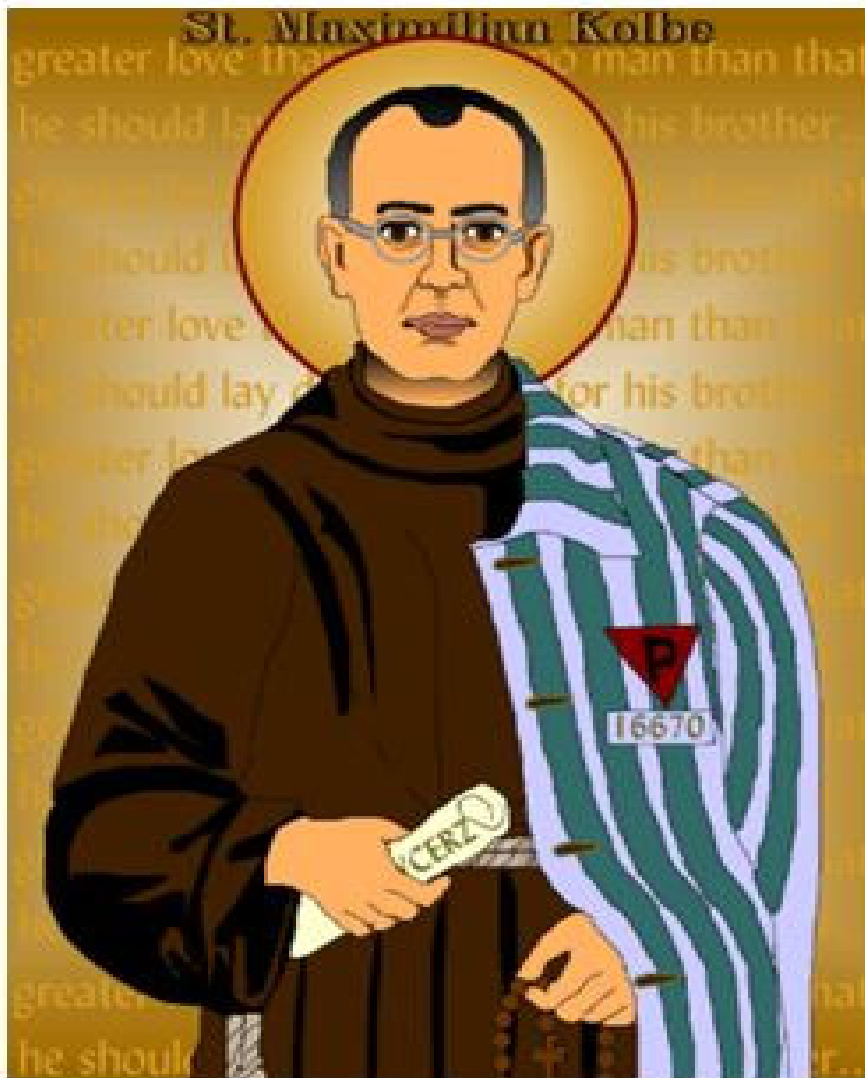


# ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE



A Parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



## Weekend Masses

### **Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass**

(Recorded & shown on  
Saint Maximilian Kolbe Church  
YouTube channel)

### **Sunday**

**8 am & 10 am; 12 Noon**

## Daily Mass

**Monday – Saturday**

**8:30 am**

## Confessions during Lent

**After 8:30 am Mass on:**

• **Monday & Wednesday**

**Friday:**

• **6 pm - 7 pm**

**7 pm Stations of the Cross**

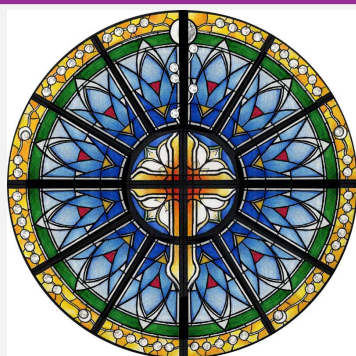
**Saturday:**

• **after 8:30 am Mass**

• **3 pm – 4:30 pm**

—or by appointment.

**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT      MARCH 21, 2021**



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

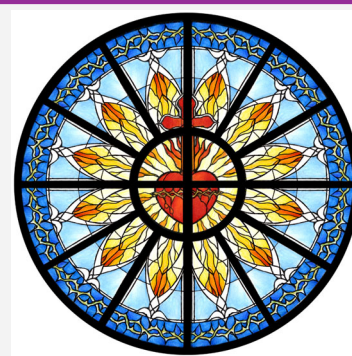
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**Deacon Dennis Hayes • Deacon Steve Klak**  
**Deacon John Naber • Deacon Matt Rust • Deacon Joe Weir**

## 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.*

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Martha Alvarado  
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Diana Thomas—Faith Formation Assistant

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Mitch Reece (Facilitator)  
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Eileen Torres  
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Paul Yim  
Ken Zavatsky

### 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, except during Lent. 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.



Palm Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>  
(regular Mass times)

7 pm Holy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

3 pm Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 pm Holy Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
(April 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>: No other times other than above)

**Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**8 & 10 am, 12 Noon**

***I will place my law within them  
and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.***  
*Jeremiah 31:33*

### Confessions during Lent

- Mondays after 8:30 am Mass
- Wednesdays after 8:30 am Mass
- Fridays: 6 pm-7 pm, March 12-26
- 7 pm Fridays: Stations of the Cross**
- Saturdays after 8:30 am Mass
- Saturdays: 3 pm-4:30 pm

### **Last chance for confessions prior to Easter:**

- Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> after 8:30 am Mass
- Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> after 8:30 am Mass

**March 21, 2021**

Dear Friends in Christ,

There are different options available for the penitential rite for the beginning of the Mass (as well as for all the different parts of the Mass) in the Roman Missal. The Roman Missal is the red book the priest uses to pray out of at Mass that gives instructions on how to celebrate Mass and options for the Mass.

During this Season of Lent, we have been using the *Confiteor* ("I confess to almighty God..."), followed by the sung *Kyrie / Christe, eleison* (Greek) for Lord / Christ, have mercy. In the *Confiteor*, we repeat "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." Why do we repeat it 3 times? In biblical Jewish understanding, it was a way to emphasize a reality. That is why we repeat 3 times the "Lord, have mercy," the "Holy, Holy, Holy" or "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world". Or why did Jesus ask Peter if he loved him 3 times? All to emphasize a reality.

Then why are we asked to strike our breast at "through my fault,...? Remember the story of the Pharisee and the tax collector who prayed in the temple. How the Pharisee took up his position in the temple and extolled how great he was, especially in relation to the tax collector. Notice the following: "But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but *beat his breast* and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" (Luke 18:13) All of us are both the Pharisee and the tax collector at different times. But we are called to be humble like the tax collector. To be humble is to be honest with ourselves in the recognition that sin is not to be taken casually and sin is prevalent. So the repetition of the words and striking of the breast are not intended to be a self-hatred but rather to be humble, to recognize our sinfulness and ask the Lord to have mercy on us.

When we go to the Sacrament of Penance (confession), the penitent (the one confessing sins) is asked after the penance is given, to say out-loud an Act of Contrition (a prayer of sorrow for one's sins). The Rite of Penance gives a variety of options. Normally, we think of only 2 different versions: 1) "O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee..." 2) "My God, I am sorry for my sins with my whole heart..." Both are very

appropriate and acceptable. It is up to the penitent to use the one he/she prefers or a version of it. But the ritual allows many other versions, some that have scriptural undertones, including a version of the tax collector's prayer "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." (Luke 18:13)

During Lent, we are using a different song setting for the Holy, Holy, Holy, the Mystery of Faith and the Amen. (This has been a practice for several years here, with the use of the Latin *Agnus Dei*, Lamb of God.) But have you recognized the melody / music for these responses? It is the same music from the common hymn "Where Charity and Love Prevail." Many times, I think we "recognize" something but cannot always put it together.

Thank you once again for continuing to observe the Covid precautions that the Cardinal has mandated, especially wearing facial masks (including over both mouth and nose). See p. 5. All of us as Catholics are to respect and follow our bishop's directives. For me, I took a promise of obedience when I was ordained both as a deacon and a priest. The bishop who ordained me asked me "Do you promise respect and obedience to me and my successors?" Just as you, I too struggle with obedience. But I do my best to follow the bishop's directives. Is that not the major effect of original sin when Adam and Eve did not follow God's original directive? We all continue not to follow God's commandments, and it brings at times severe consequences. Does that mean I like everything I am asked to do by my bishop (or anyone else)? Of course not. But am I any different than you? You are called to promote and follow the policies and directives of your employer and the company you work for. If you do not, you will be out of job very soon! Though you do not promise obedience per se to your spouse (though you may feel you have), havoc will occur when you do not "listen" to your spouse and do the exact opposite.

Let's also be honest, a bishop (or any boss) does not have the time to micro-manage a priest's life on how to run a parish. But the People of God have a right that the liturgy, the Sacraments be celebrated as the Church directs. So the Cardinal has the responsibility also to do what is good for the people, including the Covid precautions. Next week, I will address some of the requests of the Cardinal on how we will celebrate Holy Week. These are legitimate options given by the Church, but options perhaps that we have not experienced pre-Covid times.

**"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**

**p. 4 THE NEW COVENANT** Today's 1st reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart. Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56  
**Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

### *Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ!*

For the scriptures used at Mass every day & to hear a Reflection, go to: <http://www.usccb.org>  
 On the very top Menu bar, tab in on "Daily Reading." Then click on the date of the readings you would like to read. You may also request to have the daily readings sent to your email.

**Weekend Homilies** are recorded & posted now on our parish webpage:  
<https://stmaximilian.org/>

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jer 31:31-34) or Ez 37:12-14.  
**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.  
**Second Reading** — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.  
**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, Mar. 20

**8:30 am** Larry Sklaney †  
**5 pm Vigil** Fernando Narvaez †  
 Joe & Jeanette Coury

#### Sunday, Mar. 21

5th Sunday of Lent

**8 am** Napoleon L. Esperanza †  
 Michael Gallagher  
**10 am** Ralph Gary †  
**12 Noon** Parishioners of St. Maximilian

#### Monday, Mar. 22

**8:30 am** Dominic Bui †

#### Tuesday, Mar. 23

St. Turibius

**8:30 am** Alveraize Saizan  
 James W. Cozart, Jr. † & David & Camila Thiam †

#### Wednesday, Mar. 24

**8:30 am** Tara Burchfield †  
 Walbur Salcedo †

#### Thursday, Mar. 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

**8:30 am** Diane & Morgan Shinn

#### Friday, Mar. 26

**8:30 am** Carolyn Harvison †

#### Saturday, Mar. 27

**8:30 am** Antonio Crisostomo †  
**5 pm Vigil** Jose Feliciano †

#### Sunday, Mar. 28

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**8 am** Edward Zarosky †  
**10 am** Lindsay Bowker †  
 Louise Meleski †  
**12 Noon** Parishioners of St. Maximilian  
 Jose Raymond A. Yano

### 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

Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now pray.

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

Angie Saenz †, mother of Sandra Wissing  
Richard Christensen †, husband of Muriel  
Becky Quintanilla †

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.

### REMINDER: COVID PRECAUTIONS NO CHANGES AT THIS TIME

—Everyone is to social distance, unless you are in a family/household or a couple.

—Everyone is to wear a face mask fully & properly, including over one's nose.

—When approaching for Holy Communion, maintain a 6 foot distance in front of the person before you.

—Wear your mask while receiving Holy Communion, step to side 6 feet, remove your mask, consume, replace your mask & return your place.

### Kolbe Kids' Early Childhood Program!

We are accepting enrollment applications for the 2021-22 school year. Kolbe Kids' accepts children 18 months through 4 years old. If you are interested in enrolling your child or taking a tour of our school, please contact Eileen Mace @ 281-970-0979.

## Guidelines for Fridays & Good Friday Observance

Good Friday is a 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. On days of abstinence during Lent (Ash Wednesday & Fridays), 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).

### Lenten Friday Dinners "to go" during Lent

—\$10 per plate: Fried Fish, French Fries, Hushpuppies, Cole Slaw—no special orders.

—Drive thru 6 pm: Loop through parking lot toward Cook School. Someone will come to your car for the # of plates to go. Then your "to-go" plates will be delivered to your car.



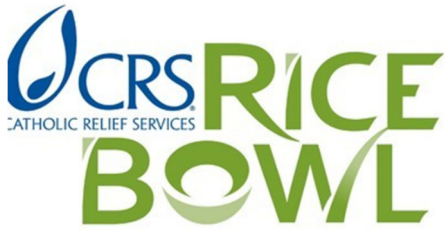
7 pm Fridays  
STATIONS of the CROSS  
Confessions  
6 pm - 7 pm Fridays



### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



and we help our neighbors with a food bank and many other collections with gratitude and in recognition of our blessings. This is an opportunity to help those who struggle to meet basic needs. Our community can connect to our neighbors through this online page. Bringing together our Lenten alms as a community this Lent can help end global hunger. Community giving helps support families in more than 100 countries receive access to enough nutritious food not only to survive, but to thrive. Whether in-person, online, or in spirit—our community can come together to pray, fast, and give through **CRS Rice Bowl**. Check the website. Some highlights are: Lenten calendar: <https://www.crsricebowl.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/RiceBowl.2021.Calendar.ENG.pdf>  
Lenten Recipes from around the world: <https://www.crsricebowl.org/recipe>



### Daily Lenten Reflections sent to your email:

- Led By The Spirit: <https://formed.org/lent>
- Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>
- Bishop Robert Barron: <https://www.lentreflections.com/>

### For families:

- Articles, activities, prayers & videos: [https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/?utm\\_source=ces-par&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=lent2021&utm\\_campaign=seasonmail2021](https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/?utm_source=ces-par&utm_medium=email&utm_content=lent2021&utm_campaign=seasonmail2021)
- Lenten Action Cards: [https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2017/01/lenten-actions-cards/?utm\\_source=ces-par&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=lent2021&utm\\_campaign=seasonmail2021](https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2017/01/lenten-actions-cards/?utm_source=ces-par&utm_medium=email&utm_content=lent2021&utm_campaign=seasonmail2021)
- Lent with the Saints: [https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2019/02/lent-with-the-saints/?utm\\_source=ces-par&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=lent2021&utm\\_campaign=seasonmail2021](https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2019/02/lent-with-the-saints/?utm_source=ces-par&utm_medium=email&utm_content=lent2021&utm_campaign=seasonmail2021)
- Stations of the Cross (many different related resources): [https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/stations-of-the-cross/?utm\\_source=ces-par&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=lent2021&utm\\_campaign=seasonmail2021](https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/stations-of-the-cross/?utm_source=ces-par&utm_medium=email&utm_content=lent2021&utm_campaign=seasonmail2021)

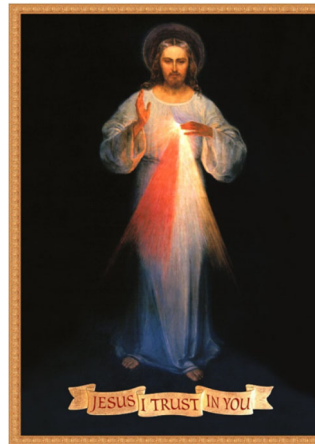
### Print Resources that will be available in the office and on the kiosk:

The Little Black Book      Magnificat Lenten Companion      *I Thirst: 40 days with Mother Teresa*

One of the outstanding characteristics about our parish is the generosity of our community. We helped our neighbors during Hurricane Harvey

One year ago, COVID-19 began to seriously disrupt our lives. During this tumultuous year, everyone has suffered, whether from isolation, illness, unemployment, or another pandemic problem. Pope Francis has urged us to grow from these experiences: "If we are to come out of this crisis less selfish than when we went in, we have to let ourselves be touched by others' pain," he wrote. Has COVID-19 stretched your heart? Whether you give to a food pantry or call a shut-in, act on your compassion today.

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA



On **April 2nd, Good Friday**, all are invited to pray the **Novena to the Divine Mercy** in the **Immaculata Chapel at 2:30 pm**. *Each day of the novena we will pray the **Chaplet Of Divine Mercy** and offer intentions to the **Merciful Heart of Jesus**.* On the following 8 days, we will pray at **3 pm** in the **Chapel** and will complete the novena on **Saturday, April 10th**. Join us.



## U.S. Bishop Chairmen Reaffirm Protections for Faith-Based Foster Care and Adoption Providers

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MARCH 15, 2021 by Public Affairs Office

WASHINGTON — Three committee chairmen of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) are affirming their strong support for the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act of 2021. The Act would prevent the federal government and any state receiving federal funds for child welfare services from taking adverse action against a provider that declines to conduct its services in a manner that would violate its religious or moral principles.

“Child welfare providers, who serve the needs and rights of children regardless of background, enjoy the cherished freedom of religious liberty like all Americans,” wrote the bishops in a letter of support to Representative Mike Kelly (R-PA) and Senator Tim Scott (R-SC), who introduced identical bills in their respective chambers.

Some faith-based child welfare providers, including those operating in Massachusetts, Illinois, California, Philadelphia, New York, and the District of Columbia, have been excluded from carrying out adoption and foster care services because the providers act on their belief that children deserve to be placed with a married mother and father. The chairmen said, “The Inclusion Act would remedy this unjust discrimination, and maximize the benefit to thousands of children in need, by enabling all foster care and adoption providers to serve the needs of parents and children in a manner consistent with the providers’ religious beliefs and moral convictions.”

Stressing that the Inclusion Act also respects the importance of a parent’s choice, the chairmen remarked, “Adoptive and foster care parents, as well as women and men who want to place their children, ought to be able to choose an agency that shares their religious beliefs or convictions about the best interests of their children.”

The letter of support was signed by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee for Religious Liberty; Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; and Bishop David A. Konderla of Tulsa, chairman of the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage.



Save the Date!  
Good Friday Retreat for Youth  
Will be held @ St. Maximilian on April 2nd  
Jr. High and High School Students  
Registration online @ [stmaximilian.org](http://stmaximilian.org)  
Are you interested in helping staff this retreat? Contact Molly Smith @  
[mollys@stmaximilian.org](mailto:mollys@stmaximilian.org) this week!



## Please pray this Vocation Prayer everyday during Lent

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let Your invitation continue to resound: “Come, follow Me!”

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated in Your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send workers to Your harvest and do not allow us to be lost for lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

## A Prayer to St. Joseph for the Year of St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



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Make sure our parish,  
St. Maximilian Kolbe,  
is written on your pledge card,  
not any other parish name.

# Walk in the Light of Christ

**Did you know?** Guided by God's love & backed by DSF, Catholic Charities help people in need achieve self-sufficiency & life with dignity in southeast Texas. For 75 years, Catholic Charities has provided food, clothing, shelter & a network of support services to people of all ages and from all walks of life & religious backgrounds. Promoting social justice & serving as a voice for the poor & vulnerable. Annually, Catholic Charities provides help & creates hope for more than 85,000 people as they create better lives for themselves & their families. DSF supports 60+ programs benefitting 1.7 million Catholics.



## 2021 Mandatory Amount: \$ 138,000

Since 2016, our DSF mandatory amount has remained the same at \$138,000.

Just like every year, we can meet this amount.

But let's meet this pledged amount by the end of this June.

So far, \$28,234 has been paid.

In the meantime, please make your pledge.

**Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak, Pastor**

### KofC & CDA SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the KofC's Deacon Auburn Higgins Memorial Educational Scholarships and the CDA's Father John Francis Ulm Education Scholarships are now be accepted. The application form can be found @ [www.stmaximilian.org](http://www.stmaximilian.org). The deadline has been extended to June 1, 2021. Contact Jeff Kopecky for more information-jalkop@juno.com or Micki Switzler @ 713-896-1145.

### An S.O.S. Lenten Journey

Ladies, the Sisters of the Spirit are hosting a Lenten study group for St. Maximilian's parish-wide journey through *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*. Presented as a three-part series via Formed.org, the study shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the boundless depth of God's love. The S.O.S. group will continue its Zoom study with Session 3 this Thursday, March 25 from 7-8:30 pm. Join us to view and discuss the Formed.org video! Please reach out to Mary Gwynne at [gwynnmary4@gmail.com](mailto:gwynnmary4@gmail.com) to join, or just jump on at the link available via the S.O.S. Flocknote email or Facebook page.



... to parishioner, Jan Hains,  
and the Youth that volunteered to help conditioning the wooden surfaces of the church during Spring Break.

**Respect Life  
in All Stages of Life**



**MARCH: Intention for Evangelization—Sacrament of Reconciliation** *Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.*

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

That we may show our gratitude for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice by generously making sacrifices in our own lives. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16 Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

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**STEWARDSHIP**

**Collection for the Week of Mar. 8-14, 2021**

Offertory:	\$ 12,168
Maintenance & Repair:	\$ 325
<b>Collection Total:</b>	<b>\$ 12,493</b>
<b>Faith Direct (3/15/2021) (Offertory):</b>	<b>\$ 21,774</b>
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repair:</b>	<b>\$ 1,540</b>
<b>Faith Direct Total:</b>	<b>\$ 23,314</b>
Various 2nd Archdiocesan Collections:	\$2,135
Catholic Relief Services:	\$1,585
Black & Indian Missions:	530
Archdiocesan Social Ministries	20

**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 someone added to our Parish Prayer List, contact the parish office @ 281-955-7324. Going forward the Prayer List in the bulletin will be reviewed periodically and names on the list over 90 days will be removed unless we receive notification to retain them. May God bless you, protect you and please keep all those on our list in your prayers. Thank you.

**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*

Day of the week	Hours Needed
Monday	10 pm—11 pm
Tuesday	12 Midnight – 1 am
Tuesday	3 am—4 am
Tuesday	5 am—6 am
Tuesday	4 pm—5 pm
Sunday	11 pm—Midnight



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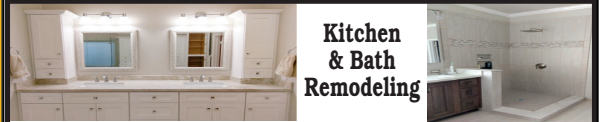


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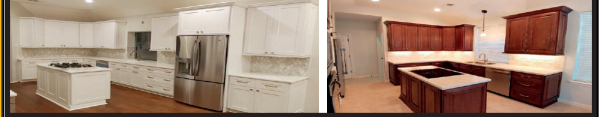


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