

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 17

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM † Rodric Simpson and † Nhon Nguyen and
† Nguyen T. Thanh Thao
10:00 AM People of the parish and † Ken Boveington
NOON † Anna Corkhill and Joann August

Monday, September 18

8:30 AM † Gloria Shaw
6:00 PM *Mass at St. Susanna, Mason*

Tuesday, September 19

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

Wednesday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, and Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 AM † Maria Liva

Thursday, September 21

SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

8:30 AM † Helen Frisch

Friday, September 22

8:30 AM † Bernice Gundlach

Saturday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:30 AM † Gabbi Cherry

4:30 PM † Jacob Muron

Sunday, September 24

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM † Vincent Bao Nguyen and † Maria Chi Dang and
† Robert Wehrle
10:00 AM People of the parish and † Magda Mansour and †
Gloria Shaw
NOON † Robert Maietta and † Toma Binh and
† Mattha Diem

† Deceased

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sirach 27:30-28:7
Psalm 103:1-4,9-12
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

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:*

Vic Klein, husband of Kathleen Klein
Herb Demel
Gene Osley

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Your healing prayers are requested for Earl Abeln, Art Arand, Mike Andary, 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, Kathleen Seda, Rose Seibert, Barbara Smith, 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

“Dear Lord, I will remain restless, tense, and dissatisfied until I can be totally at peace in your house... There is no certainty that my life will be any easier in the years ahead, or that my heart will be any calmer. But there is the certainty that you will be waiting for me and will welcome me home when I have persevered in my long journey to your house.”

– Henri Nouwen (January 24, 1932 – September 21, 1996)
Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Today we thank and recognize all of our parish catechists (i.e. religion teachers) including parents who through their witness are the first teachers of the faith to their children. As first teachers, parents are the primary means by which our faith is passed to their families. It is in the family, i.e. the domestic Church, where “remote preparation” for all the sacraments occurs – praying daily, celebrating Sunday Mass weekly and getting involved in volunteer and outreach activities. What Catholic schools and parish religious education programs do is further and support that which is already going on in the home, i.e. what is called “proximate preparation” for the sacraments. In the family, our children experience **formation in** our faith. In the religion classroom, our children receive **information** about our faith. Catholic schools and parish religious education programs will only be as strong and as effective as they can be when our families are witnessing and living our faith in their homes. When what is being learned in the religion classroom is not what is being lived in the home, this is what I call the “disconnect” in our faith. Such “disconnects” are not in our children’s best interest and more often than not detrimental to their development in the faith. So we pray for our parents and our catechists – their responsibilities are vast and difficult but of the utmost importance for our faith to be passed on to our children. Thanks to all parents and catechists for making this commitment to our children!

Today’s readings from Sacred Scripture deal with forgiveness. We must always appreciate that forgiveness is a two way street. We need to seek forgiveness as all of us are likely to do. However, forgiveness is also something we need to grant to others. Some scholars consider today’s gospel reading from the eighteenth chapter of Matthew’s gospel as perhaps among Jesus’ most personal teachings to His disciples. There is no question that the Lord is in the process of preparing His followers for the time when they (and we!) must continue His Kingdom without His physical presence. He is trying to build up the sense of fellowship and cohesion among His flock. Thus, He focuses on how to build up cooperation and unity in those who work to build His Kingdom. He makes it clear that both forgiveness and reconciliation are required if we are to accomplish that task. The lesson for us is quite basic: we need to know and appreciate and understand the grace of Jesus and respond by learning how to forgive each other. Christ always forgives us if we come to Him with a humble and repentant heart – and He expects us to do the same when others approach us in humility and repentance. We need to forgive others just as we are forgiven.

Again, thanks to everyone who is participating in our *Together We Grow* campaign. Pledges surpassed our \$3,500,000 Phase I goal, and through July 31, just eleven months 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 the timeframe you promised.

Next week at the 8:00 AM Mass we are scheduled to have infant baptisms and in two weeks infant baptisms will be celebrated on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 PM. If you are able, plan to be with us as we celebrate this primary sacrament. Remember, babies are born into families, but they are baptized into communities!

Let us continue to keep in our prayers all our families who, blessed earlier this month, are participating in sacramental preparation this fall for First Penance-First Communion and Confirmation. It is not easy raising a Catholic family or living out our Catholic faith in today’s society – so let us always remember to pray for each other!

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

Fr. Geoff

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Families
Thursday, September 21, 2017 – 7:00-8:00 PM

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS



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

Mike & Katrina Hoelscher, in memory of Susan Hoelscher Manley



MUSICAL MUSINGS: GOD, WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO KINDLE

Each Sunday a member of our music ministry will reflect on one of the hymns or songs for the liturgy, in light of the Liturgy of the Word.

I believe God brings certain people into my life for a reason. He also allows changes into my life for a reason. Most often, those people and changes are positive, but sometimes, well, not so much. Sometimes those people end up being the ones who betrayed my friendship, lied to get their way at the expense of my efforts, or decided my husband’s employment was no longer needed, thus forcing another change that we were not anticipating. These are the people that come to mind when I reflect on the theme I see woven through this weekend’s readings and songs: **forgiveness**. These people come to mind because I realize how easy it is for me to forgive others in the daily little things, but how difficult it is for me to forgive and show compassion to those involved in the larger, more life-affecting things.

Today’s gospel invites me not to complete a math lesson (forgiving my neighbor 70x7 times), but to a lesson in **grace**, abundant grace, in fact. The grace to forgive others as my heavenly Father forgives me. And there it is.... “as my heavenly father forgives me.” (I should put that on post it notes around my house!)

The text of our closing song amplifies in poetic nature where my focus should be, as I strive to follow Jesus in all ways: “*Lift the smallness of our vision; Teach us courage as we struggle; With your sharpened word disturb us, from complacency release; Make us sense our share of failure.*” This last line hits it on the mark for me, “make us sense our share of failure.” It’s a call for me to first recognize my need for God’s forgiveness and then by participating in the sacraments and personal prayer, I’ll receive the grace I need to more readily offer forgiveness to others. Even in the big things.

Thank you, Lord, for being kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion to all your children. – Mary Ella Wielgos

CHAPEL RECONFIGURATION: SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

As you know, we’ve undertaken a trial reconfiguration of our Blessed Sacrament Chapel, with an aim of ensuring the Blessed Sacrament is the focus of the adoration chapel, while also working towards creating a more beautiful and worthy space for prayer. We’ll continue with this trial as planned until spring, but the Worship & Sacraments Commission wants to hear your thoughts on this new configuration before we make any permanent changes. You can always share your thoughts on anything related to our parish’s liturgical and sacramental life via e-mail wsc@saint-max.org, or by speaking with a member of the commission, but the commission will also be hosting a special listening session for the first hour of its monthly meeting on September 26, 2017, from 7:00-8:00 PM. RSVP at wsc@saint-max.org to let us know you’re coming, and so we can provide you details before the meeting. Thanks for sharing your feedback on this important liturgical space.

OUTREACH

PREPARING TO SERVE: LEARN, GROW, AND SERVE BY BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER



Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening? If so, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. St. Maximilian Kolbe Church will be starting another class of Stephen Ministers in January 2018. Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual support and care to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister or how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, call 513-777-4322 Ext. 218 for more information.

ST. MAX - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We are here for you or your neighbor when a financial crisis arises. Reach us at 513-777-4322 Ext. 214 and we will return your call. Thank you for your ongoing financial support and continuing prayers.



The Second Annual Faith Alliance

Sing Out Against Poverty

CHRISTIAN ROCK FESTIVAL

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- Star 93.3 DJ Julie Pierce as Honorary Emcee
- Hauser Air Kid-Zone featuring games & prizes, corn hole, face painting, coloring contest, balloons and a Cool-Zone tent
- Special Appearance by The Mobile Cone

**Noon - 5 PM Saturday,
September 30, 2017**

at the Square at Union Centre
in West Chester

Donations help our neighbors
with meals, educational supplies
and reading programs!

"Make a Joyful Noise
Unto the Lord."
- Psalms 100:1

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OUTREACH

SURVIVING DIVORCE



Divorced? Is anyone in your family divorced? The twelve-week Surviving Divorce program begins 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. Childcare is available.

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

Class begins Thursday, September 21, 2017
 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the large conference room
 Contact: Donald or Amie Lee at 513-316-3402
Financialpeace@saint-max.org

WEST LIBERTY OUTREACH CLOTHING DRIVE SEPTEMBER 30/OCTOBER 1

WLO is looking for gently used clothing for all ages for the Glenmary thrift shop in Frenchburg, KY. Although it is a "store" Sister Kathleen and her volunteers give almost all of the clothing away to the needy families in rural eastern KY. Right now, they especially need warm clothes for fall and winter. Please bring your donations to the outreach kiosk the weekend of September 30 & October 1.

Attitude of Gratitude

" Thanks to the many families, parishioners and the Knights of Columbus for helping to install the 3300 crosses on the front lawn of St. Max. Your witness and all of your hard work is very much appreciated! God bless you! These crosses represent babies lost every day in the United States due to abortion. Prayers are needed for these little ones and their mothers. "

- St. Max Respect Life Committee

Called to Christ's Table... Sealed by the Spirit of Jesus

Sacramental Preparation Orientation Meetings

First Penance/Communion & Confirmation @ St. Max

Friday, September 29 - 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Thursday, October 5 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Saturday, October 7 - 9:30 - 11:00 AM

- *Current 2nd & 8th grade families*
- *Families with older children who never celebrated these sacraments*
- *Others with questions and concerns about preparing for sacraments*



Join our Sacramental Preparation staff for one of these required* meetings to find out how your family can begin preparing this spring or next year with your 2nd or 8th grader for the Sacraments of First Penance/First Communion and Confirmation.

You'll get an overview of the sacramental preparation process here at St. Max, learn how to get signed up for formation programs, and have an opportunity to ask questions of our ministry staff.

While normal ages for children in our parish to celebrate these sacraments are 2nd and 8th grade respectively, younger children may be ready and older children may need to "catch up". Take this opportunity to find out more and talk with our pastoral ministers.



If you want your child to prepare for and receive sacraments this school year, this is your last opportunity for orientation. These meetings will be held again in the Spring for families wishing to prepare Fall 2018.

For more information, contact Jeremy Helmes, Pastoral Associate for Worship & Sacraments, jhelmes@saint-max.org, 513-777-4322 ext. 103.

**Parents who have already attended this orientation do NOT need to attend again; call the office to verify. All those who have already attended will be invited to pre-register for upcoming formation in the coming weeks.*

RSVP by September 25 online at
www.saint-max.org/sacramentprep

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

GOSPEL FOR ALL AGES

Matthew 18:21-25

Children learn to trust God's mercy and forgiveness when they experience forgiveness from those closest to them. We hope that we model God's love and forgiveness within our family life. Today's gospel reminds us that forgiveness is measured by its quality more than its quantity.

Invite your family to consider some recent times when family members sought the forgiveness of another. Ask if there were any statements made that put conditions on our forgiveness such as "I will play this game with you if you apologize for knocking over my blocks" or "I will accept your apology after you clean up your room." Do we sometimes "keep count" or put conditions on our forgiveness of one another? This is something we may be doing without realizing it.

Read together today's gospel, Matthew 18:21-35. Ask if we sometimes find ourselves sounding like Peter, concerning ourselves with quantity of forgiveness rather than offering forgiveness abundantly and unconditionally. Reflect upon the parable that Jesus tells. What does the servant do that makes the king so angry? He refuses to forgive his fellow servant the debt that he owes. Because we have all received God's forgiveness, God expects that we will also be forgiving toward others. Jesus' answer to Peter's question is found at the end of the parable. The number of times that we forgive one another is less important than the depth of our forgiveness. We must forgive one another from the heart.

Early Childhood News

We are off to a great start! It is wonderful to see the bright and cheerful faces of our young parishioners in the hallways of St. Max again!

Happening this week: The Three's visit the faith gallery for the first time. The Four's and Kindergartener's explore the children's picture book, Blueberries for Sal, a story that will nurture their natural wonder at creation and deepen their understanding of God as a loving Father. Your children get a glimpse of the joy of being created in God's image and likeness!

RFY Grades 1-8 News

Classes continue this week, September 17. If you did not get an information packet on the first night of classes, please visit the RFY Grade 1-8 webpage or pick one up in the RFY Office. FYI... The schedule for the year is always posted on the RFY webpage!

Happening this week: Our classes will explore the Sunday gospel for September 24th. Ask your children to tell to you about the gospel story - the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Young people are sensitive to issues of fairness. No doubt this parable initially struck your children as a story about unfairness. But hopefully their understanding was transformed when they recognized that the story is not about what they deserve, but about God's love and generosity.

High School Youth Group

Youth group nights include a prayer, large group game or activity, faith discussion and small group, and time to hang out.

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 17th 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Ever have questions about faith and life you never got a chance to ask?

Ask Fr. Geoff

Coming 9/24- Adoration Night





EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

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.

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.

ST. BENEDICT BIBLE STUDY

Yearn to learn more about the Sunday scripture readings before you attend Mass? Come Join St. Benedict Bible Study!

Goal: To study Sunday scripture in a small group atmosphere, and share its meaning and relevancy to our personal lives, our community and the world we live in today.

Where: St. Max - Room 4

When: Saturday mornings 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Size: Small group 6-8 people

Atmosphere: Very casual. "Come as you are"

For additional information please contact Paul Groh: 513-324-2937 or stbenedictbible@saint-max.org.

NEW!! WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAYS

Join us for *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation* by [Jeff Cavins](#), Tim Gray, and [Sarah Christmyer](#). We will use this foundational study in *The Great Adventure Bible Study* series that has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics learn to read the Bible. *The Bible Timeline* is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, they will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. *The Bible Timeline* has been granted the Imprimatur. We will:



- Read 14 narrative books of the Bible and discover the amazing story woven throughout scripture.
- Learn how the key people, places, and events in the Bible fit together to reveal God's plan for humanity.
- Study the Bible from a Catholic perspective and see how our faith is rooted in Sacred Scripture.
- See how the events in the Old Testament are fulfilled in the New Testament by Christ and the Church.
- Gain a greater appreciation for the scripture readings you hear during Mass.
- See how God reveals Himself to us through scripture and learn how God's Word applies to your life today.
- Develop a life-long hunger for knowing God in His word and lay a strong foundation for further Bible reading and study.

Our study will begin Wednesday 9/27. We will meet from 7:00-9:00 PM in the large conference room. Please register by 9/18 by calling the parish office or email ScriptureStudy@saint-max.org.

PRAYER ON THE SQUARE - 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA

Rosary Crusade held October 7, 2017, noon – 1:30 PM on Fountain Square Downtown Cincinnati, OH. The celebration includes speakers Bishop Joseph Binzer, Fr. Cyril Whitaker, Fr. Shannon Collins, and Fr. Andrew Umberg, live music and a procession with the replica of Our Lady of Fatima statue surrounded by fresh roses carried by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. Seating on the square. Bring your family and friends. Our Lady is begging us to **pray the rosary**, atone for sin, and honor her Immaculate Heart. For more information contact Pat or Mary Ashcraft at (513) 793-5872.



Your **Knights of Columbus** invite
you to attend our fund drive
Supporting Seminarians

Free
On-Site
Babysitting

Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 23 6:00 PM

St. Maximilian Kolbe Gym

Admission \$15/adult \$35/family

Adult admission includes 2 drink tickets
Also unlimited non-alcoholic beverages

Appelizers: Bavarian Pretzels w/ Cheese or Honey Mustard Dip
Assorted German Cheeses and Fresh Fruit

Main Menu: Wiener Schnitzel (German Breaded Pork Cutlet)
Bavarian Brathendl (German Roasted Chicken)
Bratwurst & Mettwurst (German Sausages)
Hot Dogs for the Kids
Reibekuchen (German Potato Pancakes)
Spaetzle (German Noodles)
Rotkohlsalat (German Red Cabbage)
German Green Beans

Desserts: Apple Strudel
German Chocolate Cake – Vanilla Ice Cream

Beverages: German & Domestic Beers – German Rhine Wines
Schnapps (German Flavored Liquors)

German Toasts
Music &
Entertainment

Oktoberfest - return to office

Name _____ Number for Babysitting/Ages _____
Adults _____ # Family _____ Total \$ _____

For questions, please email kofc@saint-max.org

Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 11355





Ancora Girls Club

A club for girls in 5th-12th grade

Come learn more about us at our

Open House

Tuesday, September 19

7:00-8:30 PM

Lounge

Questions? Email Ancora@saint-max.org

PARISH LIFE

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1. Sunday & Holy Day Offerings	Sundays	Holy Days
September 3	22,922.67	
September 10	21,601.41	12.00
September 11 - FaithDirectEFT		
September 17		
September 24		
Total September to Date	44,524.08	12.00
September budget	158,000.00	0.00
2. Sunday & Holy Day Year-to-Date		
Actual	371,727.35	4,065.25
Budget	424,500.00	1,500.00
Difference	(52,772.65)	2,565.25

Special September Offerings

Catholic Tuition Assistance	183.00
Catholic Charities USA (hurricane relief)	12,145.97
Charitable IMPACT	533.00
Debt Elimination	973.00
St. Vincent de Paul	178.00

Your offering is an act of worship.

Our gifts are a sign of gratitude and love to Him.

YOUNG AT HEART

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.

Monday, October 9 - 7:00 PM - Regular Meeting - Teri Ellsworth will speak about Hospice

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.



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, tcolin_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.



PARISH LIFE

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, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

8:00 AM	Complex	Early Childhood Religious Formation of Youth
10:00 AM	Rm 17	RCIA-Dismissal
12:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Include Me! Mass
2:00 PM	Gym	Confirmation Opening Event
5:30 PM	Lounge	Youth Ministry Core Team
6:00 PM	Complex	Religious Formation of Youth Grades 4-8
7:00 PM	Church	Praise & Worship
7:00 PM	Gym	High School Youth Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

9:45 AM	Youth Rm	Mighty Max
10:45 AM	Youth Rm	Parents Morning In
5:15 PM	Complex	Religious Formation of Youth Grades 1-8
6:30 PM	Lg Conf Rm	KOC Business
6:30 PM	Off Conf Rm	Facilities-Emergency Committee
6:45 PM	Complex	Religious Formation of Youth Grades 1-8
7:00 PM	Library	Library Committee Planning
7:00 PM	Hospitality Rm	Adoration Team

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 2017

9:30 AM	Lg Conf Rm	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:45 AM	Youth Rm	Mighty Max
10:45 AM	Youth Rm	Mighty Max
5:15 PM	Church	Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Rms 2&3	Cub Scouts Pack 944
6:30 PM	Church	Fall First Penance Retreat
6:30 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters Volleyball
7:00 PM	Youth Rm	Finance Council
7:00 PM	Rm 7	Wellness ministry
7:00 PM	Lounge	Ancora

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

9:30 AM	Lg Conf Rm	Faith Lessons for Women
9:30 AM	Gym	Faith Lessons for Moms
11:00 AM	Hospitality Rm	Staff Formation
5:15 PM	Church	Cherub Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters Volleyball
7:00 PM	Rm 6	Light Weigh
7:00 PM	Youth Rm	Parish Life & Stewardship Commission
7:00 PM	Church	Adult Music Ministry Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Rm 7	Adult Confirmation Prep
7:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	WCCYA Coffee & Conversations
7:00 PM	Rms 2&3	Women's Evening Bible Study
7:00 PM	Rms 8&10	Surviving Divorce

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

9:00 AM	Chapel	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:15 AM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
9:15 AM	Nursery	Mother's Rosary
10:00 AM	Gym	Mighty Max Moves and Grooves
6:00 PM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
6:45 PM	Gym	Boy Scout Troop 944
6:45 PM	Church	Handbell choir rehearsal
7:00 PM	Rms 2&3	Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat
7:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Financial Peace University
7:00 PM	Rms 9&11	St. Vincent de Paul
7:00 PM	Chapel	Holy Hour/Vespers
7:00 PM	Youth Rm	RCIA Candidates Meeting
7:00 PM	Lounge	Cub Scouts 944-Den 1
7:30 PM	Rm 16	West Liberty Outreach

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

8:30 AM	Parking Lot	Respect Life - remove crosses
3:30 PM	Hospitality Rm	Stephen Leader's Meeting
5:00 PM	Gym, Kitchen	St. Max Boosters Volleyball

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

9:15 AM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
9:15 AM	Gym	Fitness Rosary
9:30 AM	Rm 4	St. Benedict Bible Study
3:00 PM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
5:30 PM	Gym	KOC Oktoberfest Dinner Dance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

8:00 AM	Complex	Early Childhood Religious Formation of Youth
8:45 AM	Gym	Health & Wellness Flu Shot Clinic
10:00 AM	Rm 17	RCIA - Dismissal
12:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Include Me Mass
5:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Stephen Ministry Continuing Education
6:00 PM	Complex	Religious Formation of Youth Grades 4-8
7:00 PM	Gym	High School Youth Group
8:00 PM	Youth Rm	Men's Spiritual Workout

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