

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, January 29**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM For the intentions of all our ministry members & † Vincent Bao Nguyen & † Maria Chi Dang
 10:00 AM People of the Parish & Anthony Nguyen
 NOON † Anna Corkhill & † Toma Binh & † Mattha Diem

Monday, January 30

8:30 AM † Carol Hohman & † Mary Jane Staudigel
 6:00 PM *Mass at St. Susanna, Mason*

Tuesday, January 31**Saint John Bosco, Priest**

8:30 AM † Mr. Vincent & the Kern and Timmerding families
 7:00 PM *Mass at St. John, West Chester*

Wednesday, February 1

8:30 AM Art & Dolores Arand and † soul of Joseph

Thursday, February 2**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

8:30 AM † Maria Silvestri & members of the DeRoussel family

Friday, February 3

8:30 AM † Art Lewis & † Dave Wildey

Saturday, February 4

8:30 AM † Ophan souls & † Ella, † Cher & † Bill Gardner
 4:30 PM † Michele Risola & † Don Shelton

Sunday, February 5**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM For the intention of our Catechetical Ministry volunteers, † Nhon Nguyen & † Maria Le Mon
 10:00 AM People of the Parish & † Anna Luu Nguyen
 NOON † Anna Corkhill & † Esther Danielson

† Deceased

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
 Psalm 146:6-10
 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 Matthew 5:1-12

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 58:7-10
 Psalm 112:4-9
 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 Matthew 5:13-16

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 Barry Edwards, father of Margie Ubriacco
 Lawrence Bond, cousin of Marlene Doughman & nephew of Lucille Patrick

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, Patsy Kerber, 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

Act today in such a way that you need not blush tomorrow.

- St. John Bosco (1815-1888), Italian priest, founder of the Salesians, known as the “Apostle of Youth”
(feast day, January 31)

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Our gospel reading for this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time is the beginning of the “Sermon on the Mount.” Spanning chapters 5-7 of Matthew’s gospel the opening verses we hear today are the Beatitudes. The meaning of the word “beatitude” is “blessing.” Most translations use the word “blessed” rather than “happy” as it turns the focus away from a “me-centered happiness” to a God-given “blessedness.” Some may wonder why in Luke’s gospel, these same basic sayings (Luke 6:20-23) are part of what is often called the “Sermon on the Plain.” The settings – Matthew “on the mount” and Luke “on the plain” – show an important distinction in the audiences to whom the evangelists were addressing 2000 years ago. The author of Matthew’s gospel presents Jesus as the giver of the law, the new Moses per se, and thus Jesus is “elevated” on the mount. The author of Luke’s gospel has a focus on inclusivity and equality as essential (even obligatory) Christian traits and presents Jesus in the “less elevated” setting of a plain. Some scripture scholars believe that Jesus may have given this “sermon” often during His ministry and that those who followed Jesus were fond of quoting and referring to it. Whether reading the Beatitudes in Matthew or in Luke, the meaning does not change! Both tell us of the attitudes we are to have and how we are to live our lives as Jesus’ disciples, always acknowledging that He is our guide and the source of our strength. If we rely on Him and follow Him, we will be blessed – rejoice and be glad!

That being said, some have commented on the new banners gracing the light poles as we enter our property. Since many look at the Beatitudes as the epitome of Jesus’ teachings, the phrases “Blest are you” and “Rejoice and be glad” were chosen for these banners with angels’ wings (a symbol of Matthew’s gospel) masterfully at the forefront of a green “ordinary time” background.

Since 1974, the week starting on the last Sunday of January is celebrated as Catholic Schools Week. The theme for 2017 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” Schools typically observe this annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. We are blessed here in the archdiocese to have one of the ten largest Catholic schools systems in the United States. We are further blessed that the recent archdiocesan capital campaign (which we undertook as part of our Together We Grow campaign) is offering an additional \$2,000,000.00 in tuition scholarships each year for the next five years to assist those families in the greatest need to make a Catholic grade school or Catholic high school education a possibility for their children. Let’s especially pray this week for the continued success and strength of our archdiocesan Catholic school system.

Liturgically, this week has a lot happening! Thursday, February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the traditional day that the Church blesses candles. Mass will start in the gathering space that day with the blessing of candles. Friday, February 3, is the Memorial of St. Blaise, the traditional day that the Church blesses throats. Throats will be blessed at Mass after the petitions. And Friday, February 3, and Saturday, February 4, are First Friday and First Saturday respectively. As part of our stewardship of time spent in prayer, there may be no better way to do this than coming to an occasional weekday Mass. Perhaps this week might be a good time to make an occasional weekday Mass part of your normal routine.

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

Fr. Geoff

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE
Thursday, February 2, 2017 – 7:00-8:00 PM

WORSHIP

LEARNING ABOUT THE LITURGY: Q&A

Q. When I was a kid, we only received the Host for Communion. Now, it seems that the Precious Blood is offered most of the time. Do I have to receive both?

A. The Gospels tell us that at the Last Supper, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, telling them “Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body.” He also took the cup of wine and did likewise, telling them to drink it in his memory.

For many centuries, the faithful did not receive Communion at Mass very regularly, sometimes only once a year. This happened for a variety of reasons, and meant that practically speaking, very little wine needed to be consecrated for the Eucharist. In the early 20th century, the Church began to call people back to a more frequent reception of Holy Communion, but it was still only offered under the species of bread. In the 1960’s, the Second Vatican Council restored the possibility of Communion under both species – bread AND wine – on a regular basis for all the faithful at the discretion of the bishop. In the United States, it is normative in most parishes that Communion is offered under both forms at all Masses.

The Church’s doctrine of *concomitance* developed in the Middle Ages (when reception from the chalice by the laity was almost non-existent) and teaches that we receive the fullness of sacramental grace even when we receive under one species alone. Some people have gluten intolerance or medical issues related to alcohol, making it difficult to receive under both forms.

HOWEVER...the liturgy operates on the level of symbolic sign. We represent deeper realities by the various gestures, symbols, and rituals we celebrate. Therefore, when we both “take and eat” AND “take and drink” we heed Christ’s command, and follow his example. We do what he asked us to do in his memory. Sharing from a common chalice calls us to a greater awareness of community. Drinking of the Precious Blood binds us more closely to the sacrifice of the Cross. This is celebrating the Eucharist as fully as possible!

Submit your questions on Mass – why we do what we do - to jhelmes@saint-max.org and watch future bulletins for an answer.

UPCOMING TRAINING FOR INTERESTED EMHC

The next training session for those interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will be Monday, February 13 from 7:00-8:30 PM. If you would like more information please email emhc@saint-max.org and we will put you on the roster for training and/or answer any questions you might have. The next training will not be until late Spring.

Communal Celebration of the

Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, February 11, 2017 – 4:30 PM Mass

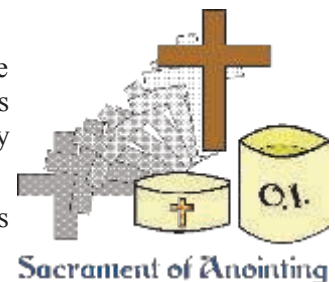
At times of sickness and declining health, the Church offers the beautiful sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to her members. Post-Vatican II theology stresses strongly that this sacrament is a sacrament of the living, i.e. it ***should never be delayed*** until death is possibly imminent as was the common practice for many centuries.

Who may be sacramentally anointed? Church law is very specific so that this sacrament is celebrated appropriately and not indiscriminately. The following may request to be anointed:

Those suffering from a serious illness (either physical or emotional)

Those who are elderly and have become notably weakened due to their age

Those hospitalized due to illness or have upcoming surgery



Sacrament of Anointing

IMPORTANT REMINDERS... *For those who wish to be anointed please arrive by 4:15 PM and get a nametag in the gathering space. Greeters will then escort you to your seats in the front middle pews of church.*

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a sign of the Lord’s care and the Church’s concern for her sick or weakened members. It reaffirms the human dignity of all people and is not only a sign of life in the Church but also the continuation of the healing ministry of Christ Jesus Himself.

We will normally celebrate the Anointing of the Sick communally at the 4:30 PM. Mass whenever there is a fifth Saturday. Upon request, we can also celebrate the sacrament during any weekday Mass and anytime outside of Mass including in homes, hospitals, and other health care or retirement facilities.

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John Doe

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WORSHIP

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS DAY)

February 2nd Blessing of Candles 8:30 AM Mass

Each February 2, the fortieth day after Christmas, the Church celebrates the presentation of the Lord Jesus in the temple. Commemorating Jesus as the Light of the world, the Church traditionally blesses candles on this day. All are invited to bring candles from home to be blessed. We will also ask God's blessing upon ourselves and the candles we use throughout the year for the sacred liturgy. Mass will start in the gathering space with the blessing of candles and a candlelight procession into church.



BLESSING OF THROATS

February 3rd

February 3, is the traditional day on which throats are blessed. Saint Blaise was a fourth century bishop in Armenia. Tradition holds that he saved a small boy from choking on a fish bone. Because of this, people through the centuries have sought his intercession, especially those who are afflicted with ailments of the throat. One way the Church perpetuates Christ's healing mission to the sick is through the blessing of throats on this day.

"Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. Christians feel and experience pain as do all other people; yet their faith helps them to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering and to bear their pain with greater courage. . . . Part of the plan laid out by God's providence is that we should fight strenuously against all sickness and carefully seek the blessings of good health, so that we may fulfill our role in human society and in the Church.." (from the *Pastoral Care of the Sick*)

"The blessing of the sick by ministers of the Church is a very ancient custom, rooted in imitation of Christ Himself and His apostles." (from the *Book of Blessings*)

OUTREACH

2017 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)



Next weekend is commitment weekend for the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are providing a path through local, Catholic ministries for people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! You can mail your pledge card or bring it to Mass next weekend. For more information about the CMA, visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

ST. MAX - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This society is the largest lay association of charity in the Roman Catholic Church serving those in need by person-to-person contact. This is accomplished through home visits made by parishioners who belong to the conference. We contribute as we are able to anyone within our parish boundaries. Membership in the conference offers opportunities for spiritual growth, friendship and service. Vincentians help the truly needy, those who are struggling to pay rent or utilities, or to put food on their table. You can donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society using your contribution envelopes as marked. You can also donate online. Thank you for your generosity! Please know that we are here for you when you need us! Contact us at 513-509-0525. Volunteers are always welcomed! We at St. Vincent de Paul are always grateful for your continued support through your generous donations and prayers.



TRANSITIONAL LIVING

Please take a tag from the Transitional Living wreath in the gathering space next weekend, February 4 & 5 after Mass. Transitional Living is located in Hamilton, and provides competent, caring rehabilitative services to adults with mental disabilities, helping them live independently. Thank you for your generosity.



EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

GOSPEL FOR ALL AGES

Matthew 5:1-12a, Year A

Matthew's gospel today focuses on the Beatitudes. Forgiveness, whole-heartedness, feelings, and compassion are at the heart of Jesus' teaching, and a perfect prelude to the season of Lent which begins on Wednesday, March 1. The word "Beatitude" may sound a bit difficult and intimidating to our kids, but they may be able to ponder the word "blessed" which appears again and again in the Beatitudes passage (Matthew 5:1-12). Explain that the word Beatitude is a word that means blessed... The Beatitudes are a list of the blessings from God.

Ask your children what their blessings are. Most will answer that their families, homes, friends, pets, food, and toys are blessings, and these are blessings indeed! Explain that even if we don't have all these things, we are still very blessed! We are blessed when God is with us, and God is with us in our hearts when we choose to love Him and follow the attitude of Jesus. For added fun, have your children think of one or two new beatitudes. Provide a couple examples to get them thinking: Blessed are the thoughtful, for they will be God's best friends in heaven, or blessed are those who are sick, because they will have perfect health in heaven. Praise these Beatitudes and recognize the shared wisdom about discipleship coming from your own family!

EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

Regular classes continue this week, January 29. Looking ahead...there will be no classes on Sunday, February, 19 due to the President's holiday weekend.

RFY GRADES 1 - 8 NEWS

Regular classes continue this week, January 29 and 30. The ACRE assessment will be given to our **fifth graders** during classes this week. This assessment is required for all fifth graders who attend religious education in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. All 5th grade families in RFY should have received an email with information about the ACRE. Please make every effort to have your 5th grader at class. ALL other grade levels will have regular classes this week. **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, 513-777-4322 ext. 120 with any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY EVENTS

FRESH high school youth group meets this Sunday, January 29th, since it is the 5th Sunday of the month. We will meet in the lounge and gym from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. All are welcome!

Homelife small groups have an *optional meeting* next Sunday February 5th due to the Superbowl. Check with you leader for details.

Steubenville Conference: We still have about 25 spots open for our Steubenville conference trip July 21-23. Please register and turn in your deposit as soon as possible to be able to take part in our flower fundraiser to lower your trip cost. Check out the website for registration form.

For any questions regarding HS Youth Ministry contact Zack Hinger, highschool@saint-max.org or 513-777-4322 ext. 107

WEST CHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

February 2nd - Adoration & Applebee's: Join us for the last hour of adoration (Holy Hour). Location: St. Max Church in the chapel @ 7:00 PM. Afterwards meet up at Applebee's at Union Center for some food & socializing – 1st Thur. of each month.

February 10 - Ice Skating: It's time again for a winter favorite! Come join the West Chester Catholic Young Adults for a night of ice skating at Northland Ice Center (10400 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, OH) on Friday, February 10, 2017. Open skate is from 8:00 - 10:00 PM. **Admission is \$10 and skate rental is free.*** Hope to see you there!

For any questions regarding young adult events, contact Zack Hinger, zhinger@saint-max.org or 513-777-4322 ext. 107



SAVE THE DATE - CINCINNATI CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

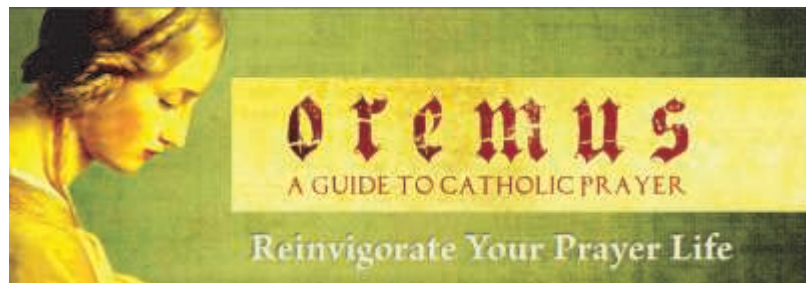
The first Saturday of Lent this year is March 4 and what better way to start lent than a spiritual day of prayer, great talks, and spiritual renewal? This year the theme is: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray". Registration is now available on line at: www.catholicwomenofcincinnati.com. Last year the event was sold out so register early and bring a friend!

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

PRAYER WORKSHOP LEARNING -TO PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

For all of us! Whether you have taken the 1% Challenge or not, this workshop is for you! Do you find it easy to pray? Is prayer an integral part of your day? Do you hear God's voice in your daily life, and know how to respond accordingly? For many of us, the answer to these questions is, "no." We all desire an intimate relationship with God, but since learning to "say our prayers" as children, we never moved beyond rote recitation to an authentic conversation with God. In Scripture we read of profound interactions people have with God. We hear of saints who seemed to have a direct line to Him their entire lives. But most of the time we feel like this is far beyond our reach. After all, we're not prophets, and certainly not (yet) Saints! For most of us prayer becomes a source of frustration as we struggle to calm our minds and find even a few minutes to set aside to pray. In our busy lives prayer is seen as a luxury, when in reality it is at the foundation of a healthy spiritual life.

The good news is you can overcome your difficulties with prayer, and it is easier than you might think. Join us at St. Max for 8 Thursdays beginning February 9th. Chuck Ciccia will lead us in Oremus, a Catholic prayer workshop. We'll begin at 7:00 PM in the large conference room. Cost is free or you can bring a \$15 donation to cover materials. Please let us know by February 2 if you are coming so we can order a workbook for you by emailing mdoughman@saint-max.org or calling the parish office.

**MAN UP! LENTEN RETREAT**

MAN UP! Lenten retreat, February 10-12, 2017, Norwood OH; Our Lady of The Holy Spirit Center. All men are welcome. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus. Fr. Tony Stephens of the Fathers of Mercy challenges men to grow in holiness and be true men of God. Retreat conferences include: The Martyrdom of the Daily Grind; Boys to Men; We're Not Made of Wood; Courageous Hope, the witness of Fr. Emil Kapaun U.S Army captain. Registration and \$155 payment deadline is Tuesday, February 7. Call Larry Tracy 513-321-4879 or by web: <https://2017-lenten-retreat.eventbrite.com>

A Marriage Moment

Which of the Beatitudes most typifies your spouse - living simply, grieving, humility, hungering for righteousness, merciful, acting with integrity in the face of temptations, peacemaking, working for justice despite personal attacks (Mt 5:1-12)

By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

Patriotic Rosary

"Without God, there could be no American form of government, nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first—the most basic—expression of Americanism. Thus the Founding Fathers saw it, and thus, with God's help, it will continue to be."

- Eisenhower, 1955

We all know our country is in some distress and chaos. The answer from God's Word is prayer. Please join us as we consecrate our nation through the Patriotic Rosary, a moving rosary consecrating our country, its leaders, and its citizens.

Sunday, January 29, 7:00 PM

Questions: Contact us at livingwaters@saint-max.org
Prayer teams will be available after the rosary.



"I am greatly distressed. But let us fall into the hand of God, whose mercy is great, rather than into human hands."

2 Samuel 24:14



High School Spring Flower Fundraiser

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Email: _____

	Plant	Qty	Selling Price	Total
1	Begonia Bada Bing Mix <i>Flat- 36 plants</i>		\$20.00	
2	Begonia Bada Boom Mix <i>Flat- 36 plants</i>		\$20.00	
3	Begonia Brigitte Orange <i>10" hanging basket</i>		\$25.00	
4	Begonia Dragon Wing Red <i>4.5" pots, 6 per tray</i>		\$30.00	
Geraniums (Sun)				
5	Geraniums Caliente Fire <i>10" hanging basket</i>		\$25.00	
6	Geraniums Caliente Pink <i>10" hanging basket</i>		\$25.00	
7	Geranium Fantasia Mix (Sun-Part Sun) <i>4.5" pots, 6 per tray</i>		\$30.00	
Petunias (Sun)				
8	Petunia Raspberry Blast <i>10" hanging basket</i>		\$25.00	
9	Petunia Royal Velvet <i>10" hanging basket</i>		\$25.00	
10	Petunia Wave Blue <i>Flat- 18 plants</i>		\$20.00	
11	Petunia Wave Mix <i>Flat- 18 plants</i>		\$30.00	
12	Petunia Wave Purple <i>Flat- 18 plants</i>		\$30.00	
Sunlovers (Sun)				
13	Calibrachoa Bold Move <i>10" hanging basket</i>		\$25.00	
14	Calibrachoa Indigo Sunshine <i>10" hanging basket</i>		\$25.00	
15	Gazania Kiss Mix <i>Flat- 18 plants</i>		\$20.00	
16	Gerbera Royal Mix (Sun-part Sun) <i>4.5" pots, 6 per tray</i>		\$30.00	
17	Marigold French 'Yellow' (Sun-part sun) <i>Flat- 36 plants</i>		\$20.00	
18	Perennial Sun Collection <i>4.5" pots, 6 per tray</i>		\$35.00	
19	Salvia Victoria Blue <i>Flat- 36 plants</i>		\$20.00	
20	Zinnia Magellan Mix <i>Flat- 18 plants</i>		\$20.00	

	Plant	Qty	Selling Price	Total	
Shadelovers (Part Shade-Shade)					
22	Boston Fern (Full Shade) <i>10" hanging basket</i>		\$25.00		
23	Coleus Wizard Mix (Full Shade) <i>Flat- 36 plants</i>		\$20.00		
24	Impatiens Utopia Mix <i>Flat- 36 plants</i>		\$20.00		
25	Impatiens Utopia Mix <i>10" hanging basket</i>		\$25.00		
26	New Guinea Harmony mix <i>4.5" pots, 6 per tray</i>		\$30.00		
Heat lovers (Full Sun)					
27	Latana Landmark Blaze <i>4.5" pots, 6 per tray</i>		\$30.00		
28	Latana Landmark Sunrise Rose <i>4.5" pots, 6 per tray</i>		\$30.00		
29	Portulaca Happy Hour Mix <i>Flat- 36 plants</i>		\$20.00		
Combinations					
30	Combination My Secret Shade <i>14" planter</i>		\$40.00		
31	Combination My Secret Shade <i>12" hanging basket</i>		\$40.00		
32	Combination My Secret Sun <i>14" planter</i>		\$40.00		
33	Combination My Secret Sun <i>12" hanging basket</i>		\$40.00		
Veggies and Herbs (Full Sun)					
34	Vegetable Herb Culinary Mix <i>Tray of 6 plants</i>		\$20.00		
35	Vegetable Pepper Mixsee <i>Tray of 6 plants</i>		\$20.00		
36	Vegetable Tomato Mixsee <i>Tray of 6 Plants</i>		\$20.00		
				Subtotal B	\$
				Total (Subtotals A +B =)	\$

Order forms and money are due no later than Saturday February 5th. Please return all forms and payments to the parish office. Make checks payable to St. Max.

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- Paid Amount: _____
 Cash
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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	59,661.84	785.00
January 15	24,793.58	445.00
January 22	21,632.28	85.00
January 29		
Total January to Date	156,873.12	5,910.00
January budget	180,000.00	12,000.00
2. Sunday & Holy Day Year-to-Date		
Actual	1,123,512.71	69,830.29
Budget	1,120,000.00	79,500.00
Difference	3,512.71	(9,669.71)
Special January Offerings		
Catholic Tuition Assistance	636.00	
Charitable Impact	2,086.00	
Drive Down the Debt	5,073.00	
Fund for Religious Retirement	700.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	2,513.00	
Loan balance as of 12/31/16	\$573,699.61	

YOUNG AT HEART

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 if you are interested in attending a meeting or joining.

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TUITION SUBSIDIES

Catholic elementary school tuition subsidy forms for the 2017-18 school year are available in the parish office. The forms are due **no later than** Friday, February 24, 2017.

ST. GABE'S OPEN HOUSE

St. Gabriel Consolidated School, our consolidated school, will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, February 1 from 6:30-8:30 PM. School tours will be available, along with an opportunity to visit classrooms, talk to parent volunteers, and learn more about the fabulous programs offered at our school. We are located at 18 West Sharon Ave, Glendale OH 45246, and can be reached at 513-771-5220. Come see why we have been so successful in educating children in the Catholic tradition for 150 years.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP NETWORK

Join us on Tuesday, February 7th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM in the youth room. All women of the parish are invited to attend!

Also, we will host a bake sale in the gathering space on February 11th and 12th after each Mass. Donations of baked goods (individually wrapped or whole pies/cakes) would be greatly appreciated. Baked goods can be dropped off in the gathering space prior to Mass or contact us and we can arrange to meet with you. Proceeds from the bake sale will support the Ladies Fellowship Network and One-Way Farms. Thank you!

All meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Please email: ladiesfellowship@saint-max.org with any questions or for more information.

Attitude of Gratitude!!

“Did you know that our festival brought in \$107,000 in 2016??? That’s a LOT of burgers, French fries, Italian sausages, metts, hot dogs, walking tacos, cold beer, instant bingo pull tabs, poker and black jack games, putt-putt golf, Big 6, shop around, and corn hole games, not to mention all the rides, children’s games, silent auction items and basket extravaganza tickets!!! Thank you to our sponsors, festival committee coordinators, booth captains, volunteers, and all who spend their time and money at the festival! THANK YOU to everyone who makes our festival one of the best in Cincinnati!! Save the date for this year’s festival June 9-10-11.”





*Benefiting Knights of Columbus
& St. Max Charities*



Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance

Saturday, Feb 11th



6 PM – 11 PM



Enjoy a fabulous dinner including
Appetizers - Desserts – Drinks
Cash bar for adult beverages

\$40 per Couple

Includes 2 cash bar tickets per person

Free
On Site
Childcare
Available

Music by DJ
Willy Skillz

Dance the Night Away

Office Drop-off Purchase

Name _____

#Adults _____ #Children _____ Total \$ enclosed _____

Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 11355

EVENTS OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 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 Confe Rm	Include Me! Mass
1:00 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters Games
1:00 PM	Youth Room	Worship Ministry Leaders Luncheon
5:30 PM	Lounge	Cub Scouts Pack 944 - Den 6
6:00 PM	Complex	Religious Formation of Youth Grades 4-8
7:00 PM	Gym	FRESH - High School Youth Ministry
7:00 PM	Church	Healing Service
7:15 PM	Rms 12 & 14	Jr. High Scripture Stars
9:00 PM	Gym	Men's Basketball

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017

9:00 AM	Rms 2 & 3	Consoling the Heart of Jesus
9:45 AM	Youth Room	Mighty Max
9:45 AM	Nursery	Mother's Rosary
10:45 AM	Youth Room	Mighty Max
10:45 AM	Rms 9 & 11	Mighty Max: Parent's Morning In
5:15 PM	Complex	Religious Formation for Youth Grades 1-8
6:45 PM	Complex	Religious Formation for Youth Grades 1-8

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017

9:30 AM	Lg Conf Rm	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:45 AM	Youth Room	Mighty Max
10:30 AM	Youth Room	Mighty Max
5:15 PM	Church	Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Rm 15	Cub Scouts 944 - Den 9
6:30 PM	Lounge	Cub Scouts Pack 944-Den 2
7:30 PM	Gym	Confirmation - Spring Prayer Service #1

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

9:30 AM	Complex	Faith Lessons for Moms
9:30 AM	Lg Conf Rm	Faith Lessons for Women
11:00 AM	Chapel	Rosary
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	Rm 7	1% Challenge Team Meeting
7:00 PM	Hospitality Rm	Bereaved Parents
7:00 PM	Rm 6	Light Weigh
7:00 PM	Youth Room	Pastoral Council Meeting
7:00 PM	Rms 12 & 14	RCIA Mystagoga

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017

9:15 AM	Nursery	Mother's Rosary
9:15 AM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
9:30 AM	Chapel	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00 AM	Gym	Mighty Max: Moves and Grooves
6:00 PM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
7:00 PM	Gym	Boy Scouts
7:00 PM	Lounge	Cub Scout Pack 944 - Den 1
7:00 PM	Rms 12 & 14	Cub Scout Pack 944 - Den 5
7:00 PM	Rms 2 & 3	Garden Ministry
7:00 PM	Church	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Chapel	Holy Hour/Vespers
7:00 PM	Rms 9 & 11	St. Vincent de Paul
7:00 PM	Rm 7	Welcome Ministry Meeting
8:00 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017

9:00 AM	Rms 8 & 10	One Thing is Three
9:45 AM	Youth Room	Mighty Max
10:00 AM	Lg Conf Rm	NPM Core Committee Meeting
1:30 PM	Lg Conf Rm	AOC Music Committee
6:30 PM	Gym	Royalmont High School Boys Basketball
7:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Marriage Enrichment - Discovering Our Deepest Desires

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

7:00 AM	Rm 5	Answer the Call Men's Faith Sharing
8:00 AM	Gym	St. Max Boosters Games
9:00 AM	Youth Room	Stephen Ministry Training
9:15 AM	Lg Conf Rm	American Heart Association Training
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 & Kitchen	Newly Married Couple Dinner

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

8:00 AM	Complex	Early Childhood Classes during the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses
8:00 AM	Church	Mass
10:00 AM	Church	Mass
11:00 AM	Youth Room	RCIA
12:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Include Me! Mass
12:00 PM	Church	Mass
1:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	RFY ACRE Make- Up
1:00 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters Games
1:30 PM	Church	Rite of Baptism
7:00 PM	Complex	High School HomeLife Open Lounge
7:00 PM	Church	Praise & Worship
7:30 PM	Complex	High School HomeLife

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