

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, March 12**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 8:00 AM † Vincent Bao Nguyen & † Maria Chi Dang & † Long Nguyen  
 10:00 AM People of the parish & † Daniel Theirgartner  
 NOON † Anna Corkhill & † Steve Hazlebeck

**Monday, March 13**  
 8:30 AM † Marty Fuce & Joseph & Mary Gardner  
 6:00 PM *Mass at St. Susanna, Mason*

**Tuesday, March 14**  
 8:30 AM † Anna Luu Nguyen & † Eleanor Budek & all souls  
 7:00 PM *Mass at St. John, West Chester*

**Wednesday, March 15**  
 8:30 AM † Alexander Mikos & † members of the DeRoussel family

**Thursday, March 16**  
 8:30 AM Kathy Lupidi and family & † Peter Deibig

**Friday, March 17**  
 8:30 AM † Orphan souls & † Susan Vautier

**Saturday, March 18**  
 8:30 AM Grief support & † Toma Binh & † Mattha Diem  
 4:30 PM † John Louis Guenther & † Familia Rodriguez & † Elena Casals

**Sunday, March 19**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 8:00 AM † Nhon Nguyen & † Deacon Hans Schade  
 10:00 AM People of the parish & † Phe Nguyen  
 NOON † Frances Spadevecira & † Patty Langdon

† Deceased

THIS WEEK'S READINGS	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Genesis 12:1-4a	Exodus 17:3-7
Psalms 33:4-5, 18-20, 22	Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9
2 Timothy 1:8b-10	Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Matthew 17:1-9	John 4:5-42

**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:*  
 Ninfa Guinigundo,  
 mother of Mike Guinigundo & Andy Guinigundo  
 Robert Kessler, uncle of Rick Brandell  
 Richard Charles Morris Sr, Father of Richard Charles Morris Jr

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**  
 Your healing prayers are requested for Earl Abeln, Grace Basta, Lisa Bingaman, Fr. James Brooks, Bob Bruns, Brian Bruns, Kristine Bruns, Jennifer Calangi, Maya Collins, Marian Conrad, Cyril Daddieh, Angelique Debets, Henry DeNicola, 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 Gungselman, Gail Hamilton, Gary Hampton, Mary Ann Helton, 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, Dani Morosic, Trevor Vincent Munafo, Gene Neltner, Victor Nguyen, 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, 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, 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

*It is a dangerous thing to be a Christian in our world.*  
– Servant of God Fr. Rutilio Grande, S.J. (5 July 1928–12 March 1977),  
martyred, priest of El Salvador, long-time friend of Blessed (Archbishop) Oscar Romero

## A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ,

As you read in the March edition of *The Modern Saint*, we are offering a preaching series *Tough like Jesus – Tough with Jesus* this Lent with the same clergy preaching at all weekend Masses their homilies having been prepared in conjunction with each other. Each Lenten Sunday gospel reveals an action of our Lord 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 this week reminds us that we are challenged through revelation – Jesus revealed Himself not suddenly but by becoming one of us and “walking with” His disciples. Jesus uses everyday life to reveal Himself to us, so must we to reveal Him to others.

Just as last week's gospel reading about Jesus' temptation in the desert is proclaimed annually on the First Sunday of Lent, our gospel reading each year on the Second Sunday of Lent recounts our Lord's transfiguration. To be “transfigured” implies that our Lord was completely transformed from His physical, earthly appearance, not just in how He appeared outwardly but inwardly as well. During Lent, we are called to a similar type of transformation, not just a change in outward appearance but a change in inward dispositions and attitudes. We are called to seek conversion of mind and heart. Being a purposeful Christian disciple and an authentic Christian steward is about such transformation – our lives literally become more and more conformed to the image and likeness of Christ. Being such a disciple and such a steward will only happen when we make conscientious decisions about our lives – remember God gave us the gift of free will so we can accept Him or reject Him. What will your choice be?

One of the great blessings God gives us is His gift of mercy and forgiveness, thus, the importance of confessing our sins in the Sacrament of Penance. In addition to our normal four weekly scheduled times for confessions, we will have additional time for individual confessions this Tuesday, March 14 from 7:00-9:00 PM as part of the annual *The Light Is On For You* initiative throughout the archdiocese. And a week from this Saturday on March 25 at 10:00 AM, we will have the first of two communal penance services. Plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance as part of your preparation for the upcoming Paschal Triduum holydays.

For those trying to get to daily Mass and do not find our 8:30 AM daily Mass time conducive to your schedule, we have included in the bulletin daily Mass times beginning every half hour from 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM as well as some daily during “lunch time.” And remember, St. Susanna has Mass every Monday at 6:00 PM as does St. John (West Chester) every Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Let's especially remember in our prayers our catechumens and candidates as they anticipate their initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Next Sunday at the 12:00 noon Mass we will celebrate the first of three scrutinies for our elect (i.e. those preparing to be baptized). Join us! 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!

Also, as we did during Advent, we encourage everyone to think about how we can be as inviting, as welcoming and the best hosts we can be for our guests and visitors at Easter. To that end, again we will be asking everyone to “fill the gym first” at our 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon Masses on Easter Sunday, parking near the gym, so that guests and visitors will have more room in church to worship and more room to park in the main parking lot closest to church. Thanks for your prayerful consideration of this request.

And finally, special prayers are requested for Fr. James Brooks, the pastor of St. Margaret of York Parish, who has been battling cancer for the past few years. Please keep his family and the parish in your prayers as well during this difficult time.

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

*Fr. Geoff*

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

**Thursday, March 16, 2017 – 7:00-8:00 PM**

**LENTEN PREACHING SERIES**

Weekend of March 18-19, 2017

***TOUGH LIKE JESUS-TOUGH WITH JESUS:  
Reaching Out to the Marginalized***

## WORSHIP

**A STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER**

During Lent, the Church has a three-fold obligation to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Besides participating in Sunday Mass, reflecting on the scriptures and prayers in advance of Mass (see the parish website), and extra time for personal prayer, we will have time as a parish to spend extra time in liturgical prayer. There will continue to be an 8:30 AM Mass Monday through Saturday. Each Thursday there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass, which concludes with Vespers (evening prayer) and Benediction at 7:30 PM. During Lent we'll also have Exposition on Mondays following 8:30 AM Mass to 5:00 PM. We'll also have a chance to gather communally for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 2 services, as well as plenty of extra availability for individual confessions. There are many opportunities for other devotional prayer: Way of the Cross each Friday night, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 24/7, and others. Consider making time for your family to join our community in prayer. See the bulletin and website for specific times and dates.

**OUR EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL – Part 2 of 6**

The great 13th century Dominican priest and theologian, St. Thomas Aquinas, once stated that nothing could be “of more intrinsic value” than the Eucharist. The Eucharist is indeed the source and summit of our faith. Thus, we must always strive to promote and implement the very, very best we can as regards the celebration, reservation and adoration of the Eucharist.

In May 2012 and December 2016, our worship commission, after carefully studying every possible configuration for our Eucharistic chapel, recommended to our pastoral council – and both times the pastoral council affirmed the worship commission’s work – that the chapel be reconfigured towards the large, beautiful Gethsemane window with the tabernacle being located centrally and directly in front of that window. This recommendation was made after consultation with the archdiocesan art and environment committee. The rationale guiding the worship commission’s recommendation is what is most appropriate as regards the chapel itself (its beauty, dignity and reverence) as well as what is most appropriate as regards the placement of the tabernacle in its own chapel (so that it is central, focused and prominent).

We will continue to share more information about the chapel reconfiguration in the bulletin over the next few weeks. Please contact [worship@saint-max.org](mailto:worship@saint-max.org) with your comments or suggestions.

**“COME TO THE FISH FRY, STAY AND PRAY THE STATIONS TOGETHER”**

Each Friday of Lent, beginning at 7:30 PM in the church, join us for Stations of the Cross. Below are the booklets that will be used on each date.

**March 17** – The Way of the Cross for Children...families welcome!

**March 24** – St. Max Stations of the Cross booklet

**March 31** – Through the Eyes of His Mother Mary

**April 7** – (weather permitting, will be prayed outside) – Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis

## OUTREACH

**LENTEN ALMSGIVING**

Works of charity help us to recognize the gratitude we have for all that God has given us. The catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" which reminds us that the body of Christ is a relationship of fraternal love between God, oneself, and our neighbor. (CCC, #2462) The past week we have been focusing on a toiletry collection for the *Just Try It* parish event. It is not too late to donate! Drop something off at the outreach corner this week!

Another almsgiving opportunity is our upcoming spiritual literatures collection. In honor of the feast of Saint Joseph, we will be collecting new or gently used literature to distribute in ministries that serve our homebound, nursing homes, and West Chester Hospital. Please consider donating devotionals, spiritual books to support men in their role as a father or spouse, or even books for couples, such as a couple psalter. If you have something you would like to donate, please place in the appropriate bin behind the outreach kiosk during the week of March 19-25.

Jesus said to His disciples: "Love one another even as I have loved you." (John 13:34)



*Marriage Enrichment*  
**BREAKFAST**

March 18, 2017

TO KNOW ME  
IS TO LOVE ME

Starting with Mass @ 8:30

Cost: 10\$ / Couple

Please make reservations  
by March 13<sup>th</sup>

Childcare available at 8:15

**Questions?**

Contact Tammy Silvestri at  
tammysilvestri@gmail.com  
513-378-2507

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Or sign-up online at [saint-max.org](http://saint-max.org)!

## OUTREACH

## TENDER MERCIES

*Matthew 25:37, 40*

*Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'*

Please prayerfully consider helping provide a hot meal for those who are hungry on Saturday, March 25. The Tender Mercies volunteer sign up sheet will be available at the outreach kiosk next weekend, March 18. 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 March 25 at 3:45.

## 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 513-777-4322 ext.218 or email at [StephenMinistry@saint-max.org](mailto:StephenMinistry@saint-max.org). Our Stephen Ministers are here to care!



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 19.



## EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

### GOSPEL FOR ALL AGES

#### Matthew 17:1-9

God is revealed to Peter, James, and John, in a glorious miracle that was both frightening and enlightening as the disciples heard, "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him". The three disciples must have felt inspired for ministry; they certainly felt like they were changed. We see the graciousness of God in revealing His Son Jesus to us.

#### Living the Word

Today's gospel helps us reflect on our Lenten journey to become a better person. You may wonder, "How and where can I find grace to help me?" As a family, talk about some times of highs and lows. How have you been able to use the good times and experiences to sustain you in the difficult ones? Jesus' transfiguration may have been an event from which Peter, James, and John drew courage when they faced the difficult events of Jesus' passion. Read together today's gospel, Matthew 17:1-9. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the good times and experiences that your family has had together. Pray that your family will use these experiences to sustain you during times of difficulty.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

Regular classes continue this week, March 12. Early Childhood classes will be supporting Family Promise through a Lenten service project. A flyer was set home with details. If you did not get one, please see Mary Lou or pick one up at the Early Childhood bulletin board.

### RFY GRADES 1 - 8 NEWS

Regular classes continue this week, March 12 and 13. Remember we will be having our Catholic social teaching walk-a-thon during classes on March 26 and 27 to support Shoes for the Shoeless. Perhaps your child is doing chores around the house to earn money or maybe someone is sponsoring him/her. This project presents a good opportunity to lift up your children's gifts and strengths, for them to explore what they like doing to help the people around them. A pledge form was sent home with details about this project. If you did not receive it, please let your child's catechist know or pick one up near the RFY bulletin board. Contact Mary Lou Baker for questions about our faith formation programs: [mbaker@saint-max.org](mailto:mbaker@saint-max.org) or 777-4322 ext. 120.

### HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY EVENTS

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

Because of spring retreat next weekend, Homelife small groups will meet again on Sunday, April 2nd from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. This is the same night as the parish Seder meal. Check with your leader for details.

**Spring Retreat is NEXT WEEKEND!** 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 forms.

**Forms due TODAY March 12th!** Questions? Please contact Ally Wheeler, [awheeler@saint-max.org](mailto:awheeler@saint-max.org)

**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)

### WEST CHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

**March 15 – Young Adult Faith Discussion** - We will attend the Wednesday evening session of the St. John the Evangelist Parish Mission from 7:00-9:00 PM. The theme is "Through God's grace we can make our anger a positive experience". The talk will take place from 7:00-8:00 PM, followed by discussion. Refreshments and light snacks will be provided.

**March 25- 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.

*"He does not call those who are worthy, but those whom He will." - St. Therese of Lisieux*

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

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?

**MIGHTY MAX**

It's time to register for our Mighty Max Early Childhood (ages 18mos-preK, with caregiver) weekday program! New child registrations for our "spring session" for all classes are being accepted now. The spring session will run the weeks of March 20th -May 12th, 2017. Cost is \$50.00.

Class options include Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings. Join the fun!

Check out the Mighty Max page on the parish website for forms and program information. Contact Charlotte Flanagan in the office with any questions, 513-777-4322 ext. 129 or [cflanagan@saint-max.org](mailto:cflanagan@saint-max.org).

**RETROUVAILLE-A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES**

The next program will begin the weekend of March 31-April 2, 2017. Retrouvaille is a Catholic sponsored, confidential program open to all faiths. It offers a chance to rediscover yourself, and your spouse. It is for couples that have experienced a breakdown in communication, become unloving and uncaring, thinking of separation or divorce or who are separated. For further information please visit the website at: [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org)



Join us for a Movie Night  
*After Way of the Cross*  
on  
Friday, March 24  
OR  
Friday, March 31

The movie will begin around  
8:15 PM in the  
large conference room

RSVP to  
[Adoration@saint-max.org](mailto:Adoration@saint-max.org)  
or Debby Kellner,  
513-779-7627

**RISEN**

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

*Sponsored by the Adoration Team*

## A Marriage Moment

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk." (Gn. 12: 1) Moving to a new home can be exciting, exhausting, and scary - all at the same time. Share the best and worst part of a move you've made together. By *Susan Vogt* [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net)

### CELEBRATING OUR JEWISH HERITAGE

#### Christian Seder Meal and Israeli Folk Dancing

Sunday, April 2, 5:00-8:00 PM



Please arrive promptly at 5:00 PM! Full dinner will be served at approximately 6:15 PM.

Israeli folk dancing, line and circle dance taught by the International Folk Dancers of Cincinnati.

FREE but registration is required by Sunday, March 26, please! Please access the sign up from [www.saint-max.org](http://www.saint-max.org), call the parish office to register or click this link [Seder Meal Sign Up](#)

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Tom and Colleen O'Rourke will be starting another series of Natural Family Planning classes at St. Susanna, Mason, Ohio, in the St. Isidore conference room in the undercroft of the church from 1:00 to 3:30 PM on Sunday, March 19. They teach the symptom-thermal method of NFP. Engaged and married couples can go to <http://www.ccli.org/> to register for classes.

### *Attitude of Gratitude!!*

THANK YOU to everyone who attended our Fat Tuesday pancake dinner, especially our amazing volunteers!!! What a HUGE success it was!!! We served approximately 420 folks and went through 5 cases of sausages, 15 gallons of ice cream and an untold number of pancakes!!! Congratulations to our pancake eating contest winners: Kaylee Nadzam, Katrina Woodall and Carson Springmyer!! What a great night!!! Thank you for all you do to make our parish the awesome church community it is!!!

Thank you to St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish for collecting a donation of \$700 for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

—Sister Marilyn Kerber, Archdiocesan Coordinator.

Thank you very much for your generous contribution in the amount of \$250 to Presentation Ministries. Your support and involvement in the work of the ministries is a tremendous encouragement to us. —Marianne Lander, Treasurer





HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY SPRING RETREAT

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GOD CHOSE THE WEAK TO SHAME THE STRONG  
GOD CHOSE THE FOOLISH TO SHAME THE WISE



# GOD CHOSE ME

MARCH 17-19

COST: \$60

FORMS DUE: MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE AT: [SAINT-MAX.ORG](http://SAINT-MAX.ORG)  
OR CONTACT ALLY WHEELER AT: [AWHEELER@SAINT-MAX.ORG](mailto:AWHEELER@SAINT-MAX.ORG)



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1. Sunday & Holy Day Offerings	Sundays	Holy Days
March 5	24,325.19	
March 12		
March 13- Faith Direct EFT		
March 19		
March 26		
Total March to Date		0.00
March budget	152,000.00	0.00

2. Sunday & Holy Day Year-to-Date		
Actual	1,342,183.48	69,830.29
Budget	1,338,000.00	79,500.00
Difference	4,183.48	(9,669.71)

Special February Offerings

Ash Wednesday	1,489.79
Catholic Tuition Assistance	127.00
Charitable Impact	135.00
CISE/Seeds of Growth	5.00
Drive Down the Debt	615.00
St. Vincent de Paul	90.00

3/1/17 loan balance 454,563.90

Anybody can give until it hurts, try giving until it feels good.

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 if you are interested in attending a meeting or joining.

DAILY MASSES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- 6:30 AM- St. Ann, Hamilton (M-Th)
- 7:00 AM- St. Gabriel, Glendale
- 7:30 AM- Sacred Heart, Fairfield (M-Th)
- 8:00 AM- Queen of Peace, Millville (M/Th/F)
- 8:15 AM-St. Michael, Sharonville
- 8:30 AM- St. Max, Liberty Township
- 9:00 AM - Our Lady of Sorrows, Monroe (M/T/F)
- 9:00 AM - Holy Name, Trenton (M/W/Th)
- 11:30 AM - St. Gertrude
- 12:05 PM - St. Julie Billiart, Hamilton



THANK YOU TO THE 625 GENEROUS FAMILIES WHO HAVE MADE PLEDGES TO THE TOGETHER WE GROW CAMPAIGN! SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES WHO HAVE RECENTLY PLEDGED:

- Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Arnold
- Mr. & Mrs. Oreste Baffi
- Mr. & Mrs. Eric Bierman
- Mr. Jonathan Bond
- Mr. & Mrs. Gary Covell
- Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Daddieh
- Mr. Ted Deyhle
- Dr. Phyllis & Mr. James Doerger
- Mr. & Mrs. Edward Drybala

- Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Duffy
- Dr. Diana Gilbert
- Dr. Katrina & Mr. Michael Hoelscher
- Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ipach
- Mr. & Mrs. Jerry King
- Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Lengyel
- Mrs. Bonnie Lewis
- Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Louder

- Mr. & Mrs. Tim Manchak
- Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Newbauer
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Rieger
- Mr. & Mrs. John Taylor
- Mrs. Gail Wunderlin
- Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Mowl
- Mr. & Mrs. Garrett Searcy

\$3,588,235, 103% of the minimum \$3.5 million goal and 66% of the ultimate \$5.4 million goal, has been pledged so far. Thank you in advance to those who will join this list!

WE NEED YOU!

THANK YOU FOR PRAYERFULLY DISCERNING YOUR PLEDGE TO THE TOGETHER WE GROW CAMPAIGN!

## EVENTS OF THE PARISH

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017**

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	St. Max Boosters
5:00 PM	Lounge	High School Peer Minister Mtg
6:00 PM	Hosp Rm	Stephen Ministry-Supervision Team #1
6:00 PM	Church	RFY Prayer Service
6:00 PM	Complex	RFY Grades 4-8
7:00 PM	Gym, Lounge	High School FRESH Ministry
8:00 PM	Youth Rm	Men's Spiritual Workout
9:00 PM	Gym	Men's Basketball

**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017**

9:00 AM	Rms 2&3	Consoling the Heart of Jesus
9:30 AM	Rm 6	Stephen Ministry-Supervision Team #2
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
5:00 PM	Rm 17	Stephen Ministry Leader Mtgs
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	Lg Conf Rm	Young at Heart Monthly Mtg
7:00 PM	Lounge	Ancora Planning Meeting

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 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
1:00 PM	Rms 2&3	Young at Heart Board Mtg
5:15 PM	Church	Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM	Complex	American Heritage Girls #2513
6:30 PM	Gym	Cub Scouts 944
6:30 PM	Lounge	Cub Scouts 944-Parent Mtg
6:30 PM	Church	Spring Penance Prep-Make Up
7:00 PM	Rm 5	Parish Mission Planning Team
7:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	St. Xavier Freshman Parent Welcome Party
7:00 PM	Church	The Light Is On For You-Sacrament of Penance
7:00 PM	Rms 2&3	High School Lent Scrip. Study
7:00 PM	Rm 6	Stephen Ministry Supervision Team #3
7:00 PM	Hosp Rm	Open Grief Group
7:30 PM	Youth Rm	Respect Life Meeting
7:30 PM	Rms 8&10	American Heritage Girls

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017**

9:30 AM	Complex	Faith Lessons for Moms
9:30 AM	Lg Conf Rm	Faith Lessons for Women
9:30 AM	Rm. 6	Prayer Shawl
11:00 AM	Chapel	The Rosary & Seven Sorrows Chaplet
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	Youth Rm	PL&S Commission
7:00 PM	Hosp Rm	Bereaved Parents
7:00 PM	Lounge	High School Retreat Planning Mtg

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017**

9:00 AM	Chapel	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:15 AM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
10:00 AM	Gym	Mighty Max: Moves and Grooves
5:30 PM	Lg Conf Rm	KOC Chapter Degree
6:00 PM	Rms 8&10	Fish Fry Set Up
6:00 PM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
7:00 PM	Youth Rm	Cub Scout Pack 944 - Den 5
7:00 PM	Rm 7	Charitable Impact
7:00 PM	Church	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Rms 9&11	St. Vincent de Paul
7:00 PM	Chapel	Holy Hour/Vespers
7:00 PM	Gym	Boy Scouts
7:00 PM	Rms 12&14	Stephen Ministry Training
7:00 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Oremus Prayer Workshop
8:00 PM	Hosp Rm	Evangelical Catholic Small Group Facilitator Mtg

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017**

7:00 AM	Gym, Kitchen	Fish Fry Set Up
9:00 AM	Rms 8&10	One Thing is Three
9:30 AM	Lg Conf Rm	Homeschool-Rosary Activity
9:45 AM	Youth Rm	Mighty Max
4:30 PM	Gym	Fish Fry
7:30 PM	Church	Way of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017**

7:00 AM	Rm 5	Answer the Call Men's Faith Sharing
7:00 AM	Gym	Marriage Enrichment Breakfast
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
3:00 PM	Church	Sacrament of Penance
5:30 PM	Lg Conf Rm	Welcome Orientation

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017**

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	St. Max Boosters
6:00 PM	Church	RFY Prayer Service
6:00 PM	Complex	RFY Grades 4-8
7:00 PM	Gym, Lounge	High School FRESH Ministry
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