

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, 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 Wojciechowski
 NOON † Anna Corkhill and † Joyce Briggs

Monday, September 4

9:00 AM † Jim LeGates

Tuesday, September 5

8:30 AM † Edward Rivalsky
 7:00 PM Mass at St. John, West Chester

Wednesday, September 6

8:30 AM † Nhon Nguyen and † Nguyen T. Thanh Thau

Thursday, September 7

8:30 AM † Arcelio & † Ambrosio Tagle

Friday, September 8

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30 AM † Mary Harshbarger and † Nick Staab

Saturday, September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:30 AM † Toma Binh & † Mattha Diem
 4:30 PM † Mary Jane Staudigel and † Jeanne Poedtke

Sunday, September 10

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM † Jim Kodros and † Gary Johnson
 10:00 AM People of the parish and † Bernice Gundlach
 NOON † Ruth & Luis Barnes and † Cyril Daddieh

† Deceased

THIS WEEK'S READINGS	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Jeremiah 20:7-9	Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalms 63:2-6,8-9	Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9
Romans 12:1-2	Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 16:21-27	Matthew 18:15-20

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:

John Kalkowski, uncle of Marge Krammer
 Kenneth Ducklo, husband of Diane Ducklo
 Gloria Shaw, mother of Colleen Dill
 Mark Huber, husband of Nancy Huber

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, Cindy Schneeman, 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, 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

“Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do... but how much love we put in that action.”
– St. Teresa of Calcutta, 1910-1997, virgin, foundress, missionary (feast day – September 5)

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Today we recognize and bless all of our families starting sacramental preparation for our fall First Penance-First Communion and Confirmation – it is an exciting time for them individually and for the parish collectively! Please keep these families in your prayers.

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

Thanks to all our council and commission members and ministry leaders who were able to attend the Day of Reflection last weekend. What a great day with so much for us to reflect on and “take with us” as we minister together this upcoming academic year!

And, also from last weekend, I’d like to apologize to all teachers and students who were at the 12 Noon Mass where I forgot to pray the prayer of blessing to begin your new school year. Please be assured that you are in my prayers for a successful beginning to your school year!

As I meet with parents of our 2017-2018 First Communicants I often ask what they think are the challenges of raising a Catholic family in today’s world. The two most common answers are modern cultural norms being contrary to Church teaching and the “busy-ness” of modern-day family life. Today’s Pauline epistle reading, despite its brevity, echoes the former of these two sentiments. *“Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.”* Often in today’s society the standard is that our feelings are the most important. But Paul calls for the “renewal” of our minds. Thus we must sort out things intellectually if we are serious about seeking *the truth*, i.e. what is good and pleasing and perfect. The questions we must pose to ourselves are not “How do I feel?” or even “What do I think?” The important questions for us are “What is *the truth*?” and “What are God’s Word and God’s commandments calling us to and challenging us to think, say or do?”

Thanks to everyone who is participating in our *Together We Grow* campaign. Having surpassed our Phase I goal in pledges, now just one year after the official end of the campaign, we have already collected over \$1,000,000 of those pledges! For those who are newer to the parish or were unable to participate in our *Together We Grow* campaign last year, it is never too late to get involved and support the parish and the archdiocese in the important work of this campaign. Please give your participation prayerful consideration. And for those who have pledged, thank you for fulfilling your pledges in timeframe you promised.

This Monday, September 4, is the Labor Day holiday – 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 one week, 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!

And this Wednesday, September 6, our entire parish staff will have a Day of Reflection & Development. Please keep all of our parish staff in your prayers. The parish office will be closed on Wednesday – hopefully this will not inconvenience anyone.

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

Fr. Geoff

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Peace
Thursday, September 7, 2017 – 7:00-8:00 PM

A Note From Fr. Simon Peter



I am Fr. Simon Peter Wankya from the Soroti Catholic Diocese in Uganda. I was born on November 30th 1964 in Soroti, Uganda and given the name Wankya which means 'one born in the morning'. My father was a primary school teacher and my mother was a house wife. They are both deceased. They had 12 children but one has passed on. I now have four sisters and six brothers. I am the fourth born. I belong to a fishing tribe called the Bakenyi. If my father had not been a school teacher I probably would have been some fisherman somewhere on the waters of Lake Kyoga as many of my tribesmen are. However like my patron, St. Simon Peter, I find myself not a fisherman but a fisher of men for Christ.

I never went to a Kindergarten as they never existed at our time but instead went straight to do my primary school education. After primary I went for secondary education for four years in the Minor Seminary and thereafter to high school. After high school I joined the Major Seminary to do Philosophy and Theology and was ordained a priest on July 10th 1993. My older brother Francis is also a priest and is currently teaching in one of the Major Seminaries in Uganda.

Since ordination I have served in the following capacities: as an associate pastor, as a pastor and as vocations director of our diocese until recently. I have been serving as pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in the village of Madera before coming here to St. Maximilian Kolbe. At St. Patrick's there are two priests serving a population of close to 30,000 Christians. These are spread out in 72 outstations in the different villages of the parish. These outstations are managed day-by-day by catechists whom we have trained to lead Sunday services, break open the word of God to the people, visit and pray for the sick and bury the dead when the priest is unavailable.

Our parish has 145 catechists who come every month to the parish for meetings to prepare Sunday reflections for the month and share any pastoral issues affecting the people and their work. Some of the catechists have to travel many miles to come to the parish, on foot or using bicycles. The priest visits these outstations probably two or three times a year to administer the sacraments. The most common visits to these outstations are administration of sacraments to the sick. Some villages and homes are quite distant from the parish and not easily accessible. There are no paved roads like here but small paths which are sometimes narrow and bushy. The common feature of homes is round grass huts without electricity or running water.

Many of our outstations have made an effort to try to put up local grass thatched shelters which are used for prayers by the congregation every Sunday. A few are making an effort to build permanent structures of bricks and iron roofs. The main parish church too is still under construction with the roof now on, but lacking door shutters, windows, paint, electricity and pews.

What a beautiful country this is with paved roads, electricity, running water and beautiful church buildings where people come daily and on Sunday for Mass in their cars and sit and pray comfortably. Thank you for accepting me to come and share with you my life, culture and faith. I thank God who chose and bestowed upon me the priesthood that has enabled me to come to this country to spread His Gospel. To God be glory and praise forever.

- Fr. Simon Peter Wankya

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

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

Betsy & Lou Hohman in memory of Ruth & Louis Barnes

LABOR DAY MASS

Please join us on Monday, September 4th at 9:00 AM as we celebrate the gift of human labor. You're invited to bring items you use in your work as we ask God's blessing.



WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

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

OUTREACH

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP INSTALLING CROSSES

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. You are invited to help install the crosses. The installation will take place on Saturday, September 9 at 8:30 AM. For more information or to help, contact Paul Dadosky at 513-604-4043 or at pdadosky@yahoo.com.

A GREAT WAY YOU CAN HELP A HURTING FRIEND



Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them—tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish who have received special training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, call the parish office at, 513-777-4322, Ext. 218 or email at StephenMinistry@saint-max.org. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care.

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 ½ 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**

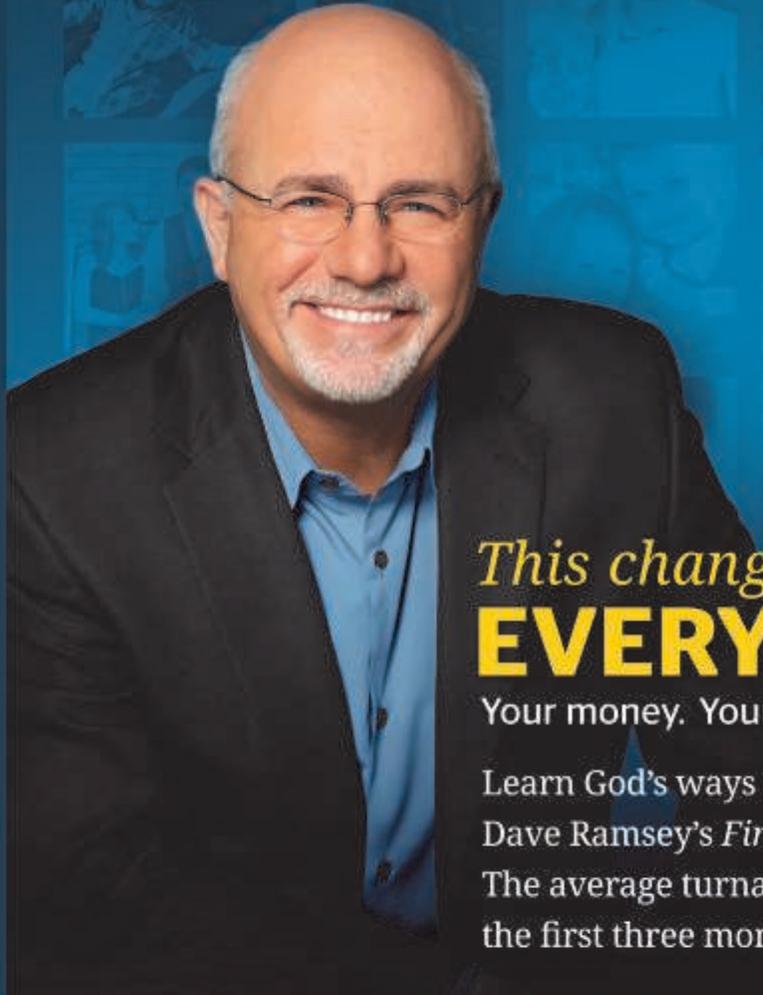
**RSVP: Holly Moran, 513-777-4322 ext. 116
hmoran@saint-max.org**

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from 7:00-9:00 PM @ St. Max
Contact: Donald or Amie Lee @ 513-316-3402 /
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Helping You Find

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Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It 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 hope, and begin authentic healing. Developed and hosted by Rose Sweet, *Surviving Divorce* features experts Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D., Fr. Donald Calloway, M.I.C., Fr. Steve Porter, S.T.L., Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Christopher West. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. As they witness to their pain and the healing power of Christ in their lives, participants will laugh, cry, and identify with their journeys from heartache to healing.

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- Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

Dates/Times/Location

Wednesdays beginning September 20
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Rooms 8 & 10

Registration

Please register via email to
survivingdivorce@saint-max.org
by September 14

For More Information

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EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

GOSPEL FOR ALL AGES

Matthew 16:21-27

Peter was expecting a Messiah that would carry out a different plan than the one Jesus had explained. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but His life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We too have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God’s plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

Living the Word

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today’s gospel, Matthew 16:21-27. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn’t act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that your family will remember that God is always working for the world’s salvation in ways that are beyond our human imaginings. Conclude by praying together today’s Psalm, Psalm 63.

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

Classes for RFY Grades 1-8 began last week, August 27 and 28. There are NO classes this week, September 3 and 4, due to Labor Day. Classes resume next week on September 10 and 11. Children should come directly to their assigned classroom upon arrival.

Early Childhood classes begin NEXT WEEK on September 10. Classroom assignments were mailed last week. There are limited spots available. We are in need of a Kindergarten catechist and assistant at the 10:00 AM session. If you or someone you know is being called to volunteer with our youngest parishioners, contact Mary Lou Baker, mbaker@saint-max.org or 777-4322 ext. 120.

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

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.



ANCORA GIRLS' CLUB IS BACK FOR ANOTHER FUN AND FAITH-FILLED YEAR!

All girls in grades 5-12 are welcome and invited to come to our kick-off meeting on Tuesday, September 5. We'll be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 PM. Also, mark your calendars for our Tuesday, September 19 meeting. This is our big open house where you can get more information and hear about what our girl leadership has planned for this coming year. And as always, bring a friend! They do not need to be St. Max parishioners to enjoy the fellowship, fun, and prayer we pack into each meeting.



EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

WEST CHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

Adoration & Applebee's - Thursday, September 7 : Join us for an hour of adoration and prayer (Holy Hour) at St. Max in the chapel from 7:00-8:00 PM. Afterwards we'll meet outside the chapel to drive to Applebee's at Union Center for some food & socializing – *1st Thursday of each month.*

Coffee and Conversations - Wednesday, September 20: Come enjoy some coffee, snacks, and good fellowship, while we talk about daily faith practices. We will have an informal discussion about what we like to do to keep in touch with God, and maybe learn some new techniques for keeping up with our faith and prayer life. Meet us in the large conference room at St. Max at 7:00 PM.

Check out wccatholicya.org for more details.

MOTHER'S ROSARY- KID'S PLAY WHILE MOMS PRAY

How does a busy mom with little kids ever find time to pray? Or sometimes you just need a companion to pray with. Mothers' Rosary is the answer! You don't need to join, because we're not a club. Don't worry if you've never prayed the rosary before, we've got plenty of extra rosaries and instructions on how to do it. Mothers' Rosary is simply moms gathering to pray the Rosary for our children. We meet in the nursery so our younger children can play as we pray. It's prayerful chaos. We invite anyone to join us on Thursday mornings at 9:15 AM in the St. Max nursery for prayer and fellowship (except holidays, school vacations, etc). We'd love to meet you and your children. You don't need to come every time, you come when it fits your schedule. Also, you don't need to have kids to come. Everyone who wants to pray is welcome! For more information, please contact Lili Gellner at momsrosary@saint-max.org



Would you like to eat your favorite foods while you learn how to lose weight?

Light Weigh One King is a bible study-DVD series without weigh-ins that gets you healthy physically and spiritually.

An orientation meeting will be held:

September 6
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Rm 6

Questions? Contact Maribeth Gieseke 513-895-0856, lightweigh@saint-max.org

FAITH LESSONS FOR WOMEN

Wednesday morning Faith Lessons for Women is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 20th, at 9:30AM in the large conference room. The program is the second series by Jeff Cavens based on the new testament. He is an excellent speaker with a great sense of humor. Please contact Susan Stitt at 513-755-0349 or by e-mail at affwomen@saint-max.org.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The Domestic Church – Join us at Praise and Worship September 3 at 7:00 PM in the church where we will learn about the Domestic Church and *Familiaris Consortio*. We will begin with music, have a short presentation, time for personal reflection, and end with a few more songs.

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!

St. Max Family
Picnic

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

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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 Offerings	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	26,455.34	78.00
Total August to Date	154,348.97	4,053.25
August budget	158,000.00	1,500.00
2. Sunday & Holy Day Year-to-Date		
Actual	327,223.27	4,053.25
Budget	345,500.00	1,500.00
Difference	(18,276.73)	2,553.25

Special August Offerings	
Catholic Tuition Assistance	999.00
Charitable IMPACT	1,964.00
CISE	155.00
Debt Elimination	5,397.00
Mission Sunday	10.00
Peter's Pence	20.00
Respect Life	5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	2,995.00
Special Mission Appeal	6,787.66

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

YOUNG AT HEART

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

Friday, October 6 - NO PIZZA IN OCTOBER

Saturday, October 7 - 6:00 - 9:00 PM pot luck dinner in the St. Max gym.

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.



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.

Boy's Basketball

Registrations are due by October 1, 2017. Practice schedule will be released once teams are determined. Games begin on December 1, 2017 (with 2 weeks off over Christmas) and the regular season ends February 11, 2018.

Please contact Colin Hughes, colin_hughes@fuse.net with any questions.



Girl's Basketball

Registration forms are due by October 15, 2017. Practice schedule will be released once teams are formed. Games begin December 15, 2017 (with two weeks off over Christmas break) and the regular season ends February 25, 2018.

Please contact Robin Burbrink, 513-777-4322 Ext. 124, Rburbrink@saint-max.org with any questions.



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.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP NETWORK – OPEN HOUSE

It's time to start a new year with Ladies Fellowship Network! Our first meeting/open house will be **TUESDAY, September 5th at 7:00 PM** in the youth room.

Please join us for a fun evening of getting to know other ladies in the parish. We will discuss our calendar of events for the year and end the evening with a game of Bunco! Snacks and beverages will be provided.

All meetings this year will be on the first Tuesday of each month. Please email ladiesfellowship@saint-max.org with any questions or for more information.

PARISH LIFE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OKTOBERFEST, SUPPORTING SEMINARIANS

Seminarians are not only dedicated servants of God, they are the future spiritual leaders of our parishes. Your Knights of Columbus are steadfast in providing needed financial support in helping seminarians attain their dedicated spiritual calling. Details of our support to the seminarians fund drive, "**Oktoberfest**", will be forthcoming in next week's bulletin. Join us, Saturday, September 23, in this fun filled event featuring good food and drink, music and "*German toasts to help you make friends!*" Support the seminarians.... your Knights of Columbus

The parish office will be closed
 Monday, September 4 for Labor Day and
 Wednesday, September 6 for a staff development day

EVENTS OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

10:00 AM Rm 17 RCIA Dismissal
 12:00 PM Lg Conf Rm Include Me Mass
 7:00 PM Church Praise & Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

1:00 PM Rm 4 Young at Heart Board
 5:15 PM Church Children's Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Hospitality Rm Vocations Committee
 6:30 PM Gym St. Max Boosters Volleyball
 6:30 PM Rms 9&11, 7 Cub Scouts Pack 944 - Den 9
 6:30 PM Rms 8&10 KOC Monthly Social & Officer's Meeting
 7:00 PM Lounge Ancora
 7:00 PM Youth Rm Ladies Fellowship Network
 7:00 PM Rm 15 Hope & Healing after Suicide Loss
 7:00 PM Rm 6 AHG Leaders

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

9:30 AM Complex Faith Lessons for Moms
 5:15 PM Church Cherub Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 PM Gym St. Max Boosters Volleyball
 7:00 PM Rms 9&11 Bereaved Parents
 7:00 PM Rm 6 Light Weigh
 7:00 PM Rm 7 Adult Confirmation Prep
 7:00 PM Youth Rm Pastoral Council
 7:00 PM Church Adult Music Ministry Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Rms 12&14 RCIA - Mystagogia

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

9:00 AM Chapel Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 9:15 AM Church Sacrament of Penance
 9:15 AM Nursery Mother's Rosary
 6:00 PM Church Sacrament of Penance
 6:15 PM Rms 12&14 RCIA - Sponsors Meeting
 6:45 PM Gym Boy Scout Troop 944
 6:45 PM Church Handbell choir rehearsal
 7:00 PM Rm 15 Susan's Garden
 7:00 PM Chapel Holy Hour/Vespers
 7:00 PM Youth Rm RCIA - Candidates Meeting
 7:00 PM Rms 2&3 Consoling the Heart of Jesus
 7:00 PM Rm 11, Rm 9 St. Vincent de Paul
 7:00 PM Rm 7 Welcome Ministry

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

9:30 AM Rm 4 Stephen Ministry - supervision group #3
 9:30 AM Rm 6 Stephen Ministry - supervision group #4

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

8:30 AM Parking Lot Cross Installation
 9:15 AM Gym Fitness Rosary
 9:15 AM Church Sacrament of Penance
 9:30 AM Rm 4 St. Benedict Bible Study
 3:00 PM Church Sacrament of Penance
 5:30 PM Gym Junior High Monthly Social
 7:30 PM Gym Junior High Scripture Stars

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

8:00 AM Complex Early Childhood Religious Formation of Youth
 10:00 AM Rm 17 RCIA - Dismissal
 11:00 AM Lounge Stephen Minister New Ministers
 11:15 AM Rm 17 RCIA - Sponsors Meeting
 12:00 PM Lg Conf Rm Include Me! Mass
 1:00 PM Gym St. Max Boosters Volleyball
 1:30 PM Youth Rm Cub Scouts Pack 944 Committee
 2:00 PM Neiderman Farm Parish Picnic
 6:00 PM Complex Religious Formation of Youth Grades 4-8
 6:00 PM Hospitality Rm Stephen Ministry - supervision group #1
 8:00 PM Youth Rm Men's Spiritual Workout

Attitude of Gratitude

Kudos, shouts of joy, outrageous thunder and applause to our festival committee for raising \$120,000 this year!!!! THANK YOU to our four committee chairs, and their families, who go beyond the call of duty each and every year!

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