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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
12-25-2022

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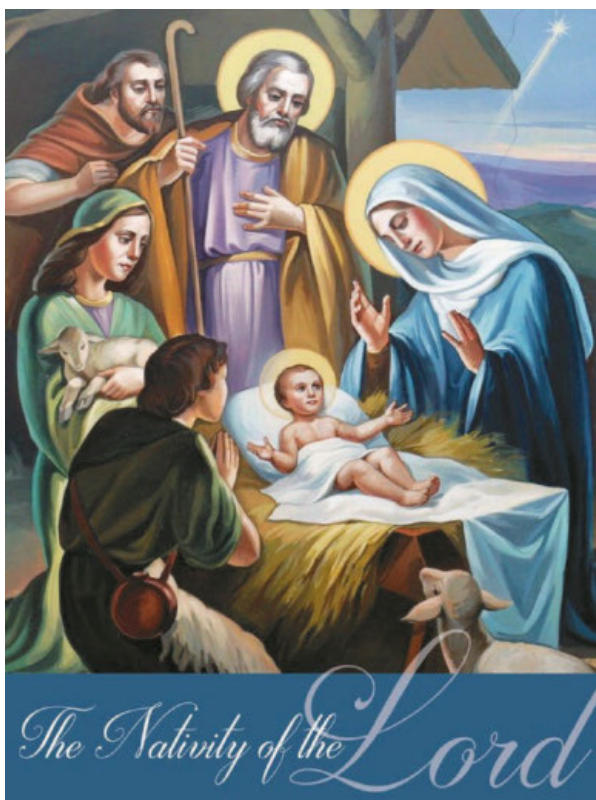
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### WEEKEND MASS

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. 26 2022

*Saint Stephen, The First Martyr*

9:00 am....Ruth Moore

Tuesday, Dec. 27 2022

*Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist*

9:00 am.....Robert Sisler

Wednesday, Dec 28, 2022

*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

9:00 am.....Joseph Mance

Friday, Dec. 30, 2022

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

9:00 am....Nick Stefko

Saturday, Dec 31, 2022

*Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

4:30 pm.....Evelyn Udic

## Solemnity of Mary (New Years Day)

8:00 am....Pro Populo

11:00 am....Alojz Znidarsic

## Readings for the Week of December 25, 2022

Sun.: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Mon.: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Tues.: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wed. 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Fri.: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23

Sat.: 1 Jn 2: 18-21; Jn 1:1-18

## From Fr. Steve...

Merry Christmas Everyone! May the Christmas Season fill your home with warmth, light and joy as we celebrate the Lord's Nativity. If you are traveling during this Christmas Season, may God keep you safe and bless your celebration. If you need a Grace before Christmas Dinner, feel free to use the following. I found it on a Catholic Website called, "A Catholic Moment." The site also contains a variety of prayers for the Christmas Season. *"Eternal God, this joyful day is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity. Bless us and the feast that You have provided for us, let us be thankful for the true gift of Christmas, your Son. Amen."* Please know the parish office will reopen on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM. Saturday Confessions resume on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:15PM. Mass for Mary, the Mother of God are 4:30PM on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and 8AM and 11AM on Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please know the parish office will be closed on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Since, Christmas falls on a Sunday, the Feast of Holy Family is Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Mass is at 9AM. Our resident author, Jennifer Boresz Engelking has written a new book called, *Lost Lake County Ohio*. Through this book you can, "unearth a treasure-trove of lost history. Be sure to check it out. Our PSR Principal, Jessica Sinkovic is hosting a Women's Book Study starting January 11<sup>th</sup> from 7PM to 8PM in the Kaminski Center. Participants will be reading *Holy Moments* by Matthew Kelly. Any questions, please contact Jessica Sinkovic at [JSinkovic@smmwillowick.org](mailto:JSinkovic@smmwillowick.org). Two weeks ago, I mentioned from the Ambo about Veranova. Veranova Health is a life affirming medical practice that specializes in obstetrics, gynecology, infertility, adolescent health, addiction medicine and family Medicine. Veranova is located on 7379 Pearl Road in Middleburg Heights. For more information, call, 440-732-2173 or [www.veranovahealth.org](http://www.veranovahealth.org). If Santa leaves you some Christmas money under the tree please know MegaRaffle tickets are still available. Only 1,000 will be sold. Winning ticket will be pulled at the Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Speaking of money, you have \$750 dollars to lend? You will get it back in April or sooner. Through the Angel Scholarship Fund, you can now contribute funds that will be used to provide tuition assistance for students to attend our Catholic schools, and you will receive a 100% Ohio income tax credit of up to \$750 against your 2022 state tax liability. Contribution needs to be made before January 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information about the Angel Scholarship Fund, please contact Fred Roberts in the Angel Scholarship Fund Office at 216-902-1312. God bless and Merry Christmas!

# PARTICIPATING

## SAVE THE DATES!!

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

## *This week at SMM:*

**Dec. 29nd AA Meeting**

**Room 104**

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM SVDP!

We appreciate your support in all our activities throughout the year!  
May God continue to Bless you and your families.



May the Lord Jesus Christ Grant You and Your Family Peace and  
Renew your Strength in the Coming Year.

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

**SMM Staff**



# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Week of Dec. 11, 2022

Sundays & Holy Days ~ \$6,958.66

Capital Improvement ~

1% Need Program ~ \$215.00

Automated Giving ~ Dec. 11 ~

\$3,380.00

## 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.

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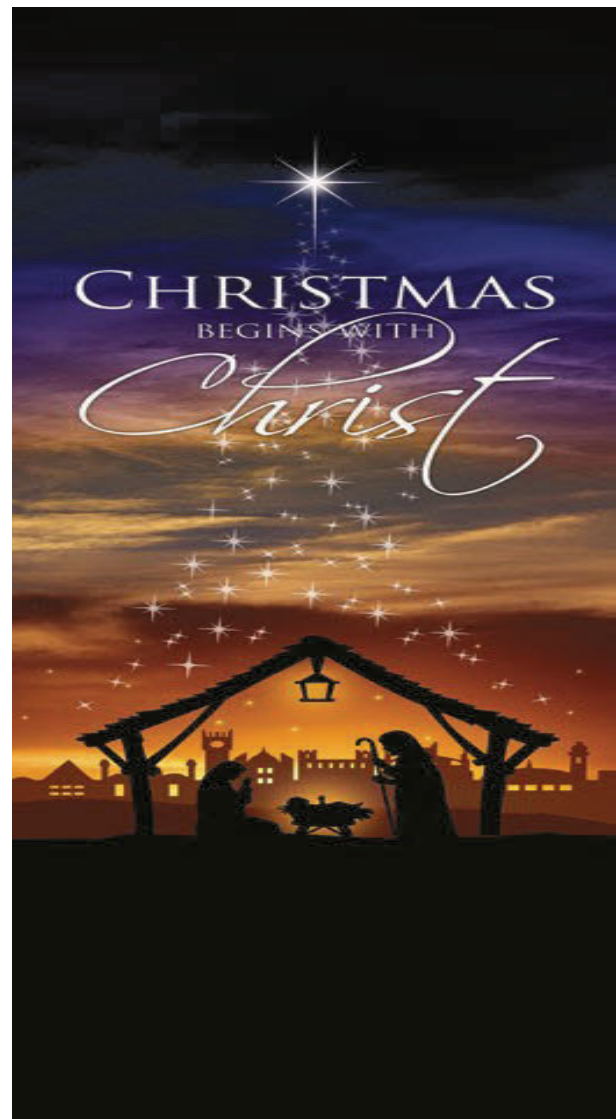
The St. Vincent de Paul Society is pleased to serve those in need on behalf of the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Parish. We depend on your donations [Food Pantry—1% Envelope or the Poor Box] for the funds that we expend and sincerely thank you on behalf of those in need for your ongoing support. 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

January 9th & 23rd

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.



# 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/>



## 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.



## 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.*



Wishing you a  
Very Blessed Christmas  
and a

New Year Filled with  
Joy & Happiness!

Thank you for all your support  
this past year.

From the  
Knights of Columbus  
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## AUTOMATIC GIVING

The St. Mary Magdalene Automatic Giving Plan is a safe, convenient and reliable way to make your contributions using electronic transfers. Similar to programs offered by banks, 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 CRD 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 Rosemarie Sisler at 440-854-6001 or stop 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

## NEW YEARS EVE MASS

Confession on SATURDAY 12/31/22:

3:15PM-4:00PM

Mass at 4:30PM

## NEW YEARS DAY MASSES

Masses at 8am and 11am



### MATER DEI ACADEMY NEWS

Merry Christmas from the Faculty, Staff, and Students of Mater Dei Academy!

Please know that we are thankful for everything that you, the parishioners, do to support our school!

You are always in our prayers. May God bless us as we move into the Christmas season.

Kay Vrbanc

Administrative Assistant

Mater Dei Academy

STEM Designation in 2017



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](mailto: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 December 7th IS...751 TICKETS = \$18,775.00

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](mailto: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](mailto: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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