

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, February 26**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM †Jack Naghdi & †Rose Giltner  
 10:00 AM People of the parish & † Bernice Gundlach  
 NOON † Anna Corkhill & † Doris Beale &  
 † Frederick Moriarty

**Monday, February 27**

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

**Tuesday, February 28**

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

**Wednesday, March 1**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

6:30 AM † Members of the DeRoussel family  
 8:30 AM † Mary Mikas  
 7:00 PM † Hans Schade

**Thursday, March 2**

8:30 AM † Carol Hohman

**Friday, March 3**

8:30 AM Jacob Knott & † orphan souls

**Saturday, March 4**

8:30 AM † Leona Edwards  
 4:30 PM † Kazimierz Budek & † Nick Staab

**Sunday, March 5**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 AM For the intentions of our outreach ministry volunteers and † Nhon Nguyen & † Maria Thim Tran  
 10:00 AM People of the parish & † Anthony Nguyen  
 NOON † Dan Besl & † Mary Hinger

† Deceased

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Isaiah 49: 14-15  
 Psalm 62: 2-3,6-9  
 1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
 Matthew 6:24-34

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
 Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17  
 Romans 5:12-19  
 Matthew 4:1-11

**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:*

Tim Ebben, son of Bill & Biz Ebben  
 Mary Lee McGinnis, mother of Erin Cline  
 Eleanor Budek, mother of Christine Ferraro  
 Magda Mansour, mother of Mike Mansour

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Your healing prayers are requested for Earl Abeln, Grace Basta, Lisa Bingaman, Bob Bruns, Brian Bruns, Kristine Bruns, 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, Rich Kerber, Ralph Kitts, Jennifer Klenke, Don Klinkhammer, Hank Kluznick, Joey Lakeberg, Michael Lancaster, Lois Latzy, Pam Lawson, Barb Listermann, Tom Lutz, Char McCarthy, Lyla McGlinchey, Andrew Meister, Jacob Meister, Beryl Michael, Judy Michael, Sheila Miesse, Daniel R. Miller, James Moores, Trevor Vincent Munafu, Gene Neltner, Victor Nguyen, George Palmer, Kecy Phillips, Fr. John Porter, Stephanie Pulling, Annie Prather, Agnes Rahman, Kristof Rattermann, Quintin Richardson, Evelyn Robinson, Joseph Romer, Margot Roth, 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, Charlie Wiedenmann, Jerry Williston, 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

*Resolve: Generously with no half-hearted, timorous dread of the opinions of Church and men to manifest my mission.... You have no time to occupy your thoughts with that complacency or consideration of what others think. Your business is simply, "What will my Father in heaven think?"*

– St. Katherine Drexel, virgin, foundress (1858-1955), (feast day, March 3)

## A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ,

As we commemorate Ash Wednesday, March 1, this week, today's readings are most appropriate preparation for the penitential season of Lent. In the gospel reading, continuing his Sermon on the Mount, our Lord tells us, "You cannot serve God and mammon." Scripture scholars continue to debate exactly what "mammon" is, but it is safe to say that symbolically "mammon" represents materialism. So succinctly, do we serve and trust in God or do we serve trust in material possessions? Perhaps today's other readings flush this out. The prophet Isaiah concludes with God's promise, "I will never forget you." That is true! But can we tell God *we never forget Him*? Probably not if we serve and trust in material things more than we serve and trust in God. In the epistle St. Paul also speaks of serving – who or what do we serve and what form does that serving take? Paul uses the word "servant" to describe himself and to tell the Corinthians (and us) to act as the Lord's servants. Perhaps uncomfortable sounding to our ears, but in the scriptural text the word "servant" does not mean a slave but rather someone *who serves by choice*. Which leads us back to the gospel. Jesus talks about serving God or mammon as a choice, an indicator of where our hearts are and what our priorities are. So as we hear these powerful pre-Lenten scriptures we can simply ask ourselves a few profound questions. Who or what do we serve? Who or what do we trust? Where are our priorities? Perhaps answering these questions can help us formulate how we will use this Lent as a time of true renewal so that it becomes a new chapter in our life's faith journey. Remember, Lent is about ongoing conversion, not a forty-day interruption and then just go "back to normal" at Easter.

On Ash Wednesday, March 1, we will have Masses at 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. as well as a Liturgy of the Word at 12:00 Noon. Ashes will be imposed at all four liturgies. Since we will not be able to offer a weekly 6:30 a.m. during Lent as we have in the past, for those who find early morning Mass times conducive to their schedules, we have included in the bulletin daily Mass times every half hour from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. as well as some daily lunch time Mass times. (NB First Friday and First Saturday are also this week. Masses are at 8:30 a.m. on both mornings.)

As you will see in the monthly *Modern Saint*, we will be offering a preaching series this Lent with the same clergy preaching at all four weekend Masses. All the homilies have been prepared in conjunction with each other from week to week. The series is entitled *Tough Like Jesus – Tough With Jesus*. Each Lenten Sunday Gospel reveals an action of our Lord that we should emulate to be *tough like Him*, and since Jesus accompanies us daily on our life's journey we are also able to be *tough with Him*. Our gospel next week for the First Sunday of Lent reminds us that we are challenged through *temptation* – Jesus uses scripture to defeat temptation, so must we to be *tough like Jesus*.

And finally, just as Lent is a time for us to prepare to sincerely renew our baptismal promises at Easter, for our catechumens and candidates Lent is that intense time of prayer and preparation as they anticipate their initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Thus, plan to attend the 12 Noon Mass next Sunday as we celebrate the Rite of Sending for Election with Jennifer Tyler, an already baptized Christian candidate for reception into the Church, and her three children – Jacob, Joshua and Jessica – who are catechumens, they are preparing for baptism. You are also invited to the actual Rite of Election in which they will participate at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. next Sunday night. And as you plan ahead for the Paschal Triduum celebrations, remember the Easter Vigil is for the entire parish! Let's increase our attendance at the Easter Vigil as we celebrate the sacraments of initiation and welcome our new members!

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

*Fr. Geoff*

***EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR THE PARISH MISSION***

Thursday, March 2, 2017 – 7:00-8:00 PM

## WORSHIP



The flowers in the sanctuary for this weekend were donated by:  
**the Silvestri Family,**  
 in thanksgiving for Gabrielle on her birthday



## EXPOSITION DURING LENT

Looking for more love and joy in your life? Join us on the Mondays of Lent (March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10) after the 8:30 AM Mass until 5:00 PM for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel. Just as we do each Thursday, this liturgy gathers the Church in community to give thanks for the great gift of Christ present in the Eucharist. Including extended periods of silent prayer and punctuated by scripture and prayer, Exposition is a great way to pray to our Lord and for our world this Lent. Because Exposition is a communal liturgy, we need to ensure that all the hours are covered. If you can commit to an hour on each Monday or even just one Monday, please sign up using the link on the parish website or email [adoration@saint-max.org](mailto:adoration@saint-max.org) or call Debby Kellner at 513-779-7627 with questions or to get signed up.

*“When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.” - St. Teresa of Calcutta*

## LEARNING ABOUT THE LITURGY: Q&amp;A

**Q.** When is Mass over?

**A.** Short answer: when we’re “all done”! When the community is finished doing what the community is doing, Mass is over. This can vary based on what options are chosen for the Concluding Rites of Mass. Most often on Sundays, we sing a hymn or song to conclude Mass, to accompany the procession of the ministers, and to send us forth into the world as one Body of Christ. But this option for ending with singing isn’t required: Mass can end simply with the dismissal by the deacon. A hymn of praise can be sung by everyone after Communion instead, or there can be no singing at all. Whichever option the community celebrates, Mass concludes when the last communal action is “all done”!

Mass isn’t done simply after we receive Communion. Would we eat quickly on Thanksgiving Day and leave immediately after finishing our last bite, running out the door, speaking to no one in our family?!? Mass often includes announcements about what’s going on in the life of the community. Sunday morning is when the Church gathers, so it’s important to talk about how we can all be more fully engaged in the parish’s activities before we’re “all done”.

Anytime we sing together at Mass is important, because it unites us in a special way, as one voice. When you leave before singing the closing song, you sever a part of that body that was united for Mass.

Certainly everyone has times they need to leave quickly to get to something important. But, if you regularly leave Mass before we’re “all done”, take this opportunity consider staying with us until the end...and then, instead of fighting the parking lot traffic, spend some time with your fellow parishioners, make new friends, acquaint yourself with some old friends. Then, we’ll be “all done”!

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

Ash Wednesday

March 1, 2017

6:30 AM Mass

8:30 AM Mass

12:00 Noon Liturgy of the Word

7:30 PM Mass

*Ashes will be distributed at all four liturgies.*



Ash Wednesday is a day of fast (*no more than one meal and nothing between meals*) for those aged 18-59. Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat, for those aged 14 and over.

2nd Annual

# JUST TRY IT!

A Hands-on volunteering event

MARCH 25 & 26, 2017

*after all Masses*

**Curious about what is going on in the parish but don't have much time?**

We are asking families and parishioners at St. Max to come to the gym after all Masses the weekend of March 25 & 26 for:

- fellowship
- refreshments
- packing toiletry kits for the needy
- outreach ministry information

**Donations Needed:**

- Socks
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Soap
- Mouthwash
- Razors

*\*Please no oversize bottles*

Please return all donations to the outreach kiosk by March 19th.



## OUTREACH

**IT'S OKAY TO BE HUMAN**

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it's a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Men are matched with men, and women with women. (It's completely confidential too). To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, call the Parish Office at 513-77-4322 ext.218 or email at [StephenMinistry@saint-max.org](mailto:StephenMinistry@saint-max.org). Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

**SUSAN'S GARDEN - ST. MAX'S COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Did you know we are planning to grow prehistoric species of vegetation? Both garlic and onion as eatable food have been traced back to prehistoric times. It's generally believed that onions and garlic were the first plants utilized to season food even before pepper. How many recipes have you heard of start with sautéed chopped onions and/or minced garlic. Susan's Garden ministry will be hosting their monthly meeting the first Thursday of every month, March 2 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in room 16. Even if you can't make the meeting you can still participant in the ministry, please send us a message at [communitygarden@saint-max.org](mailto:communitygarden@saint-max.org). We grow. We give. And in return, we receive.

**FAMILY PROMISE TRAINING**

Have you been wondering about all this talk about "Family Promise"? Would you like to learn more about serving and hosting the homeless right here in our church complex? We scheduled two training and information sessions for Family Promise:

Thursday, March 2 Rooms 2&3 7:00-9:00 PM

Tuesday, March 7 Rooms 9&11 7:00-9:00 PM

Anyone wishing to serve and spend time with Family Promise guests must attend one of these sessions. For more information and about this new ministry, see our webpage at [www.saint-max.org](http://www.saint-max.org) under the outreach tab. Or email us at [familypromise@saint-max.org](mailto:familypromise@saint-max.org)



This Lent, our community is uniting with hundreds of other cities around the world for the 40 Days For Life campaign. Since 40 Days For Life began we have seen:

- 12,668 lives saved from abortion
- 141 abortion workers quit their jobs
- 75 abortion facilities closed

All are welcome to join us for 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion at "Women's Med Center" abortion facility in Sharonville.

[40daysforlife.com/sharonville](http://40daysforlife.com/sharonville)

March 1 - April 9  
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

*Kickoff Weekend:*

*Saturday March 4, 9:15am. - Rosary For Life  
Sunday March 5, 2:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
Group Rosary For Life every Saturday morning.  
Go to our web site for details and start times.*



## EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

### GOSPEL FOR ALL AGES

#### Matthew 6:24-33

It's difficult to hear "do not worry" in our world today. This teaching of Jesus sounds as radical to us today as it must have to the disciples of the first century. This week, Jesus challenges the disciples and us to have confidence in the love and care of God. We can trust in Him.

God gave each of us special gifts and talents. Do we get overwhelmed, worrying about being successful? What things get in the way of serving others, and being more like Jesus in the way we act? It's a good week to reflect on these questions, as we begin Lent on Wednesday, March 1. Speaking of Lent, this liturgical season of repentance is filled with liturgical rituals that your kids may have a hard time understanding and explaining to others. How can you help? Take advantage of a great teachable moment to show your children where the Lenten ashes come from... Round up your palms from last year and bring them to the St. Max Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 28 (5:00-7:30pm). Palm Burning is at 7:00pm (see bulletin or website for more details). Immerse them in the visual nature of learning! If your children have a hard time explaining to their friends why they are wearing ashes on their forehead on Ash Wednesday, please look on the RFY webpage for a good article from Joe Paprocki: *"What's that on your Forehead?" - Helping Kids Explain Ash Wednesday*. Being able to explain why we do what we do as Catholics will build confidence in our kids and can help them develop a healthy respect for our awesome Catholic faith.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

Regular classes continue this week, February 26. Contact Mary Lou Baker for information about the early childhood program, [mbaker@saint-max.org](mailto:mbaker@saint-max.org).

### RFY GRADES 1 - 8 NEWS

Regular classes continue this week, February 26/27.

Please discuss ways your children can help around the house (or neighborhood) to raise money for the Catholic Social Teaching walk-a-thon we will be having during classes on March 26 and 27. This is a way to lift up your children's gifts and strengths, an opportunity for them to see that they are vital participants in their family/community, according to God's plan. A flyer was sent home last class with details about this project. If you did not receive it, please let your child's catechist know. Contact Mary Lou Baker for information about the RFY program [mbaker@saint-max.org](mailto:mbaker@saint-max.org).

### HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY EVENTS

**FRESH** high school youth group meets tonight Sunday, February 26 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Bring a friend and come join us for faith building and fun!

**Homelife** small groups will meet next Sunday, March 5 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Check with your leader for details.

**Steubenville**-Please register and send in your deposit for the Steubenville trip this summer as soon as you can. We still have some spots available! Interested in being a chaperone? Please contact Ally Wheeler, [awheeler@saint-max.org](mailto:awheeler@saint-max.org)

**High school Lent Study on "Tough Issues"**-All high school students are invited to join us in a 5 week study during Lent. We will be discussing current moral issues (life issues, sexuality, marriage and relationships, etc) and church teaching to understand and live these teachings of our faith. We will meet on Tuesday evenings February 28-April 4 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Please contact Ally Wheeler for more information: [awheeler@saint-max.org](mailto:awheeler@saint-max.org)

**Spring Retreat**-St Max youth ministry is putting on a Spring Retreat for all high school students March 17-19 at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH. Please check the parish website for flyer and permission form. **Forms due March 12th!** Questions? Please contact Ally Wheeler [awheeler@saint-max.org](mailto:awheeler@saint-max.org)

### WEST CHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

**March 25<sup>th</sup> - Faith Discussion & Movie** : Join us as we mark the halfway point in our Lenten journeys with a discussion based on the film "The Way". The film is an inspirational story of one man's finding of Christ along the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trail. We will meet from **3:00 - 6:00 PM** in the **St. John Youth Room** (in **Favret Hall** across the parking lot from the Pavilion). Snacks and drinks will be provided.



*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*

## EVANGELIZATION &amp; CATECHESIS

## VOCATIONS CORNER

*Have you ever wondered if God might be calling you to the Priesthood?*

**Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Welcome Weekend**

For College age men discerning the priesthood... Friday-Saturday, March 17-18. For information or to register please call Fr. Schmitmeyer at 513-421-3131 ext 2890.

**Please pray for vocations...visit the St. Max Vocations Corner located outside our parish library...**

Sign out one of our traveling crucifixes and pray for vocations with your family. There are also FREE Vocation Rosary cd sets available on the vocation shelf.

\*\*\*March 8-14 is **Natonal Catholic Sisters Week**...Think about thanking or sending a card to a Religious Sister that may have had an impact on your life!

*"We all have a vocation.*

*We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish."*

*~ St. Francis de Sales*

## DAILY MASSES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Lent is a wonderful time to attend daily mass and there are many opportunities in our area.

6:30 AM- St. Ann, Hamilton (*Monday - Thursday*)

7:00 AM- St. Gabriel, Glendale

7:30 AM- Sacred Heart, Fairfield (*Monday - Thursday; 7:00 AM Friday*)

8:00 AM- Queen of Peace, Millville (*Monday, Thursday, Friday*)

8:15 AM-St. Michael, Sharonville

8:30 AM- St. Max, Liberty Township

9:00 AM - Our Lady of Sorrows, Monroe (*Monday, Tuesday, Friday*)

9:00 AM - Holy Name, Trenton (*Monday, Wednesday, Thursday*)

11:30 AM - St. Gertrude

12:05 PM-St. Julie Billiart, Hamilton

## SAVE THE DATE - "RISEN" MOVIE NIGHT

Looking for a different way to encounter Christ? Trying to go deeper this Lent? Come and see the movie *Risen*, the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius (Joseph Fiennes), a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius (Tom Felton), are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem. Walk with Lucius, encounter Christ and see how Jesus' death and Resurrection impacts your life.

This movie is rated PG-13 and contains scenes of violence related to the crucifixion and other historic events.

The movie will be shown at about 8:15 in the large conference room on Fridays, March 24th and 31st after the Way of the Cross. Please RSVP to reserve your seat at [adoration@saint-max.org](mailto:adoration@saint-max.org) or call Debby Kellner at 779-7627.



## FORGIVEN ON FORMED



Make this Lent a Lent to remember! No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *FORGIVEN* is a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of Confession.

## SIGNING UP:

Go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) and enter our parish code on the homepage: **5d9243**. Create a personal account with your email and password to start enjoying the best Catholic content all in one place!

## A Marriage Moment

“Do not worry about your life.” (Mt 6:26) Worries come naturally into most couple's lives. It may seem unrealistic not to worry. Try watching some birds today. It's winter, but somehow they are surviving. Do they look sad? Learn from the birds.

By Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net)

### DOES MY FAITH NEED LIFE? DOES MY LIFE NEED FAITH? - PARISH MISSION-SAVE THE DATE



Does my faith need life? Does my life need faith? Why am I here? We all long for God's voice. Come and encounter God's loving answer to these and many other questions that fill your heart. Mark your calendars for a powerful three evenings on **April 24, 25 & 26 from 7:30-9:00 PM**. We will be led by nationally recognized Catholic TV and radio personalities: Peter Herbeck, Sr. Ann Shields, and Peter Burak to discover how God is speaking to us and how we are to respond. God is calling. How will you answer?

### ARCHDIOCESAN LAY MINISTRY FORMATION

Grow in wisdom, knowledge and skills through spiritual formation and courses in theology and pastoral studies. The Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Pastoral Ministry Program is sponsored by the Archdiocese and equips men and women to serve families, communities and workplaces more effectively. Our graduates work as catechists, advocates for life, permanent deacons, staff members in parishes and non-profit agencies and volunteers in a variety of settings. We offer both graduate and non-degreed options with classes beginning in August 2017 at the main campus in Mt. Washington and at Good Shepherd in Montgomery. Isn't it time you discover how lay formation can transform your faith life? Call 513-231-1200 for information or to set up an interview. Thanks for your continued help in making our ministry possible!



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### CATHOLIC 101 - Q&A SESSION

Are you a long time, first time or not yet Catholic with questions about the faith? Come to Catholic 101, a question and answer session on Thursday March 9 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the youth room. Get more information or sign up at [www.saint-max.org/Catholic101](http://www.saint-max.org/Catholic101)



### *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.

Your Knights of Columbus would like to thank those of you who attended our St. Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance. It was our best event ever and we hope fun and parish fellowship were enjoyed by all. We more than doubled our attendance from last year. Again, thank you and God Bless.

~Thank you, The Knights of Columbus





Join us for fun, fellowship & food!

St. Maximilian Kolbe

invites you to our

# 2017 LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays, March 3, 10, 17,  
24, 31 & April 7  
4:30 – 8:00 PM  
Parish Gymnasium



## FISH FRY FARE:

Beer battered & fried cod~beer battered & fried shrimp~baked cod~grilled salmon.....\$7  
Seafood combo (1 crab cake, 4 shrimp, 1 fried cod).....\$8

Dinners include: 2 hush puppies~2 side items~coffee or tea

### Side items:

baked potato	fresh-cut fries	macaroni & cheese	extra hush puppies
green beans	applesauce	homemade coleslaw	

Fish sandwich & fries.....\$5  
Cup of clam chowder.....\$3  
Cheese pizza by the slice.....\$2  
Kid's meal: pizza or fish strip, 1 side, 1 juice or milk.....\$4  
Extra side item.....\$1  
A la carte items: 3 shrimp or 1 cod fish or 1 pizza slice or 1 crab cake.....\$2

Soft drinks and beer available for purchase plus weekly bake sale.

Bring a nonperishable item for Reach Out Lakota and receive a free soft drink.

Make Lenten Fridays a family affair at St. Max!



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1. Sunday & Holy Day Offerings	Sundays	Holy Days
February 5	24,325.19	
February 12	36,327.46	
February 13- Faith Direct EFT	57,851.84	
February 19	21,322.34	
February 26		
Total February to Date	139,826.83	0.00
February budget	152,000.00	0.00
2. Sunday & Holy Day Year-to-Date		
Actual	1,286,090.13	69,830.29
Budget	1,262,000.00	79,500.00
Difference	<b>24,090.13</b>	<b>(9,669.71)</b>

Special February Offerings

Archdiocesan Military Collection	5.00
Catholic Tuition Assistance	1,182.00
Charitable Impact	1,227.00
CISE	952.00
Drive Down the Debt	15,656.00
Fund for Religious Retirement	200.00
St. Vincent de Paul	2,538.00

Loan balance as of 2/15/17 465,908.48

Be charitable and indulge to everyone, but thyself.

YOUNG AT HEART

Every Friday in March - 5:00 PM - Fish Fry

Monday, March 13 - Our monthly meeting at 7:00 PM. Dr. Titco will be presenting on foot care.

Sunday, March 19 - 2:00 PM - School House Restaurant

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.



Fat Tuesday

Pancake Dinner

February 28

5:00-7:30 PM

Pancakes and Sausage

Assorted Fruit

Ice Cream, King Cake

Indulgence Bar



\$5 Adults \$3 Children  
\$20 Family Maximum

We will be collecting non perishable items for Reach Out Lakota

## EVENTS OF THE PARISH

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

8:00 AM	Lg Conf Rm	Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00 AM	Youth Rm	RCIA
12:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Include Me! Mass
11:00 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters
4:00 PM	Lounge	Cub Scouts Pack 944 - Den 6
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, Lounge	FRESH - High School Youth Ministry
7:15 PM	Rms 12&14	Jr. High Scripture Stars
7:30 PM	Rms 15-18	Stephen Ministry Continuing Education
8:00 PM	Youth Rm	Men's Spiritual Workout
9:00 PM	Gym	Men's Basketball

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

9:00 AM	Rms 2&3	Consoling the Heart of Jesus
9:45 AM	Youth Rm	Mighty Max
10:45 AM	Youth Rm	Mighty Max
10:45 AM	Rms 9&11	Mighty Max: Parent's Morning In
5:15 PM	Church	RFY Prayer Service
5:15 PM	Complex	Religious Formation for Youth Grades 1-8
6:45 PM	Complex	Religious Formation for Youth Grades 1-8
6:45 PM	Church	RFY Prayer Service
7:00 PM	Lounge	Ancora Planning Meeting
7:30 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Baptism Prep Class

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

9:30 AM	Lg Conf Rm	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:45 AM	Youth Rm	Mighty Max
10:30 AM	Youth Rm	Mighty Max
5:00 PM	Gym	Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner
5:15 PM	Church	Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Youth Rm	RCIA
6:30 PM	Rm 15	Cub Scouts 944 - Den 9
7:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Oremus Prayer Workshop
7:30 PM	Rms 2&3	High School Lent Scripture Study

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017**

6:30 AM	Church	Mass
8:30 AM	Church	Mass
9:30 AM	Complex	Faith Lessons for Moms
9:30 AM	Lg Conf Rm	Faith Lessons for Women
11:00 AM	Chapel	The Rosary & Seven Sorrows Chaplet
12:00 PM	Church	Liturgy of the Word/ Distribution of Ashes
5:15 PM	Church	Cherub Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Include Me! Ash Wednesday
7:30 PM	Church	Mass
8:30 PM	Church	Music Ministry Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017**

8:00 AM	Gym	Catholic Divorce Survival Guide Parish Leadership
9:00 AM	Chapel	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:15 AM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
10:00 AM	Lg Conf Rm	Mighty Max: Moves and Grooves
5:30 PM	Gym	Boy Scouts
6:00 PM	Rms 8&10	Fish Fry Set Up
6:00 PM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
6:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	E&C Commission Quarterly Ministry Leader Gathering
6:30 PM	Rm 5	RCIA Dinner Planning Committee
7:00 PM	Rm 16	Garden Ministry
7:00 PM	Rms 9&11	St. Vincent de Paul
7:00 PM	Chapel	Holy Hour/Vespers
7:00 PM	Rm 7	Welcome Ministry Meeting
7:00 PM	Rm 2	Family Promise Training
7:00 PM	Church	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Rms 12&14	Cub Scout Pack 944 - Den 5
8:00 PM	Gym	St. Max Boosters

**FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017**

9:00 AM	Rms 8&10	One Thing is Three
9:45 AM	Youth Rm	Mighty Max
4:30 PM	Gym	Fish Fry
7:30 PM	Church	Way of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017**

7:00 AM	Rm 5	Answer the Call Men's Faith Sharing
9:00 AM	Gym	Men's Retreat
9:15 AM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
9:30 AM	Rm 4	St. Benedict Bible Study
3:00 PM	Church	Sacrament of Penance

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017**

8:00 AM	Church	Mass
8:00 AM	Complex	Early Childhood Classes during the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses
11:00 AM	Youth Rm	RCIA
12:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Include Me! Mass
1:00 PM	Gym, Kitchen	RCIA Lunch & Dinner
1:30 PM	Youth Rm	Cub Scout Pack 944 - Committee Meeting
6:00 PM	Complex	RFY Grades 4-8
7:00 PM	Church	Praise & Worship
7:00 PM	Lounge	High School HomeLife Open Lounge
7:30 PM	Complex	HomeLife

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