MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

WELCOME TO ST. MAX PARISH!

Welcome to the St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish community! If you would like to register in the parish, please pick up a packet in the gathering space and return the registration form. Once registered, you will receive our monthly newsletter and emails. Please know our staff and parish leaders are here to be of service to you. Additional information about our parish can be found on our website, www.saint-max.org.

Sunday, August 27

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM † Barney Lawless and † Vincent Bao Nguyen and

† Maria Chi Dang

10:00 AM People of the parish and † Dung Nguyen † Louise Bowling and † Jane Lindsay NOON

Monday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Griffin Lucas Franke 6:00 PM Mass at St. Susanna, Mason

Tuesday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30 AM † Lucia

7:00 PM Mass at St. John, West Chester

Wednesday, August 30

8:30 AM † The deceased members of the Nguyen family

Thursday, August 31

8:30 AM † Diana Yeulig

Friday, September 1

8:30 AM Members of the Michael family and † Jane Lindsay

Saturday, September 2

8:30 AM † Oscar Angeles 4:30 PM † Bess Dulude

Sunday, September 3

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM † Eufemia Ortega and Orphan Souls

10:00 AM People of the parish and for the intentions of our

Outreach Ministry volunteers and

† Kathy Woiciechowski

NOON † Anna Corkhill

† Deceased

THIS WEEK'S READINGS NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 22:19-23 Jeremiah 20:7-9 Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8 Psalm 63:2-6.8-9 Romans 11:33-36 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27 Matthew 16:13-20

DEVOTIONS (all in chapel)

Perpetual Adoration - Our chapel is open continuously

Exposition - The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after

Mass, a Holy Hour begins at 7:00 PM

Rosary - One half hour before all Masses

Divine Mercy Chaplet - After all Masses

Our sympathy to the families of all those who have died, especially:

Ron McCane Marvin Miesse, husband of Sheila Miesse



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Your healing prayers are requested for Earl Abeln, Art Arand, Grace Basta, Lisa Bingaman, Bob Bruns, Brian Bruns, Kristine Bruns, Jennifer Calangi, Maya Collins, Michael Coon, Marian Conrad, Dr. Michael Cushing, Angelique Debets, Henry DeNicola, Ashley Douglas, Jack Easter, Bill Ebben, Jackie Eckles, Alicia Hollenkamp-Adkins, Gaye Hollenkamp Eubanks, Levi Gasner, Mary Ferraro, Robert Ferraro, Jack Finke, Timmy Fischer, Mary Fritz, Clyde Garrison, Karen Gross, Richard Gross, Sol Gross, James Gunselman, Gail Hamilton, Gary Hampton, Judy Harrod, Russell Harrod, John Hendy Jr., Al Higgins, Jill Holt, Geraldine Hughes, Maureen Imfeld. Jennifer Klenke, Don Klinkhammer, Hank Kluznick, Joey Lakeberg, Michael Lancaster, Paul Levasseur, Barb Listermann, Tom Lutz, Ron Lynch, Joe Marksteiner, Char McCarthy, Lyla McGlinchey, Andrew Meister, Jacob Meister, Beryl Michael, Judy Michael, Sheila Miesse, Daniel R. Miller, James Moores, Trevor Vincent Munafo, Todd Muzzarelli, Gene Neltner, Victor Nguyen, Fr. John Porter, Stephanie Pulling, Annie Prather, Agnes Rahman, Kristof Rattermann, Quintin Richardson, Evelyn Robinson, Joyce Roehm, Joseph Romer, Margot Roth, James Santos, Kerry Santos, Dory Schade, Rose Mary Schaefer, James Schaeper, Michael Schoonover, Julie Schrock, Rose Seibert, Eric Stearman, Debbie Stoeckel, Richard Sunnenberg, Ernestine Tomblin, Tari Torbeck, Kenneth Trimbach, George Vesper, Gloria Vesper, Stanley Wadella, Vito Weeda, Charlie Wiedenmann, Dolores Zabel, Christine Zampese, and Annemarie Cannon Zawada.

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

Please pray for Scott Archuleta, Daniel Armstrong, Patrick Black, Ben Brink, Nicholas Calangi, Rich Borromeo, Dylan Hays, Philip DeNicola, Donald Gilbert, David Giuliano, Joseph Hamann, Michael Hazlebeck, Derrick Kamphaus, Stephen Kelczewski, Matthew Koop, Jon Laurin, Derek Morris, Ryan Nikzad, Don Mollis, Jr., Daniel Moore, Chad Richman, Christopher Richman, Kevin Stetson and Cedric Whitlock.

Almighty God, we stand before You in supplication, asking Your divine mercy and protection to envelop with Your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families.

HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED AND NURSING HOMES

To make arrangements to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, Penance and/or visits to the hospitalized or seriously ill parishioners, please call Holly Moran, 777-4322, ext. 116. Please note that if you are in the hospital, privacy regulations prohibit hospital personnel from contacting your parish. Therefore, you or your family members should let us know directly by calling the parish office.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." – St. Augustine of Hippo, 354-430, Bishop, Doctor of the Church (feast day – August 28)

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Thanks to everyone for the very warm welcome extended last weekend to both Sr. Tiberh of the Comboni Missionary Sisters, who was with us as part of our annual archdiocesan missionary cooperative, as well as to Fr. Simon Peter Wankya, our new parochial vicar. Your friendliness and gracious hospitality are awesome – and visitors really notice!

This weekend our new seminarian intern, Nicholas White, has taken residence here at St. Max. He will be with us for the next year ministering full-time in the parish before he returns to the seminary next fall for his final year of study prior to ordination to the priesthood. Our best wishes and prayers for abundant blessings upon him as he joins our parish community. Welcome, Nicholas!

All that being said, it is always worth the reminder that each and every one of us who worship here is always and every time a *minister of hospitality*. Yes, we have regularly assigned greeters and ushers who faithfully and wonderfully fulfill hospitable functions, but it is really up to each of us to smile and greet the visitor, to wish each other well, to reach out to the isolated person, to be the face of Christ to all we meet. And for those to whom we may have the most difficult time being present, we need to see the face of Christ in them. Very often in confession when people confess being judgmental I often give the penance inviting them to look at every person they encounter and say to themselves, "That's a child of God." that's a child of God." Then I end by telling the penitent when he or she looks in their bathroom mirror in the morning to say to that face, too, "That's a child of God." Each of us – regardless of skin color, gender, cultural background, sexual orientation or socio-economic level – is created *imago Dei*, i.e. in the image and likeness of God. Thus, we need to respect, support and love each other as the unique and wonderful creations of God we are – those we know and those we don't know, the people around our kitchen tables, the classmates at our school, our co-workers, guests, visitors and strangers alike.

These ideas of hospitality towards and openness to all people parallel our scripture readings, too. In last week's gospel, we heard the story of the Canaanite woman (a Gentile) who appealed to Jesus for help, and her prayer and plea were answered. Part of the message is that the Kingdom of God is open to and offered to all peoples. And in this week's gospel we hear Jesus say to Peter (and to us), "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." This lection has led to the superficial depiction of Peter at the gates of heaven deciding who is admitted and who is not. We must remember that the kingdom of heaven is available to all, Jews and Gentiles. Let us recall the teaching of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1023) which states, "Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God forever, for they 'see him as he is,' face to face." Pope Francis has spoken on this more than once. Recently, he stated, "The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us with the Blood of Christ. However, we must meet one another doing good." Our call is clear, not easy, but definitely clear.

This week is First Friday and First Saturday – morning Masses and confessions this week are at the normal times. Looking ahead, a week from Monday, September 4, is the Labor Day holiday and Mass will be at 9:00 AM. All are invited that morning to bring tools of your trade to be blessed at the Labor Day Mass. And in just two weeks, on Sunday, September 10, we will have our annual parish picnic at the Niederman Family Farm - plan ahead to join us and pray for good weather that afternoon!

That's it for now – God bless one and all!

Fr. Geoff

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS



The flowers in the sanctuary for this weekend were donated by:

Bonnie & Rick Woll, in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary



CHECK OUT OUR GROWING YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY PROGRAMS!

Do you have a child that loves to sing? All children from the parish and surrounding community in grades 1-12 are welcome! 2017-2018 registration for all our youth choirs is now open and online on the music ministry page of saint-max.org.

St. Max's Youth Choir Program includes:

Cherub Choir (grades 1-3)

Children's Choir (grades 4-8)

Teen Ensemble (grades 8-12)



Each group has their own rehearsal and Mass schedule which can be found on the parish website. Program flyers for each group can also be found on the worship rack in the gathering space. Don't delay! Join today! We look forward to meeting you!

Questions? Mary Ella Wielgos, Director 777-4322 x109 or mwielgos@saint-max.org

MASS 101: MAKING THE MOST OF MASS

August 31 - 7:00-9:00 PM

Bring the whole family – all ages – to this interactive presentation, a walk-through Mass. Explore the historical, biblical, and traditional foundations of the Eucharistic liturgy. Dig more deeply into WHY we do WHAT we do each Sunday. Join us in church. Contact Jeremy Helmes, jhelmes@saint-max.org, 513-777-4322 ext. 103 with any questions.

OUTREACH

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

St. Max is pleased to present Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. In 9 action-packed lessons, you'll learn how to beat debt, build wealth, find bargains, invest for the future, give like never before, and much more! Financial Peace University classes meet for one and a half hours each week for 9 weeks. The next class begins September 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the large conference room. Sign up at www.saint-max.org!



For more information, contact the FPU Coordinators: Donald and Amie Lee, 513-316-3402, financialpeace@saint-max.org

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Divorced? Is anyone in your family divorced? The twelve-week Surviving Divorce program begins on September 20 from 7:00-9:00 PM in rooms 8 & 10. Surviving Divorce features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing. For more information and to register, please contact Chuck Michael, 513-608-7112, survivingdivorce@saint-max.org. Please register by September 14. Childcare is available.



Find out more about the program at www.CatholicsDivorce.com

If this day of the week is not convenient for you Ruah Woods is offering the same program on Monday nights beginning September 11. Visit <u>RuahWoods.org</u> or call 513-407-8672 to learn more.



OUTREACH

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE CARE-GIVERS, GOD IS THE CURE-GIVER



The role of Stephen Ministers is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply stressed by everyday life, talk with one of our stephen leaders. Please call the parish office at 513-777-4322, ext. 218 or email us at StephenMinistry@saint-max.org. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

PULL TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

St. Max is collecting pull tabs to donate to Cincinnati's Ronald McDonald House. We're helping keep families together when it matters most!! Our goal is to become a member of the Thanks a Million Club by collecting 1,000 pounds of tabs!! Your support of this program and the families of critically ill children is greatly appreciated! Our August drop off weighed in at 22.4 lbs!! That brings our total to 301.50 lbs!! There is a marked container behind the outreach kiosk in the gathering space to place your tabs. Feel free to take a little tab house for collecting or stickers to put on your own container at home, they are available behind the desk as well. Questions? Contact Christine Small cmsmall@me.com or 312-7410.



TRANSITIONAL LIVING

Please take a tag from the Transitional Living Wreath in the gathering space after Mass next weekend, September 2nd & 3rd.. Transitional Living is located in Hamilton, and provides competent, caring rehabilitative services to adults with mental disabilities, helping them live independently. Thank you for your generosity.

Serving God, Ministering to Others – Help Sacramentally Unite Our Sick to Christ



Please consider taking communion to our homebound, nursing homes, or local hospital. Time commitment varies: weekday and weekend hours $-1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours, once a month or more often if you like. You can discern where you feel most called - to serve parishioners in their homes, visit nursing home residents, or carry Communion to Catholic patients at West Chester Hospital. Our greatest need is for hospital ministers at this time.

Training: Saturday, September 16 9:30-11:00 AM - Room 9 RSVP: Holly Moran, 513-777-4322 ext. 116

hmoran@saint-max.org

"In bringing Communion to them the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist."

- Pastoral Care of the Sick #73

OUTREACH

St. Max Respect Life Committee Needs Your Help

What: Every day, more than 3,300 babies die from abortion in the United States. In memory of these lost

lives, 3,300 crosses will be placed in the front lawn of St. Max. In addition, there will be banners depicting pro-life messages. This is a powerful display that reminds us and all those who pass St.

Max that those who have been lost are loved and valued.

Who: In order to get all of these crosses placed we will need many volunteers. We are inviting every

member of the parish and their families, friends and neighbors to help with the placement of these

crosses.

When: The installation of the crosses will take place on Saturday, September 9 at 8:30 AM. This will take

approximately two hours but remember: the more volunteers, the easier the work for everyone.

Take down of the crosses will be Friday, September 22.

How: There will be sign-ups after all Masses in the gathering space on August 26&27 and September

2&3. You can also sign up by contacting Paul Dadosky at 513-604-4043 or at

pdadosky@yahoo.com.



Thank you for helping us spread our pro-life mission



EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

GOSPEL FOR ALL AGES

Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus offers Peter leadership based on the affirmation that Peter knew Jesus was the "Son of the living God." Peter knew this, despite his early failure to trust Jesus and his inability to recognize Jesus as God. Jesus rewarded Peter with the authority to enforce laws and to loosen the bonds that laws also can provide. Recall that Peter was among the first apostles whom Jesus called, and he was the person named to "feed my sheep." Peter is recognized as the first pope.

Living the Word

Can you think of some world and Church leaders whom Jesus would reward today? Jesus gave us all the authority to be leaders and do ministry in His name. We can be leaders because we have been baptized. Pope Francis wants us to become servant-leaders. He wants us to be humble and helpful, and to invite others to join us. Tell your children that this is called "evangelization." Make "evangelization" your word of the week.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION OF YOUTH: EARLY CHILDHOOD AND GRADES 1-8

Classes for RFY grades 1-8 begin this week, August 27 and 28. Please remember that we will be starting classes this week in the church. Come to the church with your children upon arrival, sit with them, and plan to stay for the prayer service, student roll-call, and parent meeting. Early Childhood classes begin on September 10. If not mailed by today, class assignments will be mailed VERY soon.

We are still in need of one Kindergarten catechist and one Kindergarten assistant for the 10:00 AM Early Childhood session on Sunday mornings. Please pass the word on to anyone who may be discerning a call to volunteer with our youngest parishioners. Contact Mary Lou Baker.

Family Home Study, grades 1-8: Login credentials for the online study will continue to be sent to families who have attended a meeting and completed all other registration steps. If you had a meeting with Fr. Geoff and did not receive login information from My Catholic Faith Delivered, please let Mary Lou know.

Contact Mary Lou with questions about these formation programs: mbaker@saint-max.org or 513-777-4322 ext. 120

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

NURSERY NEWS

The nursery will be closed on Sunday September 3rd during all Masses so that our volunteers may enjoy the holiday weekend and Mass with their families. The nursery will re-open on Sunday, September 10th for the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. Thank you for your understanding.

MIGHTY MAX



Our Mighty Max Early Childhood (ages 18 mos-preK, with caregiver) weekday program is now accepting new registrations for our fall session for all classes, beginning September 11, 2017. The fall session will run the weeks of September 11, 2017 - October 27th, 2017. The cost for the session is \$50.00.

Class options include Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday mornings. Check out the Mighty Max page on the parish website for forms and program information or contact Charlotte Flanagan with any questions, at cflanagan@saint-max.org or 777-4322 ext. 129.

SAVE THE DATE - JR. HIGH 1X1

We'll be kicking off a new year of Junior High 1 x 1 "Fearless" on Saturday, September 9 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM in the gym. Junior High 1 x 1 is the second Saturday of each month running from September through May. Please join us and bring a friend! A current (2017 - 2018) liability form is needed. Parents, check out the website for the liability form and the Sign Up Genius for help with chaperoning and supplies. Contact Robin Burbrink, rburbrink@saint-max.org or 513-777-4322 x 124, with any questions.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP FALL KICKOFF

The High School Youth Group fall kickoff event is Sunday, August 27 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the gym. Come play real life versions of your favorite video games including: Pacman, Angry Birds....

Bring your friends, open to all High School students, you do not need to belong to St. Max to join. Please bring a completed copy of the medical liability and release form if you do not have one on file for the 2017-2018 year. Contact Ally Wheeler with any question, awheeler@saint-max.org, 513-777-4322 ext. 128

FAITH AND FITNESS

Women are invited to pray the Rosary and join in fitness moves led by parishioner Michelle Suding, a certified fitness instructor. We meet every Saturday from 9:15-10:15 AM. Wear comfortable clothing, and bring a water bottle and fitness mat. All levels of fitness are welcome. Michelle will offer modifications as needed.

Babysitting is provided. Please contact Charlotte to register for babysitting at cflanagan@saint-max.org.

FAITH LESSONS FOR MOMS

Attention moms!!! Do you have Wednesday mornings free? Please consider joining St. Max's Faith Lessons for Moms every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 AM! We are a ministry focused on the unique needs of moms of all ages and stages! We are a discussion based group that incorporates fellowship, book study, trainer-led exercise, and laughter about the joys and perils of motherhood! We are all at different places in our faith journey, but our mission is to help grow our faith as Catholic moms, wives and women of St. Max. Our group provides moms an opportunity to grow in our faith together through questioning and discussion. Childcare is provided if needed. We have instructor-led exercise in the gym the first hour and then prayer and book discussion the second hour. Make time to join us and meet some fabulous moms from our parish!

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 13th. If you have any questions or are interested in checking us out, please contact Amy Brunner at AffMoms@saint-max.org. We look forward to hearing from you!



September 10 2:00-5:00 PM

Niederman Farm

Join us for

Food, snow cones, live music, hay rides, corn maze, toddler tent, playground, pipe swing, climbing web, face painting, barrel train rides, balloon artist, cornhole, tug of war, teen volleyball competition

Register online at www.saint-max.org/picnic or by turning this tear-off into the parish office

Name:	Email:	
# Adults (13+):	# Children (4-12):	# 3 & under:



PARISH LIFE

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1. Sunday & Holy Day Offering	s Sundays	Holy Days			
August 6	25,268.65	455.00			
August 11—Faith Direct EFT	59,153.84	850.00			
August 13	21,983.56	648.00			
August 20	21,487.58	2,022.25			
August 27					
Total August to Date	127,893.63	3,975.25			
August budget	158,000.00	1,500.00			
2. Sunday & Holy Day Year-to-Date					
Actual	300,767.93	3,975.25			
Budget	306,000.00	1,500.00			
Difference	5,232.07	2,475.25			
Special August Offerings					
Catholic Tuition Assistance	618.00				
Charitable IMPACT	1,641.00				
Debt Elimination	5,032.00				
Peter's Pence	20.00				
St. Vincent de Paul	1,786.00				
Special Mission Appeal	6,508.66				

Lord, accept the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts.

YOUNG AT HEART

Friday, September 1 - 5:00 PM - Pizza at Marions on Tylersville and Snyder - waiter provided

Monday, September 11 - 7:00 PM - Meeting - Trivia night hosted by Dorothy Steen

Sunday, September 17 - 2:15 PM - Brunch at Meritage

September 24-30 - New Orleans Trip

Young at Heart is a social group for parishioners ages 50 and over. Anyone is welcome, single or couples, widow or widower. Contact Leo Gray, 513-779-3251 or youngatheart@saint-max.org if you are interested in attending a meeting or joining.



CUB SCOUTS PACK 944 SIGN UP NIGHT!

Come find out what scouts is about on Tuesday, September 5 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in room 7. Meet our Cubmaster and see what exciting events we have planned this year for your K-5th grader. Pack meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month.



Questions? Email CubScouts944@saint-max.org.

ST. MAX BOOSTERS



Registration is now open for winter boys' basketball at St. Max and girls' basketball at St. Max! The registration form is available in the gathering space in the parish life and stewardship information rack or on the Booster webpage, www.saint-max.org.

BOX TOPS FOR ST. GABE'S



As you do your back to school shopping, please remember to look for BoxTops on the products you buy. Current BoxTops are worth ten cents each to Saint Gabriel Consolidated School and add up quickly! Last year we earned almost \$2000. BoxTops can be turned in any time in the labeled box in the outreach kiosk. Thank you so much for your support!

WELLNESS MINISTRY - FLU SHOTS

Flu is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. An annual seasonal flu vaccine is the best way to reduce your risk of getting sick with seasonal flu and spreading it to others. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through the community. Join us at our flu vaccine clinic after all Masses on September 24.

A pharmacist from Wal-Mart will be administering the flu vaccine to anyone 8 or older. The cash price is \$25 or you can bring your prescription card, insurance card or medicare card and have the vaccine billed to them. The flu vaccine is usually covered 100%.

Questions? Contact the Wellness Ministry through Nancy Cushing, wellness@saint-max.org.

EVENTS OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017		THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017			
10:00 AM	Rm 17	RCIA-Dismissal	9:00 AM	Chapel	Exposition of the Blessed
11:15 AM	Rm 17	RCIA-Sponsors			Sacrament
12:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Include Me Mass	9:15 AM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
1:00 PM	Gym, Kitchen	Volleyball Games Sundays	915 AM	Nursery	Mother's Rosary
5:00 PM	Lounge	Faith Leader Training	12:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	CMA Ministry Lunch
5:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Stephen Ministry Continuing	6:00 PM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
		Education	6:30 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters Volleyball
6:00 PM	Complex	Religious Formation of Youth	7:00 PM	Church	Mass 101
		Grades 4-8	7:00 PM	Chapel	Holy Hour/Vespers
7:00 PM	Gym	High School Youth Group	7:00 PM	Youth Rm	RCIA-Candidates
8:00 PM	Youth Rm	Men's Spiritual Workout	7:00 PM	Rms 2&3	Consoling the Heart of Jesus
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017				Retreat	
5:15 PM	Complex	Religious Formation of Youth	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017		
		Grades 1-8	9:30 AM	Gym	Homeschool Rosary Activity
6:00 PM	Off Conf Rm	Facilities Sub Committee -	9:30 AM	Church	Way of the Cross
		Emergency Planning	SATURDAY, SAPTEMBER 2, 2017		
6:45 PM	Complex	Religious Formation of Youth	7:00 AM	Youth Rm	Answer the Call
		Grades 1-8	9:15 AM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
7:30 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Baptism Preparation Class	9:15 AM	Gym	Fitness Rosary
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017		9:30 AM	Rm 4	St. Benedict Bible Study	
5:00 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters Volleyball	3:00 PM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017		SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017			
11:00 AM	HospRm	Staff Formation		FICES CLOSEI	
6:30 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters Volleyball	10:00 AM	Rm 17	RCIA Dismissal
7:00 PM	Rm 6	Light Weigh	12:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Include Me Mass
			7:00 PM	Church	Praise & Worship

Attitude of Gratitude

The 2017 Faith Alliance Help a Child in Need Succeed Backpack Ministry supporting Reach Out Lakota's Back to School Program was another wonderful success! Nine Faith Alliance churches, including St. Max, partnered to collect backpacks and school supplies for low-income children at Reach Out Lakota. The results from the Faith Alliance churches were:

- More than 450 children sponsored with school supplies and backpacks
- More than \$14,000 of school supplies donated
- More than \$10,000 in backpacks and miscellaneous supplies donated

Andrea Subler, ROL Back to School coordinator commented:

"Your (Faith Alliance) collaboration played a vital role in helping us to meet our goal to ensure that all children in the Lakota School District begin the school year with the tools needed to succeed. The majority of our distributed items (over 90%) came from members of the Faith Alliance! We certainly couldn't succeed without the many hands and hearts like yours that are dedicated to helping our community."



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