

# St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church

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## ALCOHOL POLICY

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This policy provides parameters for all ministries and functions affiliated with the parish and for those utilizing our parish facilities. It is expected that all participants in these events follow a code of conduct that is consistent with the Catholic values we profess, whether the events are held on or off parish property.

### Ministry Meetings:

Due to the frequent presence of various groups of children in our facilities, alcohol is not to be consumed on our campus at any time without the prior consent of the pastor or his designee.

### Basic Guidelines:

Alcoholic beverages may not be served, sold or tolerated at any event primarily organized for youth. A *youth event* is defined as any event which would not occur without children, including but not limited to, sporting events, graduations, plays, dances, and award banquets. Aside from these, the parish is permitted serve or sell alcoholic beverages at parish events provided the parish has complied with the laws of the state of Ohio.

### Ohio Liquor Laws:

Specific instructions and regulations for the sale and consumption of alcohol may be found in the document *Temporary Liquor Permit Instruction* and at [Temporary Permits Guide | Ohio Department of Commerce](#)

### Note:

“BYOB” events require a liquor permit if you are charging an admission fee.

### Alcohol Consumption:

Events such as wedding receptions and private parties may serve alcohol without a liquor permit. However, when alcohol is to be sold, or when alcohol will be served and an admission is charged, the user must obtain a liquor permit 30 days prior to the event from the state of Ohio. Users requiring a liquor permit must provide a copy of the liquor permit to the pastoral team member overseeing the event. There are NO exceptions to this policy. Your event will be cancelled if you choose not to follow state law.

### Facility Indemnification for Private Events:

Parish insurance does not cover losses that may occur on parish property by a group or individual utilizing parish facilities. The user must indemnify the parish and the archbishop by listing both as additional insured bodies on the user’s policy for the period of time the facilities are being utilized. An event indemnity policy is required for all private rentals.

### Alcohol and Gambling:

Only two events are permitted per year, per parish that combine gambling and the sale or consumption of alcohol. Gambling and the rules regarding gambling and alcohol consumption are governed by the Ohio Department of Charitable Gaming [Charitable Gaming – Ohio Gaming Law \(keglerbrown.com\)](#) Additional information may be found on The Catholic Conference of Ohio’s website [Search Results - Catholic Conference of Ohio \(ohiocathconf.org\)](#)

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**Every parish ministry and user must comply with all government laws and licenses regarding the sale and use of alcohol.**



*"Never be afraid of loving Mary too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."*

- St. Maximilian Kolbe