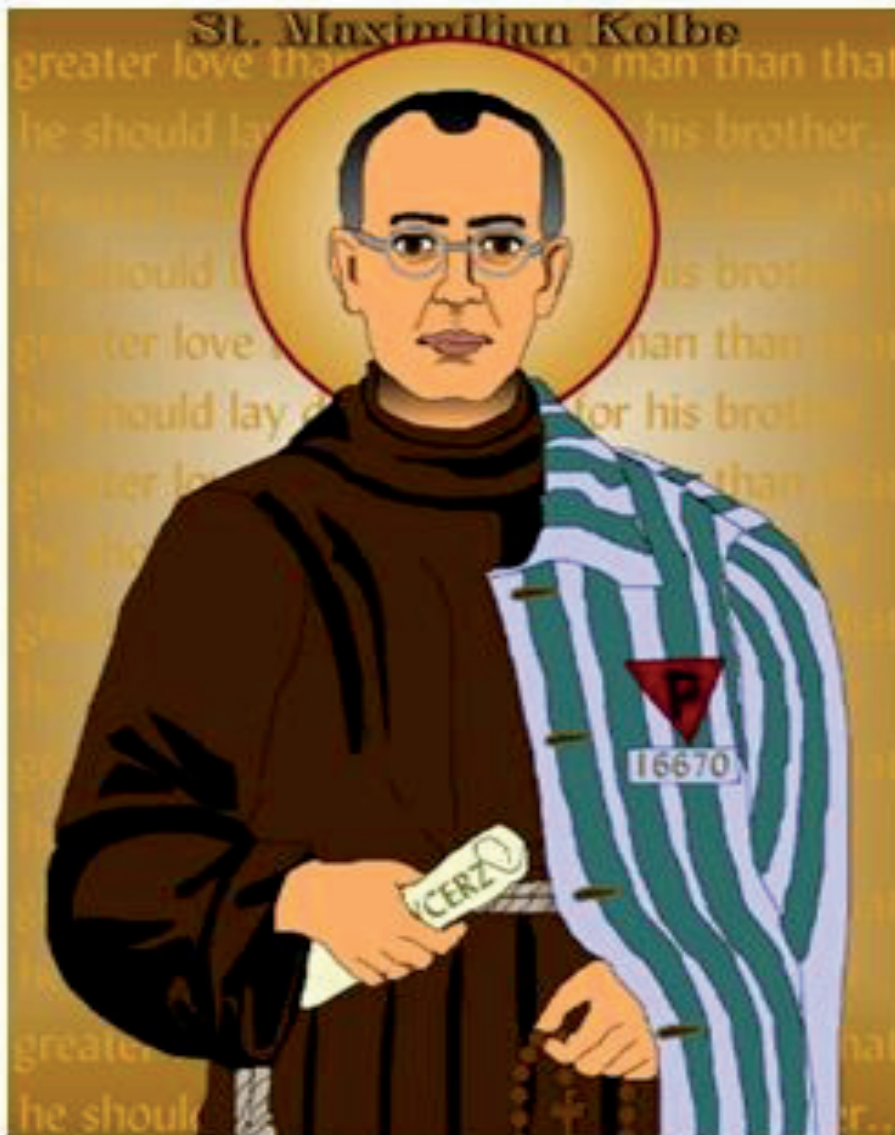


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

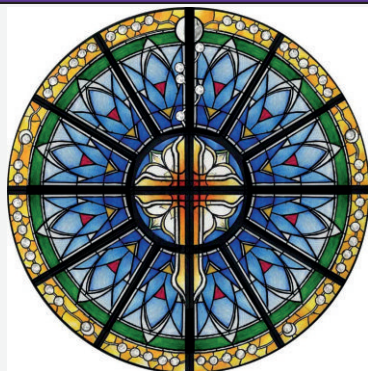
6:30 pm Tuesday

8:30 am: Wed.- Friday

Confessions 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 prior to & during Stations of the Cross beginning Feb. 23-March 22.
- Saturday: 3 pm-4:30 pm
- No scheduled confessions during Holy Week.
- Or by appointment: 281-955-7324

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 3, 2024



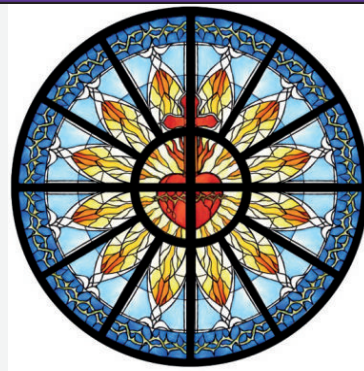
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Deacon David Persich • Deacon Matt Rust • Deacon Joe Weir

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
 Jeanette Coury
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 Jan Hains
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 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

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 Thomas Nelson
 Mauricio Antunez
 Paul Hains
 Rosa Elena Barragan-Ojeda
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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:

Ann Marie Ricci †, mother of Lara Ashford
Christopher Stephenson †, husband of Marna Stephenson
Maria Trinidad Ramirez †,
 grandmother of Rebecca Mitchell

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.



**CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF
 ST. JOSEPH!**

**BLESSING OF THE ALTAR & SPAGHETTI DINNER
 SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024**

FOLLOWING 5PM MASS

\$8 IN ADVANCE, \$10 AT THE DOOR

KIDS 5 AND UNDER EAT FREE!

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED!



HOSTED BY THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

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

March 3, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you to all of you who participated in the parish Lenten Mission, led by Sr. Lisa Valentini. As she stated, the graces are available for the entire parish, whether you were able to attend or not. We prayed for everyone. Many people were impressed by the “charismatic or faith filled enthusiasm” Sr. Lisa exhibited. Yes, she is a dynamic speaker, but most importantly she is in love with God, and she truly believes God loves each and everyone of us totally & unconditionally. There are no exceptions. Or how 1 John 3:1 states “See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.”

How did I meet Sr. Lisa? She came to my previous assignment to give a financial mission appeal. In doing so, I discovered she gave parish missions, and I asked her to do so in my previous assignment. Well, the same thing occurred here. Sr. Lisa came & spoke this past fall on how her religious community serves the poor in the missions. She was so well received that I asked her if she would return to give our Lenten Mission. She graciously agreed to do so.

Sr. Lisa did not request any “fee” to conduct the Lenten Mission. Instead, she asked for a free will offering for the mission work her religious community, Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus offers. They support the “poorest of the poor” with whom Sr. Lisa works when she is on Mission – particularly in the Dominican Republic. Your donations will help to support 2 specific areas: 1) a school for children with special needs in Santo Domingo, which is under the care of the MSC Sisters, & 2) the Mission Parish of St. Francis of Assisi, in the town of El Factor, where each year Sr. Lisa takes several groups of young people as well as Parish groups on Mission Immersion Experiences. In El Factor, the Missionaries spread the message of God’s Love to hundreds of children – gathering them for prayer, song and to do Arts & Crafts that help them to hear & understand Bible stories.

If you were not able to donate to this cause, you can still donate by marking your donation specifically to missions by Sr. Lisa. Any checks are to be made out to St. Maximilian, and we will forward all such donations to Sr. Lisa.

Last weekend, our 40 youth candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation joined up with about 30 candidates from St. Michael Church from Needville, TX (near Rosenberg, TX) in a retreat at Camp Kappe near Plantersville, TX. This retreat is in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirma-

tion this fall. I was able to join the youth Saturday morning for breakfast, 2 hours of confessions followed by Mass & lunch. Then I returned back to the parish for 3 pm confessions & 5 pm Vigil Mass. In the evening, 2 other priests heard for 1 hour each for the rest of the youth’s confessions. I was so impressed how seriously the youth approached confession. They did a serious examination of conscience, reflected on their sins & really desired to do better. It is sad when some people sell our youth short. The youth need to be listened to & ministered to, just like all people! See p. 9 for a group picture of our parish youth retreatants.

Thank you to Chris Wuenscher, our Coordinator of Youth Ministry, who led a core team of 9 adults & 8 youth team members who presented the Confirmation retreat. Thank you also to all the 10 volunteers who came Saturday to cook breakfast, lunch & dinner. I am always amazed & pleased on how many volunteer their time, many of whom do not have any children, on this retreat. They do it to serve the Lord & our parish. Thank you.

Thank you for those who have contributed to DSF so far. Since our youth went to Camp Kappe, just know we as a parish “benefitted” from that facility which is supported by DSF. Camp Kappe Youth Retreat Facility provides quality unique Catholic retreat, camp & school experiences for children, youth & young adults throughout the Archdiocese. Located on 130 acres in Plantersville, TX, Camp Kappe serves as a center for youth retreats, youth camping, spiritual growth programs & the School of Environmental Education (known as S.E.E.). The school fosters environmental studies for 5th grade archdiocesan Catholic School children. All of Camp Kappe programs & activities foster Catholic values & traditions rooted in Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit through Sacred Scripture & Tradition while providing an enriching camp experience. These facilities are available to all parishes, schools & youth groups in the Archdiocese. To donate to DSF, see p. 7.

Have you seen the new canopy over the children’s playground? The children & teachers love it since the canopy shades them from the extreme sun rays & heat. This canopy was purchased from funds received by a federal grant to assist with early childhood programs. See p. 6 for a picture.

Remember this 1st Tuesday, March 5th, we have our Holy Hour following the 6:30 pm Tuesday Mass. Confessions are available Tuesday 5:30 pm-6:20 pm. See the front cover & p. 8 for the rest of the confession times. See p. 7 for non-perishable food items to bring every Mass you attend for our parish food pantry.



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: #1023

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: #479—Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn:

#795—Take, O Take Me As I Am

#484—Hosea

Sending Forth Hymn: #745—Christ is Made the Sure Foundation



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: God delivers the Ten Commandments: worship only Him, avoid idolatry, respect His name, observe the Sabbath, honor parents, & refrain from murder, adultery, theft, lying, & coveting. (Ex 20:1-17)

Psalms: Your perfect laws energize & awaken us, Lord. Your principles & commands guide us in truth, showing the way. Your eternal statutes bring justice & enrich our lives. (Ps 19)

Second Reading: We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews & foolishness to Gentiles. Yet, to the called, He embodies God's power & wisdom, surpassing human understanding & strength. (1 Cor 1:22-25)

Gospel: At Passover, Jesus went to Jerusalem & found the temple commercialized. He cleared it, rebuking those who made it a marketplace, fulfilling a prophecy of zeal for God's house. Challenged by Jewish leaders, he spoke of destroying & raising the temple in three days, signifying his resurrection. Many believed in him, but Jesus remained cautious of human nature. (Jn 2:13-25)

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

KEEP LENT AS A PRIORITY.

Weekend Homilies are recorded & posted on our parish webpage:
<https://stmaximilian.org/homily>



Pray for life in all stages of life!

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 2

5 pm Vigil Joe & Jeanette Coury

Sunday, March 3

3rd Sunday of Lent

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Alejandro Garcia, Sr., †

12 Noon Ralph Subotich † & Emily Subotich

Monday, March 4

St. Casimir

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

Tuesday, March 5

6:30 pm Sam Messina †

Wednesday, March 6

8:30 am Rocky Vogtman †

Thursday, March 7

SS. Perpetua & Felicity

8:30 am Stephany Pavloske †

Friday, March 8

St. John of God

8:30 am Christopher Stephenson †

7 pm

Stations of the Cross in the Church

Saturday, March 9

St. Frances of Rome

5 pm Vigil Oswaldo Rodriguez †

Sunday, March 10

4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday

8 am Ottilia Zarosky †

10 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

12 Noon Deacon Ron Fraser †

WE WELCOME YOU!

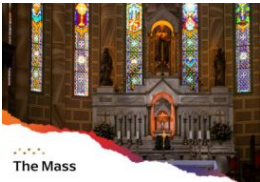


THANK YOU to Sister Lisa Marie Valentini, MSC for leading our Parish Lenten Mission. May the fruits continue to blossom forth. May God's graces be upon Sr. Lisa as she ministers as a teacher & missionary.

Pray for an end to violence in homes.

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 34: Collection & Procession

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

It's time to pass the basket for the **Offertory**. For many people, the word offertory might make us think simply of the money offerings we place in the collection basket. While that certainly is part of the typical Sunday offertory, this is also an important spiritual moment for uniting ourselves to

the offering on the altar.

The Collection in the Early Church

The practical details of this part of the Mass have looked different at various points in history. In earlier times, the gifts would typically be things that people brought from their homes. People would bring all sorts of food, along with bread and wine, and gifts for the poor (money or otherwise). These *gifts* would all be brought up and then sorted. The bread and wine were used for the Mass, some food and money were given to the priest to provide for him, and the remainder of the food and money were divided up and given to the poor. So, one can see that even in the earliest times, this part of the Mass was about *offering* and *giving*. In our modern day, to simplify the offertory, the ushers collect money. This money still symbolizes our gift: what we give to God for the Mass (bread, wine, candles, etc., are purchased for the Mass), what we give to provide for the needs of the priest and the upkeep of the church, and what we give to provide for the needs of the poor and those less fortunate. As the ushers prepare to collect the offerings, we can take a look at our lives, all that we have, all that the Lord has provided for us. We can show our gratitude and thank the Lord by offering a portion of what we have back to him for the good of the Church and others.

Along with the collection, the bread and wine (and water in some places) are brought forward, just as in the days of the early Church. Around the year 150 A.D., St. Justin Martyr describes this part of the Mass by saying simply: "bread, water, and wine are brought" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 109). The gifts are brought forward by members of the faithful. Whether it is the ushers, family members who requested the Mass intention, or other parishioners, whoever brings the gifts forward represents the whole congregation, bringing forth our offerings to God.

An Offering of Spiritual Gifts

As we think about our practical or material gifts during this part of the Mass, we should not overlook the opportunity to also offer spiritual gifts. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was known for asking priests to leave room on the paten for her intentions. One priest also recalled her saying that she would place her heart on the paten so that it would be near Jesus in the Mass. If we think about this part of the Mass, offering the gifts we have in thanksgiving to God and in union with Jesus, it is true that one of the best offerings we can make is ourselves! Along these lines, Charles Belmonte teaches, "Together with Christ, we offer everything that we are and all that we possess, all that we have done or try to do. We offer our memory, intelligence, and will; our family, profession, hobbies, success, sufferings, failures, and worries; and our aspirations, [joys and hopes], and spiritual communions. Likewise, we offer our small and big mortifications: all those acts of love we performed yesterday and as many as we plan to perform today" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 110).

If you haven't thought about the offertory in this way before, I encourage you to think about including your personal spiritual offering along with whatever you drop in the basket. It certainly is a great way to join to the prayers the priest offers at the altar spiritually and a great way to deepen our unity with the perfect offering of Jesus!



For Reflection:

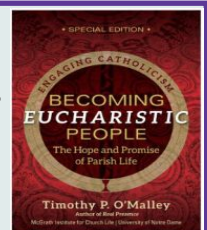
1. Respond to Father Luke's invitation by considering what spiritual offering(s) you will offer at the next Mass in which you participate.
2. At least once a year, take time to reflect on the portion of your material or financial wealth you give during the Offertory. Compare this offering to various expenses in your life. Ask Jesus to help you identify what you can generously give. In addition to your financial offering, consider how Jesus may be inviting you to give of yourself to parish life in other ways.
3. Have you ever been privileged to represent the congregation by bringing forward the gifts during the offertory procession? Thank God for that experience. If not, pray about the opportunity to do so and inquire at your parish about how you can participate in the offertory procession.

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-34-collection-and-procession>

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, March 3

3rd Sunday of Lent

Coffee & Donuts	Gajowniczek 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		
	Gajowniczek Bldg	2:30 pm
Middle School Youth Group	Higgins Bldg	4:00 pm
Adult Faith, Lenten Study	Kolbe Room	6:30 pm

Monday, March 4

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Scouting	Gajowniczek Building	6:00 pm
Confirmation Prep Student & Sponsor Meeting #4		
	Kolbe Hall	6:00 pm
Adult Confirmation Meeting	Room 212	6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 5

Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Legion of Mary meeting	Room 203	5:00 pm
Confession	Church	5:30 pm
Mass	Church	6:30 pm
Thysia, Holy Hour	Church	7:00 pm
ACTS Core Team Meeting	Room 212	7:15 pm

Wednesday, March 6

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Food Pantry	Higgins Building	3:30 pm
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Canticle Hall	6:15 pm
Rosary	Chapel	6:30 pm
ACTS Retreat Pentecost Event	Gajowniczek Building	6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Canticle Hall	7:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Higgins Building	7:00 pm
Evening Prayer	Chapel	7:00 pm

Thursday, March 7

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Praises	Chapel	3:00 pm
Rosary	Chapel	3:30 pm
Youth Faith Formation, Thursday Classes		
	Gajowniczek Building	6:30 pm
Adult Faith, St. Max Book Club	Room 214	6:30 pm
Knights of Columbus Monthly Mtg	Room 212	7:00 pm

Friday, March 8

That Man Is You!	Gajowniczek Building	5:30 am
Mass	Church	8:30 am
Confession	Church	9:00 am
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Room 110	10:30 am
Confession	Church	6:30 pm
KofC Fish Fry	Gajowniczek Building	6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross	Church	7:00 pm

Saturday, March 9

Fishers of Men Meeting	Room 215	7:30 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, March 10

4th Sunday of Lent

Coffee & Donuts	Gajowniczek Bldg	after Masses
Mass	Church	8:00 am
Mass	Church	10:00 am
RCIA Session	Room 215	11:30 am
Mass	Church	12 Noon
Adult Faith, Consolation Ministry	Kolbe Room	5:00 pm
Adult Faith, Lenten Study	Kolbe Room	6:30 pm

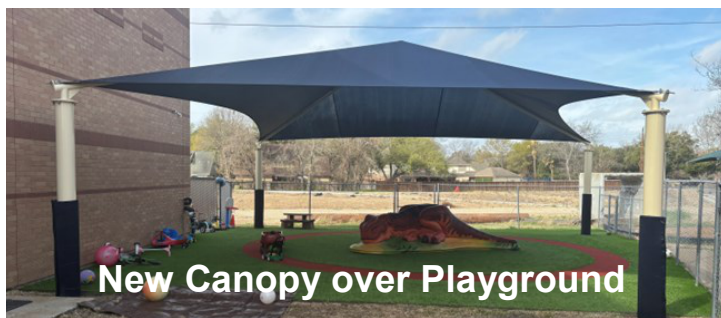
**We Are The Church
Retreat**



The **2024 Men's WATCH Retreat** will take place August 3 & 4. Team roles are now being discerned. The men are meeting on Sundays at 7:30 am in Kolbe Hall.

If you are interested in joining the retreat team, contact Jim Jarecki for more information at 281-536-1306 or jimthinking@hotmail.com

Pray for our blessings on our parish!



New Canopy over Playground

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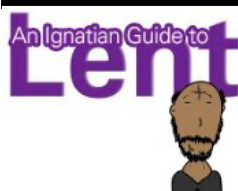
Return weekly Lenten reflections from Fr John Burns.

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

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

—*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://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).

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



Kolbe Kids' Early Childhood Program opened to the parish on March 1st. This is a 4-day Early Childhood Program (Monday-Thursday, 9 am—1:30 pm). Children from 18 months to 4 years old are accepted. This has been a ministry of St. Maximilian for 27 years. Contact Eileen Mace at 281-970-0979 for more information or to schedule a tour. Openings are limited.

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!



MAR

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

Lenten Almsgiving: Bring at least one or more non-perishable food item (no outdated items) every weekend to Mass. You also can bring your food item(s) to the Friday Fish Dinners or drop them off during parish office hours.

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: 24 oz. Hunts Pasta Sauce, 10.5-15.5 oz canned chili, 7.5 oz macaroni & cheese, 10-18 oz cereal, 1 lb bag long grain, brown or jasmine rice, 1 lb bag pinto or black beans, paper towels, shampoo, body wash, and/or deodorant. No outdated food products please. The Food Pantry is not able to accept any medications or alcoholic

WHAT IS THE DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND?



The *Diocesan Services Fund* is an annual effort of our local Church that provides essential support for 64 ministries that serve those in need. Through your generosity, you are:



Supporting the formation of our future priests



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Providing a strong, Catholic education to more than 17,500 students



Forming the next generation of Catholics through youth and adult faith formation

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!

Our 2024 mandatory amount is \$155,000!

- **Amount Received: \$33,629**
- **Amt. under mandatory amt: \$121,372**
- **127 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

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Tuesday, Mar. 5th: 7 pm-8 pm

THYSÍA

An hour of Eucharistic
Adoration, Worship, and
Scripture

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



That Man Is You! (TMIY) meets
every Friday morning in the Edu-
cation Building at 5:30—7 am.

Each session starts with Breakfast,
Prayers, a Video & Small Group
Discussion with a hard stop at 7 am.
Just show-up or for more info con-
tact Tom Comstock @ 281-380-0403.

The Rosary Making Ministry meets at 7 pm Thurs,
Mar. 7th in the Parish Office Conference Room.

This ministry meets the 1st Thursday of every
month for fellowship, learn how to make a
corded rosary, pick up supplies & drop off
completed rosaries. Contact Barbara Sextro
@ 713.818.6729 or Teri Corbitt at 832.544.1798.



Come join **Fishers of Men** on Satur-
day, March 9th —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!

Did you miss the informative exhibit on the Eucharistic
miracles? You can view online all the panels in English:
<http://www.miracolieucaistici.org/en/Liste/list.html> OR
use this QR code:

"The more Eucharist we receive, the
more we will become like Jesus, so
that on earth we will have a foretaste
of heaven." —Blessed Carlo Acutis



The Blessing of Easter Baskets of Food: A Cherished Catholic Tradition

In many Eastern European countries,
it's a tradition to have a basket of food
blessed on Holy Saturday. The roots
of this tradition date back to the early
12th century history of Poland. This
Catholic ritual has been cherished for centuries among
many families. It has now been adopted by people of all
ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom.
More information will be coming soon about this tradition.



We will have this Blessing of Easter Baskets of Food here
at St. Maximilian Kolbe at 9 am on Holy Saturday, March
30th in the chapel.

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
prior to & during Stations of the Cross beginning
Feb. 23-March 22.
- Saturday: 3 pm-4:30 pm
- Or by appointment: 281-955-7324
- No scheduled confessions during Holy Week.

KC Fish Dinners—all Fridays of Lent
Dinner & Entertainment-Music!
Desserts by Catholic Daughters
6 pm—8 pm
Friday, March 8



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

Fasting binds all persons who have completed their 18th birth-
day through those who have completed their 59th year, unless
prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is al-
lowed. 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 abste-
nence 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 pen-
ance, 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 peni-
tential 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 con-
tinue to join us & stand up for the voiceless & be there for wom-
en in crisis pregnancies.



Our ACTS community offers sincere thanks to Fr. Lawrence and the entire St. Max family for the love, support and prayer for our 2024 Women's Retreat!



Next Middle School Youth Group meeting, 4—5:30 pm
TODAY—March 3
Next High School Youth Group meeting, Wednesday, 7—8:30 pm; March 6

Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters of America Scholarships!

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



St. Maximilian Confirmation Retreat 2024

Consolation Ministry offers a 10-week program to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Our next group will meet from 4-6pm on Sundays beginning March 10. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact Molly Smith at mollys@stmaximilian.org or call the Parish Office.



"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:

March 9



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>

Spring Schedule


Many sessions open for Faith 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

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

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

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

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



MARCH: For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage & missionary drive.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

That we may learn to turn away from the false idols of our society – those visible and invisible.

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch & feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch & are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices & to grow in virtue.

**Collection for the Week
February 19-25, 2024**

Offertory:	\$27,055
Maintenance & Repair	\$3,772
Total	\$30,827

Faith Direct: 29 February 2024

Offertory	\$15,135
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 415
Total	\$15,550

(Faith Direct is received twice a month.)

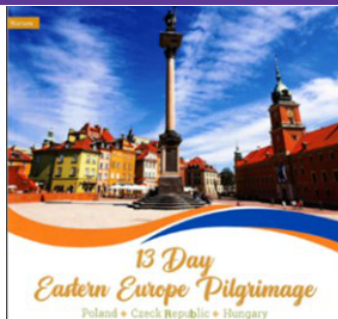
Archdiocesan 2nd Collection	\$806
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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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There will be a 2nd collection next weekend for the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Please be generous.

**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
Tuesday	11 am—12 Noon
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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