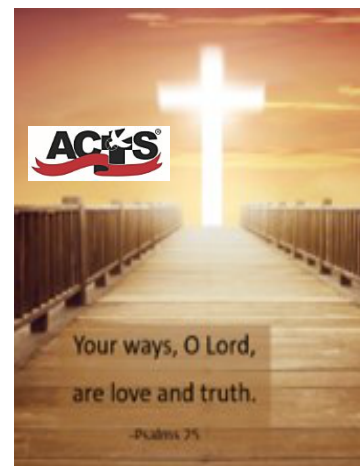
May their souls & the souls of all the faithful departed,
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace. —Amen.

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.



**Let us shower in
 prayer the wom-
 en attending the
 ACTS Retreat
 this weekend.**

**They will be re-
 turning to our 12
 Noon Mass this
 Sunday.**



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 18, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are celebrating the First Sunday of Lent. "The word Lent comes from an old English word meaning "spring," or "a new birth." This time of year helps us to renew our lives as Catholics & renew our life in Jesus, his Church, & his Father. These 40 days allow us to journey with Jesus through his passion & death leading us to rejoice in his resurrection. This is the reality of the Paschal Mystery, the essence of our sacramental life in the Church."

"In order to be fully immersed in the Lenten experience, the Church gives us 3 ways or pillars to draw closer into this mystery: **Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving**." "These 3 pillars lead us to the heart of what Lent is about - a deeper conversion."

"**Prayer** is conversation with God. It is essential for fasting & almsgiving because prayer gives us the strength to fast. Pope Francis said, "Lent is a privileged time for prayer." In prayer, we draw closer in relationship with God. Relationship with God makes us grateful for the blessings we have received. Prayer is the cornerstone of our Lenten journey & is vital to all of our actions in life. Scripture References for Prayer: Zephaniah 3: 17; Joel 2: 1-2; John 16: 33; Philippians 3: 10-11."

"**Fasting & Abstinence** are old traditions in Judeo-Christian history & early Lenten practice. Found in the Scriptures, they offer a way of growing closer to God. Pope Francis reminds us, "Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else..." In addition to the above traditional forms, try fasting from social media, technology, gossip & excessive screen time. Fasting reminds us of our hunger for God. See p. 8 for norms for fasting & abstinence. Scripture References for Fasting: Joel 2: 12-14; Isaiah 58: 6-7; Matthew 6: 16-18; Mark 1: 12-15."

"**Almsgiving (giving)** is a response to God, one that we can come to through prayer & fasting. It is a way to live out our gratitude for all that God has given us, reflecting the realization that we are the Body of Christ, responsible for each other. Justice, mercy & charity are integral elements of our baptism that call us to be disciples of Jesus. Scripture References for Almsgiving: Leviticus 19: 9-10; Proverbs 19: 17; Luke 19: 1-10; Romans 15: 25-28." (Source: Archdiocese of New Orleans' website)



St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Lawrence W. Jozwiak

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak
Pastor

Mark your calendar for the weekend of Feb. 24th-25th & Monday - Wednesday, Feb. 26th-28th for our Parish Lenten Mission. See p. 8 for a fuller explanation of what will occur. Note the extended confessions during the mission & how on Tuesday evening, we will have 5 total priests hearing confessions during Sr. Lisa's 7 pm - 8 pm talk. We figured you can continue to listen to her talk when you are in line for confession. Then you will miss only a brief portion of her talk once you are in confession. Though the priests will stay beyond 8 pm if necessary, we want to get you home ASAP after a long day. Also, see p. 8 for extended confession times all during Lent.

See p. 6 for various online spiritual enrichments to assist you with Lent, as well as some booklets in the narthex. I bring your attention our St. Maximilian day of prayer outside Planned Parenthood on Saturday, March 16th: 7 am - 3 pm. You are asked to sign up for 1 or 2 hour prayer shifts. If you are not able or desire not to travel, you may sign up for a prayer time and pray from your home. See p. 8 for more info. When praying for life, yes pray for the conversion of hearts & minds away from abortion to life. But also pray for the conversion of hearts & minds against all the other travesties & assaults against human life.

I spoke about almsgiving earlier. What about donating the gift of life by donating blood on Sunday, Feb. 25th (see p. 6)? With almsgiving, consider bringing every weekend to Mass at least one or more, non-perishable food item(s) to replenish our food pantry.

Thank you for your attentiveness to my homily last weekend on reaching out to all people, including the marginalized & by making a DSF donation to ensure that occurs. Thank you for all who donated in the past. But I am challenging the many people who do not contribute to DSF. As I stated, the parish will receive this year 50% back from any new donor contributions. If our parish has the highest number of new donors, we will receive a \$5,000 bonus. Last year, we had 407 donors. Let's double or even triple the number of donors this coming year. I realize for many people you are struggling economically. What about sacrificing a certain item & donating that sacrificed amount to DSF, whether is small or larger? See p. 7 on how to donate. As I also stated, let's meet our mandatory DSF amount in pledges or preferably in payments by June 30th.

Are you interested in going on a parish pilgrimage to Poland? See p. 10 for more info about this opportunity.

Let us pray for peace & healing in our world & homes. Let us pray for one another's intentions during this Lent.

"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: #1017
Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187
Gathering Hymn: #474—From Ashes to the Living Font



Gospel Acclamation

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

Preparation Hymn: #483—Forty Days & Forty Nights

**Holy, Holy, Holy
 Mystery of Faith**

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn:

#489—Merciful God; #484—Hosea

Sending Forth Hymn: #492—Jerusalem, My Destiny



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: God establishes a covenant with Noah, his descendants, & every living creature, promising no future floods will destroy all life. The rainbow, set in the clouds, symbolizes this perpetual covenant, a reminder to God & humanity of this promise. (Gs 9:8-15)

Psalm: I ask the Lord to teach me His ways, trusting in His salvation. Remembering His mercy & love, He guides the humble, showing the paths of righteousness to those who follow His covenant. (Ps 25)

Second Reading: Christ suffered for our sins to reconcile us with God, resurrected in spirit. He preached to spirits from Noah's time, paralleling baptism that saves us—not by physical cleansing but as a commitment to God, empowered by Christ's resurrection & heavenly reign. (1 Pt 3:18-22)

Gospel: After a period of forty days in the wilderness, facing Satan's temptations among wild beasts & aided by angels, Jesus commenced his public ministry in Galilee. He proclaimed the nearness of God's kingdom, urging repentance & acceptance of the gospel, especially following John's arrest, marking a pivotal moment in his mission. (Mk 1:12-15)

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
 Jl 2:12-13; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:18;
 Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

WE WELCOME YOU!

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 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

Monday, February 19

8:30 am Jennifer Quintanilla †

Tuesday, February 20

6:30 pm Mary Vinh Nguyen †

Wednesday, February 21 St. Peter Damian

8:30 am Vick Anthony Todaro †

Thursday, February 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:30 am James W. Cozart, Jr. † &
 David & Camila Thiam †

Friday, February 23 St. Polycarp

8:30 am Elaine Trevithick

7 pm Stations of the Cross in the Church

Saturday, February 24

5 pm Vigil Mario Antelo †

Sunday, February 25 2nd Sunday of Lent

8 am Marilyn Snider †

10 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

12 Noon Fernando Narvaez †

Congratulations to our newly married couples.

Ian Bogany & Esthefania Magaly

Thanh Vo & Emily Paez

May they be blessed with many years of happiness together.



**The parish offices will be closed
 Monday, February 19th in
 observance of Presidents' Day.**



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

After the Creed and Intercessions, for which we used a standing posture of prayer, we sit down while the preparations for the Liturgy of the Eucharist take place. As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, "Before Jesus sat down with his disciples to celebrate the Last Supper, he instructed that various preparations be made. Preparations such as securing and preparing a room, making bread and purchasing wine all needed to be done before this sacred event could take place. The same is true when we celebrate Mass... Typically, there is music during the preparations—either instrumental, by the choir, or a common hymn. The music at this point should assist in our proximate preparation for the Liturgy of the Eucharist" ("A Study of the Mass," p. 11). Since we are about to participate in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, music can help us be more prayerfully prepared and in the right mindset. Have you ever noticed that songs at this point in the Mass are often slower in tempo and more flowing in words? No doubt, this is to help prepare us for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Singing and listening to meditation-type music can help us prepare to pray and meditate on the most beautiful mystery in front of us: Jesus Christ's one perfect sacrifice before the Father is made present to his spouse, the Church, and the bread and the wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.



In complement to the preparation for the people, what about everything the celebrant and the servers are doing in the sanctuary? The *General Instruction for the Roman Missal* reminds us that certain items are needed for the Liturgy of the Eucharist (*GIRM*, 117–118). Let's take a quick look at each material:

1. Two to six lighted **candles**
2. A **crucifix** on or near the altar (the altar should be covered by a white cloth).
3. The **Missal** (the big red book with all the prayers the priest says). This book contains words in black and red ink. The words in black are the words that the priest says and the words in red are instructions for the priest on what to do (how and where to stand, how to speak, what arm gestures to use, etc.).
4. **Corporal**: This is a square white cloth that is unfolded and placed on the altar. Since it comes from the word meaning body, it makes sense that the Body and Blood of Christ will become present upon this cloth during Mass.
5. **Chalice**: This special cup is made of precious metals (generally gold-plated or silver-plated) because we use the most precious materials we have to honor Jesus truly there in his most precious Body and Blood.
6. **Purificator**: This is a long and narrower white cloth that is used to wipe the rim of the chalice.
7. **Paten**: This item which looks like a small plate is also generally gold-plated or silver-plated and is used

for the large host which the priest holds up during the Eucharistic Prayer. Note: In some places, you might see a deeper gold-plated dish used which is typically called a dish paten.

8. **Ciborium**: This is another gold or silver-plated item that has a matching lid and which holds the smaller hosts. When hosts are reserved in the tabernacle, they are typically kept in a ciborium.

There are other materials you might see, depending on the local parish customs:

- **Pall**: This is a square white cloth stiffened with cardboard that is used to cover the chalice. This cover prevents flies, insects, dust, etc., from getting into the chalice.
- **Chalice veil**: This is a cloth cover for the chalice. It not only can protect the chalice when not in use, but it also helps heighten our sense of mystery by "veiling" the chalice from our sight until the time for the Most Blessed Sacrament draws near. Chalice veils can match the color of the priest's vestments or can always be white in color.
- **Burse**: This "pouch," which often matches the chalice veil/vestments in color, is placed on top of the chalice veil and is used for the keeping of corporals.
- **Communion patens**: Plates with handles that the servers hold during Communion. These patens are meant to help catch any particles of the Eucharist which may fall from a Host or help to catch a Host which accidentally falls.

As you can see, there are many items we use for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, each with purpose and meaning. No wonder the altar servers sometimes seem to be reviewing a checklist in their minds to make sure we have everything we need!

For Reflection:

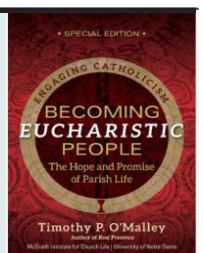
1. Next time you participate in Mass, pay more attention to the preparation of the altar. While remaining prayerful, see if you can identify the materials Father Luke described and see what role each plays as the Liturgy of the Eucharist continues.
2. Reflect on an excerpt from St. Thérèse of Lisieux's *My Longings before Jesus Hidden in his Prison of Love* (featured in the *Heart of the Revival* newsletter on December 1, 2022), in which she compares herself to various materials used in relation to the Eucharist. <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-33-altar-setup>



Bring Lent to life with your children with Brother Francis. Formed.org offers the series *Lent with Brother Francis*. It has short daily meditations, a video about Lent generally, a 4-part series, and an animated Stations of the Cross. <https://watch.formed.org/lent-with-brother-francis>

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 18

Coffee & Donuts

Mass

Mass

RCIA Session

Ladies ACTS Retreat Returns

Mass

Archdiocesan Rite of Election

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo presiding

1st Sunday of Lent

Gajowniczek Bldg after Masses

Church

8:00 am

Church

10:00 am

Room 215

11:30 am

for 12 Noon Mass

Church

12 Noon

Church (No Mass)

5:30 pm

Monday, February 19

Mass

Parish Offices Closed

Kolbe Kids ECH Program

Scouting

1st Eucharist Prep-Student/Parent Mtg #1, Tracks 1 & 2

Church

8:30 am

all day

Gajowniczek Building

9:00 am

Gajowniczek Building

6:00 pm

Mtg #1, Tracks 1 & 2

Kolbe Hall

6:00 pm

Room 215

6:30 pm

Chapel

7:00 pm

Adult Confirmation

Power Hour of Prayer

Tuesday, February 20

Kolbe Kids ECH Program

Kolbe Seniors Leaders Meeting

Legion of Mary meeting

Confession

Mass

Gajowniczek Building

9:00 am

Kolbe Room

9:30 am

Room 203

5:00 pm

Church

6:00 pm

Church

6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 21

Mass

Kolbe Kids ECH Program

Food Pantry

1st Eucharist Prep-Student/Parent Mtg #1, Make-up-Tracks 1 & 2

Church

8:30 am

Gajowniczek Building

9:00 am

Higgins Building

3:30 pm

Kolbe Hall

6:00 pm

Chapel

6:30 pm

Canticle Hall

6:30 pm

Chapel

7:00 pm

Higgins Bldg

7:00 pm

Rosary

Choir Rehearsal

Evening Prayer

High School Youth Group

Thursday, February 22

Mass

Kolbe Kids ECH Program

Youth Faith Formation, Thursday Classes

Church

8:30 am

Gajowniczek Building

9:00 am

Gajowniczek Building

6:30 pm

Room 214

6:30 pm

Adult Faith, St. Max Book Club

Ministry Leaders & New Solicitation Policy Mtg #1

Kolbe Hall

6:30 pm

Friday, February 23

That Man Is You!

Mass

Confession

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Youth Confirmation Retreat Check-in

KofC Fish Fry

Stations of the Cross

Gajowniczek Building

5:30 am

Church

8:30 am

Church

9:00 am

Room 110

10:30 am

Kolbe Hall

4:00 pm

Gajowniczek Building

6:00 pm

Church

7:00 pm

Saturday, February 24

Youth Confirmation Retreat

Ministry Leaders & New Solicitation Policy Mtg #2

Off Site

10:00 am

Room 215

3:00 pm

Confession

Vigil Mass

Church

5:00 pm

Sunday, February 25

2nd Sunday of Lent

Blood Drive

Coffee & Donuts

Mass

Mass

RCIA Session

Youth Confirmation Retreat returns

Mass

Youth Faith Formation, Sunday Classes

Kolbe Hall

8:00 am

Gajowniczek Bldg after Masses

Church

8:00 am

Church

10:00 am

Room 215

11:30 am

Church

12 Noon

Gajowniczek Bldg

2:30 pm

Higgins Bldg

4:00 pm

Middle School Youth Group

Adult Faith, Lenten Study

Kolbe Room

6:30 pm

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 in Room 215.**

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

Lenten Resources

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LENT RESOURCES



Return weekly Lenten reflections from Fr John Burns.

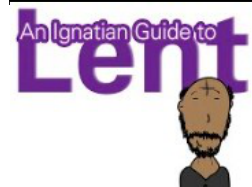
<https://watch.formed.org/return-with-fr-john-burns>

[Formed.org](https://daily.formed.org/lenet) 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/lenet>

—*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.



Come to our parish website (<https://stmaximilian.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).

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—Enter our parish zip code 77064 & select our parish

—Enter your name & email

You can also sign up for daily reflections to be sent to your email at <https://daily.formed.org/>



Upcoming Blood Drive

Sunday, February 25

8 am – 1:30 pm

Free rodeo t-shirt!

https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/373580



All Men are Welcome!
Come sing with the Choir
Sat., Feb. 24th @ 5 pm Mass!



Priests vs. Seminarians Basketball Game

An event the whole family can enjoy! Get ready to cheer at the seventh annual Priests vs. Seminarians Basketball Game at 7 pm on Friday, April 19 at Rice University - Tudor Fieldhouse. Tickets start as low as \$4. Tickets go on sale at www.houstonvocations.com/events/



Upcoming Events

Please join us!

St. Max Mom's Club welcomes moms of any age & stage!

FEB

2/19 - PLAYDATE
2/27 - EVENING MOMMA MEETUP

MAR

3/1 - MEET FOR DAILY MASS
3/13 - PLAYDATE
3/20 - MEETING IN EDUCATION BUILDING @ 7:30PM
3/30 - PLAYDATE

Contact Hannah Jankowski for full schedule & details - 214-616-5609 or hannahjankowski15@gmail.com

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

Never made a DSF pledge? Please make a DSF pledge this year!

HOW TO DONATE

- Use the QR code for DSF
- Go to: <https://www.archgh.org/ways-to-give/diocesan-services-fund-dsf/donate-to-dsf/>
- Go to our parish website: <https://stmaximilian.org/> Tab below the DSF logo.
- For the above 3 ways, make sure you select our parish, St. Maximilian Kolbe, to appear in the drop down menu.
- Use the DSF pledge envelope at the exit doors.
- Use the DSF pledge envelope mailed to your home. (make sure our parish, St. Maximilian Kolbe, is listed on your mailed DSF pledge card.)



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://stmaximilian.org/give> OR use this QR Code to make a donation.

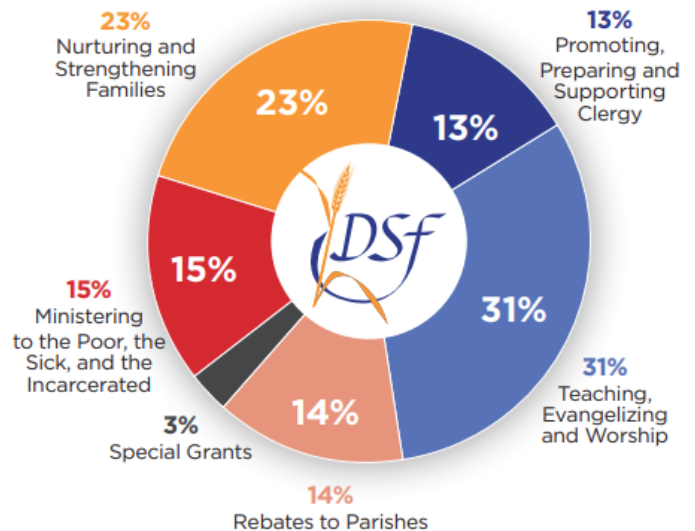


Food Pantry is open Wednesdays at 3:30 pm
WE NEED MORE FOOD!

FoodPantry@stmaximilian.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.

HOW YOUR GIFT IS USED



Note, this is an annualized estimate for DSF24 Ministry Support

- Amount Paid in 2023: \$179,236
- 2023 mandatory amt: \$150,000

Our 2024 mandatory amount is \$155,000!

- Amount Received: \$6,740
- Amt. under mandatory amt: \$148,260
- 35 donors out of 2172 households



We are the Lord's

As St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans, we are the Lord's. We invite you to prayerfully consider giving to DSF this year. When you do, you will help provide essential support for 64 ministries of our local Church and serve those most in need in His name. www.archgh.org/dsf

SCAN HERE TO MAKE A GIFT



p. 8 Parish Lenten Mission
A Time to Remember that God loves you...
God LOVES you... God REALLY loves you!



Presenter:
Sr. Lisa Marie Valentini, MSC
Missionary Sister of the Most Sacred Heart
[\(https://mscreading.org/\)](https://mscreading.org/)

Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses, Feb. 24th-25th
Sr. Lisa will speak at all weekend Masses

Monday, Feb. 26th

- 8:30 am Mass
- 9 am - 9:30 am: Sr. Lisa will speak for 30 minutes. Her morning talk will be different than her evening talk.
- Confessions: 6 pm - 6:50 pm
- 6:30 pm— 8 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church
- 7 pm - 8 pm: Sr. Lisa will speak.
- 8 pm: Benediction
 (Exposition will then resume in the chapel.)

Tuesday, Feb. 27th

- 8:30 am Mass (Mass added this week only)
- 9 am - 9:30 am: Sr. Lisa will speak for 30 minutes. Her morning talk will be different than her evening talk.
- Confessions: 5:30 pm-6:20 pm
- 6:30 pm Mass
- 7 pm— 8 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church
- 7 pm - 8 pm: Sr. Lisa will speak.
Confessions: 5 priests will be hearing confessions 7 pm - 8 pm during Sr. Lisa's talk.
- 8 pm: Benediction
 (Exposition will then resume in the chapel.)

Wednesday, Feb. 28th

- 8:30 am Mass
- 9 am - 9:30 am: Sr. Lisa will speak for 30 minutes. Her morning talk will be different than her evening talk.
- Confessions: 6 pm - 6:50 pm
- 6:30 pm - 8 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church
- 7 pm - 8 pm: Sr. Lisa will speak, including the Consecration of your homes to the Sacred Heart.
- 8 pm: Benediction
 (Exposition will then resume in the chapel.)

Sr. Lisa will be available to meet during the day with anyone who asks for such an opportunity.

**Pray for many fruits
 upon this Parish Lenten Mission!**

Stations of the Cross: 7 pm Fridays
Confessions during Lent

- 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
- See special Confessions times to the left for the Parish Lenten Mission.
- No scheduled confessions during Holy Week.

KC Fish Dinners—all Fridays of Lent
Dinner & Entertainment
Go Texan Day!
6 pm—8 pm
Friday, February 23rd



Fridays are days of abstinence. Good Friday is day of fast & abstinence. (Canon 1251).

Fasting binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th 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 14th 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).



St. Maximilian Kolbe:
"Day of Prayer for Life"
Saturday, March 16th: 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

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.





The Pastoral and Finance Councils, with the support of Father Lawrence, have finalized a solicitation policy for St. Maximilian's various ministries/organizations that will go into effect March 1, 2024. There will be two (2) short meetings held in the education building:

Thurs., Feb. 22, 2024, from 6:30-7pm in Kolbe Hall, or

Sat., Feb. 24, 2024, from 10-10:30am in Room 215.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the policy with each ministry/organization & answer any questions. We are requesting at a minimum of two leaders from each ministry/organization to attend one of the dates. If you have more than two leaders that want to attend, they are more than welcome to do so. We look forward to seeing you at one of the meeting dates.

Upcoming Youth Confirmation Retreat February 23 -25, 2024



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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.**

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!



Nest Middle School Youth Group meeting, Sunday, February 25; 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
Firstday of class,

CFISD
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 we may place our lives in God's hands & have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each of us.

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." - Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love & trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love & trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

**Collection for the Week
February 5-11, 2024**

Offertory:	\$31,589
Maintenance & Repair	\$768
Total	\$32,357

Faith Direct 15 Feb. 2024 (received twice a month)	
Offertory	\$27,378
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,793
Total	\$29,171

Archdiocesan 2nd Collection	\$1,159
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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, Jean Danna, 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

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Black & Indian Missions. Please be generous.

Donations from Ash Wednesday were for the Archdiocesan Social Ministries Collection.

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

**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

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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