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Serving

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

12-11-2022

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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
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12:00 to 1:00 Weekdays

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

CELEBRATING

Monday, Dec. 12, 2022

Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 am....Eugene Vild

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022

Saint Lucy

9:00 am....Bill Maxwell

Wednesday, Dec 14, 2022

Saint John of the Cross

9:00 am....Tony Malbone

Friday, Dec. 16, 2022

Advent Weekday

9:00 am....Rose & Vince Barbaro

Saturday, Dec 17, 2022

Late Advent Weekday

4:30 pm....Madeline & Paul Sirko

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am....Stanley Trawicki

11:00 am....Carol Gesell

Readings for the Week of December 12, 2022

Sun.: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Mon.: Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

Tues.: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wed. Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Fri.: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

Sat.: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

From Fr. Steve...

Happy Third Sunday of Advent! Gaudete Sunday! Its name is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass. This weekend, rose is the color, but it looks like pink to many. This weekend joyfully alerts us that the Christmas Season is coming soon! Thanks to all who participated in our Advent Giving Project. The racks in the gathering area looked awesome filled with diapers, food, toiletries and clothing. You are very kind and generous. God bless you and keep up the good work! Your assistance is going to make a difference in the lives of many. Thank you! After the 11AM Mass this weekend, the items will be transported to the Kaminski Center and Room 104. If you can assist after the 11AM Mass to transport the items, it will be sincerely appreciated. Many hands make for light work! Thank you to the twenty-one families that participated in #WeGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday! Good job! Even though we fell short of the goal, we are still installing the new floors in the restroom and restroom area beginning Monday, December 12th. With that, the Men and Women's Restrooms by the Church will be closed for the week. The Family Restroom is available. Also, the bathroom in the sacristy will be available during the week. The new floors will certainly spruce up this section and I am happy they will be done before Christmas. This Monday, December 12th is our "Dealing With The Holidays After A Loss" Bereavement Dinner. Please keep in your daily prayers all those going through the Christmas Season the first time without a loved one. This can be a very challenging time for them. Please know the next Knights of Columbus Savers Fundrive will take place at the beginning of March. Dates to drop off your gently used items at the parish office will be published soon. Sorry we cannot take the gently used items off your hands sooner. We have limited storage space and the custodial staff is busy taking turkeys and hams to walk in refrigerator and freezer. Thank you for supporting our Savers Fundrive! And thank you for the turkeys and hams too! Tuesday, December 13th is our Communal Cluster Night of Confession at Saint Justin Martyr Parish from 6PM to 8PM. Stop in any time! You can come before the Taize Prayer Service at our parish at 7PM if you wish. On Monday December 19th and December 20th, I will be in my confessional to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 5:30PM to 6:15PM. The Confession time on Saturday, December 24th is canceled. Saturday Confessions will resume on Saturday, January 31st at 3:15PM. MegaRaffle tickets are still available. Thank you for supporting our MegaRaffle! God bless and have a great week!

PARTICIPATING

SAVE THE DATES!!

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
April 30th	1st Communion
May 8th	May Crowning
May 13-14th	Spring Bake Sale
May 16th	Confirmation
June 1st-4th	Festival

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



This week at SMM:

Dec. 12th	Bible Study 7:00pm-8:30pm	Room 103
Dec. 13th	Prayer Shawl 1:00-2:30 Advent Holy Hour 3:15pm-4:00pm Advent Communal Cluster Parish Confession 6:00pm-8:00pm Taize 6:45pm-8:00pm	Room 104 Church St. Justin Martyr Church
Dec. 14th	K of C 6:45pm-8:15pm	Multi-Purpose
Dec. 15th	AA Meeting 4:00pm-6:00pm	Room 104
Dec. 16th	Holiday Bake Sale Drop off 9:00am-4:00pm	Room 103
Dec. 17th	Holiday Bake Sale 10:00am-4:00pm	Gathering Area
Dec. 18th	Holiday Bake Sale 8:00am-12:00pm Families in Faith 9:15am-10:45am Café 9:20am-10:50am	Gathering Area Gym Room 104

HOLY HOURS

TUESDAYS IN ADVENT

3:15-4:00 p.m.

St. Mary Magdalene

Dec. 13

Dec. 20



Please Join Us For:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Rosary
Litany of St. Joseph
Benediction

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

Tuesday Dec, 13 & Dec 20

All are welcome!



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Week of Dec. 04, 2022

Sundays & Holy Days ~ \$8,288.00

Capital Improvement ~ \$809.00

1% Need Program ~ \$687.00

Automated Giving ~ Dec. 04 ~
\$2,615.00



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 December 12th ONLY

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: Please consider donating the Following items for our Christmas food distributions:

**Hams, pancake syrup,
Noodles and crackers!**

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

Catholic Cemeteries Association :

Offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings in-person in six of our offices and virtually:

For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/>



Eastside Irish Club

Thank you for all the jars of
peanut butter & jelly!!!
From the Lunch Packers



ATTENTION PARISH BAKERS~WE NEED YOU

Christmas Bake Sale
December 17th-18th
Looking forward to your
Favorite bakery.
Gather your recipes and get ready
To share with our Parish.
Drop off your goodies in Room 103:
Friday, Dec. 16th~9:00am-3:00pm
And Saturday, Dec. 17th 9am-11am



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!!

Anniversary Dinner Is Coming!

January 28, 2023
St. Mary Magdalene Gym 5:30 pm ~ 10:00 pm
Tickets \$10.00 Adults
Includes: Pasta Dinner, Salad, Rolls & Dessert
Mega Raffle Drawings!

Tickets can be
purchased in the
parish office.



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 11am

Please note all Masses will be in the Church



MATER DEI ACADEMY NEWS

Have a child ready for Kindergarten?

Come and see what Kindergarten really looks like! Join us for our Kindergarten Preview on January 21, 2023 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Please call the school office at 440-585-0800 to register.

Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner, beginning January 29th! MDA is now enrolling for grades Preschool 3yr – 7th grade for the 2023-2024 school year. Stop in during one of our open houses during Catholic Schools Week to learn more about Mater Dei!

January 29 --12:30-2:30pm or
February 1 – 6:00-8:00pm

St. Mary Magdalene is hosting a Women's Book Study.

We will meet in Room 103 from 7:00-8:00 on January 11, February 8, March 8, and April 12. Our first book will be *Holy Moments* by Matthew Kelly. Participants should purchase the book prior to our first meeting. More details will come upon registration.

Register by calling the Parish Office or using the link posted on the church website.

Questions?

Please contact Jessica Sinkovic at:

JSinkovic@smmwillowick.org

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 30th IS...715 TICKETS = \$ 17,875.00

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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