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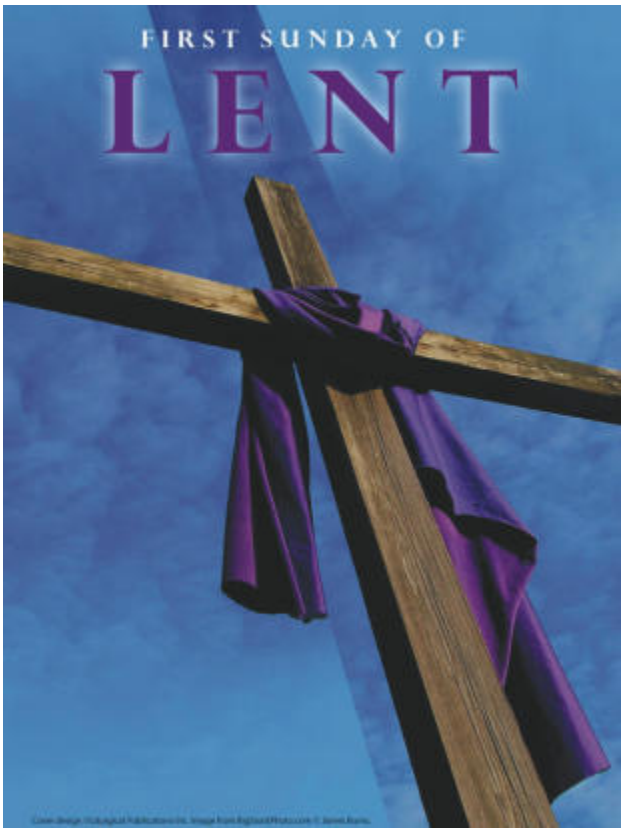
Parish Mission Statement

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.

02-21-2021

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



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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PRAYER & WORSHIP

CELEBRATING

Monday, February 22, 2021
The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
9:00 am.....Dorothy Kipfstuhl

Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Lenten Weekday
9:00 am.....SMM Parish

Wednesday, February 24 2021
Lenten Weekday
9:00 am.....Lenten Intentions

Friday, February 26, 2021
Lenten Weekday
9:00 am.....Fritz Schaefer

Saturday, February 27, 2021
Lenten Weekday
2:30~3:15 pm ....Confessions
Inside Parish Office Lobby
4:30 pm....Al & Rita Warnick

Sunday, February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am.....Fr. Stephen Kaminski

11:00 am.....Joseph & Rose Keough

Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sun.: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Mon.: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Tues.: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wed.: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thurs.: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Fri.: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Sat. Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

FROM FR. STEVE...

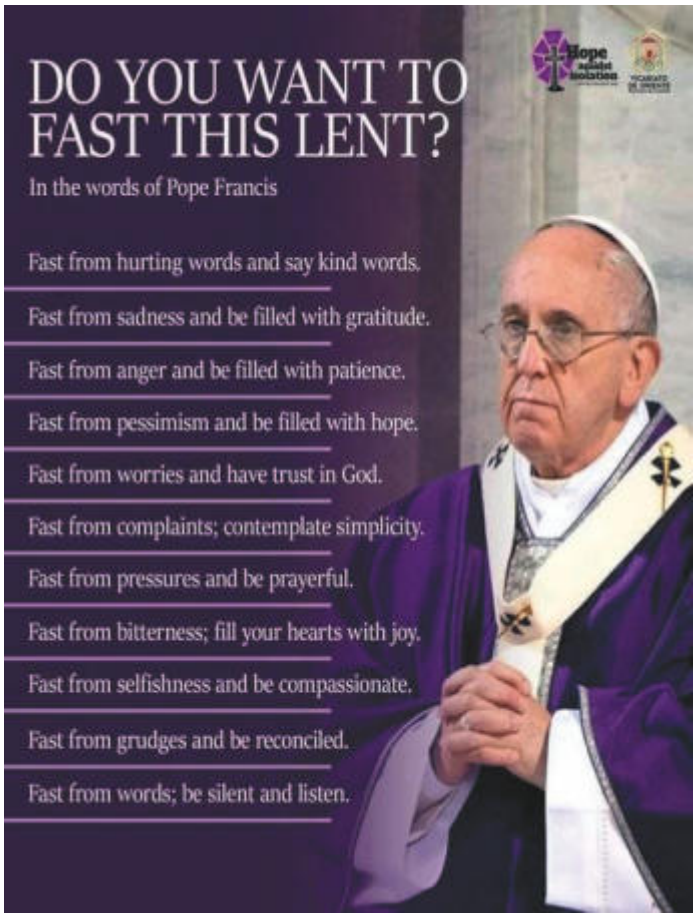
Hi everybody! The 2021 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Many of you have received a letter from Bishop Malesic requesting your support. Catholic Charities sincerely appreciates your support. You help them to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us. You gift will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast, Ohio through Catholic Charities. Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. Next Friday, February 26th is our first Carry-Out Fish Fry. Thank you for ordering a dinner and supporting this event. Our next Carry-Out Fish Fry Dinner is Friday, March 26th. Speaking of March, Tuesday, March 2nd is our Communal Cluster Parish Night of Confession from 6PM to 8PM. This evening will be very similar to the one we had in Advent at Saint Justin Martyr Parish. So, come anytime between 6PM and 8PM if you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Joining Fr. Kevin and I will be Fr. Peter Morris and Fr. Marty Polito. Please know that there will not be a diocesan wide Evening of Confession this year due to COVID. But the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 2:30PM to 3:15PM in Stairwell "C." You can get to Stairwell "C" by entering through the Parish Office Doors. On Tuesday, March 9th we will have a Holy Hour at 3PM. Along with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament we will pray the Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction. We will have another Holy Hour on Monday, March 15th at 4:30PM. At this Holy Hour, Mary Hrich will be with us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament providing music. At this Holy Hour we will pray the Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary with a shorter set of meditations. This Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction too. March 25th is the last day to turn in your gently used items for our Savers Fundrive. Thank you for participating in this event. Remember, the parish office is open Monday through Thursday 8:30AM to 4:30AM and Sunday 9AM to Noon. God bless, stay safe and have a blessed Season of Lent.

Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday, February 17th and Good Friday, April 2nd, are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, all Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Fasting: Ages 18-59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. No eating between meals.

Abstinence: Ages 14 and older. The law of abstinence requires Catholics to not eat meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays in Lent once they have reached the age of 14.



JOIN ME IN A PRAYER ADVENTURE THIS LENT!

This Lent I will be going on a Prayer Adventure with St. Ignatius of Loyola and I am looking for people to join me. You can take part from the comfort of your own home via Zoom. The Ignatian Prayer Adventure is an adaptation of Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. The Exercises allow one to experience the life of Christ in a unique way. This is an 8-week program where you spend time in prayer each day, using the on-line Prayer Adventure guide. Then we will get together and talk about our experiences each week. I hope to start this Feb 23rd. Attendance would be limited to about 10 people. If you wish to join me, need more information or have questions, please email me at ctoomey@smmwillowick.org or call me at 440-854-6016.

Deacon Carl

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Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 19th @ 9:30 am
Friday, February 26th @ 9:30 am
Friday, March 5th @ 9:30 am
Friday, March 12th @ 9:30 am
Friday, March 19th @ 9:30 am
Friday, March 26th @ 9:30 am
Good Friday, Friday, April 2nd @ 12 Noon

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Second Week of February, 2021

Sundays & Holy Days ~ $ 3,993.00
Capital Improvement ~ $ 2,191.00
1% Need Program ~ $ 529.00
Automated Giving ~ Feb. 8th to Feb. 14th
$ 2,055.00

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

February 22nd

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 11.00 AM

Please take a Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl in the Gathering Area. CRS Rice Bowls help us to live out our Catholic faith during Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

You are asked to bring back your family's Rice Bowl by Holy Week!

THANK YOU for changing lives this Lent!

MASS BOOK ~ 2021

There are still Masses available for for 2021.
Please either come in to the Parish Office
or contact Coletta at 440-854-6003

This week at SMM:

Thurs., Feb. 18th **AA Meeting**
6:00 pm Rm 104

ALL SOULS CEMETERY

Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on March 6, 2021, at 1 p.m. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to prepare for the seminar with proper social distancing. Attendees are required to wear a facial covering throughout the seminar. All Souls Cemetery – 10366 Chardon Rd., Chardon **RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 4**

We're having a "To-Go" Fish Fry!

Friday, February 26, 2021
4:00pm-7:00pm
St. Mary Magdalene

Dinner consists of your choice of:
1 Entree: Baked *or* Fried Fish (No Combo Orders)
and all meals include:
Macaroni & Cheese, French Fries,
Coleslaw, Applesauce, Roll & Butter, Dessert
Adults $12.00

Please call the Parish Office today (440-943-2133)
to make your reservation, payment arrangements,
and to select an available time slot to pick up your dinner!
Our goal is to make available no more than 30 dinners per half hour.
We hope this will help to ensure the
"freshness" of your food and help our traffic flow!

Bringing America Back to Life
Pro-Life Convention

The Bringing America Back to Life Convention ~ March 12th & March 13th ~ is the premier Diocesan-wide pro-life event: 2 jam-packed days filled with the nation's top speakers, workshops, and exhibitors. To discover more about this must-see event, to view the impressive line-up of speakers, and to register, visit www.bringingamericabacktolife.org or call (440) 281-1502. Join us as we Bring America Back to Life!

Prayers for Lent

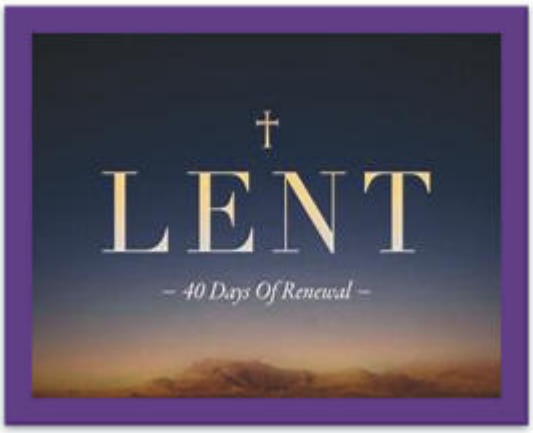
Lord, I am yours, and I must belong to no one but you.

My soul is yours, and must live only by you.

My will is yours, and must love only for you.

I must love you more than myself, since I am all yours and all in you.

~St. Francis de Sales



UPCOMING EVENTS

Love your NEIGHBOR

Catholic Charities
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2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

Love Your Neighbor. Many parishioners received letters in January, inviting their support of the Annual Appeal. Please pray for the good work of Catholic Charities and make a pledge today. Your donation makes a difference!

Your support of the 2021 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will help us serve those individuals who are most in need and most vulnerable. From Matthew's Gospel: Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for me. When we feed the hungry, take care of the sick, and welcome the stranger, we are also serving Jesus himself.

We appreciate your donation and will take special care to use it wisely in providing essential programs and services to people in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.

We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at:
CatholicCommunity.org/2021Appeal.

Double your impact! A generous donor, who believes in the mission of Catholic Charities, will match your gift, up to $1 million. Do twice as much good when you give online at: CatholicCommunity.org/Match. Thank you!

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.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONA VIRUS

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Corona Virus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for a quick control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We pray for the doctors doing research that an effective vaccine to combat the sickness is speedily found.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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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