

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

**Sunday, January 15****SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM † Nhon Nguyen & † Mr Vincent  
 10:00 AM People of the Parish & † "T" Kapoor  
 NOON † Robert Trischler & Cindy Muron

**Monday, January 16**

8:00 AM † Anna Luu Nguyen & † Anthony Nguyen  
 6:00 PM *Mass at St. Susanna, Mason*

**Tuesday, January 17****Saint Anthony, Abbot**

8:30 AM † Vi Tran & † all souls & † Joseph Bui  
 7:00 PM *Mass at St. John, West Chester*

**Wednesday, January 18**

8:30 AM † Zenon Kuzmicky & † Jerry & † Julie Richards

**Thursday, January 19**

8:30 AM † Leona Edwards & † Deacon Hans Schade

**Friday, January 20**

8:30 AM † Soi Vu & † Fedora Lupidi

**Saturday, January 21****Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr**

8:30 AM † Souls in purgatory & grief support  
 4:30 PM † Karen Carey & † Bob Harshbarger

**Sunday, January 22****THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM For the intentions of all our volunteers &  
 † Bernice Gundlach  
 10:00 AM People of the Parish & Art & Dolores Arand  
 NOON † Maria Silvestri and † Toma & † Mattha  
 † Deceased

\* **Incense used**

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Isaiah 49:3,5-6  
 Psalm 40:2,4,7-10  
 1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
 John 1:29-34

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
 Psalm 27:1,4,13-14  
 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17  
 Matthew 4:12-23

**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:*

James Sell, grandfather of Dave Brunsman  
 Zita Huss, aunt of Connie Michael

Barbara Burkett, sister-in-law of Connie Michael

Maryann Begovich, wife of Joseph Begovich and mother of  
 Joseph Begovich Jr.

Kersey "Kris" Foley, father of Tiffany Yuhasz

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Your healing prayers are requested for Earl Abeln, Grace Basta, Lisa Bingaman, Bob Bruns, Brian Bruns, Eleanor Budek, Jennifer Calangi, Maya Collins, Marian Conrad, Cyril Daddieh, Angelique Debets, Henry DeNicola, Shannon Dowling-Schlachter, Jack Easter, Bill Ebben, Jackie Eckles, Gaye Hollenkamp Eubanks, Cecilia Feltz, Levi Gasner, Robert Ferraro, Jack Finke, Timmy Fischer, Mary Fritz, Chris Giuliano, Karen Gross, Richard Gross, Sol Gross, James Gunselman, Gail Hamilton, Gary Hampton, John Hendy Jr., Al Higgins, Jill Holt, Maureen Imfeld, Ralph Kitts, Jennifer Klenke, Don Klinkhammer, Hank Kluznick, Joey Lakeberg, Michael Lancaster, Pat Langdon, Pam Lawson, Barb Listermann, Tom Lutz, Char McCarthy, Lyla McGlinchey, Andrew Meister, Jacob Meister, Beryl Michael, Judy Michael, Daniel R. Miller, James Moores, Trevor Vincent Munafo, Gene Neltner, Victor Nguyen, George Palmer, Fr. John Porter, Stephanie Pulling, Annie Prather, Agnes Rahman, Kristof Rattermann, Quintin Richardson, Evelyn Robinson, Joseph Romer, James Santos, Kerry Santos, Rose Mary Schaefer, James Schaeper, Julie Schrock, Rose Seibert, Eric Stearman, Debbie Stoeckel, Richard Sunnenberg, Ernestine Tomblin, Tari Torbeck, Kenneth Trimbach, Joan Valentine, George Vesper, Gloria Vesper, Stanley Wadella, Vito Weeda, Kathy Wojciechowski, Richard Woll, 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, 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, Alexander J. Pater, 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 is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.”*

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968)

American Baptist minister, activist and leader of the Civil Rights Movement

## A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ,

As we have just celebrated Christmas and Epiphany, God revealing Himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ, the Word-made-flesh, today’s gospel also contains an important divinely inspired revelation from John the Baptist about Jesus *“I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him.”* The Church has for many generations used the symbol of a dove to represent the Holy Spirit, but John does not say the Spirit *is* a dove, but that the Spirit descended *like* a dove. I actually have never really noticed how a dove actually descends, but I did come across this description online. A dove “sort of hovers and floats downward. Its descent is smooth, deliberate, and in its own unique way.” That same Holy Spirit descends upon us as well throughout our lives. At our Baptism the Holy Spirit came upon us and we received the fullness of the Holy Spirit’s gifts at Confirmation. We also receive the Holy Spirit at every Mass as we experience God’s presence in gathering, Word and Eucharist. The Holy Spirit has descended upon us and continues to do so. It fills us. But what do we do with it? Without a doubt the Holy Spirit is part of our being. But for the Spirit to be as effective as it can be in us, around us and through us, we must share the Spirit and use its gifts and fruits. Benedict XVI, our pope emeritus, once said, “No one can give that which they do not personally possess, which means we cannot transmit the Holy Spirit if we ourselves are not close to the Spirit.” How close are we to the Spirit? How is it in our lives that we “transmit” the Spirit?

Recently on a few Sunday mornings and evenings there have been some needy individuals in our building and in the parking lot asking for assistance. Certainly we want to always help “Christ in disguise” but at the same time the devil can be in disguise, too! The first response should always be to invite the person/persons to contact our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society (513-777-4322, ext. 214) so that a true need can be determined and satisfied. However, some people will tell their very compelling stories with their supposed immediate need for assistance. PLEASE, DO NOT GIVE THEM MONEY. Money can be used for drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gambling, or other things which are not helping the individual. If you are so inclined to help someone, please do not do it alone and please do not go somewhere “non-public.” For example, if a family says they need gasoline, tell them you will meet them at a gas station. If they need food, meet them at a grocery. If they need a meal, meet them at a fast food restaurant. If they need medication, meet them at a pharmacy. Under no circumstance should you give your name, phone number or address to a stranger, no matter how compelling and how real their story sounds.

As we celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, this feast, and inaugurate a new president, let us remember each day to pray for our country. Let us pray for our nation that our leaders, entrusted with care for the common good, may respect the dignity and sacredness of all human life (especially at its most vulnerable stages) and may work in a cooperative spirit to promote liberty and freedom, justice and peace for all.

Thanks to everyone for your continued response and participation in the **1% Challenge** here at St. Max, a commitment to spend 15 minutes a day (i.e. 1% of your day) praying with a scripture verse of your choice or one emailed to you daily. (NB Signing-up for our daily **1% Challenge** email is easier than ever with our new “text to sign up” feature – text “1percent” to 42828 and reply to the response with your email address.) Remember to **Commit, Pray, and Partner**. And also remember, the **1% Challenge** is not a parish program but our parish paradigm. Let God’s powerful and transforming Word – ever ancient, ever new, always relevant, always precious – be part of your life each and every day.

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

*Fr. Geoff*

***EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR FAMILIES***

Thursday, January 19, 2017 – 7:00-8:00 PM

# National Day of Penance

## Monday, January 23, 2017

On this day, commemorating the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court ruling *Roe vs. Wade*, legalizing abortion in our country, we pause to remember the millions of innocent lives which have been lost to abortion and pray for the healing of the women and men affected by that decision.

In all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23 when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, #373)

In observance of this day of penance, all are invited to choose one or more of the following:

**Sunday, January 22**

- **8:00 PM** - Holy hour for life

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue throughout the night in the chapel.\**

**Monday, January 23**

- **3:00 AM** - The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed
- **8:00 AM** - The Rosary for Life (Joyful Mysteries) will be prayed in the chapel
- **8:30 AM** - Mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" will be celebrated.

At the end of Mass, day-long Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin in the chapel.\*

*Please join us anytime during the day between 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM*

- **12:00 PM** - The Rosary for Life (Luminous Mysteries) will be prayed
- **3:00 PM** - The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed
- **4:00 PM** - The Rosary for Life (Sorrowful Mysteries) will be prayed in Spanish
- **7:00 PM** - The Rosary for Life (Glorious Mysteries) will be prayed
- **8:00 PM** - Benediction\*

\*If enough volunteers are available

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**In other churches and at home:**

- Make a visit to any Catholic church to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
- Spend some extra time in prayer at home, e.g. pray a family rosary
- Use the prayer below remembering the millions of babies who have been aborted as well as those coping with and grieving the loss of their aborted children

**Some other suggestions:**

- Abstain from meat
- Fast from a meal and/or from snacks between meals
- Give up television, music, video games, or some other entertainment
- Donate monies saved from above to any pro-life group or agency

### *Prayer to End Abortion*

Lord God, we praise and thank You for the gift of our lives, and for the lives of all human beings.

There is nothing more destructive to human life than abortion, yet we rejoice that You have conquered death by the resurrection of Your Son. Help us to do our part to end abortion – never to be silent, never to be passive, and never to be forgetful of the unborn. Give us strength to defend human life, especially in the womb, until all humans are protected. Guide our nation to truly be a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



WORSHIP

The flowers in the sanctuary were donated by:



Matthew & Yvette Smith, on the occasion of their 23rd wedding anniversary



LEARNING ABOUT THE LITURGY: Q&A

Q. What is "Ordinary Time"? What's so "ordinary" about it?

A. The word "ordinary" comes from the Latin root ordinal, which means "counted". The liturgical year has several distinct seasons in which we celebrate particular aspects of the Paschal Mystery: Advent/Christmas (Incarnation) and Lent/Triduum/Easter tide (Death and Resurrection). The remaining 34 Sundays of the year are simply named by number, "counted" in order.

The adjective "ordinary" does not pertain to the nature of the celebration, although the liturgies of Ordinary Time are generally less festive and solemn than those in the important seasons. But don't be tempted to think that they are so "ordinary" as to not matter. On the contrary: each Sunday is a "little Easter", our weekly opportunity to celebrate the Lord's dying and rising; there's nothing "ordinary" about that!

Submit your questions on Mass – why we do what we do - to [jhelves@saint-max.org](mailto:jhelves@saint-max.org) and watch future bulletins for an answer.

OUTREACH

TENDER MERCIES

Please prayerfully consider helping provide a hot meal for those who are hungry on Saturday, January 28. The Tender Mercies volunteer sign up sheet will be available at the outreach kiosk next weekend, January 21. You may volunteer to contribute a menu item or help by serving. If you are not available to contribute a hot dish, please consider donating fruit or beverages. All items can be dropped off in front of the St. Max gymnasium on January 28 at 3:45.

THE CATHOLIC'S DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE - RUAH WOODS

Catholic's Divorce Healing Program • 12 Mondays • 7:00-9:00 PM, beginning January 23rd - April 17, 2017 • Ruah Woods, 6675 Wesselman Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45248 • 513-407-8672.

The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide is a twelve-week program featuring thirty-minute DVD sessions each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone. Register online at [www.ruahwoods.org/learning/adult-courses/catholic-divorce-survival-guide.aspx](http://www.ruahwoods.org/learning/adult-courses/catholic-divorce-survival-guide.aspx) or call 513-407-8672, or email [lynnhammersmith@ruahwoods.org](mailto:lynnhammersmith@ruahwoods.org) for more info or questions.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ST. MAX'S BABY SHOWER

ON JANUARY 28 & 29

TO SUPPORT LOCAL PREGNANCY CENTERS

Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center in Over-the-Rhine – The center is in a very poor part of town and services about 200 families per month. Especially needed: umbrella strollers or gently used regular strollers, gently used car seats or high chairs, pack-n-plays, new or used, size 4 or 5 diapers, infant sleepers, infant formula, or anything babies could use.

Women's Center Sharonville – New items needed for pregnant and parenting clients completing classes in critical life skills. Layettes given to abortion-minded women who decide to carry their baby to term which aids in bonding with their baby. Especially needed; bumbo seats, diaper bags, boppy pillows, bouncy seats, umbrella strollers, bathtubs.



CASH DONATIONS OR WALMART GIFT CARDS WELCOME THEY ARE USED TO PURCHASE CRIBS OR OTHER LARGE ITEMS.

Please drop items off in gathering space before or after all Masses on January 28 & 29. If you have any questions, call Dolores Mize at 895-7008.

## OUTREACH

**2017 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)**

Next weekend, the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal will kick off throughout the archdiocese. The CMA is our opportunity each year to support the work of six vital ministries and their many programs, all of which operate right here in our archdiocese.

Also, if we exceed our parish goal for the CMA, 50% of our overage comes back to the parish designated for outreach.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CMA. Your help is needed to provide a path for many people throughout our archdiocese. For more information, please visit [CatholicAppeal.info](http://CatholicAppeal.info). Thank you!

## EVANGELIZATION &amp; CATECHESIS

**GOSPEL FOR ALL AGES****John 1:29-34**

In today's gospel, John tells the story of the baptism of Jesus, a story told by all four evangelists. John's version is unique in several ways, including this statement by John the Baptist about Jesus: "He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me'" (John 1:30). In this statement, John perceives himself as the forerunner of the Messiah, chronologically speaking. He is the one coming to prepare the way for an even greater prophet. However, John the Baptist is also making it clear that although his ministry came first, it is not first in importance... Jesus ranks first in authority. Finally, John the Baptist is acknowledging the preexistence of Jesus in saying, "Because he existed before me."

**Family Discussion:** Have I ever had to step back and let someone else take the lead, as John the Baptist did with Jesus? Was this difficult for me? Why? This week, imitate John the Baptist's humility. Do something good without being noticed. Acknowledge the good things others do.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS**

Regular classes continue this week, January 15. Mark your calendar for our spring singing event: We will **sing in church** (right before beginning of Mass) on Sunday, April 30.

**RFY GRADES 1 - 8 NEWS**

Regular classes continue this week, January 15 and 16. January news... The ACRE assessment will be given to our **fifth graders** during classes on January 29 and 30. This assessment is required for all fifth graders who attend religious education in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade families in RFY should have received an email with more information about the ACRE. **Home Study families** should have received the link to sign up for one of the offered times. Please contact Mary Lou, [mbaker@saint-max.org](mailto:mbaker@saint-max.org), 513-777-4322 ext. 120 with questions.

FYI for classroom families... ALL other grade levels will have regular classes the week of January 29 and 30.

**HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY EVENTS**

**HomeLife** small groups will meet tonight Sunday, January 15 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Check with your leader for details.

**FRESH** high school youth group will meet next Sunday, January 22 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the lounge and gym. All are welcome!

**Steubenville Trip:** Please submit registration and deposit of \$50 as soon as possible. Our fundraiser is coming up and will only benefit you if you are registered. Check the parish website for registration form. Please contact Ally Wheeler [awheeler@saint-max.org](mailto:awheeler@saint-max.org) or 513-777-4322 ext. 128 for more information.

*For any questions regarding HS Youth Ministry contact Zack Hinger, [highschool@saint-max.org](mailto:highschool@saint-max.org) or 513-777-4322 ext. 107*

**Save the Date!**  
**High School Youth Ministry**  
**Summer Conference Fundraiser**  
**FLOWER SALE**  
**after Masses on January 28/29 and February 4/5**



## EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

### WEST CHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

**Faith Discussion - Wednesday, January 18:** Come join us for our 3rd Wednesday of the month faith discussion! Meet us in the hospitality room in the church at St. John from 7:00-9:00 PM. Our evening will consist of prayer, social time, and our faith discussion. This month's theme is "Coffee, Conversations, and Christ". Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**Share a Lunch - Sunday, January 22:** Held the 4th Sunday of every month, this event is put on by St. John parishioners to make peanut butter sandwiches and bag lunches for the hungry in the local area. This is a fun event, and WCCYA loves to help when we can! Location: St. John's Pavilion at 9:00 AM.

*For any questions regarding young adult events, contact Zack Hinger, [zhinger@saint-max.org](mailto:zhinger@saint-max.org) or 513-777-4322 ext. 107*



### SOULCORE WOMEN'S FITNESS RETREAT - SATURDAY, JANUARY 21



SoulCore is a prayer experience that pairs core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the prayers of the rosary; a sensory experience that combines candlelight, music, scripture, reflections and movement to nourish body, mind & soul and encourage deeper meditation on the mysteries and virtues of the rosary. Our fitness retreat will be held Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in the St. Max gym. From 9:00-10:00 AM we will have our first session including a short talk introducing SoulCore followed by a basic class which can be done on the mat or seated on a chair, 10:00-10:30AM Q & A, coffee, tea and snacks, 11:00 - 12:00 PM we will hold a second session including a short talk and an intermediate class. For more information, please go to [www.soulcore.com](http://www.soulcore.com). Join us for one or both sessions. Suggested donation: \$10.00 per session.

Bring an exercise mat and water bottle and dress in comfortable clothing. There will be a few extra mats and blocks available. For questions or to register please call or email Marlene at 777-4322 ext. 118 [mdoughman@saint-max.org](mailto:mdoughman@saint-max.org), this will help us plan refreshments.

### COUPLE'S PRAYER

*"Lord, teach us how to pray!"* Join a 3 week couple's prayer workshop held in the home of a mentor couple that you are assigned to. Enjoy an evening out together and share snacks and beverages with 3-4 married couples. Your mentor couple will present ideas and offer support on praying together as a couple. Workshops are held on 3 consecutive weeks and last about 90 minutes each. The workshop is free or a \$20 donation will be accepted to cover materials. If you have questions or to inquire about a group, please send an email to [marriageenrichment@saint-max.org](mailto:marriageenrichment@saint-max.org).

### GROW YOUR FAITH THROUGH MUSIC

*"He who sings prays twice."* – St. Augustine

Jump start your prayer life by joining us at Praise and Worship this Sunday, January 15 at 7:00 PM in the church. Praise and Worship is open to everyone and includes music, reflection, and quiet prayer time. Also, mark your calendars for the upcoming Rosary for Our Country on January 29 and Praise and Worship on February 19. All activities begin at 7:00 PM and all are invited to attend. Questions? Email us at [livingwaters@saint-max.org](mailto:livingwaters@saint-max.org)

### VIGIL PRAISE - JANUARY 22

On Friday, January 20th from 7:00 - 8:00 PM Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati will be hosting once again, Vigil Praise. Vigil Praise is an opportunity for young adults and young families to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. During Adoration there will be confessions heard. There will also be praise and worship music to aid in our worship of the Lord. Father Eric Roush will be the presider for Vigil Praise. He is a graduate of Miami University (Ohio) and Xavier University. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati in 2016. He currently is the parochial vicar at St. Susanna parish in Mason. Father Eric will preach on the call of the apostles from the Gospel of Mark and how the Lord continues to summon those whom He wants to send forth on His mission. After the holy hour there will be a social to which all are invited. The seminary is located at 6616 Beechmont Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45230.

### PARISH MISSION TRAINING SESSION

Is there anyone in your life you wish you could bring back to Christ and the Church? Learn how to invite and bring the disengaged to our parish mission. Join us for this 3 hour training workshop put on by Renewal Ministries on Saturday, January 21 from 1:00-3:00 PM in the gym. Please RSVP at [www.saint-max.org/Mission](http://www.saint-max.org/Mission)

PARISH LIFE

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1. Sunday & Holy Day Offerings	Sundays	Holy Days
January 1	16,171.09	2,947.00
January 8	31,137.36	1,503.00
January 6 - FD EFT end of year	3,477.00	145.00
January 11 - Faith Direct EFT		
January 15		
January 22		
January 29		
Total January to Date	50,785.45	4,595.00
January budget	180,000.00	12,000.00
2. Sunday & Holy Day Year-to-Date		
Actual	1,017,425.04	68,515.00
Budget	1,044,000.00	79,500.00
Difference	<b>(26,574.96)</b>	<b>(10,985.00)</b>
Special January Offerings		
Catholic Tuition Assistance	241.00	
Charitable Impact	725.00	
Drive Down the Debt	898.00	
Fund for Religious Retirement	700.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	705.00	

**STEWARDSHIP POINT**  
 “It’s not how much we give  
 but how much love we put into giving.”  
**-Mother Teresa**

**YOUNG AT HEART**

**Sunday, January 22** - Lunch at Stone Creek Dining Co. - Mulhauser Road at 1:30 PM.



**Friday, February 3** - Pizza at Uno's at 5:00 PM. Mulhauser and Union Center Rd.

**Monday, February 13** - Center for Holocaust and Humanities speaker at 7:00 PM.

**Wednesday, February 15** - Cheesecake Factory at Liberty Center at 6:00 PM.

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](mailto:youngatheart@saint-max.org) if you are interested in attending a meeting or joining.

**FISH FRY FANCIES**

Our 12<sup>th</sup> annual St. Max Lenten Fish Fry is just around the corner, March 3 through April 7, and you can support us in several areas!

- Purchase an ad for our placemats. Drop your business card and a check for \$25 into the collection basket or deliver to the parish office by February 13.
- Purchase a sponsorship for only \$125. Your logo and the name of your business/school/organization are placed on a larger than life board displayed at each Fish Fry.
- Join the Fish Friar Committee! We have a grand ol’ time working together each week too! Areas that are in need of a coordinator are:
  - Prep coordinator, Thursdays 6:00-7:30PM
  - Table set up, Fridays 2:00-4:00PM
  - Floor coordinator, Fridays 4:15-8PM
- Volunteer to help out with prep on Thursday evenings or the fish fry on Fridays. Visit our website at [www.saint-max.org](http://www.saint-max.org) to sign up.

If you are interested in joining the committee or have any questions, please contact Lakmé at [lkodros@saint-max.org](mailto:lkodros@saint-max.org) or 777-4322x105. Thank you!

Save the Date

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 28, 2017

5:00-7:30 PM





### PASTORAL COUNCIL IN THE GATHERING SPACE

The first mission of pastoral council is to create ways to listen and stay in touch with the concerns and needs of parishioners. With that mission in mind, council members will be available in the gathering space after Mass once a month, two weekends before each pastoral council meeting. Whether there is something you love about St. Max that you want to see continue, or you see a way that you can help improve the parish, council members would love to hear from you; or just stop by to say hello. This will allow us to have the parish's feedback in mind when we meet with Fr. Geoff later in the week. **Look for us by the large window overlooking the Rachel statue next weekend, January 21 & 22.**

### 2017 FESTIVAL

It may be cold and snowy outside but the planning has begun for St. Max's largest fundraiser and that is the festival! This year's festival is June 9th, 10th, and 11th. Currently the committee is looking for a MANY HELPING HANDS. Depending on your time and talent the committee is sure to find you a position. Don't worry you wont be tackling it on your own. All openings will have you working along with a current committee member. So don't hesitate to get involved in this year's festival. Contact festival chairman Bill Harkins at [festival@saint-max.org](mailto:festival@saint-max.org) or give him a call at 513-375-8466.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

The newly formed Wellness Ministry would like to invite you to a free blood pressure screening following each Mass the weekend of January 21 & 22. If you would like further information on becoming involved in the Health and Wellness Ministry, please contact Nancy Cushing at [608-957-2061](tel:608-957-2061) or [ncushing5577@gmail.com](mailto:ncushing5577@gmail.com)

### HEALTH TIP

Can't shake a cough? It could be Bronchitis. Bronchitis is an inflammation in the lungs that some people refer to as a chest cold. It can be a miserable, but minor, illness which follows a common cold, or the inflammation can follow a more serious condition such as a chronic smoker's hack. Bronchitis can also be caused by exposure to smoke, chemical irritants, or bacteria. A cough, phlegm, and fatigue are typical symptoms of bronchitis, but these are also symptoms of other illnesses, so seeing your healthcare provider, and getting the right diagnosis and treatment is important.

Reviewed by Luqman Seidu, M.D. (January 23, 2016). Can't Shake a Cold?



## Men's Night Out

*Men's Social - A night of fellowship & fun*

Friday, January 27th

7:30 PM – Midnight

Fr. John Porter Family Life Complex

Cost: \$25 (includes 2 drink tickets and unlimited food!)

Note: \$30 at the door \* Must be 21

Bring a friend - fill a table of 5 for \$100!



### Variety of games to amuse everyone & fabulous food!

Corn hole, Euchre and poker tournaments, beat the dealer, raffles, split the pot & more hole in one putting contest

Event Sponsorship available - contact Paul Groh

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EVENTS OF THE PARISH

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017**

8:00 AM	Gym	Catholic Elementary School Fair
8:00 AM	Complex	Early Childhood Classes during the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses
11:00 AM	Youth Room	RCIA
12:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Include Me! Mass
2:00 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters Games
6:00 PM	Complex	Religious Formation of Youth Grades 4-8
7:00 PM	Complex	High School HomeLife Open Lounge
7:00 PM	Church	Praise & Worship
7:30 PM	Rms 2 & 3	Booster Monthly Meeting
7:30 PM	Rms 8 & 10	Boy Scout Troop 944 Committee
7:30 PM	Complex	High School HomeLife
7:30 PM	Gym	Men's Basketball

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017**

9:45 AM	Nursery	Mother's Rosary
5:15 PM	Complex	Religious Formation for Youth Grades 1-8
6:30 PM	Lg Conf Rm	KOC Monthly Business Meeting
6:45 PM	Complex	Religious Formation for Youth Grades 1-8
7:00 PM	Lounge	Ancora

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017**

9:30 AM	Lg Conf Rm	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
5:00 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters
5:15 PM	Church	Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Rm 15	Cub Scouts 944 - Den 9
6:30 PM	Church	Penance Prep
7:00 PM	Youth Room	Finance Council

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017**

9:30 AM	Complex	Faith Lessons for Moms
9:30 AM	Lg Conf Rm	Faith Lessons for Women
5:00 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters
5:15 PM	Church	Cherub Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Rms 9 & 11	The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide
6:45 PM	Church	Music Ministry Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Hospitality Rm	Bereaved Parents
7:00 PM	Rm 6	Light Weigh
7:00 PM	Youth Room	Parish Life & Stewardship Commission

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017**

9:15 AM	Nursery	Mother's Rosary
9:15 AM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
9:30 AM	Chapel	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
7:00 PM	Gym	Boy Scouts
7:00 PM	Rm 7	Charitable Impact
7:00 PM	Lounge	Cub Scout Pack 944 - Den 1
7:00 PM	Rms 8 & 10	Cub Scout Pack 944 - Den 5
7:00 PM	Chapel	Holy Hour/Vespers
7:00 PM	Rms 9 & 11	St. Vincent de Paul
7:00 PM	Youth Room	Stephen Ministry Training
8:00 PM	Hospitality Rm	Evangelical Catholic Small Group Facilitator Meeting
8:00 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017**

9:00 AM	Rms 8 & 10	One Thing is Three
9:30 AM	Gym	Homeschool - Rosary Activity
9:30 AM	Youth Room	Stephen Ministry Leaders Meeting
7:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Marriage Enrichment - Discovering Our Deepest Desires
7:00 PM	Gym	Men's Basketball

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017**

7:00 AM	Rm 5	Answer the Call Men's Faith Sharing
9:00 AM	Gym & Kitchen	Women's Fitness Retreat
9:15 AM	Gathering Space	Remembrance Mass Reception following Mass
9:15 AM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
9:30 AM	Rm 4	St. Benedict Bible Study
2:00 PM	Gym	Parish Mission Training
3:00 PM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
5:30 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Welcome Orientation
7:00 PM	Gym	Cub Scouts Pack 944 Mother Son Event

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017**

8:00 AM	Complex	Early Childhood Classes during the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses
11:00 AM	Youth Room	RCIA
12:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Include Me! Mass
2:00 PM	Gym	Confirmation - Spring Opening Event
5:00 PM	Lounge	High School Peer Minister Meeting
5:30 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Stephen Ministry Continuing Education
6:00 PM	Complex	Religious Formation of Youth Grades 4-8
7:00 PM	Gym	FRESH - High School Youth Ministry
7:30 PM	Rm 15	Stephen Ministry Continuing Education
8:00 PM	Youth Room	Men's Spiritual Workout
9:00 PM	Gym	Men's Basketball

**BUTTER BRAID SALE**

St. Max's AHG troop will be selling ButterBraids in the gathering space after Masses on January 21 & 22. Each pastry is \$13. They come frozen. Leave them out overnight to thaw and rise and bake in the morning. You'll have a delicious warm pastry for breakfast that will serve 11 people! Great for Easter and Mother's Day. Available flavors are: apple, cherry, cinnamon, and cream cheese. Other flavors available for delivery.

Proceeds will be used to purchase badges, supplies, camping equipment and to fund special events. This is the American Heritage Girls only fundraiser and they appreciate your support.

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