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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12-04-2022

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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 4:30 pm &
Sunday | 8:00 am & 11:00 am

DAILY MASS

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday | 3:15-4:00 pm
In Church Confessional
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, Dec. 5, 2022

Advent Weekday

9:00 am....Patricia Horabik

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022

Advent Weekday

9:00 am....Doris Breck

Wednesday, Dec 7, 2022

Saint Ambrose

9:00 am....Charles M. Dizenzo

4:30 pm....Ed Molnar

Thursday, Dec 8, 2022

The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am....Angie MacMillian

7:00 pm....Pro Populo

Friday, Dec. 9 2022

Advent Weekday

9:00 am....Thomas Condon

Saturday, Dec 10, 2022

Advent Weekday

4:30 pm....Julia Jones

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am....Tom Shannon

11:00 am....John E. Troy

Readings for the Week of December 4, 2022

Sun.: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Mon.: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tues.: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wed. Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thurs.: Gn 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Fri.: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Sat.: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

From Fr. Steve...

Happy December Everyone! I hope your Advent Season is off to a good start. Remember, we have many events throughout Advent to get you spiritually ready for the Christmas Season. Wrapping up the end of the year can be busy at school, work and around the home as you get ready for Christmas or holiday travel. So, I hope you can take the time and at least attend one of these Advent events. With that, December 8th is our country's patronal feast, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. The Vigil Mass is on Wednesday, December 7th at 4:30PM. Please know if you go to the 9AM on December 7th for the Memorial of Saint Ambrose and receive Holy Communion, you can come back in the evening for the Vigil Mass and receive Holy Communion again because these are two different Masses with different readings and orations (prayers). Masses on December 8th are at 9AM and at 7PM. Br. Mick Joyce OFM Cap will be the celebrant at the 7PM Mass. Welcome Br. Mick! Thank you for supporting the Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, November 26th and participating in #WeGiveCatholic! Thank you for your generosity. Because of your help with #WeGiveCatholic, we can spruce up the Church restrooms and the landing with new floors. I hope to these completed by the beginning of 2023. Please know that the Family Restroom and the Sacristy Bathroom will be open while the project is being completed. Our Diocese invites you to pray the night prayer of the Church at different parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. "Nine Nights of Night Prayer" is underway and will wrap up on December 8th with ice-cream! The churches will be open for night prayer 8:15pm-9 pm each night. The nearby parish taking part in this opportunity for prayer Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Euclid. This past September, the Diocese of Cleveland contacted Meitler, a consulting group to partner with the elementary schools and their surrounding parishes in Lake & Geauga County. The diocese is in the process of finalizing the strategic plan (Keeping the Faith) for their Catholic elementary schools. This strategic plan should be finalized and promulgated in January 2023 during Catholic Schools week. This plan will call for collaboration, sharing resources, leveraging talent, and embracing the principle of subsidiarity. The bishop wants parishes and schools to work together to find long-term solutions to assuring irresistibly Catholic, academically excellent, operating well, and accessible to all, schools in all areas of our diocese. The role of this consulting group is to help the schools and parishes in Lake & Geauga County to reflect on the Diocesan Strategic Plan (Keeping the Faith) and to help have conversations of educating, assessing, and analyzing the needs in these two counties to bring to fruition the Diocesan plan. So, please keep the parishes and schools in Lake & Geauga County in prayer. God bless!

PARTICIPATING

SAVE THE DATES!!

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| December 13th | Advent Communal Cluster Confession @ SJM |
| December 17-18th | Holiday Bake Sale |
| January 28, 2023 | Anniversary Dinner |
| February 11-19th | Our Lady of Lourdes Novena |
| February 22nd | Ash Wednesday |
| March 12th | St. Patrick's Party |
| March 24th | Fish Fry |
| April 9th | Easter Sunday |
| April 29th | 1st Communion ~ 4:30 |
| April 30th | 1st Communion ~ 11:00 |
| May 8th | May Crowning |
| May 13-14th | Spring Bake Sale |
| May 16th | Confirmation |
| June 1st-4th | Festival |

This week at SMM:

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| Dec. 5th | Bible Study 7:00pm-8:30pm | Room 103 |
| | Reconciliation Meeting 7:00pm-8:30pm | Multi-Purpose |
| Dec. 7th | Advent Holy Hour 3:15pm-4:00pm | Church |
| | Taize 6:45pm-8:00pm | Church |
| Dec. 7th | Catholic War Vets 6:45pm-8:15pm | Multi-Purpose |
| Dec. 9th | Women's Fellowship Christmas 6:00pm-8:00pm | |
| Dec. 11th | Blood Drive 7:00am-2:30pm | Gym |
| | Families in Faith 9:15am-10:45am | Library |
| | Café 9:20am-10:50am | Room 104 |

HOLY HOURS

TUESDAYS IN ADVENT



3:15-4:00 p.m.

St. Mary Magdalene

Dec. 6

Dec. 16

Dec. 20

Please Join Us For:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Rosary

Litany of St. Joseph

Benediction

All Are Welcome!

Taizé Prayer Tuesdays in Advent

Taizé Prayer started in a monastery in France and is a prayer around the cross. There are several songs/chants, scripture, and intercessions. The music of Taizé Prayer is contemplative, soul-freeing, repetitive, and opens the mind to the Spirit. It's a great way to relax in a quiet atmosphere and spend some time with the Lord.

Musical prelude 6:45pm

Taizé Prayer begins at 7pm

St. Mary Magdalene Church

Tuesdays: Dec. 6, Dec, 13 & Dec 20

All are welcome!



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Week of Nov. 20, 2022

Sundays & Holy Days ~ \$7,129.00

Capital Improvement ~ \$498.00

1% Need Program ~ \$397.00

Automated Giving ~ Nov. 13 ~
\$3,069.00



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 and 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 and leave a message. A volunteer member of SVdP will return your call.

LUNCH PACKING

November 14th & 28th

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. We meet on the second and fourth Mondays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am to make sandwiches.

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.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

<http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/>



SVDP is requesting the following items for our neighbors in need for our December food distributions:

Hams, ketchup, mustard, salad dressings, crackers, noodles and pancake syrup.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting Tuesday, December 13th from 1:00-2:30 in Room 104.

Join in the friendship while we knit or crochet and pray for people who need prayer shawls, lap throws, chemo caps, etc. You do need to donate your own supplies, but we can provide patterns along with assistance to complete projects. We gladly accept items from those who are unable to attend.

For more information call :
Liz at [440-725-0113](tel:440-725-0113).

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADVENT GIVING PROJECT

St. Vincent de Paul at St. Mary Magdalene
Gift cards for Wal Mart and Giant Eagle
Cash or checks-will be used to purchase
gift cards for families in need,
(Please make checks payable to St. Vincent
de Paul)

West Side Catholic Center
Sweatshirts (men, women, children)
Underwear (men, women, children)
Footy Pajamas (children)
Thick winter gloves (men, women, chil-
dren)

Project Hope
Paper towels
Toilet paper
Lysol spray
Coffee creamer
Hot cocoa
33-gallon trash bags
Large latex gloves
Shower shoes (size L/XL)

Birthright Lake, Inc.
Hooded baby towels
Pacifiers and Rattles
Onesies and Sleepers in size NB or 0-3
Toddler underwear
Baby or Toddler socks (size NB up to 2T)
Crib sheets
Pack-n-Play sheets
Bottles and nipples
Maternity clothing
Nursing pads
Breastfeeding shirts (any size)

Please bring all items, unwrapped, to the St. Mary Magdalene Gathering Area or the Parish Office between November 27 and December 11, 2022. Thank you very much for your support. ☺

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses: Wednesday Dec. 7: 4:30 pm

Thursday Dec. 8: 9:00am & 7:00pm



RCIA CORNER:

Please continue to pray for our Catechumens, **Stephen Phillips** and **David Sladewski**, along with **Candidate Brittany Krajewski** as they continue their journey to full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.



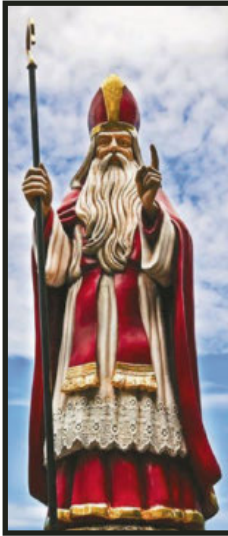
YEAR END GIVING

As the calendar year comes to a close, the spirit of the holidays and tax consideration lead people to plan charitable contributions before December 31st. Cash gifts may be made through the Sunday Collection or by sending your donation to St. Mary Magdalene, 32114 Vine Street, Willowick, OH 44095. Also consider gifts of appreciated stock, which can lower your income tax by reducing capital gains.

Your gifts will help sustain the ministries of St. Mary Magdalene Parish throughout 2023 as we bring the light of Christ to children & adults in our community.

Thank you for your continued financial support through 2022. SMM is so very grateful to our parishioners for your commitment to our parish!!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ST. NICHOLAS PRAYER

LOVING GOD,
WE THANK YOU
FOR THE EXAMPLE
OF ST. NICHOLAS,
WHO FED THE HUNGRY,
BROUGHT HOPE TO
THE IMPRISONED,
GAVE COMFORT
TO THE LOST,
AND TAUGHT
THE TRUTH TO ALL.
MAY WE STRIVE
TO IMITATE HIM
BY PUTTING YOU FIRST
IN ALL WE DO.
GIVE US THE COURAGE,
LOVE AND STRENGTH
OF ST. NICHOLAS, SO THAT,
LIKE HIM, WE MAY SERVE
YOU THROUGH LOVING
OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

AMEN.

BAKERS ~ BAKERS ~ BAKERS

In keeping with our St. Mary Magdalene tradition, we will be holding our annual Christmas Bake Sale the weekend of December 17th & 18th.

We call upon you to fill our bakery tables with your finest Holiday treats ~ buttery cookies, candies, breads and pastries of every kind. Please take your

donations to Room 103 in the Parish Center on:

Friday, December 16th, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

or Saturday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 am

Purchasing bakery is a win-win situation. The proceeds from the Christmas Bake Sale

will go to the SMM Capital Improvement Fund and you will have delicious treats for the Christmas Season. As always, thank you for your hard work and your continued commitment to SMM.

Oplatki Wafers are available in the Parish Office. ~ \$4.00



SMM Holiday Office Hours

Christmas:

Office Closed from Thursday Dec. 22-
Monday Dec. 26

Office will reopen on Tuesday Dec. 27

New Years :

Office Closed from Friday Dec. 30-
Monday Jan. 2

Office will reopen on Tuesday Jan. 3

CHRISTMASS EVE MASS

There will be NO 3:15 pm Confessions on SATURDAY 12/24/22.

4:00pm-Musical Prelude in Church

Masses at 4:30pm, 6:30pm and 8:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Masses at 8am and 11 am

Please note all Masses will be in the Church

A Note from SVDP:

Thank you for all of your donations for Thanksgiving!

We appreciate your ongoing support!



MEGA RAFFLE

First Prize: \$5,000.00

Second Prize: \$ 750.00

Third Prize \$ 250.00

Thank you to all who have returned Mega Raffle tickets. We are over half way to our goal!

TOTAL AMOUNT OF TICKETS SOLD AS OF November 22nd IS...634 TICKETS = \$ 15,850.00

ONLY 1,000 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD! LAST YEAR WE SOLD ALL 1,000 TICKETS!!!! Winning tickets will be pulled at the Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, January 28, 2023. If you need additional tickets they are available in the Parish Office and after the Masses .

SACRAMENTS

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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 the Parish Office. 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) 725-3198.

First Communion

Children between the ages of 7 & 17 who would like to receive First Holy Communion must participate in preparation classes. For more information, contact Mary Lou Beers at MBeers@smmwillowick.org or (440) 725-3198.

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 FrBreck@smmwillowick.org or (440) 854-6017.

Marriage

The Sacrament of Marriage requires a preparation time of at least six months. Please contact Fr. Breck 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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