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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.

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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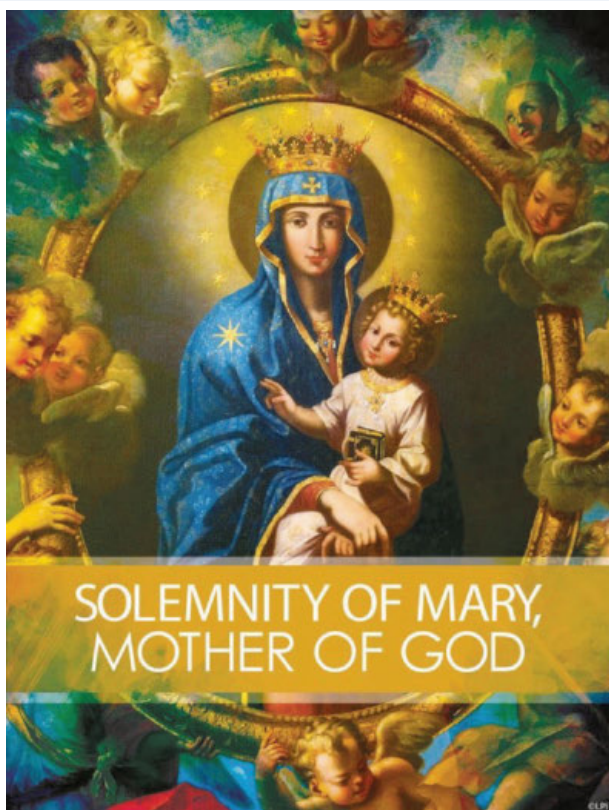
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MOTHER OF GOD

### 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  
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Sunday ~ 9:00 am ~  
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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## CELEBRATING

Monday, Jan. 02 2023

*Saint Basil the Great*

9:00 am....Tracy L. Sikora

Tuesday, Jan. 03 2023

*Christmas Weekday*

9:00 am.....Richard Palicia

Wednesday, Jan 04, 2023

*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*

9:00 am.....Angie MacMillan

Friday, Jan. 06, 2023

*Christmas Weekday*

9:00 am....Harry & Mary Arndt

Saturday, Jan 07, 2023

*Christmas Weekday*

4:30 pm.....Tom Busher

## The Epiphany of The Lord

8:00 am....Richard Schamberger &  
Corporal Westley Buczynski

11:00 am....Kerry Troy

## Readings for the Week of January 1, 2023

Sun.: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Mon.: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Tues.: 1 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Wed. 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Fri.: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11

Sat.: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11

## From Fr. Steve...

Happy New Year! May 2023 bring you and your family peace, prosperity, good health and many wonderful blessings from our Lord. Also, may God bless your pork and sauerkraut dinner! My Grandma Josie would tell us to eat pork and sauerkraut on New Year's Day. My Grandma said if you eat it, you will never go broke during the year. Grandma Josie also told us not to eat chicken on New Year's Day because you will be scratching for money all year. Maybe something to keep in mind with this current inflation we are experiencing. Not only do we celebrate the beginning of a new year we celebrate this weekend the Feasts of Saint Sylvester on December 31<sup>st</sup> and Mary, The Holy Mother of God on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Saint Sylvester was elected pope in 314 and he remained pope for 21 years. Not much is known about his personal life. According to folklore, after Pope Sylvester died, he was put in charge of the clock that runs the universe. He became known as Father Time. Speaking of time, the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated by the Catholic Church. Also, it is the highest title of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 431 at the Council of Ephesus, Mary was given the title "Theotokos" which is Greek for God bearer. The Council's insistence on the use of the title for Mary reflected an effort to preserve the teaching of the Church that Jesus was both Divine and human and that the two natures were united in His One Person. The Diocese of Cleveland Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference is Saturday, March 18, 2023 at ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH 6667 Wallings Road, North Royalton 44133. If you want to develop a deeper relationship with God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit as your source of wisdom, vitality and serenity. Live a more self-aware, purposeful, other-centered and balanced life. Be comfortable with Jesus Christ as your best friend and confidant. Learn more about Catholic teachings on current big issues and WHY they are being taught. Learn to find God in every-day life. Learn how to develop and improve your prayer life, then this retreat is for you! Men of high school age and older will find inspiration and value in attending. The messages that you will hear apply to the single, married, divorced, widowed, active and inactive Christians and men of no or differing faith traditions. For information or to register, go to [www.cmfneo.com](http://www.cmfneo.com), or call 877-208-5585. If Santa left you some Christmas Money and it is burning a hole in your pocket, we still have some Mega Raffle tickets available. Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office. Please know the parish office will re-open on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. God bless and have a great week!

# 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:*

Jan. 4th	Catholic War Vets 6:45pm-8:15pm	Multi- Purpose
Jan. 5th	AA Meeting 6:00pm-7:30pm	Room 104
Jan. 6th	Sacred Heart Novena 9:30am-10:45am	Altar 1
	First Reconciliation Celebration 7:00pm-8:30pm	Church
Jan. 8th	Families in Faith 9:15am-10:45am	Gym
	Café 9:20am-10:50am	Room 104

## 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 almost to our goal!

*TOTAL AMOUNT OF TICKETS SOLD AS OF January 1st is ~ 805 TICKETS = \$ 20,155.00*

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 .

Thank you for your support of St. Mary Magdalene Parish

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Week of Dec. 18, 2022

Sundays & Holy Days ~ \$8,971.61

Capital Improvement ~ \$3,620.00

1% Need Program ~ \$210.00

Automated Giving ~ Dec. 18 ~  
\$2,879.00

## 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.

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



**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

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.

## New Years Office Hours :

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

Office will reopen on Tuesday Jan. 3



## Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, January 10th 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/>



## 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.*



## SMM 2023 MASS BOOK

The 2023 Mass Intention book is open and still has Masses available for January.

If you are interested in requesting a Mass intention please stop by the Parish Office

Or call Rosemarie at:

440-943-2133



## 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 GRANDPARENT MINISTRY

### Happy New Year Lord.

Lord, Gracious God, bless us this year. Help us to grow in faith and love. Hear our prayers for our Grandchildren. May we be Holy Role Models. Help us imitate You. Help us pass on our faith to our Grandchildren.

“Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons, and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.” ([usccb.org/prayers/prayer-new-year](http://usccb.org/prayers/prayer-new-year))

## 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 29<sup>th</sup>! MDA is now enrolling for grades Preschool 3yr – 7<sup>th</sup> 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

February 1 – 6:00-8:00pm

March 11<sup>th</sup>: *Knight to Remember Gala* – Tickets are now on sale! Call the school office for more information. 440-585-0800.



## 2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Contribution Statements will **not** automatically be sent out this year. If you want a statement of your 2022 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:\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_I will pick up in the Parish Office

\_\_\_\_Please mail to my address that's listed above

## 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)

# 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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