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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.



### **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 ~

Noon Office Closed from 12:00 to 1:00 Mass in Parking Lot!

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# THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**NOVEMBER 24, 2024** 

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### PRAYER & WORSHIP

### **CELEBRATING**

Monday, November 25, 2024 Weekday

9:00 am....Loretta & Ray Adams

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 Weekday

9:00 am....Jim Lundquist

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Weekday

9:00 am....Jim Neelon

Parish Office Closes at Noon

Thursday, November 28, 2024

Weekday

9:00....Pro Populo

Parish Office Closed



Friday, November 29, 2024

Weekday

9:00 am...Joyce Russo

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 30, 2024

St. Andrew

4:30 pm....Elmer Uram Family

Sunday, December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am....Robert Panchur

11:00 am....Irene & Janet Uram

### Readings for the Week of November 24, 2024

Sun.: Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Mon.: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tues.: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wed.: Rv Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thur.: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9;

Lk 17:11-19

Fri.: Rv 20:1-4; 11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33

Sat.: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

### FROM FR. STEVE....

Happy Solemnity of Christ the King! This celebration reminds us that Jesus Christ is the true king of the universe and that He should reign in our hearts. Then on the 28th of November we will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day! With that, our Thanksgiving Day Mass is 9AM, be sure to bring your non-perishable food items for SVDP. The items needed are pasta sauce (no glass jars please, pasta (all types), pancake syrup, Ranch salad dressing, rice, crackers and instant mashed potatoes. Thank you for your help! On Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, we have our Advent Lessons and Carols with Saint Justin Martyr Parish at Saint Mary Magdalene Parish at 7PM. We are supplying the choir, musicians and beverages. Saint Justin Martyr Parish is supplying the lectors and bakery! At the end of the program there will be the blessing of your Baby Jesus figurine from your manger scene. I am very happy to be having this joint event with our Cluster Parish. Hopefully, more joint events to come. The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Giving Tuesday is December 3<sup>rd</sup>, a globally recognized day of giving. As a Diocese, we participate in this event through #WeGiveCatholic. #WeGiveCatholic is a one-day Giving Event that provides our Catholic schools, parishes, Catholic Charities sites/programs, special ministries, and nonprofits affiliated with the Diocese of Cleveland the opportunity to connect with their current donors and establish relationships with new donors. The day aims to raise awareness and funds for Catholic organizations throughout Northeast Ohio. This year, I would like to raise funds to replace the floor under the pews through #WeGiveCatholic. Thank you for your support! On the Tuesdays of Advent, we will have the 3:15PM Advent Holy Hour with Benediction. So, join us on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> for Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and the Litany of Saint Joseph. Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 9th are 9AM, 4:30PM and 7PM. Fr. Garris is the celebrant for the 7PM Mass. MegaRaffle tickets are still available. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. So far, 536 tickets have been sold. Thank you for supporting MegaRaffle. The proceeds help with our parish operational expenses. This year, some of us will be sitting down for Thanksgiving dinner having lost a loved one in death. The holidays can be difficult because so many memories of friends and family passed are attached to the smells, tastes, sounds and faces of these special days. These memories call to mind sorrow and joy and humor and maybe regret. The holidays can bring grief. In your table grace for Thanksgiving, be sure to bring to God the loneliness you feel from missing your loved one. And invite God to set the tone for the day and to offer His perspective, to heal sorrow and strengthen hope. As you journey through the Holiday Season the first time without someone you love, be assured of my prayers. God bless and have a great week!

# **PARISH NEWS**

### SAVE THE DATES!!

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Nov. 30th Craft Show

Dec. 1st 1st Sunday of Advent

Dec. 10th Communal Penance at SJM

Dec. 14-15th Holiday Bake Sale

Jan. 25th 76th Anniversary Dinner

Feb. 8th Night at the Races

March 5th Ash Wednesday

March 8th St. Patrick's Party

March 19th Diocesan Evening of Confession

March 21st Fish Fry

**April 20th Easter Sunday** 

**April 26th** 1st Communion 4:30 Mass

**April 27th 1st Communion 11:00 Mass** 

May 4th May Crowning

May 10-11th Spring Bake Sale

May 29-June 1st Festival

**June 8th** Confirmation

# This week at SMM

Sun., Nov. 24th Café

9:20-10:50 am Rm. 104

Mon. Nov. 25th Lunch Packing

9-10:00 am Multi-Purp.

Wed., Nov. 27th K of C Officers Meeting

6-8:00 pm Multi-Purp.

Thur., Nov. 28th HAPPY THANKSGIVING

(Food Pantry Closed)



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: January 10, 2025.

Thank you for your continued support!!

### 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

### November 25th

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 10:00am to make sandwiches.

Needs: <u>Peanut Butter</u> ~ 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.

# **PARISH NEWS**

### **CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

**November 17, 2024** 

**Sundays & Holydays:** \$ 5,321.05

Capital Improvement: \$ 1,132.00

1% Need Program: \$ 235.00

Automatic Giving:11-11-24 to 11-17-24

= \$1,730.00

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Community

Every year, our Advent Giving Project helps many people and families in need. Here are this year's wish lists.

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### St. Vincent de Paul at St. Mary Magdalene

- \* Gift cards for Wal Mart, Aldi's and Giant Eagle
- \* Cash or checks—will be used to purchase gift cards (Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul)

### West Side Catholic Center

- New clothing for men, women and children (sweatshirts, hats, thick gloves, scarves, women's underwear, men's underwear (preferably boxer briefs)
- \* Full size personal hygiene items (shampoo, body wash, deodorant, razors, lotion, toothpaste and toothbrushes

### **Project Hope**

- Toilet paper, 13 gallon trash bags, disposable coffee cups, gallon Ziploc bags
- \* Latex serving gloves, vinyl pillow protectors, small bags of chips

### Birthright - Lake County

- \* Anti-colic baby bottles, burp cloths, bibs, baby towels & washcloths, pacifiers, baby wipes, sippy cups, plates & utensils
- \* Socks (2T, 3T, 4T, 5T), pajamas (3T, 4T, 5T), underwear (boys and girls 4T, 5T)
- \* Diapers (preemie and newborn, Pull Ups (4T, 5T)

Please bring all unwrapped items to the Gathering Area or Parish Office between Nov.23-Dec. 8, 2024. Thank you very much for your support and generosity!

### **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**



St. Mary Magdalene will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day with Mass at 9am.

Please participate in the offertory procession by donating...

- $\Rightarrow$  pancake syrup
- ⇒ ranch salad dressing
- ⇒ pasta sauce (no glass jars please)
- $\Rightarrow$  pasta (all types)
- **⇒** Instant mashed potatoes
- ⇒ Rice
- **⇒** Crackers



We give thanks for you!



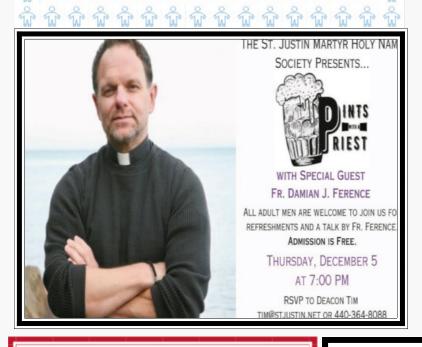


## **PARTICIPATING**

### \$ 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



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We are halfway o our goal of selling 1,000 Mega Raffle tickets. Thanks to all who have already purchased their tickets!!

First Prize: \$5,000
Second Prize: \$ 750
Third Prize: \$ 250

This annual Mega Raffle nets the parish about \$18,000. This year we are hopeful that we again have a successful fundraising activity as our buildings are older and upkeep is quite expensive.

ONLY 1,000 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!

As of 11-18-2024—536 tickets have been sold = \$13,400

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Winning tickets will be pulled at the 76th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, January 25, 2025. (Winner does not need be present) If you need additional tickets they are available in the Parish Office.

Please return your ticket stub(s) and payment to the Parish Office. Drop in § weekend collection, the Parish Office or the mail drop box located at the end of the handicap ramp outside the Parish Office.



The staff and students of Mater Dei Academy would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are blessed and grateful to be able to work at and attend a Catholic school in which

our faith can be part of everything we do. God is good indeed! Thank YOU for supporting us and helping to make that education possible.





A Unique Program to Renew, Strengthen and Heal Your Marriage - Beginning January 17-19, 2025

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is open to couples of all faiths and is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions.

For more information or to register, visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Shelly or Rob at 216.509.0301 or 440.836.4810.

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# #weGIVE CATHOLIC

Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

### Finding Peace through the Holidays

Divorce is difficult under any circumstances. The holidays can bring up feelings that make it harder. Whether you've just started your journey or have been divorced for a longer time, join us for an afternoon dedicated to finding the peace and joy the season can bring. We will meet on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Gabriel Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Concord, from 1:00-3:00 PM. To register or for more info: call Karen @ 440-352 -8282 or email:

kjubeck@st-gabriel.org



Paid Summer Internship for College Students! Build your resume with The FEST!

The FEST is looking for motivated college interns for a paid internship this summer as we celebrate 25 years and plan and prepare for FEST 2025! If you are an event, marketing, communications, logistics, or theology major and interested in building your resume while getting hands-on, real-life experience creating an event for 40,000 people, apply today. Becca was a first-year intern this past summer and shared, "This job taught me so many new communication skills, brought me closer to God, and it brought me to meet so many amazing people!" Send your resume to Caitlin (Caitlin@theFEST.us) by January 10<sup>th</sup> to apply!

### December 2024 - Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats

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

### Advent Evening: On Thresholds of Light and

**Darkness.** Monday, December 2, 6:30 - 8:30pm. Presented by Bill Hobbs. In our time together, we will explore the themes of light and darkness in the Advent season. We will look at our awareness and experiences of consolation and desolation. There will be a presentation, time for silent, personal prayer, and conversation. Cost: \$20

### The Manresa Group: Life's Journey Presentation.

Monday, December 2, 6:30 - 8:30pm. The Manresa Group seeks to gather people into a community, to form people in Ignatian Spirituality, and to journey through life's transitions. This month Tom Pussel presents the topic of Grief. Cost: \$15

**Liturgy & Ignatian Spirituality: Mass & Ignatian Reflections in December.** Tuesdays, 8:00 - 8:45am. December 3, 10, 17. On Tuesdays, the Jesuit Retreat Center offers Mass followed by a brief reflection on Ignatian Spirituality. Free will offering (registration is not necessary).

Advent Luncheon: On Thresholds of Light and Darkness. Tuesday, December 3, 9:00am - 1:00pm. Presented by Bill Hobbs. In our time together, we will explore the themes of light and darkness in the Advent season. We will look at our awareness and experiences of consolation and desolation. There will be a presentation, time for silent, personal prayer, and conversation. Cost: \$50

### **December Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day.**

Monday, December 9, 8:30am - 3:30pm. Come and spend a day of renewal and prayer at the Jesuit Retreat Center. You will have access to the wonderful spaces both inside and outside the retreat center. We'll provide a nutritious and simple lunch, along with endless coffee or tea. You are welcome here... Cost: \$50

Calix AA Men's Recovery Retreat. Friday, December 13, 5:30pm - Sunday, December 15, 11:00am. A Recovery Retreat at Jesuit Retreat Center is a time to nurture your serenity and find the strength to work the steps of recovery. The weekend includes presentations and 5 meals. Limited scholarship assistance is available. Cost: \$300

**December Morning Prayer for Women.** Monday, December 16, 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).

### **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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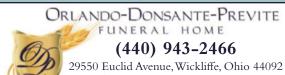






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