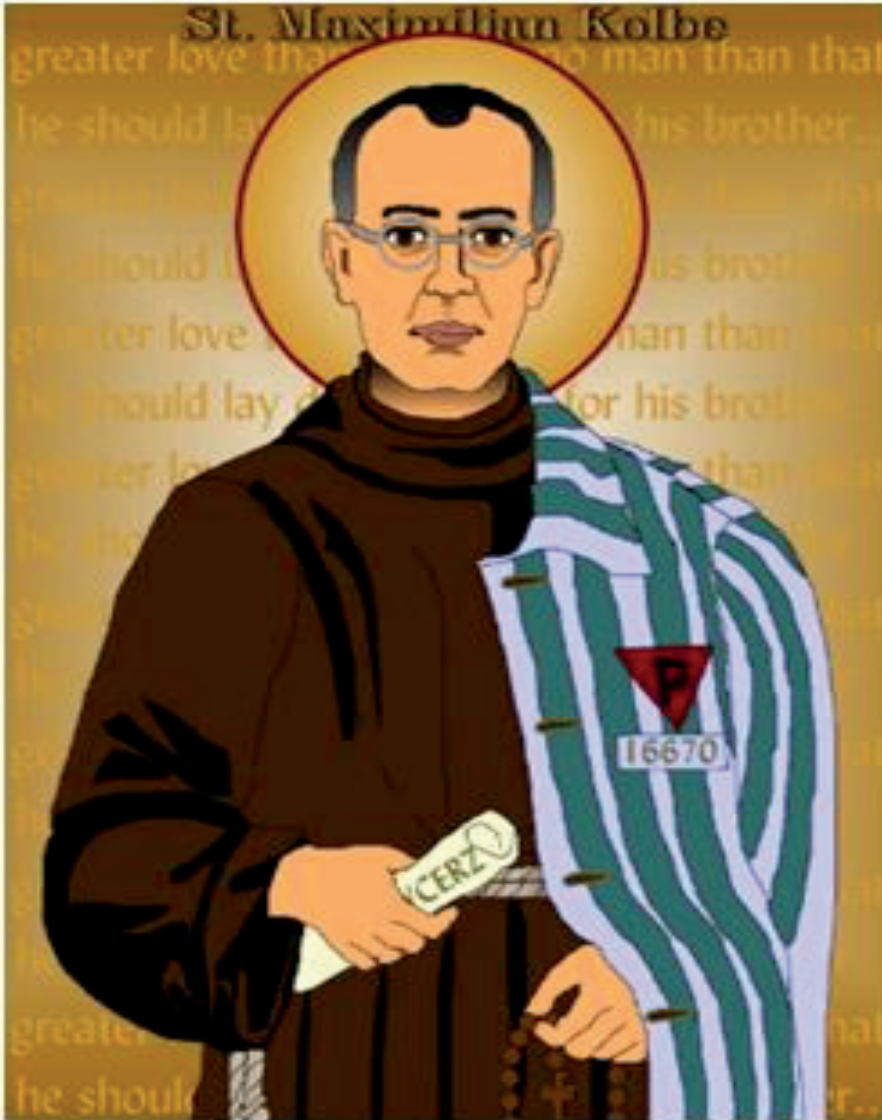


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

A Parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday
8 am & 10 am; 12 Noon

See special entire
Holy Week schedule, p. 3

Daily Mass

8:30 am Monday
6:30 pm Tuesday
8:30 am: Wed.- Friday

No confessions
during Holy Week.

Confessions

After Holy Week

30 minutes prior to
Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass
After Friday 8:30 am Mass
Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm
Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
MARCH 24, 2024

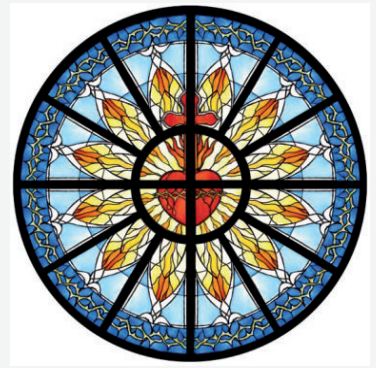


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Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm

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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
 Dennis Taylor
 Esteban Teran
 John Syzdek
 Jeanette Coury
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 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:

Bill Carew †, husband of Nancy Carew
Michael R. Earthman †, father of Fr. Michael Earthman

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.



The parish offices will be closed the afternoon of Holy
 Thursday, all day Good Friday and all day Easter Monday.

Catechumen (Adults)

Addie Anderson	Tarik Badour
Isaiah Gonzalez	Jonathon Gonzalez
Mariah Gonzales	Macy Hampton
Joseph Miller III	Joshua Phong
Megan Skinner	Cassie Valverde

Catechumen (Children)

Delilah Carranza	Gustavo Carranza
Edward Cartagena	Nava Cooper
Christopher Chavez	Elijah Gil
Isabella Gomez	Victor Huerta
Ariana Morales	Jaden Morales
Brynn Phan	

Candidates (RED)

David Bollom	Haley Bond
Blake Chisolm	Gary Claiborne
Christopher Goodrich	Joshua Labiano
Jose Lopez	Jesus Mayorga
Michael Olden	

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

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

Each year, I re-run an explanation of what occurs during Holy Week as a refresher. We begin Holy Week, the most holy of all weeks, when we remember the Paschal Mystery: the suffering, death, resurrection & ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. Make this Holy Week truly special & holy, different by not only attending the liturgies but striving to pray more & to live out more fully the great commandments to love God, neighbor & self. On **Passion/Palm Sunday**, we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem by hearing the passion according to Matthew.

At the 7 pm Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 26 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Cardinal DiNardo will bless the Oil of the Sick (used in the Anointing of the Sick) & Oil of Catechumens (used to anoint individuals prior to Baptism). The Cardinal will consecrate the Chrism Oil. All 3 oils consist of olive oil. But only the Chrism Oil has the fragrant perfume of balsam, symbolizing the sweetness of Christ. The Chrism Oil is used at Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders (both for priesthood & the episcopate but not for the diaconate) & the dedication of a new church and/or new altar. These 3 oils will be brought to each parish & they will be presented here at the 7 pm Holy Thursday Mass. Since Fr. Lawrence & some of the deacons will be at the Chrism Mass, there will be no 6:30 pm Mass on Tuesday, March 26 at St. Maximilian (and no confessions prior to that Mass).



The Sacred Triduum

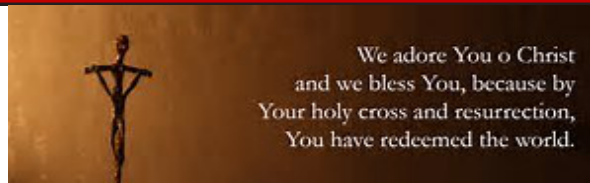
With the **7 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday**, we enter the Easter Triduum—3 high holy days that conclude with evening vespers on Easter Sunday. The Church advises us not to have any Masses until the evening on Holy Thursday. At 7 pm, we remember Jesus' example of service when He washed the feet of his 12 apostles in the Gospel. In the Roman Missal, the washing of the feet is an option, not mandatory. But the Gospel mandate is that we all are called to serve one another. We remember the institution of the Eucharist & the ordained priesthood. We keep watch until midnight, praying before the Blessed Sacrament in Kolbe Hall. Can you spend at least one hour in prayer, spending time before the Lord?

All 5th-8th Grade Youth: You are invited for the Good Friday Retreat 9 am – 4:30 pm



No 8:30 am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday

There will be 8:30 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel on Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday.
9 am Holy Saturday: Blessing of Easter Baskets of Food in the Chapel



On **Good Friday**, we have the **3 pm Liturgy of Friday of the Passion of the Lord**. This liturgy has 3 main components: 1) the Liturgy of the Word with the reading of the Passion from the Gospel of John; 2) the Veneration of the Cross: everyone is asked to venerate the cross with some sign of reverence: a kiss, touching the cross, a genuflection or bow, etc. But the Roman Missal does allow a "corporate" veneration of the cross from the pews; 3) Distribution of Holy Communion that was consecrated the evening before on Holy Thursday. **Good Friday** is the only day of the year that Mass is not offered.

Good Friday is a day of fast & abstinence (See p. 6).



On **Holy Saturday**, we have the great Easter Vigil that begins at 8:30 pm since the Church insists that this liturgy does not begin prior to nightfall. There is no 5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass this Saturday only. This liturgy consists of 4 parts: 1) A Service of Light with the lighting of the new Paschal Candle & singing of the *Exultet*, the Easter Proclamation; 2) Liturgy of the Word with scripture readings reminding us of salvation history, with the sung Gospel Alleluia returning after its Lenten absence; 3) Reception into the Church either through Baptism or non-Catholic Christians joining the Church. Also baptized Catholics will receive Confirmation & Eucharist; and 4) Liturgy of the Eucharist. At the end of the Easter Vigil, a final blessing & dismissal is given, unlike at the end of Holy Thursday & Good Friday. On **Easter Sunday**, we have our normal Mass times (8 & 10 am; 12 Noon).

Make every effort to enter into this most Holy Week.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, Mar 23rd-24th: Normal Mass times, beginning in the plaza with a procession into church, weather permitting.

*****No confessions during Holy Week.*****

8:30 am Mass on Monday & Wednesday

No 6:30 pm Tuesday Mass (7 pm Chrism Mass downtown)

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Chapel): Thursday-Saturday (No 8:30 am Mass: Thursday & Friday)

7 pm Holy Thursday Mass, March 28th

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 8:30 pm-Midnight

Good Friday is a day of fast & abstinence.

10:30 am Good Friday, walking Stations of the Cross with our Youth (meet in the Plaza; distance 1.5 miles)

3 pm Good Friday Liturgy, March 29th

9 am Holy Saturday: Blessing of Easter Food

No 5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass this Saturday only.

8:30 pm Holy Saturday Mass, March 30th

Easter Sunday, March 31st

8 am, 10 am & 12 Noon

Easter Egg Hunt between the Easter Sunday Masses (plaza)

Liturgy Corner for Weekend Masses

Scripture readings: Hymnal: #1033/B; #1035/B

Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187

Gathering Hymn: #1032-Hosanna to the Son of David; #498-All Glory Laud & Honor

Gospel Acclamation

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

Preparation Hymn: #681-We Remember

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymns:

#511-Were You There; #491-Jesus, the Lord

Sending Forth Hymn: #881-Lift High the Cross



TODAY'S READINGS

Procession: As Jesus neared Jerusalem, He sent disciples to fetch a colt, instructing them on how to respond if questioned. Successfully bringing the colt to Jesus, they prepared it for Him. Entering Jerusalem, Jesus was greeted exuberantly by crowds laying cloaks & branches before Him, acclaiming Him with shouts of "Hosanna" & recognizing Him as the herald of God's kingdom, fulfilling a messianic prophecy & symbolizing His kingship in a humble manner. (Mk 11:1-10)

First reading: Endowed with the gift of speech by God, I encourage the weary & listen to His teaching daily. Despite suffering, I stand firm, supported by God, confident in facing humiliation without shame. (Is 50:4-7)

Psalms: In my deepest despair, scorned & wounded, I feel abandoned. Yet, I call for God's swift aid, promising to proclaim His greatness to those who suffer, urging them to praise & honor Him. (Ps 22)

Second Reading: Christ, though divine, embraced humility, becoming human & obeying to the point of death on a cross. Consequently, God elevated Him, ensuring every being honors Jesus as Lord, glorifying God the Father. (Phil 2:6-11)

Gospel: Jesus' final days were marked by betrayal, the Last Supper, & teachings on readiness. After being betrayed by Judas, Jesus faced trials, denial by Peter, & crucifixion. His death on the cross, amidst mockery, fulfilled prophecies & demonstrated profound love. Buried by Joseph of Arimathea, Jesus' sacrifice offered hope beyond death, emphasizing redemption & eternal life for humanity. (Mk 14:1-15:47)

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 23

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 †

No Confessions during Holy Week

Monday, March 25

Monday of Holy Week

8:30 am Sarah Sakallah

Tuesday, March 26

Tuesday of Holy Week

No 6:30 pm Mass this Tuesday only.

Wednesday, March 27

Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 am Mignonette (Mimi) Vossler †

Thursday, March 28

Holy Thursday

8:30 am Morning Prayer-Chapel (No 8:30 am Mass)

7 pm Thomas Sakallah

Friday, March 29 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Good Friday is a day of Fast & Abstinence.

8:30 am Morning Prayer-Chapel (No 8:30 am Mass)

10:30 am Good Friday walking Stations of the Cross

3 pm Liturgy of Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

8:30 am Morning Prayer—Chapel

9 am Blessing of the Easter Food—Chapel

No 3-4:30 pm Confessions; No 5 pm Vigil Mass

8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass Parishioners of St. Maximilian

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

Easter Egg Hunt between Masses in plaza

10 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

Easter Egg Hunt between Masses in plaza

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Maximilian

WE WELCOME YOU!

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

7 pm Holy Thursday: #1040: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

3 pm Good Friday: #1043: Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Holy Saturday: 8:30 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

#1048: Reading I: Gn 1:1 - 2:2; Ps 104

#1049: Reading II: Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16;

#1050: Reading III: Exodus 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1

#1052: Reading V: Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6

#1054: Reading VII: Ez 36:16-28; Ps 42

#1055: Epistle: Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118

#1055: Gospel / B: Mk 16:1-7

Easter Sunday: #1065 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9





Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 37: Silent, Humble, Contrite By Fr. Luke Spannagel: Step-by-Step through the Mass

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-37-silent-humble-contrite>

As we continue our walk through the **Offertory** of the Mass, have you ever noticed that sometimes the priest is saying something you can't hear (or can barely hear)? As we have reflected on previously, there are moments in the Mass—such as before proclaiming the Gospel—where the priest prays a prayer silently or quietly. These prayers are to prepare the priests (or deacons) for what comes next; they provide a moment of reflection for the priest and open his heart. Another one of these quiet prayers happens after the offering of bread and wine during the Offertory.

We offer ourselves...

After placing the bread and wine on the altar, the priest bows and says quietly, "With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God." As the Diocese of Peoria explains, "In this prayer, the priest silently speaks in his own name and on behalf of all the faithful, asking that God accept the sacrifice and find us in humility and contrition" (A Study of the Mass, p. 12). The priest acknowledges the truth about how much we need God and that we at times fall short of living up to his standards. With that mindset, the priest is asking God to accept us and the sacrifice as we are, not faulty Christians who have given up and thrown in the towel, but honest Christians who admit our shortcomings and yet strive toward that perfection to which God calls us.

Reflecting on this prayer, Edward Sri invites us: "Notice how the sacrifice envisioned in this prayer is not some *thing* being offered to God, like bread and wine, but the people assembled: 'May we be accepted by you...' This theme, as well as the mention of a humble spirit and contrite heart, recalls the petition of the three Hebrew men thrown in the fiery furnace in Daniel [Chapter 3]" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 90). If you have read this interesting story, you know that these three faithful men would not worship a false image made of gold by King Nebuchadnezzar. As punishment, they were thrown into a burning furnace, heated seven times more than normal. Instead of burning, the three men walked around unharmed and began singing a long hymn of praise to God. This hymn praises God for his goodness, recalls the many blessings he has given to his people, and then asks every part of creation to sing praise to God. Just before this last part, the three men say to God that they offer all they have (which is themselves) and ask him to accept them as if they were providing the best offering one could imagine (tens of thousands of rams, bulls, and fat lambs).

... and receive God himself.

Our prayer in the Mass, which echoes the prayer of the three faithful men, works in a very similar way. We have just said to God that we offer him the gifts of bread and wine, which are not much even by human standards. Along with the bread and wine, we have ourselves to offer, and we all know that sometimes we are not very worthy offerings to God either. Yet, we ask God to accept what we offer as if it were good and pleasing to him. And what is God's response? For the last 2000 years of Masses, no matter how big or small the congregation, no matter how strong or how weak their faith, no matter how worthy (or unworthy) we think our offerings are, God accepts them. As if that weren't enough, God in his love and generosity does something unbelievable with our meager offerings. He changes them into the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ! God accepts the bread and wine from us and gives us back the gift of himself! What a generous exchange! What a great God we have!

For Reflection: 1. Reflect on Daniel 3 and pray with the words of the three young men in the fiery furnace.

2. This prayer at the conclusion of the Offertory was at one time called the "Secret." Consider these words from the Book of Tobit: "A king's secret should be kept secret, but one must declare the works of God and give thanks with due honor" (Tob 12:7, 11). Reflect on the intimate values you hold in "sacred silence" within your own heart. Allow this sense of reverence & wonder at God's generosity to inspire how you participate in the Offertory prayer at Mass.



Join us Good Friday for the
Way of the Cross

March 29, 2024 at 10:15 am
Chapel of St. Basil
University of St. Thomas - 5802 Yeakum

Procession starting at the Chapel of St. Basil, continuing throughout the city and welcomed at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

Organized by Communion and Liberation & the University of St. Thomas
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For more information: secretaryclt@gmail.com

Join other Catholics in a walking procession to pray the Way (Stations) of the Cross, beginning at 10:15 am at the Chapel of St. Basil at the University of St. Thomas & ending up at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. There will be 5 different stations along the way with Scripture readings & a homily.



**Good Friday: 10:30 am beginning in the plaza
Outdoor Stations of the Cross (1.5 miles)**

**Come join the Youth, as they lead us through
the neighborhood
with the Way of the Cross.**

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Sunday, March 24

Coffee & Donuts	Gajowniczek Bldg	after Masses
Men's WATCH Team Meeting	Kolbe Room	7:30 am
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		

Middle School Youth Group	Gajowniczek Building	2:30 pm
Adult Faith, Consolation Ministry	Higgins Building	4:00 pm
Adult Faith, Lenten Study	Kolbe Room	4:00 pm
	Kolbe Room	6:30 pm

Monday, March 25

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Scouting	Gajowniczek Building	6:00 pm
First Eucharist Prep –Student/Parent Mtg #2, Tracks 1 & 2	Kolbe Hall	6:00 pm
Adult Confirmation Meeting	Room 212	6:30 pm
Power Hour of Prayer	Chapel	7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 26

Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Legion of Mary meeting	Room 203	5:00 pm

****No Confessions or Mass****

Wednesday, March 27 Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Food Pantry	Higgins Building	3:30 pm
First Eucharist Prep-Student/Parent Mtg #2, Makeup Tracks 1 & 2	Kolbe Hall	6:00 pm
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Canticle Hall	6:15 pm
Rosary	Chapel	6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Canticle Hall	7:00 pm
Evening Prayer	Chapel	7:00 pm
High School Youth Group	Higgins Building	7:00 pm

Thursday, March 28

No Mass at 8:30 am		
Morning Prayer	Chapel	8:30 am
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Parish Office Closes at Noon		
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Praises	Chapel	3:00 pm
Rosary	Chapel	3:30 pm
Mass-Holy Thursday	Church	7:00 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 8:30 pm-12 midnight: Kolbe Hall		

Friday, March 29

That Man Is You!	Gajowniczek Building	5:30 am
No Mass at 8:30 am nor no confessions at 9 am.		
Morning Prayer	Chapel	8:30 am
Good Friday Retreat, 5-8th Grades	Higgins Building	9:00 am
Walking Stations of the Cross	surrounding area	10:30 am
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Gajowniczek Building	10:30 am
Good Friday Liturgy	Church	3:00 pm

Saturday, March 30

Morning Prayer	Chapel	8:30 am
Blessing of Easter Baskets of Food	Chapel	9:00 am
No Confessions or 5 pm Vigil Mass		
Easter Vigil Mass	Church	8:30 pm

Sunday, March 31

Mass	Church	8:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt	Plaza	
Mass	Church	10:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt	Plaza	
Mass	Church	12 Noon

Donuts & Coffee will not be served on Easter Sunday.

Things to do when you break your fast too early

- 1) Give yourself acceptance.
- 2) Think about why it happened.
- 3) Try again tomorrow.

**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

Good Friday is day of *fast & abstinence.* (Canon 1251)

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

Abstinence binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. (There is no upper age cut off for abstinence as there is for fasting.) **On days of abstinence (Good Friday) the consumption of meat of mammals or fowl is not allowed.** The Church strongly encourages the observance of Friday abstinence throughout the year, but failure to do so is not regarded as sinful. (Canon 1252)

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

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.

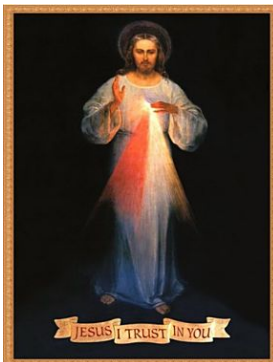
Kolbe Kids' Early Childhood Program opened to the parish on March 1st. This is a 4-day Early Childhood Program (Monday-Thursday, 9 am—1:30 pm). Children from 18 months to 4 years old are accepted. This has been a ministry of St. Maximilian for 27 years. Contact Eileen Mace at 281-970-0979 for more information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



MARCH 2024



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th



In the 1930's, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary:

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment...Let no soul fear to draw near to Me...It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Man-

kind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." There will be a **special prayer service** to honor God's great attribute, that of His loving Mercy. We invite you to join us on **April 7th**, at **2:30 pm in the Church** to pray and sing in recognition & thanksgiving for God's tremendous mercy.

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 **3:00 pm**, and end on **April 6th**. Please join us! ☐

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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: \$57,893
- Amt. under mandatory amt: \$97,108
- 195 donors out of 2172 households



2023 mandatory amt: \$150,000

- Amount Received: \$55,612
- Amt. under mandatory amt: \$94,388
- 160 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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE (CSO) serves the largest private school system in Texas. The CSO provides support to pastors & principals in 56 schools in the areas of accreditation, administration, assessment, catechist certification, curriculum development, facilities, finance, best practices in instruction, personnel, religious certification, serving the needs of all students, & technology. The CSO is responsible for implementing & supervising the accreditation process, helping schools in their participation in federal program opportunities, overseeing their role as the primary educators of their children. The CSO exists to support school pastors, principals, teachers, & communities as they work together to form students as they grow in holiness & become disciples of Jesus Christ that will transform the world.

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!

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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 an end to violence in homes.



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

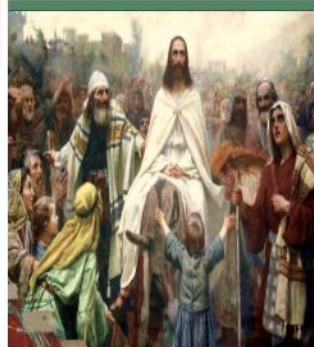
In many Eastern European countries, it's a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. The roots of this tradition date back to the early 12th century history of Poland. This Catholic ritual has been cherished for centuries among many families. It has now been adopted by people of all 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.



HOLY WEEK



**Hosanna to
the King**

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 24**

**Next High School Youth Group meetings,
Wednesdays, 7—8:30 pm;
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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FROM ALL THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS #2493,
we sincerely want to thank the St. Maximilian
Community and ALL the volunteers who made this
possible for a great event honoring St. Joseph's Feast
Day with our St. Joseph Altar. Hope everyone enjoyed
their Spaghetti Dinner and the 'Tupa Tupa' tradition!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!



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



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Faith Formation Registration for Summer 2024 and Fall-Spring 2024-25 are now open on our website:

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

Our summer programs rely on volunteers! Please contact us if you are willing to help share your faith with the children of the parish. If you have any questions, contact Molly Smith at molly.smith@stmaximilian.org or call the parish office.

2024 Calendar, Faith Formation/CCE Summer Intensive

JUNE 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

**Elementary
& Jr High
Grades 1 - 8
9:00a to Noon
June 17 - 28
Mon - Fri**



Registration Deadline
Elem, Jr High JUNE 10
High School JULY 1



Parent Meeting
First day of class, after

JUNE/JULY 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

**High School
Grades 9 - 12
6:30 to 8:30p
July 7 - 25
Su, Tu, Th**



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<https://www.pophouston.org/event/frryanmovie/>

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 have the strength & courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – Mark 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others & be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength & courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

**Collection for the Week
March 11-17, 2024**

Offertory:	\$14,559
Maintenance & Repair	\$933
Total	\$15,492

(Faith Direct is received twice a month.)

Archdiocesan 2nd Collection	\$15
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Pray for our parish!



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>).

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

Holy Week Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed on Holy Thursday, March 28th at 8 am. Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Monday, April 1st after the 8:30 am Mass..

Monday	5 am—6 am
Tuesday	12 Midnight—1 am
Tuesday	4 am—5 am
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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