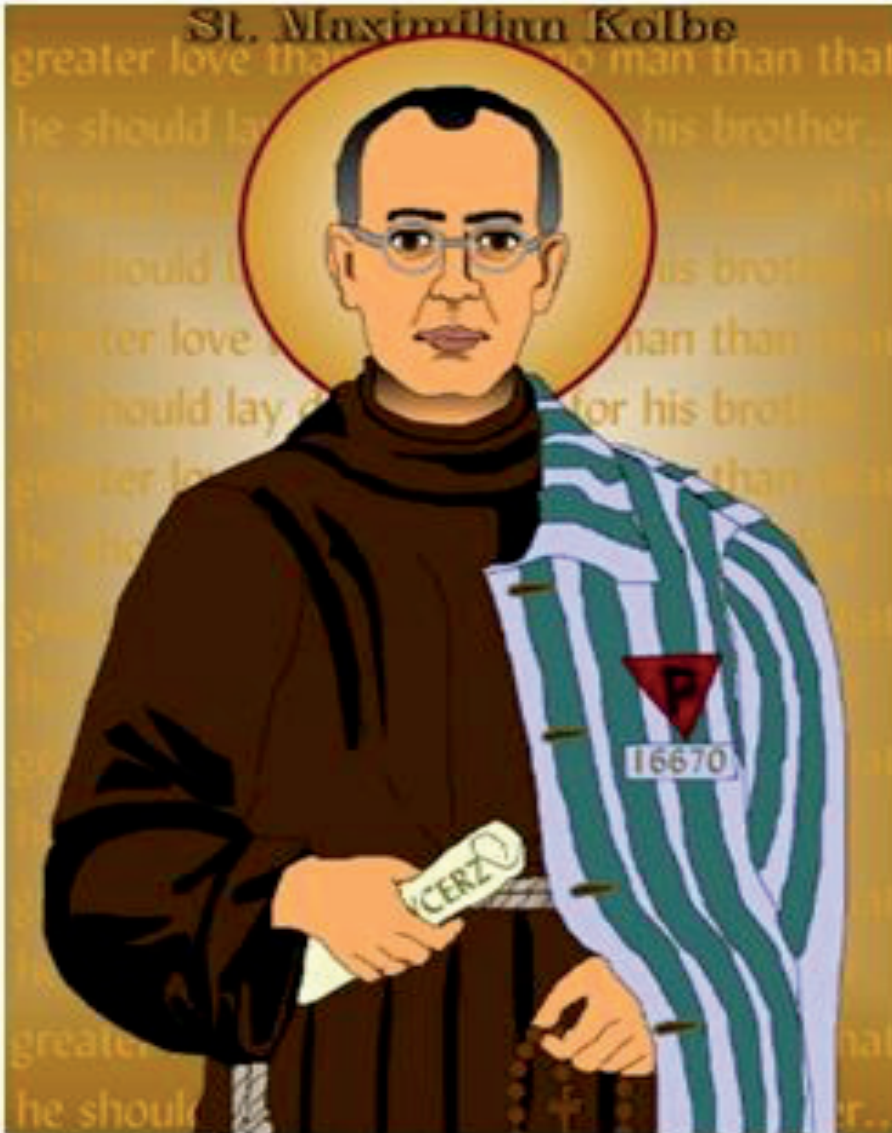


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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 excluding March 26.
- 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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 17, 2024**



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

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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
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 Esteban Teran
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 Leslie Escobar
 Jan Hains
 Edward Lock
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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:

Vincent Onije †, father of Sister Vinflora Onije
Daniel Gould †, father of Stacey Podraza
Richard Ramirez †, husband of Connie Ramirez

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.



A Prayer for Lent

Jesus, my Savior, help me to see your sacrifice as my personal redemption story, inspiring me to pray, fast and give alms in deep gratitude and in preparation for your empty tomb on Easter morning, may my heart rejoice, fully rejuvenated to live out the Good News of your victory over sin and death. Amen.

Living Faith booklet

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 17, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Lent. The Sunday celebration normally takes precedence over feast days. March 17th is the feast day of St. Patrick. Though we do not liturgically celebrate it this Sunday, naturally many people will remember it is St. Patrick's Day.

There are 2 movies, "Cabrini" & "Love God's Will," being shown in the theaters that I encourage you to go see ASAP since we do not know how long they will be showing. Enrich your Lenten season by becoming more knowledgeable about Catholic people who influenced others.

The 1st movie is "Cabrini," the true story of St. (Mother) Frances Xavier Cabrini, born in Italy, the youngest of 13 children. Because of her frail health, she was not allowed to join a religious order that taught her as a child. In 1880, she founded with 7 other young women the Institute of Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They wanted to go to China, but Pope Leo XIII asked them to go instead to New York City to help the thousands of Italian immigrants struggling to live.

In a city filled with chaos, poverty, crime, disease & discrimination, St. Frances Cabrini provided for the many needs of the Italian immigrants, including the orphans. She met initial resistance unfortunately from some in the NY Church & in the civil government. The movie tells the story of Mother Cabrini, who after witnessing disease and poverty in the slums of New York, embarks on a daring journey to persuade the hostile New York City mayor to provide housing and healthcare for hundreds of orphaned children.

In a short time between 1889-1917, Mother Cabrini established 67 institutions in NYC, Chicago, Seattle, Denver, New Orleans, California, France, Spain, Italy, Central & South America: schools, hospitals & orphanages in various parts of the world, all for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated & the sick. St. Frances Cabrini was the 1st U.S. citizen to be canonized. This movie was released on March 8th intentionally to coincide with International Women's Day & Women's History month. St. Frances Cabrini was a wonderful lady who made a significant impact for the good of the Church & society. She is the Universal Patroness of Immigrants because of her efforts in helping immigrants around the world. To view a brief trailer and movie locations & times, go to: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14351082/>

The 2nd movie is entitled "Love God's Will." It is a true

story of Fr. Ryan Stawaisz, a young priest of our Archdiocese. Fr. Ryan was born on August 18, 1989 & attended Texas A&M, studying Petroleum Engineering. During his junior year in college, he was diagnosed with cancer and was able to fight off this initial cancer. In his senior year at A&M, Ryan participated in the Aggie Awakening Retreat & heard the call to consider the priesthood & entered the seminary after college graduation. Shortly before being ordained a priest on June 1, 2019, the cancer returned. He battled his cancer while serving in his first & only priestly assignment as a Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor) at our neighboring parish, Prince of Peace Church. Fr. Ryan died on June 21, 2021. To view a brief trailer and movie locations & times, go to: <https://www.pophouston.org/event/frryanmovie/>

Graduating high school seniors: are you aware the Knights of Columbus & the Catholic Daughters of America offer scholarships for college, trade schools or those pursuing additional education/training? The deadline is April 1st. Please see p. 9 for more info. Proceeds from the KC & CDA's fund raisers help fund these scholarships. That is one reason it is a good idea to come to our Friday Fish dinners. Not only to enjoy a good meal & fellowship, but proceeds from the dinners (KCs) & desserts (CDAs) go to fund these scholarships.

Our church building is 14 years old. Thus there is much in maintenance to be done, just as there is in your homes. In the chapel & its entrance, there were many cracks & other wall repairs made. The entire ceiling in the entrance was redone, plus new AC vents were secured. Then the entire chapel & its entrance were repainted. Cost of such repairs was \$17,600. Much repair work (many nicks & scratches along all the church walls) was done throughout the church. The entire narthex, the bottom two panels in the entire church, the reconfiguration & painting of the walls for the hanging of the Holy Spirit & placement of the tabernacle, etc., was \$22,100. Additional new projects are coming to a conclusion: painting all 4 cry rooms & installing chair railings, painting the half ways behind the altar & choir practice room (Canticle Hall) & hallway behind the altar area, etc. I am keeping you abreast of the maintenance items: some that you may have noticed & others not noticed. We are ordering 8 hand rails for the front steps of the church & 5 hand rails for the Education Building—not sure when they will be installed. That is why it is important to make a contribution to the Maintenance & Repair Fund.

Let us continue to keep the Season of Lent holy. See p.5 for the relic tour of St. Jude, March 15-19.



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: #1029

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: #598—O God, Beyond All Praising

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn:

#783—Unless a Grain of Wheat

Sending Forth Hymn: #492—Jerusalem, My Destiny



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: God promises a new covenant with Israel & Judah, different from the old. He will write His laws in their hearts, be their God, & they, His people. All will know Him & be forgiven. (Jer 31:31-24)

Psalms: I ask God for mercy & cleansing from my sins. May He create a pure heart in me, not casting me away, & restore the joy of salvation to guide others. (Ps 51)

Second Reading: Jesus Christ, during His time on earth, earnestly prayed to the Father, & was heard for His deep reverence. Through suffering, He learned obedience, becoming the source of eternal salvation for His followers. (Heb 5:7-9)

Gospel: When some Greeks sought Jesus during Passover, He spoke of His impending death, likening it to a grain of wheat that must die to produce many seeds. He emphasized self-denial for eternal life & the honor given to those who serve Him. Jesus, troubled, chose to glorify God's name over seeking rescue. A divine voice affirmed this, leading to varied interpretations among the crowd. Jesus explained His crucifixion would judge the world & draw all to Himself, revealing the nature of His death. (Jn 12:20-33)

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47

The parish offices will be closed the afternoon of Holy Thursday, all day Good Friday and all day Easter Monday. May your Easter be filled with peace & joy as you celebrate His resurrection.

Weekend Homilies are recorded & posted

on our parish webpage:

<https://stmaximilian.org/homily>



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Mass Intentions



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 †

Monday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30 am Vincent Onije †

Tuesday, March 19

St. Joseph

6:30 pm Ami & Michael Gallagher

Wednesday, March 20

8:30 am Robert & Sandra Perez

Thursday, March 21

8:30 am Maria Isabelle Mercado †

Friday, March 22

8:30 am Octaviano D. Rosas †

7 pm

Stations of the Cross in the Church

Saturday, March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

5 pm Vigil Anna Popelka †

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord

8 am Stash & Tilly Gorka †

10 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

12 Noon James W. Cozart, Jr. † & David & Camila Thiam †

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

9 am Holy Saturday, Blessing of Easter

Baskets of Food, March 30th

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.



Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 36: Bread and Wine

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

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-36-bread-and-wine>

Continuing our review of the **Offertory** and the gifts of bread and wine, we take time to address a few common questions.

Why do we use bread and wine and not something else?

During my years on campus, I recall meeting a student who had grown up in an Asian country. He said that, early on in his Christian journey, he would think of "daily bread" as a portion of rice, since that is what he was most familiar with. His question was a practical one: Why didn't the Church adapt what was used for Mass as the Church spread throughout the world? For a short answer, the Church has stayed consistent with what Jesus used at the Last Supper. As Fr. Guy Oury says, bread and wine would have been "daily fare" for the people of the Holy Land and "were particularly suitable to convey [Christ nourishing us with true and everlasting life] because they were typical nourishment. Obviously, Jews at the time of Christ consumed other food and drink besides bread and wine, and indeed, on the table of the Last Supper where the Passover meal was celebrated, lay a lamb... But Christ made a choice of bread and wine, and the Church has scrupulously conformed to what he instituted, using only bread from wheat and wine from grapes. The Church has never felt itself authorized to modify what it has received from the Lord himself" (*The Mass*, p. 78). This has been true as the Church spread to places where different grains as well as other drinks were common. In many places, missionaries brought with them wheat seeds and grape seedlings so that what was needed for the wine and hosts could be grown locally.

Why do we use unleavened bread? Similar to the use of wheat, Fr. Guy Oury observes that the Church wishes to honor the tradition handed down to us. "At the time of Christ the ancient feast of Azymes had been merged with the feast of Passover. On the eve of Passover unleavened breads were prepared to commemorate what had happened when the Hebrews fled from Egypt: in their haste they could not have their dough leavened... At the Last Supper (according to the Synoptic Gospels, but not John) Jesus observed the Passover ritual, which called for unleavened bread" (*The Mass*, p. 80). We should note that in some places in the early Latin Church, as well as still currently in Eastern Rite and Eastern Orthodox Churches, leavened bread is used for the Eucharist. Each Rite within our Church is able to determine certain details for the celebration of the Mass. However, the core elements of the Mass will always be present and consistent.

What about the wine? "The symbolism of wine is as rich as that of bread... Among Jews wine conveyed the idea of feasting and rejoicing... Wine has no doubt become less meaningful than it was [for Christians of earlier times. For them, wine was] thought to nourish the body, restore health, prevent sickness, help digestion, maintain bodily temperature, clarify ideas, dilate the arteries, rest the brain, halt congestion of the liver, chase away the 'blues,' as well as being useful for washing and cleansing wounds" (*The Mass*, p. 81–82). While the natural elements of wine may do these things for the body, doesn't the Blood of Christ do so many more powerful things for body and soul?

Lastly, why do we call the bread we use at Mass "hosts?" Charles Belmonte teaches that "originally, 'host' (from Latin *hostire*, to strike) referred to any animal about to be sacrificed" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 112). Since the bread is the offering made for the sacrifice of the Mass, it is fittingly called by the name *host*. To be proper and reverent, after the bread has been changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus, hosts should be called "Consecrated Hosts" or "Sacred Hosts," out of honor for Jesus Christ, who is now truly present. Next time, we will consider the question: Does it seem like sometimes the priest is talking to himself up at the altar? Let's find out what he is praying!

For Reflection:

1. Pray with Psalm 104 in praise of God's provision for human needs, including "wine to gladden their hearts... and bread to sustain the human heart" (Ps. 104:15). Consider the life-giving role bread and wine have played in your life.
2. Have you ever baked bread or made wine? Reflect on your experience of each phase of this process. If you have the opportunity, visit a bakery or vineyard to learn more about bread and wine.

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

Weekly Devotional Prayer: All in the Chapel

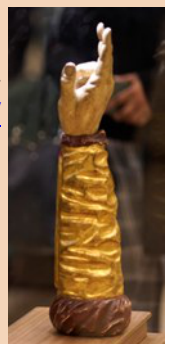
Rosary, Divine Mercy & Prayers for the different Vocations @ 7:20 am on Sundays.
Power Hour of Prayer @ 7 pm on Mondays.
Holy Rosary @ 6:30 pm on Wednesdays.
Evening Prayer @ 7 pm on Wednesdays.
Divine Mercy & Rosary @ 3 pm on Thursdays.

5 parishes to host the St. Jude Relic exhibition,

March 15th-19th: Learn about St. Jude, known as the

patron saint & "Apostle of the Impossible," a faithful apostle, martyr & saint as his relic - bone fragments from an arm believed to be his. It is the 1st time for this relic to leave Italy. For dates & times, go to: <https://www.archgh.org/juderelics24>

Friday, March 15th: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Saturday, March 16th: Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, March 17th: Catholic Charismatic Ctr.
Monday, March 18th: St. Anthony of Padua (The Woodlands)
Tuesday, March 19th: St. Theresa (Sugar Land)



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Sunday, March 17

Coffee & Donuts
Men's WATCH Team Meeting
Mass
Mass
RCIA, Day of Reflection
Mass
Middle School Youth Group
Adult Faith, Consolation Ministry
Adult Faith, Lenten Study

5th Sunday of Lent

Gajowniczek Bldg after Masses
Kolbe Room 7:30 am
Church 8:00 am
Church 10:00 am
Room 215 11:30 am
Church 12 Noon
Higgins Building 4:00 pm
Kolbe Room 4:00 pm
Kolbe Room 6:30 pm

Monday, March 18

Mass
Kolbe Kids ECH Program
Scouting
Adult Confirmation Meeting
Power Hour of Prayer

Church 8:30 am
Gajowniczek Building 9:00 am
Gajowniczek Building 6:00 pm
Room 212 6:30 pm
Chapel 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 19

Kolbe Kids ECH Program
Legion of Mary meeting
Confession
Mass
Parish Council Meeting

Gajowniczek Building 9:00 am
Room 203 5:00 pm
Church 5:30 pm
Church 6:30 pm
Kolbe Room 7:15 pm

Wednesday, March 20

Mass
Kolbe Kids ECH Program
Food Pantry
Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Rosary
St. Max Mom's Club
Choir Rehearsal
Evening Prayer
High School Youth Group

Church 8:30 am
Gajowniczek Building 9:00 am
Higgins Building 3:30 pm
Canticle Hall 6:15 pm
Chapel 6:30 pm
Room 215 6:30 pm
Canticle Hall 7:00 pm
Chapel 7:00 pm
Higgins Building 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 21

Mass
Kolbe Kids ECH Program
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Praises
Rosary
Youth Faith Formation, Thursday Classes

Church 8:30 am
Gajowniczek Building 9:00 am
Chapel 3:00 pm
Chapel 3:30 pm

Adult Faith, Book Club

Gajowniczek Building 6:30 pm
Room 214 6:30 pm

Friday, March 22

That Man Is You!
Mass
Confession
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Confession
KofC Fish Fry
Stations of the Cross

Gajowniczek Building 5:30 am
Church 8:30 am
Church 9:00 am
Gajowniczek Building 10:30 am
Church 6:30 pm
Gajowniczek Building 6:00 pm
Church 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 23

ACTS Core Discernment Meeting
Confession
Vigil Mass

Room 215 8:30 am
Church 3:00 pm
Church 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 24

Coffee & Donuts
Mass
Mass
RCIA Session
Mass
Youth Faith Formation, Sunday Classes

Palm Sunday

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
Kolbe Room 4:00 pm
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 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.



There will not be a Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass or Confessions on Tuesday, March 26th at St. Maximilian due to the Chrism Mass being held at the Co-Cathedral.



MARCH 2024



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.



Divine Mercy Novena

We will begin a novena on **March 29th, Good Friday**, at **2:30 pm** in the Immaculata Chapel. Each day we will offer the special intentions that Jesus, Himself, dictated to St. Faustina to be immersed in the ocean of His mercy, and we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and other special prayers to Our Lord. The following 8 days will be at **3:00pm**, and end on **April 6th**. Please join us! Also join us for:

Divine Mercy Feast Day Prayer Service
Sunday, April 7th @ 2:30 pm

Donuts & Coffee will not be served on Easter Sunday.

Congratulations to our newly married couples.

Xuan Hanh Thanh Lam & Tarik Badour
Addie Anderson & Casimir Roman

May they be blessed with many years of happiness together.



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.)



2024 mandatory amt is \$155,000!

- Amount Received: \$46,043
- Amt. under mandatory amt: \$108,958
- 162 donors out of 2172 households



2023 mandatory amt: \$150,000

- Amount Received: \$47,750
- Amt. under mandatory amt: \$111,000
- 132 donors out of 2123 households



Make a DSF pledge today!



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

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA – The Seafarer Centers exist to serve the spiritual & social concerns of the 300,000 seafarers from around the world who arrive at the area ports each year, as well as the local fishers & shrimpers. The Apostleship of the Sea Port Chaplains, appointed by the Archdiocese, are responsible for the sacramental care for Catholic seafarers & the pastoral care of all seafarers. In the recent COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers have not been able to leave their ships including to go home after their contracts. Port chaplains have been visiting to bring them comfort & care during this difficult time. The Archdiocese helps operate 3 seafarers' centers in Houston, La Porte & Galveston.

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!



WAYS TO GIVE



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



The 2024 Women's W.A.T.C.h. team is now forming. Do you feel called to be part of this life changing retreat team? Join us as team roles are now being discerned. This retreat will take place July 27 & 28. Contact Susan Stepanski for more information at 832-693-6368 or texkit1@yahoo.com

Pray for our blessings on our parish!



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, excluding March 26
- 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
Short Announcement!
Desserts by Catholic Daughters
6 pm—8 pm
Friday, March 22 LAST ONE!



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 →



Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday
In The Parish Plaza
Between Masses



**Next Middle School Youth Group meetings,
Sundays; 4—5:30 pm
March 17 and March 24**

**Next High School Youth Group meetings,
Wednesdays, 7—8:30 pm;
March 20 and March 27**

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. This applies for college and trade schools or those pursuing additional education/training. 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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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>

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





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>

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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, as God's chosen people, we may accept & follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent & treasure with others.

"I will be their God & they shall be my people."
- Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have & everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts & our lives to care for our family, our neighbors & for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

Collection for the Week
March 4-10, 2024

Offertory:	\$17,169
Maintenance & Repair	\$527
Total	\$17,696

Faith Direct: 15 March 2024

(Faith Direct is received twice a month.)

Offertory:	\$29,945
Maintenance & Repair:	\$1,923
Total:	\$31,868

Archdiocesan 2nd Collection	\$3,938
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Lisa Abbott, Cynthia Aguirre, Lupe & Melissa Batey, Norma Bodin, Maria Bueno, Bill Carew, Becca Carter, Susie Charnock, Rachele Cortez, Jean Danna, Robert Durocher, Sandy Embesi, Aurora Enciso, Deena Everest, Missy Fouts, Joseph Gallagher, Armando Garcia, Madeline Ann Geary, Estrella Gonzalez, Elizabeth Anna Goodman, Soledad Haren, Nicholas Harper, Wendy Hilton, Georgia Hohensee, David Holcomb, Anne Jackson, Taylor Jackson, Lynda Jones, Carl Kaping, Madison Koopmann, Patria Lamela, Chayo Lopez, 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, Roy Silva, Guillermo Stewart-Gaynor, Roger Stuart, Christine Swiech, Ken Switzler, Consuelo Estrada Torres, Ngoc Anh Uy, Debbie Vela, Jannette Vossler, Linda Webb, Carolyn & Gary Webber, Frances Wooley, Chuck Woodruff, & Susan Yano

WE WELCOME YOU!
NEXT WEEK IS HOLY WEEK

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
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