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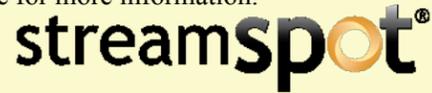
ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP



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## WATCH OUR MASS ONLINE

All our Masses are live streamed and available online via StreamSpot. Visit the parish website for more information.



## DOWNLOAD OUR APP!

The St. Max app is available on Google Play and the App store! Just search St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. The app is packed with features to keep you engaged with our community. Learn, pray and interact with St. Max!



## WANT TO JOIN THE ST. MAX COMMUNITY?

We want to meet you! Stop by the parish office on Sunday morning or during the week. We want to answer your questions and help you connect to our community! Welcome packets are in the information racks in the gathering space. Inside you will find information about everything St. Max has to offer and a registration form. Just complete the form and return it to the parish office or place it in the Sunday collection basket.

# DISCOVER

ENCOUNTER JESUS IN THE SACRAMENTS

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you have questions about God or the Church? Looking for answers? We invite you to come and learn about the Catholic faith, no pressure!

Are you ready for your child to prepare for Baptism, First Penance and First Communion, or Confirmation? Our sacramental preparation staff and teams are ready to welcome your family.

Even if you've been away from the Church or the regular practice of the faith, it's never too late to encounter Jesus' love and grace in the sacraments.

## QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

### BAPTISM

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### CONFIRMATION

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# LEARN

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children in grades 1-4 are dismissed from the main assembly at the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses and gather in the large conference room to hear Sunday's readings at an age-appropriate level and then return to church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. No registration – just come forward when the deacon invites you.

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION FOR YOUTH

Are you interested in your children learning more about their faith? We are here to help and support your children in their faith formation.

Mary Lou Baker  
[mbaker@saint-max.org](mailto:mbaker@saint-max.org)  
513-777-4322 ext. 120

## JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

We have lots of opportunities for both Jr. high and high school youth! We seek opportunities to learn, grow, serve and have fun together!

### JR. HIGH

Open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade youth!

Robin Burbrink  
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513-777-4322 ext. 124

### HIGH SCHOOL

Open to all high school students!

Zack Hinger  
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## ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

Our parish wants to provide opportunities for you to grow in your faith and provide community. Whatever your stage in life, married or single, whether a mom, wife, father, husband, young adult... we have a place for you to grow closer to Christ and learn more about the Catholic faith.

Zack Hinger  
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## NURSERY DURING MASS

Do you have young children (6 months - 3 years)? St. Max provides a nursery during our 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses! Our nursery is staffed with loving caregivers who help the children learn about Jesus through age appropriate activities. *The nursery will reopen after the holidays on January 8.*

## MIGHTY MAX

Mighty Max is a caregiver and child learning program for children 18 mo. – pre-k. Children experience a themed lesson each week to include stories, songs, crafts, and much more. Mighty Max is offered Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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513-777-4322 ext. 129



# REVIVE

EXPERIENCE GOD'S HEALING IN YOUR LIFE

## COMPANIONS ON A JOURNEY

Companions on a Journey grief support offers support to anyone who has suffered the death of a loved one. For more information and a list of grief-specific support groups visit: [www.companionsonajourney.org](http://www.companionsonajourney.org)

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

We all experience challenges in life. Stephen Ministers are ready to help, in a confidential setting, and provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty. Our ministry is available to parishioners and non-parishioners. Please call 513-777-4322 ext. 218 or [stephenministry@saint-max.org](mailto:stephenministry@saint-max.org)



## PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel helps those who have emotional or spiritual wounds as a result of a past abortion. Project Rachel provides a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. It's an opportunity for women and men to experience God's love, forgiveness and hope!

Project Rachel hotline  
[projectrachel@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:projectrachel@catholiccincinnati.org)  
513-784-0531

## THE CATHOLIC'S DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE

This program covers topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single. This group starts Wednesday, January 11 and will meet weekly until mid-April from 7:00-8:30 PM. To register, call the parish office 513-777-4322 or email, [divorcesurvival@saint-max.org](mailto:divorcesurvival@saint-max.org)

# SERVE

## CHOSEN

CHOSEN is a ministry of Serve City and provides a 52-bed shelter serving our homeless in Hamilton, Ohio. Parishioners supply, prepare and serve food to the guests on the third Saturday of the month from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Paul Groh  
[chosen@saint-max.org](mailto:chosen@saint-max.org), 513-324-2937

## TENDER MERCIES

Tender Mercies helps homeless adults with histories of mental illness by providing resources and residency. Volunteers are needed to make food, set-up or serve dinner once a month.

Chung Bui  
[tendermercies@saint-max.org](mailto:tendermercies@saint-max.org), 513-869-9917

## FAMILY PROMISE

St. Max, along with 13 other churches, is a host site for local Butler County families struggling with homelessness. Four times a year we provide lodging and meals to a few families for one week at a time.

Kathy McGill  
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513-708-1475





My dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,  
*O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity delight one day in eternal rewards.*

These words, adapted from the Opening Prayer on the Feast of the Holy Family, are so true for us! In the life of the Holy Family, we see great struggles and uncertainty, unexpected turns of events and even death. Don't our own families experience these, too, year after year? The Holy Family also witnesses to us closeness to God and a trust in God's will. That's what got the Holy Family through the difficulties of their life, and that is what will get us through life, too!

As we gather together this Christmas, let us praise and thank God for the gift of our family – immediate and extended, near and far, each family member a beautifully diverse and unique person created in the image and likeness of God. Let us also praise and thank God for the gift of our faith family – local and universal, near and far, each Christian a beloved child of God through the waters of baptism. Family, gathered around a home table or an altar table, there is no better gift we will ever receive than that!

A blessed Christmas season to everyone and a healthy and happy New Year of 2017.

*Fr. Geoff*



# PRAY

CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST WITH OUR COMMUNITY

THE LORD'S DAY:

SATURDAY

4:30 PM

SUNDAY

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

WEEKDAYS:

MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:30 AM

RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

THURSDAY

9:15 AM & 6:00 PM

SATURDAY

9:15 AM & 3:00 PM

A QUIET PLACE AMONGST THE CHAOS

Need a quiet place to pray, an oasis of calm in the midst of your busy life?

Our chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with parking right outside the door.



INCLUDE ME!

SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS

If you have a loved one who struggles to celebrate Mass in a large space, St. Max offers a smaller venue for your family to attend Mass together. Mass is live streamed into an adjacent room with an opportunity to receive Holy Communion. *Sundays @ Noon*

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JUST 1% OF YOUR DAY given to God in focused prayer will change your life.

We would like to challenge you to spend just 1% (let's round up to 15 min) OF YOUR DAY EVERY DAY PRAYING with Scripture.

1% CHALLENGE

Daily Encounter with God's Word

[www.saint-max.org/takethechallenge](http://www.saint-max.org/takethechallenge)

*Behold*

GOD WHO BECAME MAN.  
COME, LET US ADORE HIM.



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