St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Community

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Parish Mission Statement

As a Roman Catholic Community. St. Mary Magdalene is a community of Christians who profess and share a common, loving faith in Jesus Christ and are nourished through prayer and activity, especially the Eucharist, and are inspired by the Spirit who calls each of us to use our gifts in the midst of our neighborhoods and throughout the world.

01-10-2021

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WEEKEND MASS
Saturday | 4:30 pm &
Sunday | 8:00 & 11:00

DAILY MASS
Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri. | 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS
Saturday | 2:30-3:15 pm
Or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday ~ Thursday
8:30 am ~ 4:30 pm
Closed Friday & Saturday
Sunday ~ 9:00 am ~ Noon
Office Closed From 12:00 to 1:00 Weekdays

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CELEBRATING

Monday, January 11, 2021
Weekday
9:00 am.....Mary Jean Miller

Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Weekday
9:00 am.....Joseph Giordanc

Wednesday, January 13, 2021
Weekday
9:00 am.....Deceased Members of the
Lorik & Kobetitsch Families

Friday, January 15, 2021
Weekday
9:00 am.....Tom Busher

Saturday, January 16, 2021
Weekday
2:30~3:15 pm ....Confessions
Inside Parish Office Lobby
4:30 pm....Deceased Members of the
Oblak & Ryan Families

Sunday, January 17, 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....JoAnn Schaefer

11:00 am....John Hiti

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sun.:	**Is 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11**
Mon.:	**Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20**
Tues.:	**Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28**
Wed.:	**Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39**
Thurs.:	**Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45**
Fri.:	**Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12**
Sat.	**Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17**

FROM FR. STEVE...

Today the Christmas Season concludes with our celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. What a Christmas Season! It started with a lot of snow and our celebrations were affected by the stay at home advisory. But I hope you had a good Christmas Season. As we are in January, we still have a few MegaRaffle tickets left. Thank you very much for your support of our raffle. This past Friday, our second graders preparing for Holy Communion made their First Reconciliation. I am sincerely grateful for our parents getting their children ready under these circumstances with COVID and I am sincerely grateful for Mary Lou Beers help with their preparation. Congratulations to our boys and girls and blessings upon them as they prepare to make their first Holy Communion this Spring. Speaking of Sacraments, Confessions on Saturday are in Stairwell "C." from 2:30PM to 3:15PM. Please enter through the doors with the awning labeled, "Saint Mary Magdalene Office." Speaking of sorrow, I am very sorry about the delay with the calendars. This has been so frustrating. COVID really threw a wrench in the works for us. But the calendars are here and I think they look great! I do appreciate your patience and understanding with this situation. This month we are doing two Anointing Masses. The dates are Friday, January 22nd at 9AM and Saturday, January 23rd at 4:30PM. Like last time, you can remain in your cars if you wish and then after Mass I will come to your car to anoint you. Now that we made it through the Advent and Christmas Season, Lent is coming soon! Ash Wednesday is February 17th. With that, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The guidelines on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The guidelines concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards. Please know we are planning on two carryout Fish Frys. The first Fish Fry Carryout is Friday, February 26th. The second Fish Fry Carryout is March 26th. So mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. With Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross after the 9AM Mass. Also, we will be planning a few Holy Hours. Plus, we will have a Communal Cluster Night of Confession Service like we had in Advent but this one will be here at Saint Mary Magdalene Parish. Pay attention to the bulletin for more details. God bless and have a great week!

Are you interested in volunteering with our St. Vincent de Paul Society? Please leave a message at 440-943-2133 (ext. 6179) and one of our volunteers will give you a call. You are welcome to join us at our next meeting which will be on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 pm.

We meet in the Multi-Purpose Room near the gymnasium. Please wear your mask and observe the social distancing guidelines. We hope to hear from you soon.

This week at SMM:

Thurs., Jan. 14th **AA Meeting**
6:00 pm Rm 104

Gentle Reminder……..

Please turn off cell phones while in Church

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Contribution Statements will **not** automatically be sent out this year. If you want a statement of your 2020 contributions, simply fill out this form and return to the Parish Office or drop in the collection basket. Please feel free to call the Office at 440-943-2133 with any questions.

Name on Envelope: _____

Address:_____

City/Zip:_____ Envelope # _____

____I will pick up in the Parish Office next week

____Please mail to the address listed above

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Fourth Week of December, 2020

Sundays & Holy Days ~ $ 6,779.00
Capital Improvement ~ $ 1,120.00
1% Need Program ~ $ 185.00

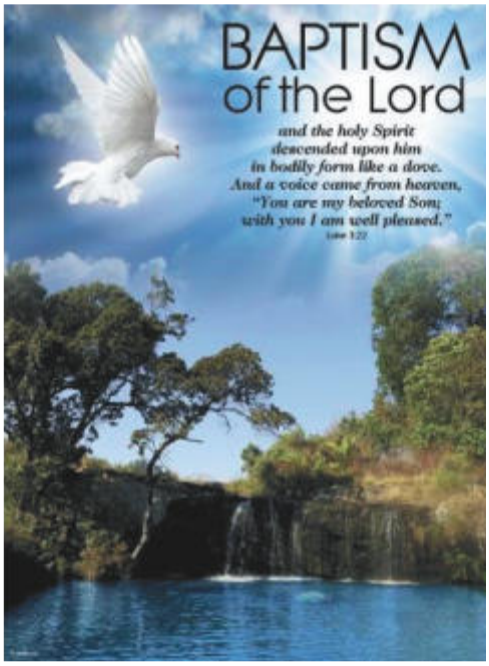
First Week of January, 2021

Sundays & Holy Days ~ $ 6,914.50
Capital Improvement ~ $ 856.00
1% Need Program ~ $ 553.00

Automated Giving ~ Dec. 21st to Jan. 3rd
$ 7,425.00

Christmas Donations to date: $32,823.50

Due to the current situation with Covid-19, coupled with the snowstorm, our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass attendance was very low. We thank all who made their Christmas donation and encourage those who may not have had a chance yet to contribute. Traditionally the Christmas collection has been the "boost" SMM needs for their financial budget.



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Vincent de Paul Society

440-943-2133, ext. 6179

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is pleased to serve those in need on behalf of the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Parish. We depend on your donations [Food Pantry—1% Envelope or the Poor Box] for the funds that we expend & sincerely thank you on behalf of those in need for your ongoing support. St. Vincent provides emergency assistance to individuals & families in need on a strictly confidential basis. Anyone in need of assistance should call SVdP, 440-943-2133, ext. 6179 & leave a message. A volunteer member of SVdP will return your call.

LUNCH PACKING

January 11th & 25th

The Lunch Packing crew thanks you for your support over the years with this project of helping feed the needy at the West Side Catholic Center.

Needs: jelly...place donations in SVdP basket clearly marked or bring item to the parish office during regular business hours. These brown bag lunches are delivered by volunteers to the West Side Catholic Center to feed the needy.

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME OF LUNCH PACKING~

9:00 AM TO 12:30 PM.

A request from the Lunch Packing Crew:

Do you have any left-over wrapped Christmas Candy at your house? The lunch packing crew would be happy to take if off your hands and put the treat in our lunch bags. If possible, please drop off at SMM parish office.

2021 CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED!!!!

We are so happy to announce that the 2021 calendars are available in the Gathering area and the SMM Parish Office!!!!!!!

AUTOMATIC GIVING

The St. Mary Magdalene Automatic Offering Plan is safe, convenient and a reliable way to make your contributions using electronic transfer. Similar to programs offered by banks, telephone, insurance and utility companies, your contributions are automatically withdrawn from a regular checking account or at any bank or credit union.

Use your Debit/Credit Card or Checking Account -- Earn points and rewards from your banking institution. It's 100% safe and you can cancel or change your contributions at any time. Best of all, it saves you time, and helps us keep track of our budget throughout the year.

For more information or help call Mary Ellen Toomey, 440-854-6006 or stop in the parish office.

Divorce Recovery for Catholics – Join us for a Zoom Virtual Support Group...

The current Pandemic has caused feelings of isolation and confusion, especially those that are struggling with separation and divorce. In an effort to bridge the gap, we are hosting a virtual support group using Zoom beginning Tuesday, January 19, 2021 from 7-9 PM. Registration is required to be included in the group meeting. Please visit our website, Divorced-Separated.net to register or contact Karen at **kjubeck@st-gabriel.org** or 440-352-8282. The 8-week support group is developed to meet the needs of those who are separated or divorced. Sessions are facilitated by a caring, trained professional and will focus on relevant topics and provide valuable information and direction along with the tools for coping with this life-changing experience. Being part of a group provides the opportunity to share experiences, support, and encouragement. The group will meet on Zoom for the first 4 weeks and at the conclusion of the 4th week, the facilitator and group will determine if they will continue to meet using Zoom or choose to meet at St. Gabriel Parish, Concord.

MEGA RAFFLE

Please return your Mega Raffle tickets that you received in the mail. For $25 you have a chance to win:

First Prize: $5,000.00 Second Prize: $ 750.00 Third Prize $ 250.00

The Mega Raffle nets the parish about $19,000. This year we are hopeful that we again have a successful fundraising activity as our buildings are older and upkeep is quite expensive.

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold and thus far, as of December 28th, we have sold 939 TICKETS!!! Last year we sold all 1,000 tickets!!!!!

The lucky winning tickets will be drawn at Sunday, January 31, 2021, at noon in the Parish Office (winner need not be present). If you need additional tickets they are available in the Parish Office. Tickets can be returned to the Parish Office, dropped in the weekend collection or dropped in the mail slot at the bottom of the handicap ramp in front of the Parish Office. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of St. Mary Magdalene!

SNOW ALERTS!!!

We are reminded by the City of Willowick that a parking ban goes into effect on all City streets when the snow exceeds 2 inches. This includes East 321st street alongside SMM. Willowick's Service Department needs your cooperation to be able to remove snow from all the streets.

BULLETIN INFORMATION....If requesting an item to be included in the weekly bulletin, your article must be received no later than Friday morning by 8:00 am of the week before Either drop off at the Parish Office or email to: cdicello@smmwillowick.org.

Note that *not* all requests can be included in the bulletin due to space limitations.

Thank you! Your support of the Annual Appeal has made a difference, especially as the needs of our communities continue to grow during COVID-19. Because of your generosity, people who are hungry and homeless, addicted and struggling, lonely, sick and hurting will have the services available to assist them during the pandemic and have hope for the future. You can find stories of hope and faith when you visit www.CatholicCommunity.org/COVIDVideo. As of November 30, a total of 41,274 faithful donors from across the Diocese have pledged more than $13.2 million towards the Annual Appeal goal of $13.5million.

Here at SMM, 291parishioners have pledged $37,340 toward our parish goal of $45,380. That is 82% to goal of our overall goal! Your financial support makes a difference and transforms lives. Thank you on behalf of those served by Catholic Charities.

If you have not yet made your gift, contact Karen Joyce at 216-696-6525 x1910 to give by phone or make a secure online gift at

www.CatholicCommunity.org/donate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Catholic Cemeteries Association Monthly Sunday Grief Support January 17th:

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly in-office grief support groups on January 17th with limited seating for social distancing. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to talk about your grief. Meetings do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. You do not even have to talk, but come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The January topic is "Facing the New Year with Hope and Love" but discussions follow whatever is on your heart. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (NEW office);
Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office);
Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office);
Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland (office);
All Saints Cemetery, Northfield (office);
All Souls Cemetery, Chardon (office).

Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is safe. Participants are requested to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing at each location. It is required that participants wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866.

The FEST Internship

Calling all college students looking for a paid summer internship! The FEST (www.theFEST.us) is looking for summer interns to make this year's event the best FEST yet! We are looking for students with interests in theology, business marketing & communications, event planning, or logistics management to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival. Interns will be a part of a fast-paced team and will play a critical role in the marketing, planning and coordination of annual event for thousands of people.

Interns will provide support and have responsibilities including public speaking, marketing, mailings, digital and social media, press releases, logistics, event planning, and more. Interns must have strong people skills, work ethic, critical thinking, organizational skills, and reliable transportation. For more information or to apply, please send your resume to Caitlin@theFEST.us by January 10th.

Monday, January 11, 2021
5:00 pm—7:00 pm
Chick-fil-A Fundraiser
35441 Euclid Ave.
Willoughby, OH
Support the Parent Activity Committee and 15% of your purchase will be donated to their Fundraising Efforts.

We once again thank Jean Walsh and all her friends at the Eastside Irish-American Club for their very generous donation of Peanut Butter and Jelly for our Lunch Packing program at St. Mary Magdalene!

The crew packs 600 sandwiches a month that are delivered to the West Side Catholic Center to help with feeding the needy.

What a blessing they are to our community.

God's Blessings!!!

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

The Infant Baptismal Preparation Process assists parents with newborns through age 6 to understand the basic theology of the Sacrament & realize the responsibilities that come with the baptism of their child. If you are interested please contact Deacon Carl Toomey.

Children between the ages of 7 & 17 who are interested in being welcomed into the Roman Catholic faith through Baptism may contact Mary Lou Beers at (440) 854-6020.

First Communion

Children between the ages of 7 & 17 who would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation through Eucharist may contact Mary Lou Beers at (440) 854-6020.

Confirmation

Youth begin direct preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Fall of their 8th grade year, but they must have been in Catholic Day School or PSR for AT LEAST one year prior. If you are interested in finding out more, you can call or email Fr. Steve Breck at (440) 854-6017.

Marriage

The Sacrament of Marriage requires a preparation time of at least six months. Please contact Fr. Breck or Deacon Carl Toomey for information.

Anointing of the Sick

All parishioners who are seriously ill, advanced in years, or facing serious surgery are welcome to receive the Sacrament by contacting Fr. Steve or by attending a communal anointing service, held twice per year. Children are to be anointed if they have the sufficient use of reason (age 7) to be strengthened by this Sacrament.

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