



# ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 19, 2025

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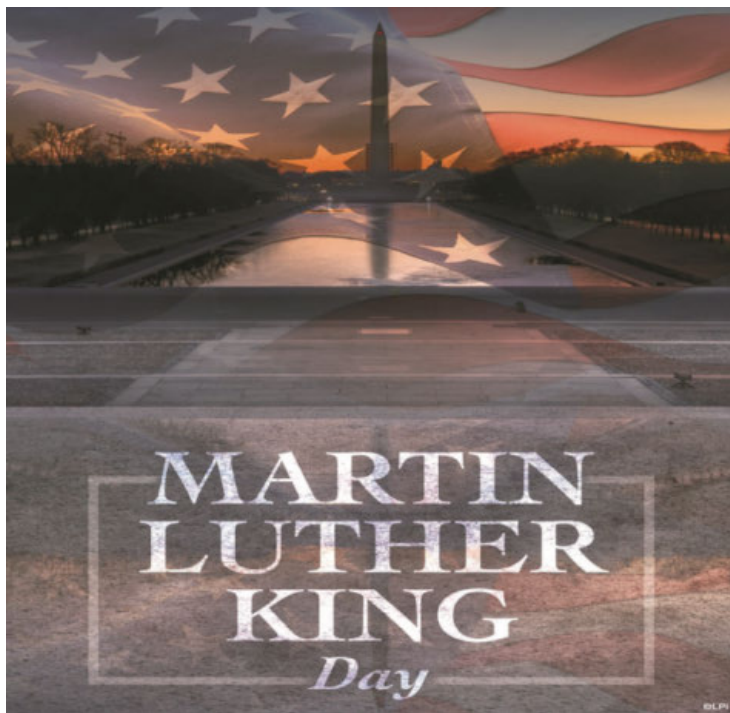
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### WEEKEND MASS

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, January 20, 2025

*Weekday*

9:00 am....Jane Makar

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

*St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr*

9:00 am....Ken Brickman

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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

9:00 am....Joseph F. Sterk

Thursday, January 23, 2025

*Weekday*

9:00....Morning Prayer

Friday, January 24, 2025

*St. Francis de Sales*

9:00 am...Austyn "A. J." Cousins

Saturday, January 25, 2025

*Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle*

4:30 pm....Rudy Zaletel

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am.....Jo Ann Schaefer

11:00 am....Theresa Guerrieri

## Readings for the Week of January 19, 2025

Sun.: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Mon.: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

Tues.: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

Wed.: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Thur.: Heb 7:25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12

Fri.: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

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

*FROM FR. STEVE....*

Hi everybody, please welcome Fr. Joseph Westfall to Saint Mary Magdalene Parish! Fr. Westfall will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach. We have had priests from Cross Catholic Outreach visiting us in the past. You might recall that Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priest and the nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia and Central and South America. Fr. Westfall was ordained in the Diocese of Lafayette, Indiana in 1993. While in the seminary, he was moved while serving in an adopted parish in Haiti. In Haiti, he also served at an outreach center ran by his home diocese in Port Au Prince. This experience moved his heart in service to the poor. Later, he focused on healthcare chaplaincy in 1997. Since then, Fr. Joseph has been a board-certified chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains, as well as the National Conference of Veterans Affairs Catholic Chaplains. He has been a Chaplain with the Department of Veteran Affairs for 15 years. He is currently the Chief of Chaplain Services for the VA in Hudson Valley in New York. Speaking of outreach, The El Salvador-Latin America Collection is on the weekend of January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. This appeal is for the two priests who work in parishes served by our Missionaries. The Cleveland Missionaries in El Salvador are Fr. Paul Schindler and Fr. John Ostrowski. They sincerely appreciate your support. The Cor Men's Group Big Game Party at 5PM at Saint Justin Parish Hall with guest speaker, Elvis Grbac is on February 9th. Admission is free! RSVP Deacon Tim Shell at 440-364-8088. Did you know by participating in Ohio's scholarship tax credit program you can turn your taxes into tuition? A donation to the Angel Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance for K-12 students in our Diocese and may be eligible for a 1:1 credit when you file your 2024 Ohio tax return! This is a wonderful opportunity to help make a high-quality Catholic education more affordable, at no-net-cost to you. All Ohio taxpayers are eligible for tax credits up to \$750 individually or \$1,500 if you file a joint return. Please consider supporting All Saints School, Mater Dei Academy, a school of your choice or the area of greatest need with an Angel Scholarship donation that will ensure families are able to choose a Catholic school for their children. Contact Dene Hummon at 216-696-6525, ext. 4150 for more information. Speaking of Catholic Education, tour the schools, meet the faculty, staff and enjoy refreshments at All Saints and Mater Dei Academy's Open House on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 1PM. January 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Available at the entrances is a book called, *Why We're Pro-life*. Feel free to take a copy or two! May we always have a greater respect for life in all stages of existence. God bless!

# PARISH NEWS

## SAVE THE DATES!!

Jan. 25th	76th Anniversary Dinner
Feb. 8th	Night at the Races
Feb. 11-19th	Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
March 5th	Ash Wednesday
March 8th	St. Patrick's Party
March 19th	Diocesan Evening of Confession
March 21st	Fish Fry
April 12th	Breakfast with the Bunny
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

## CONTRIBUTION REPORT

January 12, 2025

<i>Sundays &amp; Holydays:</i>	<i>\$ 4,223.00</i>
<i>Capital Improvement:</i>	<i>\$ 1,969.00</i>
<i>1% Need Program:</i>	<i>\$ 252.00</i>
<i>Christmas to Date:</i>	<i>\$33,040.50</i>

*Automatic Giving from Dec. 8-31, 2024:  
\$10,933.00*

*Automatic Giving: Jan.-1- to 12, 2025 will  
be reported in bulletin of Jan. 26th.*

### 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.

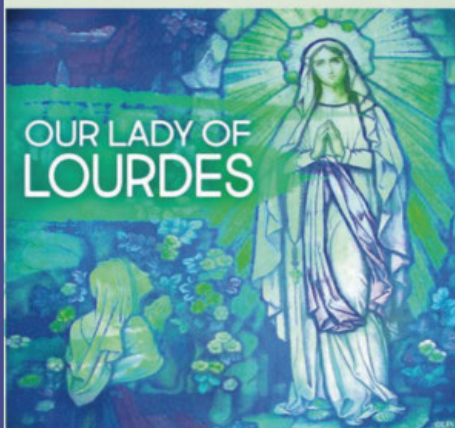


### LUNCH PACKING

January 27th

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: Jelly ~ 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.



### Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes

February 11-19 at St. Mary

Magdalene Church at 7:00pm\*\*

\*\*FEBRUARY 15, 4:30PM  
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MASS WITH NOVENA TO  
FOLLOW

\*\*FEBRUARY 19, LAST NIGHT  
OF NOVENA FOLLOWED BY  
HOLY HOUR

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# PARISH NEWS

## *This week at SMM*

Sun., Jan. 19th	Café 9:20-10:50 am	Rm. 104
Tues., Jan. 21st	Prayer Shawl 1-2:30 pm	Rm. 104
Wed., Jan. 22nd	K of C Officers Meeting 6-8:00 pm	Multi-Purp
Thur., Jan. 23rd	AA Meeting 6-7:30 pm	Rm. 104
Thur., Jan. 23rd	Choir Practice 7-9:00 pm	Church
Thur., Jan 23rd	Spiritual Book Club 7-8:30 pm	Rm. 103

## 2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Contribution Statements will **not** automatically be sent out this year. If you want a statement of your 2024 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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I will pick up in the Parish Office

Please mail to my address that's listed above

We are already gearing up for next school year at Mater Dei Academy. Please join us for one of our Open Houses this year to see how we live out our core values of Moral Values and Faith, Discovery and Achievement. We strive to create students who are empowered learners, faithful stewards, compassionate leaders and global citizens.



Our first Open House kicks off Catholic Schools Week following the 10 am Mass on **January 26th** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. All are welcome to visit our school and wander the halls to see what our school is all about. We will also offer guided tours and showcase what new students can expect. On Wednesday, **January 29th** at 6:00 pm, in addition to an Open House for all grades, we will hold a special kindergarten preview session for all families interested in kindergarten at Mater Dei. We will include a kindergarten curriculum presentation, what a day looks like in Kindergarten at Mater Dei, a tour, and a general question/answer session.

Finally, on **March 12th** at 6:00 pm, we will hold our final Open House of the year, with the inclusion of a special Preschool Preview, following the same format as was done for the kindergarten preview.

Please go to our website at [www.materdeiacademy.us](http://www.materdeiacademy.us) or call the school office at 440-585-0800 to preregister for these events so that we can be fully ready to welcome you and share what Mater Dei Academy has to offer.



## BIG GAME PARTY

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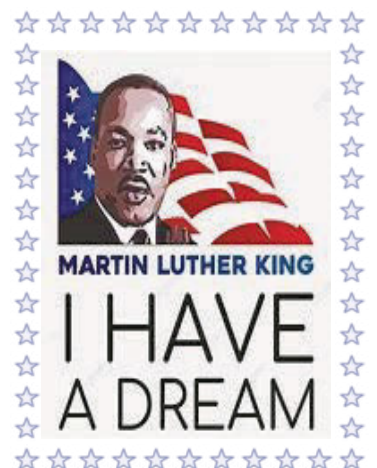
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# PARTICIPATING



## MEGA RAFFLE

There are still Mega Raffle tickets available for purchase. You could be the lucky winner of:

**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 01-013-2025—814 tickets have been sold = \$ 20,350.00**

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.

**We thank you for your continue support of SMM!**



**CHINESE AUCTION REQUEST...**This Christmas did you receive any Gift Cards or “unwanted gifts” that you don’t think will be of use? The Chinese Auction Committee for the SMM Festival would happily take them off your hands to add to our Chinese Auction! This event has been tremendously successful in raising needed income for the Parish and look forward to another profitable year. Please drop in Sunday collection or Parish Office clearly marked Chinese Auction.

**THANKS!!!!**

The new Men's group "COR" will be offering football squares after Masses on the weekend of January 25/26, for the "BIG GAME" being played on February 9th.

- ◇ Each square will cost \$20.
- ◇ Only 100 squares will be sold.
- ◇ There will be 4 winners.
- ◇ The winner with the correct score at the end of the first three quarters will each win \$150.
- ◇ The winner with the correct final score at the end of the game will win \$400.
- ◇ All proceeds will help support the new COR mens group that all men are invited to.

**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.

# PARISH NEWS



**76<sup>th</sup> SMM  
Anniversary Dinner  
and Mega Raffle**

**Saturday, January 25, 2025**

Doors open at 5:30pm  
Dinner served at 6:30pm  
St. Mary Magdalene Gym  
Price per ticket: \$12.00

Ticket includes Pasta Dinner, Soup, Salad,  
Rolls, and Dessert

This is a DINE IN only event.

Winner to be drawn during dinner.  
Winner need not be present.

Tickets are available at the SMM Parish Office.



## St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Night at the Races ~ The Track is Coming Back on Vine

**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

This is a terrific and happy fundraiser to provide needed money for SMM Parish!  
Gather a group and spend an action-packed evening with good food and beverage.

Doors open at 5:30 pm ~ Post Time at 7:00

Tickets \$25.00 (21 & Over) ~ Horses \$15.00

Ticket includes: Sandwiches, Pizza, Beer, Pop, Coffee, Door Prizes, Sideboards, 50/50 Raffle

*Tickets will be sold in the parish office during regular Parish Office hours as well as the Gathering Area  
after the weekend Masses beginning Saturday, January 11th*

Please bring non-perishable food items to fill the shelves in our Food Pantry.

Questions?? Contact the Parish Office @ 440-943-2133, Jack DiCello

@ 216-262-1390 or Coletta DiCello @ 440-854-6003.

# 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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