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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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

01-22-2023

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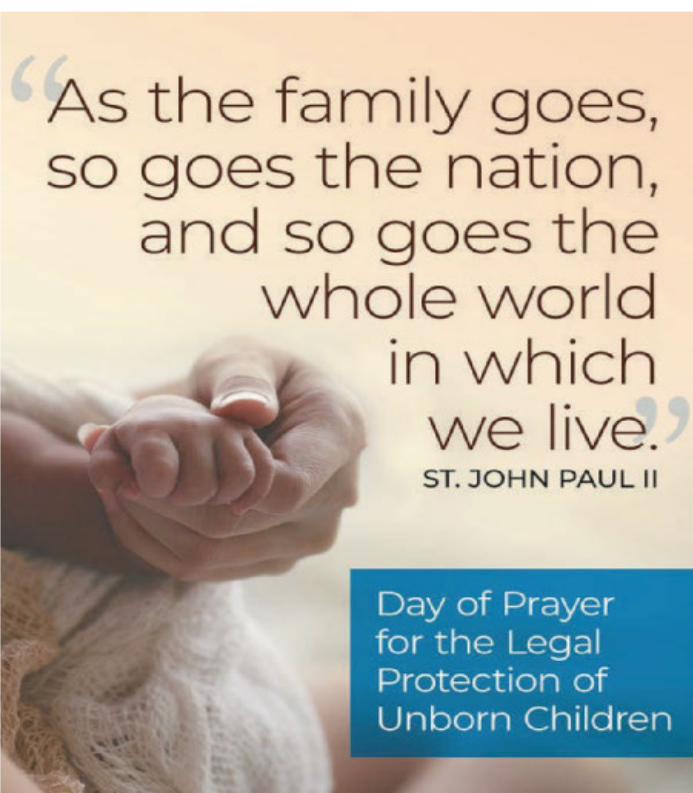
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“As the family goes,
so goes the nation,
and so goes the
whole world
in which
we live.”

ST. JOHN PAUL II

Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children

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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Saturday

Sunday ~ 9:00 am ~

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

CELEBRATING

Monday, Jan. 23, 2023

USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

9:00 am....Nick Buffone, Jr.

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023

St. Francis de Sales

9:00 am.....Justine Lyson

Wednesday, Jan 25, 2023

The Conversion of St. Paul

9:00 am.....Phil Zak

Friday, Jan. 27, 2023

Weekday

9:00 am....Pro Populo

Saturday, Jan 28, 2023

St. Thomas Aquinas

4:30 pm.....Carmen Napoli, Sr.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am....Angie MacMillan

11:00 am....Charles Suschak

Readings for the Week of January 22, 2023

Sun.: Is 8:23-9.3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Mon.: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

Tues.: Heb 10: 1-10; Mk 3:32-35

Wed. Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;
Mk 16:15-18

Thur.: 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5;
Mk 4:21-25

Fri.: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 7:26-34

Sat.: Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Mk 4:35-41

From Fr. Steve...

Next weekend January 28th is our Anniversary Dinner and our MegaRaffle Drawing! Thank you for your support of the MegaRaffle! It is hard to believe January is almost over and the short month of February is near and it is a busy one! With that, the feast of St. Blaise falls on Friday, February 3rd. The blessing of throats will be conferred during Mass at the end of the general intercessions and at all the Masses on the 4th & 5th. Individual blessings will be offered after the Final Blessing. The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General has designated February 8th as an annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking. Not only is February 8th the Feast of St. Jerome Emiliani, but it is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000. On February 8, Catholics all over the world are encouraged to pray and grow in greater awareness about this phenomenon. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity, but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors. The following prayer can be used: *"O St. Bakhita assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery. Intercede with God on their behalf, so they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free. Amen."* 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal kicks off in January with the theme, *"A time to heal, a time to help."* Soon, you will receive a letter from Bishop Malesic. The goal is \$14 million and is needed to serve more than 400,000 people in need. Donations can be made online or by texting CCHOPE to 41444. This year's In-Pew Appeal is February 18th & 19th. National Marriage Week is February 7th-14th. This year's theme, "Marriage...One Flesh, Given and Received" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood. National Catholic Schools Week is January 29th to February 4th. The theme this year is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." God bless all our Catholic Schools! This weekend is The El Salvador-Latin American Collection. This is the only appeal made that supports the Latin American Mission in El Salvador. Lastly, Monday, January 23rd is a day of prayer for the legal protection of the unborn of children. Please pray for the unborn and may we all continue to grow in a deeper respect for life in all stages of existence. God bless!

PARTICIPATING

SAVE THE DATES!!

January 28, 2023	Anniversary Dinner
February 11-19th	Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
February 19th	Lenten Mission
February 22nd	Ash Wednesday
March 11th	St. Patrick's Party
March 24th	Fish Fry
March 28th	Holy Week Warm-up
April 9th	Easter Sunday
April 29th & 30	1st Communion
May 8th	May Crowning
May 13-14th	Spring Bake Sale
May 16th	Confirmation
June 1st-4th	Festival

This week at SMM:

Mon., Jan. 23rd	Bible Study 7:00pm-8:30pm	Room 103
Thur., Jan. 26th	Book Study Club 7:00pm-9:00pm	Room 103
Thur., Jan. 26th	AA Meeting 6:00pm-7:30pm	Room 104
Thurs., Jan. 26th	Choir Practice 6:45-8:30pm	Church
Sat. Jan. 28th	Parish Anniversary Dinner & Mega Raffle Drawing 5:30—10:00 pm	Gym



ST. PATRICK'S PARTY ~ SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023.....

After a two year hiatus (Covid) our St. Pat's Party is back. Mark your calendars for March 11th and get ready to party. The profit from this party funds a scholarship in memory of Francis J. O'Hara, a 7th grader from SMM, who drowned in 1969. The scholarship is awarded to an 8th grade parishioner who will be attending an area Catholic High School.

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 11, 2023 is 932 ~ TICKETS = \$ 23,300.00!!! ONLY 72 LEFT. DON'T GET SHUT-OUT!!! BUY TODAY!!!

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

Contributions for January 5, 2023
were not available at time
of printing.

Lent Mission: Sunday, February 19, 2023

Join us the Sunday before Ash
Wednesday for a Mission that will
help prepare us for Lent. The event
includes:



LENTEN WARMUP: REPENT AND BELIEVE! 4pm in St. Mary Magdalene Gym

Presented by *Sustaining the Journey*, Bob Soeder and
Mary Hrich begin our mission exploring the season
of Lent by delving into the Cycle A Gospels with a
**multi-media experience that includes Scripture,
story, song, and hands-on activities.** Take time to be
challenged and inspired.

LIGHT SUPPER 6pm in St. Mary Magdalene Gym

The conversation continues as we spend time in fellow-
ship with other members of our community, enjoying a
light supper together. There is no cost for participation
in the Lenten Warmup and Dinner, but registration is
requested so we can plan appropriately for food and
supplies. **Please contact the parish office (440-943-
2133) to register, or complete the form below** and
return to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection
basket.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES NOVENA – CLOSING NIGHT

7pm in St. Mary Magdalene Church

After dinner, we will gather in St. Mary Magdalene
Church for the conclusion of Our Lady of Lourdes
Novena.

It's easy to get caught up in the busyness of life, and let
another season go by without much thought. Let's
make this Lent different! Plan now to join us for any or
all of the SMM 2023 Lent Mission. Be transformed!

Questions? Contact Mary Hrich at 440-854-6015 or

St. Mary Magdalene 2023 Lenten Mission on
Sunday, February 19, 2023

Name _____ email _____
attending _____

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 Dioce-
san Response Service Office at 216-334-
2999. You are also asked to immediately
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<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
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leave a message. A volunteer member of SVdP
will return your call.

LUNCH PACKING

January 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: Plastic Sandwich Bags~ 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

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 5:30~10:00 pm

Tickets \$10.00 Adults

Includes:

**Soup, Pasta Dinner, Salad, Rolls & Dessert
Mega Raffle Drawings!**

Tickets can be purchased in the parish office.



SAVERS...SAVERS...SAVERS...SAVERS...SAVERS

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Savers collection. You can drop off your soft items at the Parish Office hallway through February 17th. Check your closets, linen closet and dresser drawers for soft items in good shape, put in a large trash bag and drop off at SMM.

Please—NO electronics, tools or appliances!

Thank You!!!



The Knights of Columbus is holding a basketball free throw championship. It will be held on January 29, 2023 at St. Mary Magdalene's Gym from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. This event is for boys and girls ~ ages 9-14. Gender will be participating separately. In order to participate you will need to have a parent or guardian with you the day of the event. You can pick up participation sheets at SMM Parish Office or sign up the day of the event.

GOOD LUCK SHOOTING. For more info contact Kevin O'Neill @ 440-789-4495



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Potential families have a chance to win an All Saints swag bag!

PLEASE HELP....SMM's Lunch Packing Crew is asking for some candy donations that are used in our lunch bags. The recipients of these peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are delighted to find these extra treats in their bag. Candy canes are a crowd favorite. So please, if you are able, donate:

1. Any leftover wrapped candy.
2. Candy Canes—a crowd favorite

Please Drop off at the Parish Office ~ Monday through Thursday ~ 8:00—4:30 pm. Thank you!

Join us for the return of the "Knight to Remember" on Saturday, March 11th from 6-10pm.

OLMC McCafferty Center/ Mater Dei Academy gymnasium

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

\$25 per person and include 6 -Tier 1 tickets.

Evening includes 2 tiers of basket raffles, 50/50, side boards and more!

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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area Weekend is February 10-12,
2023 at the Homewood Suites,
Solon ~ 330-305-9963
or www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org
to apply.**

The Immaculate Conception "Knights of Columbus" will host a men's retreat for all men ages 18 and older on *Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 8:30 am - 4:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall*. Registration will be *\$20.00 per person* (checks payable to KOC) and are now being taken in the parish office. *Fr. Eric Garris* will be the featured speaker. Please join this day of *support for your mission to fulfill God's plan for your family*. Please call *Greg Schmidt at 440-479-6234* for more information.



SMM GRANDPARENT MINISTRY

Hand on the faith.

Pray. Pray. Pray

"The Christian family is . . . where God's children learn to pray 'as the Church' and to persevere in prayer" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2685).

Our Grandparent Ministry seeks to provide ideas, encouragement, and companionship. Come share your ideas and discover ways of passing on our Faith to our Grandchildren.

Please join us Tuesday, January 31 at 10 am in Room 103.

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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