



**"FOR JESUS CHRIST I AM PREPARED  
TO SUFFER STILL MORE"**

*- St. Maximilian Kolbe*

*The Confraternity of*  
**ST 16670**  
**MAXIMILIAN**  
*St. Teresa Benedicta  
of the Cross Parish* **KOLBE**



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# WHO WE ARE

The Confraternity of St. Maximilian Kolbe (COR Men's faith formation sponsored by St. Teresa's Knights of Columbus, no requirement to become or already have joined the Knights) was formed and held their first meeting in October 2023. Meetings are usually conducted in low key atmospheres, mostly around a bonfire, or if weather doesn't allow, at St. Teresa's Parish Library or at Ars Coffee Shop in Dover. It is open to men of St. Teresa's parish, Dearborn County Catholics, and beyond as some of our members come from various locations within the Batesville Deanery and Greater Cincinnati area. At times, we'll host a speaker to lead an informal discussion on matters of faith and the spiritual life, go on pilgrimage to various Local Holy Sites for prayer and fraternity, or just meet and pray the rosary with group



# OUR MISSION



The mission of the Confraternity of St. Maximilian Kolbe is to bring men closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ through Our Lady, as St. Maximilian Kolbe advocated. We seek to bring a thoughtful, engaging, low key approach to Men's Ministry. We hope to be a refuge for Catholic men of the parish, county, and beyond through fraternity and prayer to grow in their spiritual life and give them the tools to ultimately one day become a saint.

**"In Catholicism, the pint, the pipe and the cross can all fit together"**

**- G.K. Chesterton**





# TESTIMONIALS



"Derrick and I have been friends for quite a while now. What got our brotherhood started was the common faith and set of family values, and mostly our love of Christ's Church.

For years, we've spent countless Friday or Saturday evenings discussing the beauty of our church, the rich history of her liturgies, and the truths of her teachings. In kind, we've also talked at length about the problems that have faced our church throughout her life, but most especially, what affects us today both in our church and our world. As men, we have the perspective of how our world has so deeply wounded men of today. It tells them they aren't worth anything, they don't have any special calling to lead, protect, or to take action. This is clearly a lie, and the opposite is true.

With the vision to bring men of faith together, empower them to step up and serve our families, our churches, and our community, we have started with simple fraternal bond of a warm fire, and cold beverage to come together in Christ's name, and the intercession of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and build one another up to become the men of God we are called to be."

- David Ohlhaut

"I have been blessed by the warm and welcoming atmosphere. There is a genuineness and appropriate vulnerability in this group. This is especially helpful to those new to the parish(es) and new to the Catholic faith.

I love the discussion! The fireside unstructured conversations and the prompted Dr. Molitor led discussion were particularly good.

Overall, this fraternity is a great blessing. May the Lord grow it to accomplish his will. I will help in any way I can."

- Steve Langdon

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"Getting involved with the St. Max Confraternity has been an incredible experience! We recently moved to the area, and were fortunate to discover a strong Catholic community. Being involved with this group has provided an opportunity to become more deeply involved with our new parish community, and form bonds of friendship with other men that may not have developed otherwise. The best part of the group is our 'informality'. Most get togethers take place around a bonfire sharing drinks and great conversation, but we'll also get together for service to our community as well as mini-pilgrimages (ie our Marian Pilgrimage through Batesville and Oldenburg). However the impact of these bonfires and outings really stems from our shared purpose of lifting one another up to be better Catholic men, fathers, and husbands. Thank you to Dave and Derrick for starting this Confraternity and Fr. Meyer and Fr. Hollowell for their support!"

- Matt Madar

"St. Max group bears so many fruits in so many ways for young men. Whether your 29 and single or 70 something with grandkids its a group for Catholic men of all ages to bond with each other through our faith. When I was in my early 20s with faith as well as a lot of questions on my mind I felt so alone and incredibly close to giving up on the church. Not because of the faith itself that I was so fascinated with but because everybody around me had given up on it and it just sort of became a culture identity for so many or the butt of a joke through various scandals that plagues the church rather than a fervent lifestyle that drove their lives. Since joining St. Max my faith has been rejuvenated and inspired by young men who are so devoted and involved to their faith and communities. These guys have inspired me to put Christ at the center of my life and build up his Holy Church through prayer, fraternity and education. Some things we could add more to the group in the future is more talks, charity, retreats and reflections. I absolutely love this group and I think it adds to the heartbeat of this parish through prayer and fraternity! I love what it is and am looking forward for what's to come and to grow this group into a force for good for men looking for a place to nurture their faith and bond with other men to help each other do God's will and live in truth the power of prayer and fraternity. Thank you to Derrick and Davey for being vibrant courageous leaders and stepping up to the plate for manning this group as well as being so welcoming and making me feel like I have a place called home in this great parish.

- Jared Brown





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"The parishes needed a group like this for men.

I joined because I knew I needed to be surrounded by strong Catholic men. Men that uphold the values that God put deep in my heart. Men that are struggling. Fathers that want to raise Saints. Husbands want to help their wives to get heaven and be good husbands.

I also like that when I talk to men (especially the younger men) in the parish I have a group where we can point them to. A fraternity to be the men God is calling us to be.

We have also witnessed a miracle in the group – Confession for the first time in 10 1/2 years. That alone is worth starting the group.

American men are experiencing a loneliness epidemic. Boredom and loneliness lead to porn addictions, clinging onto bad relationships (both female and male), alcoholism etc. Men need other men."

- Steve Lipps

"Nathaniel Binversie (exodus 90) said that the three aspects of Jesus' life that men need to mimic are daily prayer, asceticism, and fraternity of men. I need improvement in all aspects, but especially fraternity of men. I need a small group of men that I can share my faith with, hold me accountable for my sins, and also have fun with. The St. Max group is perfect for this. I feel honored to be a part of this great group of men. I look forward to more meetings and being involved more."

- Tyler Kurre

**"My happiest hours are spent with three or four old friends in old clothes tramping together and putting up in small pubs – or else sitting up til the small hours in someone's college rooms talking nonsense, poetry, theology, metaphysics over beer, tea, and pipes. There's no sound I like better than adult male laughter."**

- C.S. Lewis

