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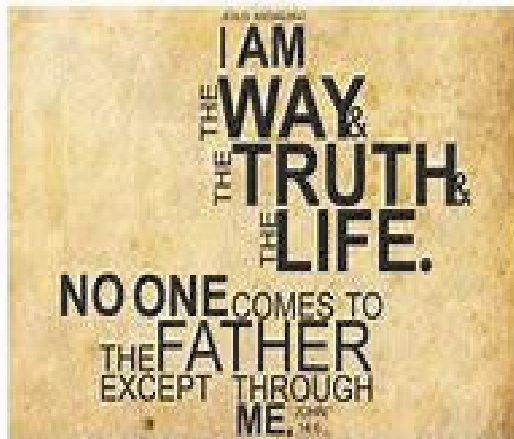
Parish Mission Statement

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 EASTER**

APRIL 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 4:30 pm &

Sunday | 8:00 am & 11:00 am

DAILY MASS|CHAPEL HOURS

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. | 9:00 am
Chapel Hours|8:30 am ~ 9:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday | 3:15-4:00 pm
In Church Confessional

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ Thursday

8:30 am ~ 4:30 pm

Closed Friday &

Saturday

Sunday ~ 9:00 am ~

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

CELEBRATING

Monday, April 29, 2024

St. Catherine of Siena

9:00 am...Charles Darco

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Easter Weekday

9:00 am...Ginny & Al Bindokas

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Easter Weekday

9:00 am...John Andrews

Friday, May 3, 2024

Saints Philip and James

9:00 am...Rita Knight

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Easter Weekday

4:30 pm...Mark Breck

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am...Jamnik Family

11:00 am...Frank Stergar

Readings for the Week of April 28, 2024

Sun.: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24;
Jn 15:1-8

Mon.: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tues.: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wed.: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thur.: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Fri.: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Sat.: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

FROM FR. STEVE....

As we gather this last weekend of April, it is First Holy Communion Weekend! Welcome to all our guests. Congratulations to our 2nd graders making their 1st Holy Communion. Congratulations and thank you parents for getting your child ready for this day! "May this special day of their First Communion bring them closer to God's love and fill their hearts with joy." Thank you, Linda Busher, Stacy Polasko, Rosemarie Sisler and Mary Ellen Toomey for assisting with our children's sacramental preparation. Speaking of Sacraments, on May 4th, six men will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at the Cathedral. I got to know several of these men to be ordained and they are super! Such a fine addition to our diocese! Congratulations to them and their families. May 5th is our May Crowning at 1:30PM. I hope we can celebrate our May Crowning outside. Thank you, Cathy Stirling for sprucing up the crown for Our Mother. If it is rainy, we will be indoors. Our KofC is organizing a baby bottle campaign beginning on Mother's Day Weekend, May 10th & 11th by collecting donations for organizations like Birthright. If you can afford it, please pick up a bottle. Fill it with your spare change or a check and return your bottle to Saint Mary Magdalene on Father's Day weekend which is the weekend of June 16th & 17th. Thank you! Each year, the Mission Office of our Diocese invites a missionary group to every parish to share about their mission work. On the weekend of May 18th & 19th, we will have this annual mission appeal. Foundation for Children in Need is a Catholic lay organization based in Arlington Heights, IL. Deacon John Amedeo, a longtime supporter of FCN, is very happy to visit us and share about the mission work FCN does in the interior villages of India. FCN sponsors 2000 children and college students. They provide free medical check-ups and medicine to thousands of needy adults and children. 2000 children born with cleft lip and cleft palate have been helped with free corrective surgeries in the past ten years. We welcome Deacon John and encourage you to generously support this mission work. There will be a second collection taken up the weekend of May 18th & 19th. To learn more about the work of FCN, please visit: www.fcn-usa.org. Welcome Deacon John! Wednesday May 22nd is our Confirmation Mass with Bishop Malesic. Welcome Bishop Malesic! This will be the 3rd time our bishop has visited our parish this year! He was here for a funeral Mass and Night of Confessions in February. We also welcome the Confirmation Candidates and Fr. Terry Grachanin from St Noel Parish in Willoughby Hills. Not long ago, the diocese paired us up with St Noel Parish for Confirmation. Each parish will take turns being the host parish for Confirmation. So, Confirmation next year will be at Saint Noel Parish. Our teens will be prepared here but the Mass will be at Saint Noel. God bless!

May 2, 2024 ~ National Day of Prayer



PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATES!!

- May 5th May Crowning
- May 11-12th Spring Bake Sale
- May 22nd Confirmation
- May 30-June 2 Festival
- July 28th Pool Party –Manry

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.

LUNCH PACKING

May 13, 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., April 28th Café
9:20-10:50 am Rm. 104
- Wed., May 1st Catholic War Vets.
6:45 –8:45 pm Multi-Purp.
- Thurs., May 2nd AA Meeting
6-7:30 pm Rm.104
- Thurs., May 2nd Cantor Practice
7-8:30 pm Church
- Thurs., May 2nd Spiritual Book Club
7-8:30 pm Rm. 103

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

April 21, 2024

Sundays & Holydays: \$ 8,261.22

Capital Improvement: \$ 708.00

1% Need Program: \$ 145.00

Automatic Giving:

4-15-24 to 4-21-24

\$ 3,012.00

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

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Souls Cemetery – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 1pm in the main cemetery office at All Souls Cemetery, Chardon**. Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite. We kindly ask that you **RSVP** to this event to All Souls Cemetery – 10366 Chardon Rd., Chardon, Oh. **216-641-7575 ext. 4** or email bstrauchon@clecem.org.



May 2024 - Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats - Celebrating 125 Years

Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>

LifeSHIFT - Transitions, Work & Ignatian Journey Retreat. Friday, May 3, 5:00pm - Sunday, May 5, 1:00pm. Presented by Tom Bachhuber, Ed.D and Fr. Paul O'Connor, SJ. LifeSHIFT is an opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, job, work, life transitions, caregiving, and/or retirement, using themes of Ignatian Spirituality. Cost: \$200-\$325

What Should We Do About Climate Change? (Virtual). Monday, May 6, 7:00 - 8:30pm EST. Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed. Join an engaging group conversation about how to decarbonize our planet and mitigate climate change using the highly-researched En-Roads Climate Solutions Simulator. Cost: \$10

Liturgy & Ignatian Spirituality: Mass & Ignatian Reflections in May. Tuesdays, 8:00 - 8:45am. May 7, 14, 21, 28. On Tuesdays, the Jesuit Retreat Center offers Mass in the Main Chapel followed by a brief reflection on Ignatian Spirituality. Free will offering (registration is not necessary).

May Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day. Tuesday, May 7, 8:30am - 3:30pm. Come and spend a day of renewal and prayer at the Jesuit Retreat Center. Cost: \$50

The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr: A Book Discussion (Virtual). Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30pm EST. Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed. May 7, 14, 21, 28. Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed. A virtual book discussion on Richard Rohr's The Universal Christ. Cost: \$40

A Day of Prayer: On the importance of Mother Mary's message for our own lives. Thursday, May 9, 10:00am - 3:00pm. Presented by Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ. A day of prayer on the importance of Mother Mary's message for our own lives, given at Lourdes, France in 1858. Cost: \$50

Hearts on Fire 2024 - Jesuit Retreat Center's Annual Fundraising Dinner. Friday, May 10, 6:00 - 8:30pm. As part of our 125th Anniversary, we will be honoring and celebrating our Jesuit Partners: Jesuit Midwest Province, John Carroll University, Saint Ignatius High School, Walsh Jesuit High School and Church of the Gesu. Visit our website for tickets and sponsor packages.

May 7-Night Directed Retreat. Sunday, May 19, 5:30pm - Sunday, May 26, 1:00pm. Directed Retreats are a time of sacred silence, an invitation to step away from the pressures and demands of daily responsibilities, and an opportunity for sustained personal prayer. Cost: \$825-\$1,175

May Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, May 20, 9:30 - 11:00am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Free Will Offering (walk-ins welcome, registration not required).

May Weekend Directed Retreat. Friday, May 24, 5:30pm - Sunday, May 26, 1:00pm. Cost: \$300-\$400

Cinema & Conversation: The Lady in the Van. Monday, May 27, 7:00 - 9:00pm. Join us in May for the 2015 British film, The Lady in the Van, starring Maggie Smith and Alex Jennings. Free Will Offering.

A Day of Prayer: On the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Thursday, May 30, 10:00am - 3:00pm. Presented by Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ. A day of prayer on the Sacred Heart of Jesus its scriptural origins, historical development, and spiritual significance for ourselves, for today's church, and for the world. Cost: \$50

PARTICIPATING

MASS BOOK ~ 2025

The Mass Book for 2025 will be open on Tuesday, May 14th from 10:00-Noon in Room 104.

The Mass schedule is:

- ~ Saturday ~ 4:30 pm
- ~ Sunday ~ 8:00 am & 11:00 am.
- ~ Weekday Mass is 9:00 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.

Because of the number of requests we receive and the fixed number of masses available for scheduling in any year, we will implement the following policy:

1. You may schedule three (3) intentions beginning on May 14th~ One Weekend and Two Weekday Masses. This insures that a greater number of parishioners will have an opportunity to participate in this devotional practice.
2. After Labor Day, when most people have had a chance to schedule their intentions, any remaining unscheduled Masses will be made available for a second round of requests.

Please note that you may remember any number of people for your Mass intention.

**Questions? Call the SMM Office
@ 440-943-2133**

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, May 13

NEW LOCATION

Westside Irish American Club
8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.



Join the Party! Enter the Dance! Sr. Lisa Marie Belz, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at St. Mary' Seminary will discuss: Living the Joy of Trinitarian Communion.

Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available.

Advance tickets highly recommended for catering purposes. **Register in advance:**

www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm.



**ATTENTION PARISH
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Spring Bake Sale

May 11th & 12th

**Looking forward to your
favorite bakery.**

**Gather your recipes and get ready
to share with our Parish. Drop off
your goodies in Room 103:**

Fri., May 10th ~ 9:00 am 3:00pm

Sat., May 11th ~ 9:00 am~3:00pm

**PLEASE NOTE ~ The Parish Of-
fice is closed on Friday's. Please
drop off your bakery donation to
Room 103 through the blue awning
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Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a
charismatic **Pentecost Mass Celebration:**

Sunday, May 19th,

St. Helen Church

12060 Kinsman Rd.,

Newbury, OH 44065.

The celebration will start at 2:00 p.m. with praise and worship. Fr. Jacob Bearer will be the celebrant. After Mass, there will be an opportunity for individual prayer for healing, and there will also be fellowship time. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445. All are invited to celebrate Pentecost as a community and join in as we pray, in power, for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

PARISH NEWS



Festival News ~ May 30th ~ June 2nd

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their Main Raffle tickets and Volunteer Forms! And thanks to everyone who has already made donations for our Chinese Auction and Spirits Wagon!

- * University Hospitals will be on site to provide mini health screenings and other helpful information. They will also have a full-size inflatable display of the human brain for us to explore!
- * Cotton Candy will be sold at Café Magdalena.
- * Inflatables for people of all ages! Provided by The Barker Family Entertainment Group.
- * *Erie Sound* (a barbershop quartet) will be performing on the festival grounds on Saturday beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- * Polka Mass at 1:15 on Sunday. Music provided by The Frank Stanger Polka Band.
- * Please remember to donate wrapped candy and stuffed animals for our Kids Carnival Games. The Chinese Auction needs gift cards and cash donations for the money jars.

Watch for our ad in the May issue of the Lake County News.

- Please consider donating liquor for our “Spirits Wagon”. This was a very sought after prize last year and was very successful. Donations of all kinds accepted ~ bottles of alcohol, beer, wine ~ donations can be brought to the Parish Office.



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 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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