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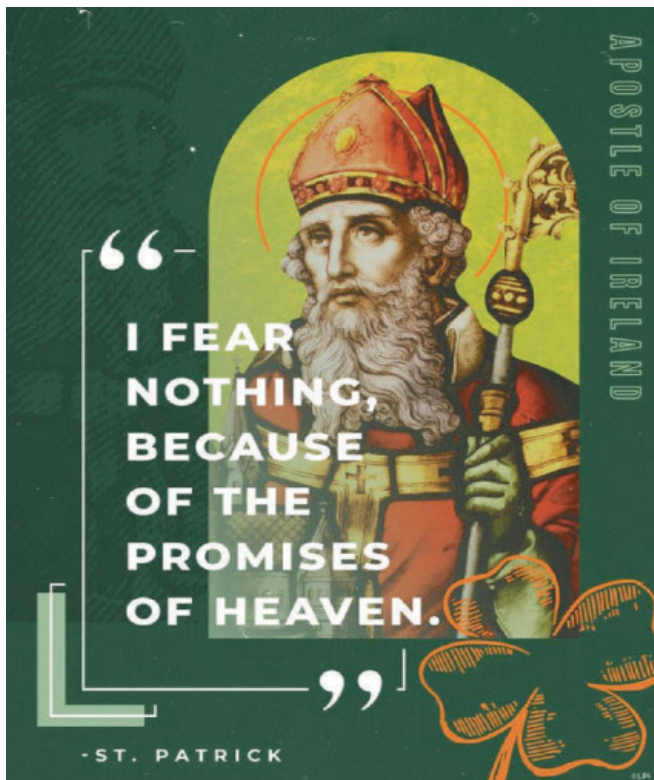
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## Parish Mission Statement

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024



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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, March 18, 2024  
*Lenten Weekday*

9:00 am.....John Andrews

Tuesday, March 19, 2024  
*St, Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 am....Joseph Uram Family

Wednesday, March 20, 2024  
*Lenten Wednesday*

9:00 am....Jim Lundquist

Friday, March 22, 2024  
*Lenten Weekday*

9:00 am.....Mike Cala

Saturday, March 23, 2024  
*Lenten Weekday*

4:30 pm.....Abdul Michael Kahn

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

**Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord**

8:00 am.....Linda Crowley

11:00 am....Marcia & Andrew  
Kaschalk

## Readings for the Week of March 17, 2024

Sun.: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11;  
Jn 11:1-45;

Mon.: Dn 13:1—9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62  
or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

Tues.: 2 Sm 7:4—5a, 12:14a, 16; Rom  
4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wed.: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thur.: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Fri.: Wis 2:1a,12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

## *From Fr. Steve.....*

Thank you very much for supporting our “One and Done” Parish Fish Fry. Our kitchen crew did a great job! Thanks to our KofC Magnificat Council 4498 and all who helped to make our Fish Fry a success! Also, thank you Deacon Carl for leading our Evening Stations of the Cross. This Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> is the Saint Patrick’s Day Parade. The Parade kickoff is at 2:04PM. Remember, when Mickey Coyne was last year’s Grand Marshal? He did a fine job! You can still see last year’s parade at [stpatricksdayscleveland.com](http://stpatricksdayscleveland.com). The website says you can watch the parade directly on TV20, Cleveland’s Youtube Channel. Next Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we have our Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast in the parish gym and grove. The event goes from 9:30AM to 11AM. The Easter Egg Hunt is at 10:15AM. The event is free but freewill offerings will be graciously accepted. To RSVP for the fun family event, email Jessica Sinkovic at [jsinkovic@smmwillowick.org](mailto:jsinkovic@smmwillowick.org). A total solar eclipse comes to much of Ohio on April 8<sup>th</sup>. I am told that a total eclipse of the sun is the most beautiful sight you will ever see in the sky. To give thanks to God for the beauty of creation, join us for a Holy Hour on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:45PM. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction at 2:45PM. After the solar eclipse departs around 3:19PM we will have a hot dog social and try out our new cotton candy machine. With that, the parish office will close early on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM. Please join us for adoration and prayer and this spectacular event taking place in the sky. Rain or shine, we will still have the event. Speaking of events, as you plan your summer activities, due to rising cost and low ticket sales, sadly we are suspending our trip to Waldameer Park and Water World this July. I looked at an old column from 2019 and the discounted ticket price to Waldameer was \$26. Currently, the discounted ticket price is \$38. Plus, to fill up the tank was much cheaper back in 2019. As the years go by, we are getting less families for the Mass in the Pavilion and we are barely making our quota for ticket sales to get the discounted price. In place of this, we are bringing back the Pool Party at Manry Park. The pool party will be held on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 6PM to 8PM. Also, we are having a concert in our grove on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM. I know it’s not as kooky as the Whacky Shack, but these events are very easy on the wallet, they are nearby, and these are events for all ages. Next weekend Holy Week begins with our Palm Sunday Masses. Confessions during Holy Week are Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30PM to 6:15PM and Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 1PM. Be sure to consult the bulletin for the services during the Paschal Tridium. God bless!



# PARISH NEWS

## SAVE THE DATES!!

March 31st	Easter Sunday
April 27th	1st Eucharist 4:30 Mass
April 28th	1st Eucharist 11:00 Mass
May 5th	May Crowning
May 11-12th	Spring Bake Sale
May 22nd	Confirmation
May 30-June 2	Festival

## CONTRIBUTION REPORT

March 10, 2024

*Sundays & Holydays:* \$ 4,857.10

*Capital Improvement:* \$ 2,063.00

*1% Need Program:* \$ 252.00

*Automatic Giving:  
3-4-24 to March 10th:  
\$ 8,471.00*

## LUNCH PACKING

March 25, 2024

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 9:00am to 11:00am to make sandwiches.

Needs: Zip Lock Sandwich Bags ~ place donations in SVdP basket clearly marked, or bring items 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.

## This week at SMM

Sun., March 17th	CAFÉ 9:20-10:50 am Rm.104
Tues. March 19th	Lenten Holy Hour 3:00 –4:00 pm Church
Wed., March 20th	SVdP Meeting 7-8:30 pm Room 103
Thurs., March 21st	AA Meeting 6-7:30 pm Room 104
Thurs., March 21st	Choir Practice 7-8:30 pm Church
Thurs., March 21st	KofC—4th Degree 6-8:30 pm Multi-Purp.
Fri., March 15th	Stations of the Cross 9:30 am Church

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

440-943-2133, ext. 6179

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.

## DONATION OF HAMS PLEASE.....

SVdP is collecting hams to share with families for their Easter dinner. If you would be able to donate, please drop off at the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!



# PARISH NEWS

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Homecoming Festival – May 30 – June 2, 2024

## Volunteer Opportunities

We need everyone's help to make our Homecoming Festival successful! Please consider volunteering in one or more of these areas:

- \* Beer Tent (21 and over)
- \* Café Magdalena
- \* Chinese Auction
- \* Euclid Beach Rocket Car Ticket Sales
- \* Food Tent (cashiers and servers)
- \* Inflatables Ticket Sales
- \* Kitchen (dishwasher)
- \* Kids Carnival Games
- \* Main Raffle Ticket Sales
- \* Monte Carlo
- \* Novelty Items Sales (glowsticks etc.)
- \* Outside Games Area
- \* Outside Money Wheel



Please complete and return the Volunteer Form which can be found in your Festival Mailing Packet.

Questions - contact Rosemarie Sisler at (440) 854-6001 or at [rsisler@smmwillowick.org](mailto:rsisler@smmwillowick.org)

Or Sharon Woltman at (440) 376-1843 or [slw/jcw@aol.com](mailto:slw/jcw@aol.com)

## Lenten Holy Hours

3:00 pm ~ SMM Church

Tuesday, March 19th

## Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 22nd @ 9:30 am

Good Friday, March 29th @ 12:00 Noon

The next several weeks leading up to the Easter Vigil are prayerfully discerning weeks for our Catechumen Sydney Maio and our candidates Luke Phares, Sam Stinziano, and our newest candidate Tia Siko. As they continue their instructions leading them toward full initiation in the Catholic Church please continue to pray for them.

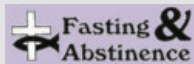


# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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>



Reminder that Good Friday, March 28th, is a day of Fast & Abstinences and for Catholics. In addition, all Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

**Fasting:** Ages 18-59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. No eating between meals.

**Abstinence:** Ages 14 & older-the law of abstinence requires Catholics to not eat meat on the Fridays in Lent once they have reached the age of 14.



## Holy Thursday—March 28th

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

## Good Friday—March 29th

Noon Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm The Lord's Passion

## Holy Saturday—March 30th

3:00 pm Blessing of Easter Food

8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

## Easter Sunday—March 31st

Masses celebrated at:

8:00 am ~ Church

9:30 am ~ Church

11:00 am ~ Church

*The Parish Office Will Be Closed:*

- Holy Thursday, March 28th
- Good Friday, March 29th
- Holy Saturday, March 30th
- Easter Sunday, March 31st
- Easter Monday, April 1st

## SNOW ALERTS!!!

We are reminded by the City of Willowick that a parking ban goes into effect on all City streets when the snow exceeds 2 inches. This includes East 321st street alongside SMM. Willowick's Service Department needs your cooperation to be able to remove snow from all the streets.



Knights of Columbus is having a Savers Drive . Please drop off any clothing, shoes, purses, linens , etc., to the Parish Office in a garbage bag. Deadline for drop-off: March 21, 2024

*Thank you for all your support!!*

# PARTICIPATING

*Here comes Peter Cottontail Hoppin' down the bunny trail....*

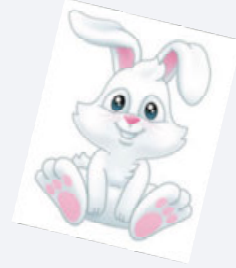
To: All Families of the Parish

What: Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast

When: March 23rd from 9:30-11:00 Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:15

Where: SMM Gym and Grove (weather permitting)

Cost: Fee—good will offering will be graciously accepted



**RSVP:** use the link provided online or email Jessica at [jsinkovic@smmwillowick.org](mailto:jsinkovic@smmwillowick.org).

The Knights of Columbus Magnificat Council will be selling raffle tickets after Masses the weekends of March 16/17 & 23/24. There are 25 total prizes. The top prize being nearly \$50,000.00!

The price of the tickets are \$5 each or our special price of 5 tickets for \$20 if sold to the same name on each ticket. All proceeds we receive will go to Charity.

During this past year our council supported many charities. The top 3 being:

- ⇒ St. Mary Magdalene Parish (\$5,000) to help offset a lower than expected festival result.
- ⇒ Coats for Kids (\$1,500)
- ⇒ Birthright (\$1,500)

Plus several other smaller donations.

If you are able too, please consider supporting us in this important fundraiser.

Thanks and God Bless



**Divorce Recovery for Catholics, an 8 Week Support Group** designed to meet the needs of those who are divorced or separated will begin Tuesday, March 12 and conclude on April 30, 2024, at St. Gabriel Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Concord. The group meets from 6:30-8:30 PM in the school building with a caring, trained facilitator. Our goal is to provide a place where we can share support and encouragement while offering direction and guidance for those that are struggling with separation/divorce. Sessions are tailored to meet the needs of the participants and provide the tools for coping and moving on. For more information or to register, please call Karen at 440-352-8282 or email [kjubeck@st-gabriel.org](mailto:kjubeck@st-gabriel.org) There is no charge for this program, all materials are provided, and it is open to people of all faiths.

## Christ Child Society News:

Christ Child Society of the Western Reserve is having its annual Red Wagon luncheon to help children in need in Lake County. The event is Wednesday April 24, 2024 at Regovich Catering in Eastlake. Doors open at 10:30. Joe Cronauer from Channel 3 is our speaker. Tickets are going fast. They are \$50 and are available thru Eventbrite on [www.christchildwesternreserve.org](http://www.christchildwesternreserve.org). You may also purchase tickets at the Clothing Cottage with cash or check (9324 Mentor Ave - Open Tuesday-Saturday 11-3). Call Donna Perrine (440-221-7140) for more details.



The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and Memorial events throughout the year. The next Grief Support meeting is Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm for in-person support (at 6 locations), and 5:00pm for virtual support and the topic is "Spring, Easter, and Grief: Times of Sacred Transition".

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

# 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 should contact the parish office ~ 440-943-2133.

### 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 Fr. Steve Breck at 440-943-2133.

### 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) 943-2133.

### 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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