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Serving

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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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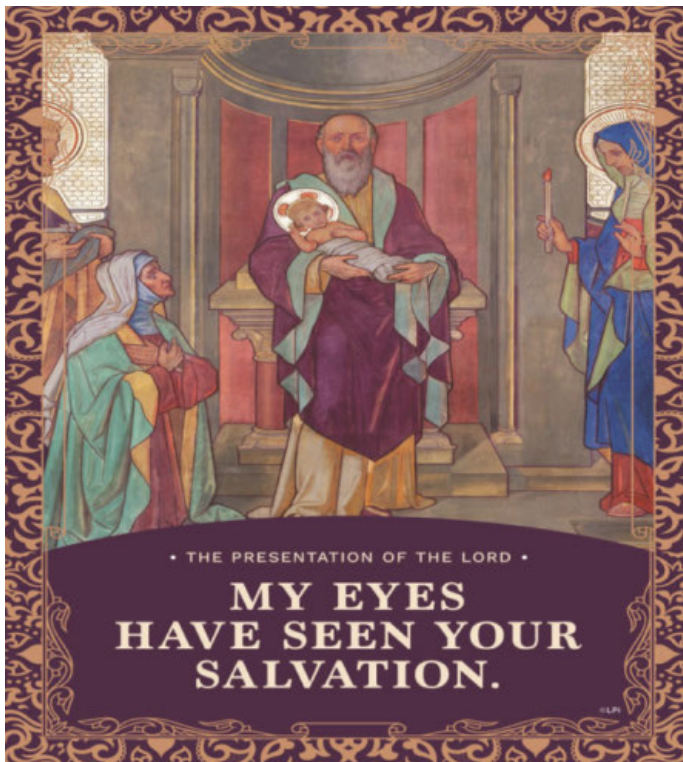
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WEEKEND MASS

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, February 3, 2025

Weekday (4th Week in Ordinary Time)

9:00 am....Mary Zajc

Mary Otonicar

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Weekday

9:00 am....Mr. & Mrs. John &

Theresa Hunt

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

St. Agatha

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

Thursday, February 6, 2025

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

9:00....Morning Prayer

Friday, February 7, 2025

Weekday

9:00 am...Tom Busher

9:00 am...Sacred Heart Novena

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Weekday

4:30 pm....Lee Lynch

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am....Ray & Loretta Adams

11:00 am...Daniel Kocher

Readings for the Week of February 2, 2025

Sun.: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Mon.: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tues.: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wed.: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thur.: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

Fri.: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Sat.: Heb 13:15-17 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

FROM FR. STEVE....

Congratulations to Sheila Coyne, Jackie Hlivak and Barb Bambrick, our MegaRaffle Winners! Again, thank you for participating in our MegaRaffle. The proceeds from the MegaRaffle help with our Winter Operational Expenses. Also, Happy February everyone! This Weekend we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. Would you believe February 2nd is forty days after Christmas? Time is flying by. Today we celebrate a joyful moment told in the second chapter of Saint Luke's Gospel. When Jesus was forty days old, Mary and Joseph brought him to the Temple in Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. In this story we hear about Anna and Simeon, these two elderly people of great holiness recognized Him. In the story, Simeon spoke a beautiful prayer that is repeated by many every night from the Liturgy of the Hours. Those that pray Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours will pray the Canticle of Simeon before the Glory Be, the closing prayer and a hymn to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Canticle of Simeon goes like this, "Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel." Simeon called Jesus, "a light to the nations." On today's celebration, candles are blessed. That's why today is also called, "Candlemas." Hopefully, this feast calls to mind the receiving of the baptismal candle at baptism. May we faithfully carry the light of Christ everywhere we go! Plus, we will be blessing throats this weekend. The blessing of throats is associated with the Feast of Saint Blaise. The Feast of Saint Blaise is February 3rd. Thank you Bette Ingraham for sprucing up the ribbon on the throat blessing candle. At the end of the Universal Prayer, a.k.a. The Prayer of the Faithful, instead of the closing prayer, I will do a general blessing of throats. I will be offering individual blessing of throats after Mass. February 2nd is also the halfway point between the winter solstice and spring equinox. Many refer to this day as Ground Hog's Day where Punxsutawney Phil makes his appearance. Hopefully the blessing will keep you healthy as we finish the 2nd half of winter. This weekend we celebrate World Day For Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The consecrated life is one way that women and men live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. Night at the Races is February 8th. Last day to buy a horse and a ticket to the event is February 3rd. Horses are \$15. What a bargain! Tickets are \$25. And that's a bargain too! Night at the Races starts at 5:30PM. God bless!

PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATES!!

- 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
- June 8th Confirmation

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

January 26, 2025

Sundays & Holydays: \$ 6,483.00
Capital Improvement: \$ 1,737.00
1% Need Program: \$ 368.00

*Automatic Giving: Jan. 20 to Jan 26, 2025:
 \$ 2,642.00*

St. Vincent de Paul Society
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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.

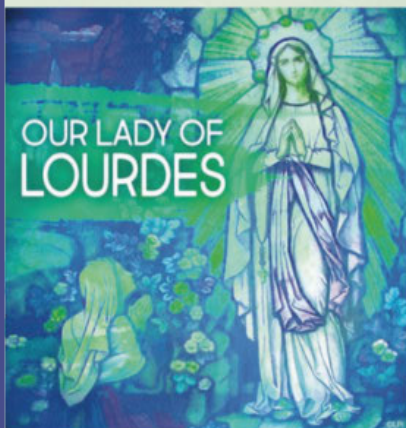
LUNCH PACKING

February 10th & 24th



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
 ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT
 MASS WITH NOVENA TO
 FOLLOW

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

Featuring speakers who have had made pilgrimages to Marian Sites



FREE BLOOD PRESSURE
 SCREENING

**Blood Pressure
 Screening will be
 offered Sunday,
 February 2, 2025,
 in the Kaminski
 Room (Rm. 103) after
 8:00 am Mass.**

PARISH NEWS

This week at SMM

Sun., Feb. 2nd	Café 9:20-10:50 am	Rm. 104
Wed., Feb. 5th	Catholic War Veterans 6:45-8:45 pm	Multi-Purp.
Thur., Feb. 6th	AA Meeting 6-7:30 pm	Rm. 104
Thur., Feb. 6th	Spiritual Book Club 7-8:30 pm	Rm. 103
Thur., Feb. 6th	Cantor Practice 7-9:00 pm	Church

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting Tuesday, February 11th 1:00, in Room 104

Join in the friendship while we knit or crochet and pray for people who need prayer shawls, lap throws, chemo caps, etc. You do need to donate your own supplies but we can provide patterns. We gladly accept items from those who are unable to attend.

For more information call: Liz at 440-725-0113.

February 2025 - Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats

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

Liturgy & Ignatian Spirituality: Mass & Ignatian Reflections in February. Tuesdays, 8:00 - 8:45am. February 4, 11, 18, 25. 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).

February Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day. Monday, February 10, 8:30am - 3:30pm. We have carved out time in the JRC calendar for those who would like to come to JRC – to pray in our chapels, to sit in quiet reading in the library, to walk and meditate on the beautiful grounds. Cost: \$50

Disciples as Mystics: The Gospel of John 13-17. Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30pm EST. February 10, 17, 24, This program will include short presentations on The Gospel of John 13-17, quiet periods with journaling time, and group conversations. Cost: \$30

A Day of Prayer with Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette Soubirous: Focusing on the Graces of Lourdes available to You. Tuesday, February 11, 9:30am - 2:40pm. Presented by Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ. Join us on The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes for a retreat centered on the profound history, miracles, and spiritual significance of Lourdes. This day offers an opportunity to reflect on the enduring grace and healing associated with this sacred place, fostering a deeper connection to faith and hope. Cost: \$60

February Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, February 17, 9:30am - 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).

The Manresa Group: Life's Journey Presentation. Monday, February 24, 6:30 - 8:30pm. Ignatian Spirituality and a journey through life's transitions with in-depth presentations, individual prayer and reflection, group sharing & conversation, new prayer practices & applications for daily living. Cost: \$15

Cinema & Conversation: *Wonder*. Monday, February 24, 7:00 - 9:00pm. After the movie, there will be time for conversation and questions. We continue in February with the 2017 coming of age comedy-drama, *Wonder*. Visit our website to learn more. Free Will Offering. Registration not required.

4-Week Ignatian Retreat: Weeks #3-4: Everyday Life, Ignatian Spirituality, Spiritual Exercises. Thursdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm EST. February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27. Presented by Fr. Paul O'Connor, SJ. Join us in a four-week, everyday life journey of Ignatian Spirituality through "Week #3" and "Week #4" of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Exercises are meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius and structured into four "weeks" or movements. Cost: \$240



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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.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY!!

Watch the bulletin for details on SMM's annual St. Patrick's Party on March 8, 2025.



Great time with a D.J., corned beef sandwiches, bagpipers, 50/50's and so much more. Fun time for all.

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES PRESENTS





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BARBARA HEIL
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SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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FOR DETAILS

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>

Consecrated life means going to the very root of the love of Jesus Christ with an undivided heart and putting nothing ahead of this love.

Pope Benedict XVI

PARISH NEWS



St. Mary Magdalene Parish

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

Saturday, February 8, 2025

**TICKETS
ARE
GOING
FAST!**

**TICKETS AND HORSES WILL BE
SOLD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ONLY.
DEADLINE TO PURCHASE IS MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 3RD.**

**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**

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

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!!!!

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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