

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish  
Liberty Township OH  
Alcohol Policy**

This parish alcohol policy is designed to guide and provide parameters for all ministries and functions affiliated with the parish and for those utilizing our parish facilities. As an extension of the parish, it is expected that all participants in these events follow a code of conduct that is consistent with the Catholic values we profess, whether the events are held on or off parish property.

**Basic Guidelines:**

Alcoholic beverages may not be served, sold or tolerated at any event primarily organized for youth. A “youth event” is defined as any event which would not occur without children, including but not limited to sporting events, graduations, plays, dances, and award banquets. Aside from these, the parish is permitted serve or sell alcoholic beverages at parish events provided the parish has complied with the laws of the state of Ohio.

Every parish ministry and user must comply with all government laws and licenses regarding the sale and use of alcohol.

**Ohio Liquor Laws:**

Specific instructions and regulations for the sale and consumption of alcohol may be found in the document *Temporary Liquor Permits* and at [www.com.state.oh.us](http://www.com.state.oh.us) Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control.

Note

“BYOB” events require a liquor permit.

Alcohol and Gambling

Only two events are permitted per year, per parish that combine gambling and the sale or consumption of alcohol. One such event is our annual festival. Gambling and the rules regarding gambling and alcohol consumption are governed by the Ohio Department of Charitable Gaming <http://www.gambling-law-us.com/Charitable-Gaming/Ohio/> Additional information may be found on The Catholic Conference of Ohio’s website <http://www.ohiocathconf.org/D/bingo.htm>

**Ministry Meetings**

Due to the frequent presence of various groups of children in our facilities, effective September 1st, 2006 alcohol is not to be consumed on our campus at any time without the prior, written consent of the pastor.

**Facility Indemnification:**

Parish insurance does not cover losses that may occur on parish property by a group or individual utilizing parish facilities. The user must indemnify the parish and the archbishop by listing both as additional insured bodies on the user’s policy for the period of time the facilities are being utilized. An event indemnity policy is required for all private rentals.

### **Alcohol Consumption:**

Events such as wedding receptions and private parties may serve alcohol without a liquor permit. However, when alcohol is to be sold, or where alcohol is served and an admission or door charge is collected, the user must obtain their own liquor permit in a timely manner from the state of Ohio. Users who do require a liquor permit must submit a copy of the liquor permit to the parish office in advance of the event. There are NO exceptions to this policy. Your event may be cancelled if you choose not to follow state law.

### **Final Considerations:**

Any questions regarding the use of alcohol and/or parish facilities should be directed to the Pastoral Associate for Stewardship & Parish Resources. All parish ministries and event coordinators are to be familiar with the alcohol policies and guidelines of the parish. They are to be responsible for implementing the law as it applies to their specific events. Each ministry and private party user must agree to the *“Norms for Special Events in the Gym, Kitchen and Conference Room”*.

The pastoral team reserves the right to determine:

1. who may utilize the parish facilities.
2. the usage fee.
3. the use of alcohol on parish property or at parish events.