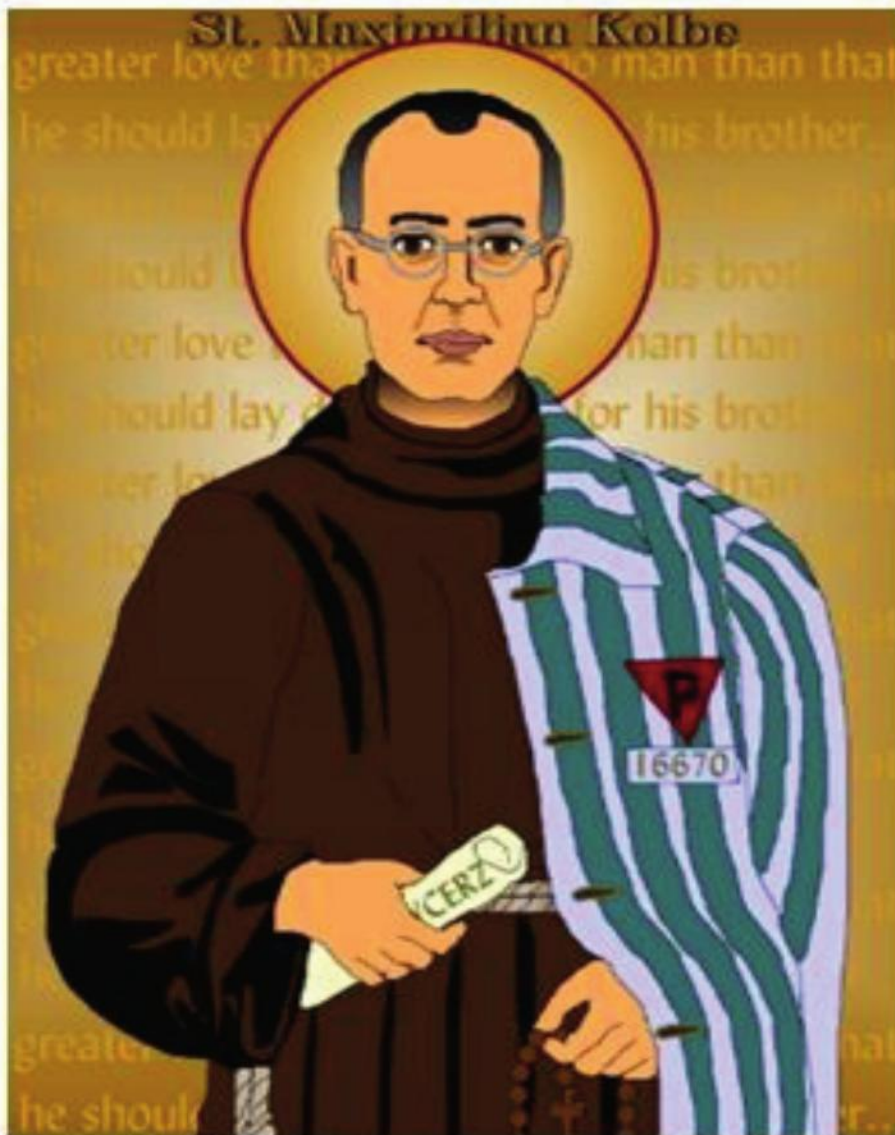


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, [LAETARE (REJOICE) SUNDAY]
MARCH 10, 2024**



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

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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

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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:

Joseph Donald Persich †, father of Deacon David Persich
Patria Lamela †, mother of Cecilia Alalay

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.



Sunday, March 10 - Monday, March 18

Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, we will pray for all whose life stories include adoption.

You don't need to do anything to get the prayers. Because you subscribed in previous years, you will automatically receive the novena starting on Sunday!

Invite your friends to join!

They can sign up at respectlife.org/adoption-novena.

St. Joseph Adoption Novena | Respect Life

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 10, 2024 - *Laetare* (Rejoice) Sunday

Dear Friends in Christ,

The 4th Sunday of Lent is known as *Laetare* (Rejoice) Sunday, coming from the entrance antiphon, “Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast” (cf. Is. 66:10-11). Just like on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, known as *Gaudete* (Rejoice) Sunday, we may wear rose colored vestments if the parish has such vestments and the celebrant so chooses. These are the only 2 Sundays of the year we may wear such vestments. Notice how the bulletin reflects the liturgical color of the year.

How is Lent unfolding? Even if our Lenten sacrifices have not been lived out as fully as one desires, do not get discouraged. We can start afresh today. Do not beat yourself up over the past, but try to live today for God.

The question always arises “Does our fasting in Lent also include fasting on Sundays?” Officially, the answer is “no.” Lent includes 40 days, not counting the 6 Sundays of Lent. Lent reminds us Jesus being in the desert for 40 days. The 6 Sundays of Lent are not considered by the Church as days of Lenten Fast, though they are days of the Lenten Season. Why? Every Sunday is considered a “small Easter Sunday” since it commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus. The Church does not oblige us to fast on Sundays. Choosing to continue your Lenten sacrifice can be your personal choice. Though we are not obliged to fast on Sunday, that does not mean we should over-indulge on Sundays, just like we should not be feasting on gourmet or luxurious seafood on days of abstinence on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday and on Fridays of Lent.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends officially on Holy Thursday evening with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. But the Lenten fasting continues through Holy Saturday, making the 40 days. With Holy Thursday evening, we begin the Sacred Triduum, the high 3 holy days through Easter Sunday.

I want to highlight that we will have the traditional blessing of the Easter baskets or food on Holy Saturday, March 30th in the chapel at 9 am. For many Eastern European countries, it's a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. 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. What goes into a food basket depends on the family's preferences. Typical foods are bread, ham, sausage,

butter, decorated eggs, wine, but can be any food that will be used on Easter Sunday to break the paschal fast of the Easter weekend. Decorate a food basket or simply bring your Easter food to be blessed and start a family tradition!

Thank you to the Catholic Daughters (CDA) for sponsoring the St. Joseph's Altar & spaghetti dinner last weekend. All proceeds go to charity. Continue to support the KC's with their remaining Lenten Friday Fish dinners with the CDA's providing the desserts. The last fish dinner is on Friday, March 22nd. On Fridays, we have 7 pm Stations of the Cross, with confessions available 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. Yes, confessions are heard during the Stations. Invite others to come to confessions, stations & the fish dinner.

Graduating high school seniors: are you aware the Knights of Columbus & the Catholic Daughters of America offer college scholarships? The deadline is April 1st. Please see p. 9 for more info. Proceeds from the KC & CDA's fund raisers help fund these scholarships.

For those grieving the loss of a loved one, this Sunday we begin a Consolation ministry. See p. 9 for more info.

Please sign up for 1 or 2 hour shifts for Saturday, March 16th at Planned Parenthood—see p. 8. We will pray for an end to abortions & for assistance with life, especially with challenging pregnancies. This is all so crucial since France added in the past week to their constitution a “guaranteed freedom” to abort an unborn child. This was approved by an overwhelming 780-72 vote by the French government leadership, accompanied by a standing ovation when the result was announced as the parliament met in Versailles. Several opinion polls indicate that as many as 80% of the French population supposedly supported this vote.

The French Bishops' Conference called for “fasting & prayer.” They said: “As Catholics, we must continue to serve life from conception to death, to be artisans of respect for every human being, which is always a gift given to all others, and to support those who choose to keep their child even in difficult circumstances.” The Pontifical Academy for Life, the Vatican body which focuses on issues related to bioethics, said in a statement that “in the era of universal human rights, there can be no 'right' to take human life.”

Since 1982, much of the costs of abortions are paid for by the French social security system which allows women in France to access abortion free of charge. In 2022, there were over 234,000 abortions for 723,000 births in France, the highest number of abortions since 1990 and the highest number among European Union countries.

Pray for life in all stages of life & the protection of life.

“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!

Lawrence W. Jozwiak

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: #1026
Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187
Gathering Hymn: #492 = Jerusalem, My Destiny
Gospel Acclamation
Profession of Faith/Creed: #174 or inside cover of hymnal
Preparation Hymn: #590—Christ, Be Our Light
Holy, Holy, Holy
Mystery of Faith
Amen
Lamb of God
Communion Hymn:
 #475—Tree of Life
Sending Forth Hymn: #745—Christ
 is Made the Sure Foundation



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Judah's betrayal of faith led to their exile as Babylon destroyed Jerusalem & the temple. God's warnings were ignored, resulting in captivity. Fulfilling Jeremiah's prophecy, the exile lasted until Cyrus of Persia decreed the rebuilding of the temple, marking the beginning of the return. (2 Chr 36:14-23)

Psalms: In Babylon's captivity, we wept for Zion, unable to sing our sacred songs in a foreign land. Forgetting Jerusalem would be my greatest loss, my joy silenced without its memory. (Ps 137)

Second Reading: God, in His mercy, made us alive with Christ, saving us by grace through faith, not by our deeds, to display His grace in Christ. We are created for good works, predestined by God. (Eph 2:4-10)

Gospel: Jesus has a conversation with Nicodemus & references Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness as a foreshadowing of his own crucifixion & the salvation that it would bring. Jesus emphasizes the importance of believing in him as the Son of God in order to receive eternal life & highlights the judgment that will come to those who do not believe. (Jn 3:14-21)

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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 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 †

Monday, March 11

8:30 am Jhon Christian Viana Alega †

Tuesday, March 12

6:30 pm Lucille Listi †

Wednesday, March 13

8:30 am Mary Vinh Nguyen †

Thursday, March 14

8:30 am Vick Anthony Todaro †

Friday, March 15

8:30 am Alfonso Cruz †

7 pm Stations of the Cross in the Church

Saturday, March 16

5 pm Vigil Richard Perez

Sunday, March 17

5th Sunday of Lent
 St. Patrick's Day

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Lindsay Bowker †

12 Noon Nap Esperanza †

WE WELCOME YOU!

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, Mar 23rd–24th: Regular Masses
 No confessions during Holy Week.

7 pm Holy Thursday Mass, March 28th

10:30 am outdoor Stations, Good Friday, Mar 29th

3 pm Good Friday Liturgy, March 29th

8:30 pm Holy Saturday Mass, March 30th

Mar 28th – 30th: No other times other than above.

Easter Sunday Masses, March 31st

8 am, 10 am & 12 Noon

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.



The Mass

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 35: Offertory Water and Wine By Fr. Luke Spannagel: Step-by-Step through the Mass

As we continue through the **Offertory**, this time we take a closer look at some of the prayers at the altar as the bread and wine are placed there. After the bread and wine are brought forward, they are placed on the altar by the priest (or a deacon if there is one present). Then the priest, speaking either silently or aloud, says the prayers over the bread and wine. These are the prayers that begin, "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have

received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life."

You may also recognize the prayer as the priest holds the chalice: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink." As the Diocese of Peoria reminds us, "If there is no music playing, [the priest] may do this out loud. In this case, we would respond to these prayers by saying, 'Blessed be God forever!' These prayers are ancient and have profound meaning. We place before him in our procession 'our' gifts, yet in these formulas we immediately admit that while they are 'work of human hands' they are still ultimately from God. For this reason, we bless God for his goodness and ask him to accept and transform the gifts into 'bread of life' and 'spiritual drink'" (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 11).



The Mystery of the Water and Wine

As the priest is preparing the wine, the Diocese of Peoria continues, "notice that he places a small amount of water into the chalice with the wine. As he does this he says: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.' The Church maintains this very ancient custom of mixing water and wine as it uniquely symbolizes what we pray for. At the Mass, we offer our lives in union with Christ. In all our weakness, in all our smallness, we pray to be inseparably united to the divine. The small drops of water symbolize us. As the water becomes inseparably united to the wine, we pray we may become inseparably united to Jesus Christ" (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 11-12).

Along these lines, Charles Belmonte teaches, "It was ancient custom to take the wine mixed with water, which the chalice of Jesus in the Last Supper contained. The Church retained this gesture to symbolize the sanctification of the Christian which is accomplished through his union with Jesus Christ. The water becomes the symbol of ourselves: our lives, with our weaknesses. Have you stopped to think what happens to the drops of water mixed with the wine? They are absorbed by it and then become inseparable from it. So does Jesus absorb us. The drops of water are of negligible worth; they are not even enough to quench anyone's thirst. Yet they will end up being divine blood! And all that because they let themselves be mixed with the wine and be dissolved in it, thus manifesting self-denial, personal renunciation. At this moment, we grow in our desire to offer ourselves in total self-surrender, as the few drops of water in the chalice have reminded us. So, we will be able to become one with Jesus Christ after the Consecration" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 114).



An Opportunity for Personal Prayer

What a meaningful moment in this part of the Mass! A transition time in the Mass that could be easily missed, these brief prayers sometimes said silently provide a great invitation for prayer:

Jesus, help my heart to unite more perfectly with yours. I feel at times so far from you, but you give of yourself so that I have this opportunity to be more closely united with you. Help me to be attentive in this moment and bring my heart joy from knowing you will soon be truly present on the altar, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Eucharist!

For Reflection:

1. Make Father Luke's prayer above your own as you participate more fully in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
2. Next time you participate in Mass, pay close attention to the preparation of the chalice and the mixing of water and wine. Make an act of faith, trusting that Jesus can and will receive all you offer him and transform your weakness into strength by his divine power.

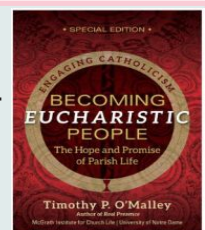


<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-35-offertory-water-and-wine>

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>



p. 6 THIS WEEK AT ST. MAXIMILIAN

Sunday, March 10

Coffee & Donuts

Mass

Mass

RCIA Session

Mass

Adult Faith, Consolation Ministry

Adult Faith, Lenten Study

Monday, March 11

Mass

Kolbe Kids ECH Program

Scouting

Adult Confirmation Meeting

Catholic Daughters Monthly Mtg

Power Hour of Prayer

Tuesday, March 12

Kolbe Kids ECH Program

Legion of Mary meeting

Confession

Mass

Wednesday, March 13

Mass

Kolbe Kids ECH Program

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Food Pantry

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Rosary

Choir Rehearsal

Evening Prayer

Thursday, March 14

Mass

Kolbe Kids ECH Program

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Praises

Rosary

Friday, March 15

That Man Is You!

Mass

Confession

Kolbe Seniors Monthly Meeting

Confession

KofC Fish Fry

Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16

Baptism Training Class

Confession

Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 17

Coffee & Donuts

Mass

Mass

RCIA, Day of Reflection

Mass

Middle School Youth Group

Adult Faith, Consolation Ministry

Adult Faith, Lenten Study

4th Sunday of Lent

Gajowniczek Bldg after Masses

Church

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Room 215

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Kolbe Room

Kolbe Room

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Gajowniczek Building

Gajowniczek Building

Room 212

Room 215

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

Lenten Resources

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LENTEN RESOURCES

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

JUNE
3-6

DAILY MASS

GAMES

COMMUNITY

TALKS

PRAYER

WATER PARK DAY

LOCATION: CHRIST THE REDEEMER

(ST. MAX & CTR COMBINED CAMP!)

COST: \$125

AGES: 6TH - 8TH GRADE

INFO & REGISTER HERE!



Easter Flower Donations

Please be generous with your donations for the Easter Flower Fund so that our church will be decorated beautifully for Easter. If you would like to help decorate the church, contact the parish office.



MARCH 2024

10 JAMES SCHNITZLER	11 JOSE VERA	12 RYAN BERGER	13 LUKE PARMENTER	14 ANTHONY SANCHEZ	15 ETHAN SICKING	16 DANIEL PHILLIPS
17 STEVEN DRABBANT	18 ORLANDO HERRERA	19 BILL WATERS	20 SEBASTIAN DELGADO	21 MATTHEW SCHNITZLER	22 MARLON BARAO	23 THEODORE BIRKOFER
24 DCN. VIET NGUYEN	31* GRIFFIN ALEXANDER	25 JOEL GOTERA	26 DENNEGHY MASON	27 JOHN PAUL PHILLIPS	28 JOHN CLARK	29 NAM NGUYEN
						30 SHAWN VARKEY

Pray for those preparing to receive the Sacraments for the first time at the Easter Vigil.

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.



Reflection question: How am I preparing myself for the celebrations of Holy Week? Is there more that I can do?



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

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 beverages. Updated: 2/20/2024

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



Serving the poor, feeding the hungry and supporting those in need



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!

2024 mandatory amt is \$155,000!



2023 mandatory amt: \$150,000

- Amount Received: \$42,992
- Amt. under mandatory amt: \$112,009
- 149 donors out of 2172 households

- Amount Received: \$39,000
- Amt. under mandatory amt: \$111,000
- 110 donors out of 2123 households



Make a DSF pledge today!



WAYS TO GIVE



Give online at give.archgh.org or scan here to give

p. 8 Kolbe Seniors, time to put on your green and try your luck at the game Left, Right, Center on Friday, March 15. Bring a supply of quarters to play with your friends. Sign up for trips through May. RSVP on FlockNote or signup genius by Tuesday, March 13. Questions? Call, text, or email Becky Keels at 713-724-1075 or stmax.kolbe.seniors@gmail.com. You must RSVP to receive a lunch.



That Man Is You! (TMIY) meets every Friday morning in the Education 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 contact Tom Comstock @ 281-380-0403.

ST. MAXIMILIAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 21st CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday April 26 at Cypress Lakes Golf Club
8am Shotgun Start, Lunch and Prizes
Sign up as a player, team, or sponsor
Find application at St. Max website under "Ministries and Org's / Community Org's / K of C" or contact Pat Greaney patgr48@gmail.com or Larry Sanchez larry.proterra@yahoo.com



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
Special Event!
Desserts by Catholic Daughters
6 pm—8 pm
Friday, March 15**

Good Friday Retreat

March 29th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

5th - 8th Grade Youth

Cost \$20



Stations of the Cross
Pilgrimage 10:30 a.m.-Noon
Open to All!

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You,
for by Your Holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Info & Registration Here →



**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.



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.

Next Middle School Youth Group meeting, 4—5:30 pm
March 17
Next High School Youth Group meeting, Wednesday, 7—8:30 pm; March 20

Enjoy
Spring
Break!

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.



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

Weekly Devotional Prayer: All in the Chapel

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

Power Hour of Prayer @ 7 pm on Mondays.

Holy Rosary @ 6:30 pm on Wednesdays.

Evening Prayer @ 7 pm on Wednesdays.

Divine Mercy & Rosary @ 3 pm on Thursdays.

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 TODAY, 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.



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!



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

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.

Parent Meeting
First day of class,

CFISD
Student Holiday

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 show our gratitude for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice by generously making sacrifices in our own lives.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful & generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture & develop our gifts, & in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works & our treasure to support the mission & ministry of our parish & greater Church.

**Collection for the Week
February 26-March 3, 2024**

Offertory:	\$18,438
Maintenance & Repair	\$620
Total	\$19,058

Faith Direct:

(Faith Direct is received twice a month.)

Archdiocesan 2nd Collection	\$185
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**Have you made your donation for
Easter Flowers yet?**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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**There will be a 2nd collection this 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 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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