

# Making your Commitment

Fill out the enclosed Commitment Card and bring it to Mass next weekend

or

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## Fulfilling your New Commitment

Three simple and secure ways to do so:



To sign up for **Online Giving** or to update your current online gift amount, visit our parish website at [www.stmaxkolbepoconos.org](http://www.stmaxkolbepoconos.org) and click on "Give" under the main menu.



Use your **offering envelope** and bring it to Mass each Sunday or mail it to the parish office.



Explore using **tax advantaged charitable gifts** such as IRA Distributions, Gifts of Stock, or remembering the parish in your will. For more information, contact the parish office at (570) 646-6424.

# Disciples to the Max



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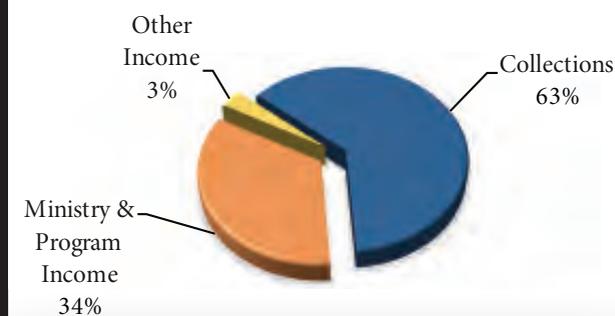


# Financial Snapshot: 2021/2022 Fiscal Year

## Operating Income

Collections	\$322,667.73
Ministry & Program Income	\$175,916.77
Other Income	<u>\$16,192.14</u>

**Total Operating Income** **\$514,776.64**

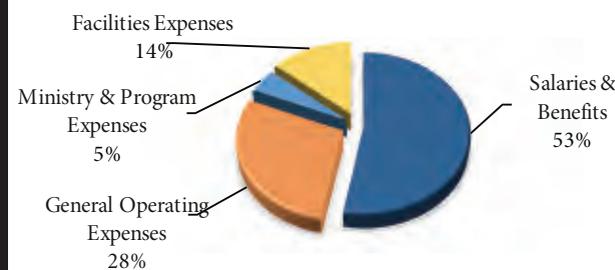


## Operating Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	\$180,766.00
General Operating Expenses	\$97,275.86
Ministry & Program Expenses	\$16,329.45
Facilities Expenses	<u>\$47,087.29</u>

**Total Operating Expense** **\$341,458.60**

**Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)** **\$173,318.04**



In our desire to live the commandment and love one another better, we join in response to the God who loved us first. We strive to do the work of Christ and engage our resources to further the ministry and mission of Our Lord. We acknowledge that everything we have is a gift from our creator.

Here, united in God's love, we are a visible sign of the body of Christ and together we do great things. Nourished by prayer and the sacraments, the members of our parish community are journeying on the path of discipleship and growing in relationship with Jesus Christ daily. We value discipleship and evangelization.

St. Maximilian Kolbe gave up his life for a total stranger and loved his persecutors. He gives us an example of unselfish love for all men, a love that was inspired by true devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Through ministries and outreach programs, we put into action the truth he so eloquently stated when he said, "Without Sacrifice, there is no love."

### We Worship

**417**

Masses said in our church each year

**16**

hours devoted to Eucharistic Adoration

**192**

visits by Eucharistic Ministers to homes and nursing facilities

**34**

parishioners served in Liturgical Ministry

**14**

Greeters and Ushers welcomed Mass attendees

### We Teach

**653**

families in our parish

**14**

Baptisms

**5**

First Communion

**6**

Confirmations

**10**

Funerals

**81**

Retreat attendees

**48**

Children in Religious Ed

**3**

RCIA Candidates

### We Care

**\$4,000**

worth of Essentials Packages donated to Family Promise

**\$2,760**

donated to the TOMEC Food Pantry

**\$750**

collected for Social Concerns

**\$1,025**

donated to Local Community Efforts

**4**

families receiving Food Assistance

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From the time I began ministering here at **St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish** last summer, I have been moved by your passionate discipleship! ***Our community's beautiful spirit of hospitality, generosity, dedication, joyful service, and ongoing commitment to grow in faith inspires and sustains me.***

The Scriptures regularly remind us that **“with God all things are possible”** (Mt. 19:26). Over the years, parishioners and regular visitors of this church have walked together through mergers, hardships, pastors, and all kinds of change and strife. With God, you have weathered the storm and maintained the **call to be joyful disciples** in a world that needs to see that joy.

***This year, we are called to renew and refresh our commitment to discipleship – to allow ourselves to reimagine the possibilities for our parish community going forward.*** Our financial gifts to the parish go directly to support the work of spreading the Gospel – the education of youth in Religious Education, the formation of our youth through ministry programs, outreach to the sick and shut-in, the facilitation of adult education and formation, the care of the poor, the beautification of our Church, the education and formation of those who wish to become Catholic in RCIA, music ministry, and most especially the provision of the Sacraments and the preaching of the Word of God. And the list goes on and on. These are the ways in which God blesses our parish to cooperate with Him in the spreading of the Kingdom.

Your almsgiving and willingness to be disciples supports our current programs and has helped build our reputation as a truly joyful and giving parish. Our Sunday Offertory can fund this expanded vision, too – and more! With this in mind, **I invite you to respond with a renewed commitment: “Disciples to the Max!”** Please review our reports within this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help our parish grow. This is not about St. Max needing money. This is about the community needing St. Max – you and me. With God's grace and our offerings of prayer, talents, skills, and financial resources, we will share the gospel and save souls.

On February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a special Commitment Weekend, *inviting all members who are able* to make a financial commitment that will allow our St. Max family to thrive while meeting our growing needs. **Please participate.** I realize these are challenging economic times... even more so for those who need us most. A renewed commitment from each family could make a large difference for those to whom we minister.

As your new and grateful Partner in Christ, I thank you for your trust, generosity, prayers, and ongoing commitment.

Yours,

*Fr. Paschal*

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