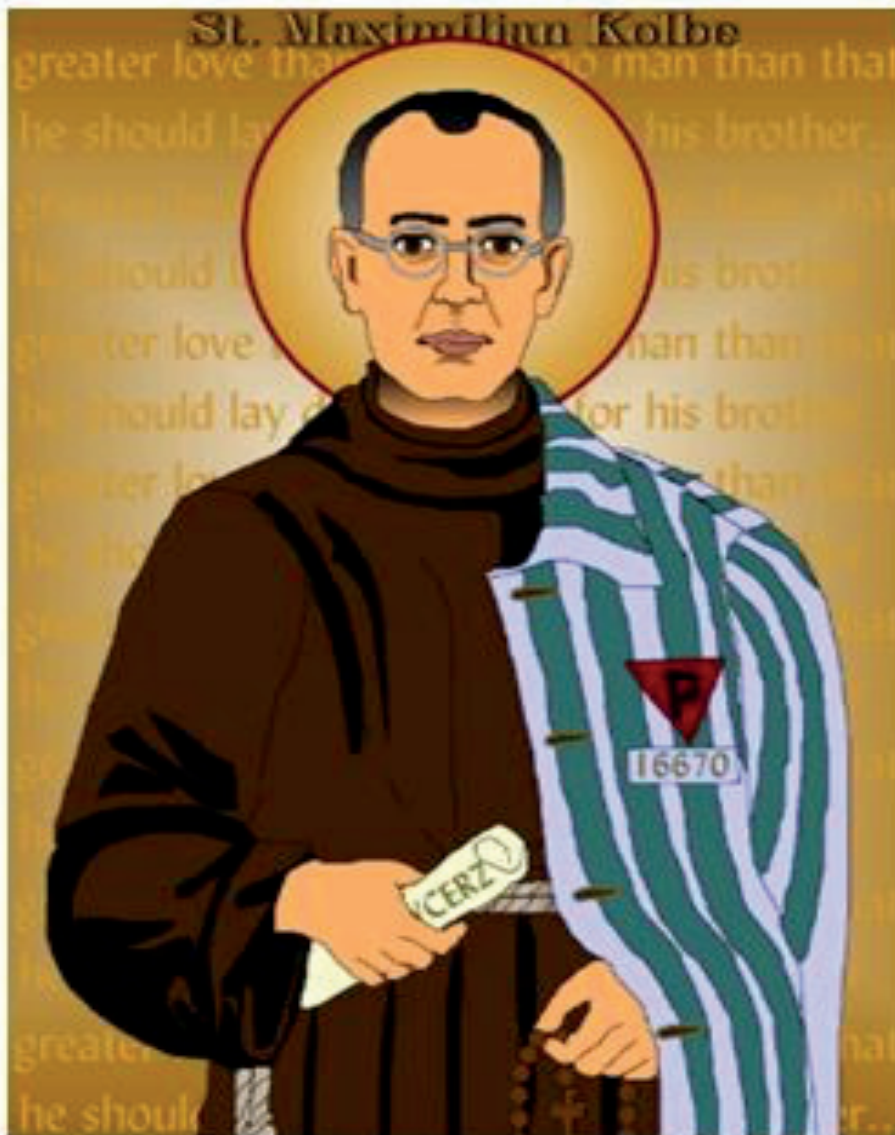


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

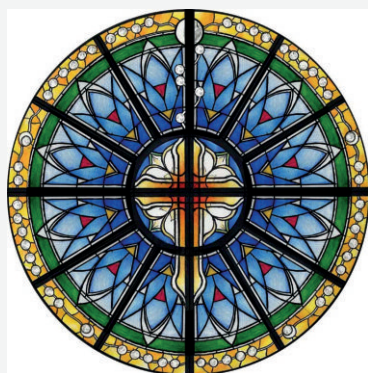
30 minutes prior to
Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass

After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm

Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
MARCH 31, 2024



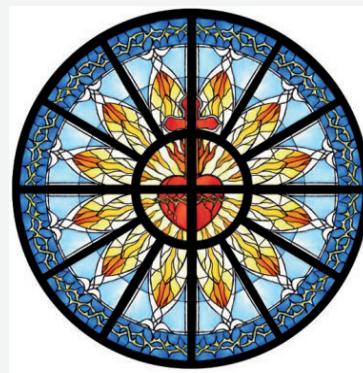
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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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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.

Easter Sunday, March 31st
8 am, 10 am & 12 Noon

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 Mayarga
Michael Olden	

We joyfully welcome our RCIA & RCIC participants who received Sacraments at this year's 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

March 31, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, Easter Sunday, we celebrate the central truth of the Christian faith: Jesus Christ resurrected! We are called to sing out with joy the Psalm response: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." Our gospel speaks of the empty tomb and coming to faith. The first reading tells us the early church proclaimed the salvation story of Jesus teaching, dying and rising and being seen by witnesses. Jesus commanded them to go and share the Good News. The gathering, offertory, Communion & closing hymns all have the same message: Jesus Christ is Risen Today. Our Collect (Opening) Prayer of today's Mass reflects this same truth: "O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life."

All the above points out the following truth of "*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi*." This is Latin which is loosely translated as "The law of praying [is] the law of believing [is] the law of living." Or as we worship, so we believe, so we live. In essence, what & how we pray is what we believe & how we live. Everything we say, sing and do in the Mass and other liturgies reflect our belief, our faith.

To our all our visitors, welcome to St. Maximilian Kolbe. For those who are from out of town, enjoy your family / friends, our city and safe travels home. For those who are visiting & live in Houston, know you are always welcome here. If you do not have a parish home, please consider us as your parish home. All people are welcome to worship here.

To help with traffic flow at intersections, we have hired police officers to direct traffic on Easter Sunday. Please say a prayer for these officers who are working on Easter Sunday, as well as all other police, fire fighters, military, medical people, etc., who are protecting & serving us.

How well do we know the Catholic faith? Are we willing to share it with others? Here at St. Maximilian Kolbe, we try to make available many different ways to learn the Catholic faith. Naturally, we have faith formation for adults, and for children and young people. We are register-

ing already for children & youth for faith formation for this summer intensive, as well as for the regular Fall Semester. See p. 9 for more info.

Recognizing that some people enjoy learning via the internet, our parish subscribes to a wonderful Catholic faith formation tool online called [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org). It offers a large variety of topics that are easy to grasp, such as the 7 Sacraments, the Bible, history of the Church, great saints, etc. Plus, this online service is geared to all levels, including to young children. This resource is available to anyone in our parish. See p. 5 on how to access this wonderful resource. See the bulletin for other faith formation opportunities.

Remember today's Easter egg hunt between the Masses. Allow your children to enjoy this event, and you as parents observe the joy in your children.

Thank you to the 6 deacons who assist me so well. They are also busy with their families, work & outside commitments, yet work so hard in the parish. Thank you to the parish staff who work so tirelessly & beyond their regular hours to give of themselves so fully to God & our parish. Thank you to all the very dedicated parishioners who offer their time & talent to help the parish, including making our church look extra beautiful & those who assist with the beauty of our worship. Thank you to all our parishioners who are so devoted to helping & feeding the needy & the poor, visiting the sick, etc.

April is designated as National Child Abuse Prevention month. In 2020, there were 618,000 victims of child abuse, at least known victims. In Texas alone, an average of 4 children die from child abuse each week, and more than 8 children are maltreated each hour. Let us pray for an end to child abuse of all types (physical, sexual, emotional, verbal, neglect, not being loved in healthy ways, etc.).

Let us pray for peace, reconciliation and healing in our world, nation and families. Pray for an end to all wars & violence against people, including the tragedy of human trafficking. Pray also for a willingness to listen, dialogue and compromise so as to come to just solutions to our many challenges in society (health care issues, life issues, immigration, etc.). Pray for those who received the Sacraments for the first time at the Easter Vigil; for holiness for all people, including our families; and more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life—cf. p. 9.

"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!



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: #1065
Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187
Gathering Hymn: #540-Jesus Christ is Risen Today
Alleluia & Gospel Acclamation
Profession of Faith/Creed: #174 or inside cover of hymnal
Preparation Hymn: #949-Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
Holy, Holy, Holy
Mystery of Faith
Amen
Lamb of God
Communion Hymns:
 #945-I am the Bread of Life
 #438-Join in the Dance
Sending Forth Hymn:
 #523-Christ the Lord is Risen Today



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The message of Peter to Cornelius & his household, in which he proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ, his life, teachings, death, & resurrection. Peter affirms that Jesus is the Lord of all, & that those who believe in Him receive forgiveness of sins & new life. (Acts 10:34-43)

Psalm: Acknowledging the LORD's goodness & eternal love, we witness His power & salvation. The once-rejected cornerstone now holds supreme importance, a marvel of divine orchestration. Let's celebrate this day, a testament to the LORD's magnificent work. (Ps 118)

Second Reading 1: Christians should focus on the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, & to set their minds on heavenly things rather than earthly things. (Col 3:1-4)

Second Reading 2: Believers in Corinth must get rid of the old leaven of malice & wickedness & to become a new batch of dough without yeast, as they are truly unleavened. (1 Cor 5:6-8)

Gospel: Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb open & empty, leading Peter & the beloved disciple to investigate. They found only linen wrappings & the head cloth folded, sparking belief in Jesus' resurrection despite not fully understanding the prophecy. (Jn 20:1-9)

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

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Mass Intentions



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

Monday, April 1 Easter Monday

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

Tuesday, April 2 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 pm Marilyn Snider †

Wednesday, April 3 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am Bill Carew †

Thursday, April 4 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am Kurt Schoelman †

Friday, April 5 Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am Anna Van Hoang †

Saturday, April 6 Saturday within the Octave of Easter

5 pm Joe & Jeanette Coury

Sunday, April 7 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

8 am Edward Zarosky †

10 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

12 Noon Sylvia Garcia de Arellano †

WE WELCOME YOU!





The Mass

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 38: Incense

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

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-38-incense>

As we continue through the Offertory of the Mass, we now come to the point where **incense** can be used. Some of us may like the incense, & others may not. Do you know what incense is made of & why we use it?



What is incense, & where does it come from? According to the *Catholic Source Book*, "Frankincense... is the main ingredient in the incense used in today's liturgies. A resin produced by a family of desert trees that grow in southern Arabia, it is derived from a sap that dries, forming crystalline lumps of an amber/gold color. For Christians, it has a rich prayer & purification symbolism. From the earliest Christian days, it has been associated with Christ, beginning with the Magi's gift ([Matthew 2:10–11](#)). Even before that, the Jews regarded its rich spicy scent as a pure offering, pleasing to God" (p. 307). Charles Belmonte adds, "Incense is a resinous substance which, when placed upon glowing charcoal, gives off a balsamic odor as it burns. It had a place in Israelite worship; in fact, the psalmist compares our prayers to the smoke of incense, rising up to heaven. In the Book of Revelation, it is seen as a symbol of the prayers of the saints" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 50).

Where is incense mentioned in the Bible? Besides the Book of Revelation, incense is mentioned in the Book of [Numbers 7:14](#) as part of an offering for the dedication of the altar. [Deuteronomy 33:10](#) makes reference to "the smoke of sacrifice." [Exodus 30:34–38](#) describes blending aromatic substances with pure frankincense in equal parts, even describing how it should be ground into fine dust. In [Revelation 5:8](#), St. John tells us the elders had "gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones." In another reference, [Revelation 8:3–4](#) describes an angel with a gold censer: "He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones... The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God..."

Hopefully, it is clear from these passages that there is a connection between incense & prayer & sacrifice. When incense is used in the Mass, there are times when it is clearly used to reverence people & things, which is especially clear when incense is used during the Offertory of the Mass. Referring to this part of the Mass, *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says, after the bread & wine are placed on the altar, "the Priest may incense the gifts placed on the altar & then incense the cross & the altar itself, so as to signify the Church's offering & prayer rising like incense in the sight of God. Next, the Priest, because of his sacred ministry, & the people, by reason of their baptismal dignity, may be incensed by the Deacon or by another minister" (GIRM, 75). As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, "this particular incense shows a connectedness between the altar of sacrifice, those offering the sacrifice, & those uniting themselves to the sacrifice. Before being incensed we bow not only as a sign of reverence but as a sign of affirmation that, like the incense, we offer our lives to God and pray they be lifted up & transformed" (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 12).



Why is incense used at Mass? One older priest once said to me that he loves using incense to honor holy people & holy things. As he sees the smoke rising, he is mindful that we are gathered together as God's people in the Mass, joining Jesus in offering the perfect sacrifice to the Father. In the Mass, our prayers are joined together, & the incense gives us a visual reminder of those prayers being offered to God. He also mentioned he places one, two, or three spoons of incense (from the little container called an incense boat) onto the burning charcoal in the censer (sometimes called a thurible). For him, one spoonful calls to mind the Oneness of God; two spoonfuls point to the two natures of Christ (human & divine); & three indicate the three persons of the Trinity. For that priest, this is a simple way to recall core truths about God as we pray together in the Mass.

To summarize for us, Fr. Oury notes that incensing "is a mark of honor paid to the offerings that are going to become the Body & Blood of Christ. The honor extends to all the people participating in the celebration & to their offerings, which represent their life & work. Incensing is also a kind of petition, a deeply meaningful one. Through it we pray that the Church's offering & the Church's prayer may mount to heaven, to the presence of God above, like a veritable cloud of incense" (*The Mass*, p. 87).

For Reflection: 1. Read & pray with one or all of the Old Testament uses of incense Father Luke cites ([Numbers 7:14](#), [Deuteronomy 33:10](#), & [Exodus 30:34–38](#)). As you reflect on what you read, allow the historical uses of incense to enrich your understanding of the role of incense in the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

2. Reflect on the role of incense in [Revelation 5:8](#) & [8:3–4](#). As you pray, privately or liturgically, imagine your prayers rising to God like incense.



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All life is sacred & valuable from the womb to the tomb!

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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

Monday, April 1

Mass	Church	8:30 am
Parish Office Closed		all day
Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Scouting	Gajowniczek Building	6:00 pm
Scouts Committee Meeting	Room 215	6:30 pm
Adult Confirmation Meeting	Room 212	6:30 pm
Power Hour of Prayer	Chapel	7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 2

Kolbe Kids ECH Program	Gajowniczek Building	9:00 am
Legion of Mary meeting	Room 203	5:00 pm
Confessions	Church	6:00 pm
Mass	Church	6:30 pm
Thysia, Holy Hour	Church	7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 3

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

Thursday, April 4

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

Friday, April 5

That Man Is You!	Gajowniczek Building	5:30 am
Mass	Church	8:30 am
Confessions	Church	9:00 am
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Gajowniczek Building	10:30 am
Women's WATCH Retreat Pot Luck	Gajowniczek Building	6:00 pm

Saturday, April 6

First Eucharist Workshop, Tract 2	Gajowniczek Building	8:00 am
Confessions	Church	3:00 pm
Vigil Mass	Church	5:00 pm

Sunday, April 7

Divine Mercy Sunday

Men's WATCH Team Meeting	Kolbe Room	7:30 am
Coffee & Donuts	Gajowniczek Bldg.	after Masses
Mass	Church	8:00 am
Mass	Church	10:00 am
RCIA Reception	Gajowniczek Building	after Mass
Mass	Church	12 Noon
Divine Mercy Prayer Service	Church	2:00 pm
Youth Faith Formation, Sunday Classes		
	Gajowniczek Building	2:30 pm
Adult Faith, Consolation Ministry	Kolbe Room	4:00 pm
Adult Faith, Lenten Study	Kolbe Room	6:30 pm

Donuts & Coffee will not be served on Easter Sunday.

The parish offices will be closed Easter Monday.

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.



Tuesday, April 2nd: 7 pm-8 pm

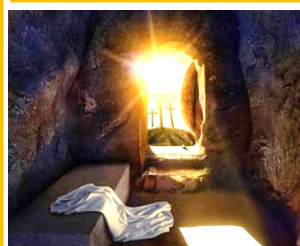
THYSIA

An hour of Eucharistic
Adoration, Worship, and
Scripture

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

**The Rosary Making Ministry meets at 7 pm Thurs,
April 4th in the Parish Office Conference Room.**

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



Christ is Risen!



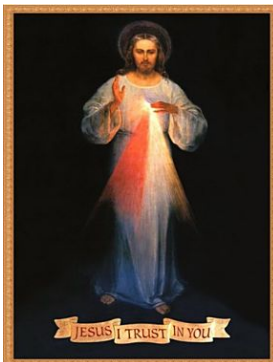
**We are Easter people
and
Alleluia is our song!**

St. Augustine

The **Legion of Mary** ministry is meeting at **5 pm** on **Tuesdays** in Room 203. Would your family like to welcome Mary to your home? The Legion of Mary would be happy to bring Our Lady of Fatima statue to your home to stay for a week (or more). We would pray the welcome and goodbye with you and only ask that you pray the rosary before the statue each day She is at your home. Contact Dan Gallagher at gal-lagher.dan.j@gmail.com or (281) 450-4683 for more information.



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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2023 mandatory amt: \$150,000

- Amount Received: \$52,137
- Amt. under mandatory amt: \$97,863
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Food Pantry is open Wednesdays at 3:30 pm
WE NEED MORE FOOD!

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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

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

Rudy Antrich †, brother of Bernie Dyer & Joyce Felcman
Alfaro Arrazola †, husband of Mabel Arrazola

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.

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p. 8  The **2024 Women's W.A.T.C.h. retreat** is **July 27/28**. The retreat team meets on Sundays @ 9:30 am in Kolbe Room. Please join our next meeting on April 7th. An upcoming Women's WATCH team event is a pot-luck dinner & bonding @ 6:30pm in the education building on April 5th. 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
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"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



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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

**We Are The Church
Retreat**



Prayer Blankets available after the Masses next weekend.

**Next Middle School Youth Group meetings,
Sundays; 4—5:30 pm
April 14 & 28**

**Next High School Youth Group meetings,
Wednesdays, 7—8:30 pm;
April 10, 17 & 24**

St. Max Youth Ministry Fundraiser Disc Golf Tournament



**Saturday, April 27
Agnes Moffitt Park, Houston, TX**

**Check in 8:30-9:00 a.m., Play 9:30-11:30
Doubles (Scramble) Format**

**Youth, Recreational, and Advanced Divisions!
\$50 / Team Entry Fee**



Prizes for division winners & CTPs

All proceeds will go towards
St. Max Youth Ministry summer events
Register Here! →



"The Chosen"

Join us in watching this popular series on "the big screen" in Education Bldg on the 2nd Saturday of the month after the 5 pm Mass (around 6:15 pm). Be sure to mark your calendar for the following date
: **April 13**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL 2024	1 RYAN BERGER	2 JOSE VERA	3 WESLEY HENRY	4 ALEXANDER CRUZ	5 BASIL HOUSEWRIGHT	6 DCN. DAVID RAMIREZ
7 FELIX RANGEL	8 JOHN CLARK	9 MITCHELL SCHUMANN	10 JOHN PAUL PHILLIPS	11 SHAWN VARKEY	12 JOSH SVAJDA	13 HAI DAO

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

April 21, 2024 is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Loving and gracious God, Father of all, you bless your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters & brothers to offer themselves in the service of the gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to you, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen. *Most Reverend Joseph A. Fiorenza*

Pray for abundant blessings on all our young people & their families.



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

Faith Formation Registration for Summer 2024 and Fall-Spring 2024-25 are now open, see QR code.

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



He is Risen!

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

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

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

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 our Easter celebration will help us to become more grateful & generous to make sacrifices to help build God's kingdom on earth.

**"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."
- Colossians 3:2**

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose & opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate & sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily & listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the collection amounts for Palm Sunday were not available. We will report them in a subsequent bulletin.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP JUNE 3-6

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Upcoming youth events!

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**Pray for our parish!**


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JULY 26-28, 2024
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INCOMING FRESHMAN TO OUTGOING SENIORS!
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Stuebenville June Lone Star 21-23

ILLUMINATE
JOHN 1:9

High School Youth Conference Register!


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://stm Maximilian.org/2024-pilgrimage>).

Be generous to the Maintenance & Repair fund.

Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament 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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