

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Community

Serving the Needs of God's People Since 1949

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! Listen to Mass in your car! Tune in to 96.3 FM on your radio.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FEBRUARY 9, 2025

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

CELEBRATING

<u>Monday, February 10, 2025</u> St. Scholastica 9:00 am....Mary Bartoroni

<u>Tuesday, February 11, 2025</u> Our Lady of Lourdes 9:00 am....Raymond Arndt

<u>Wednesday, February 12, 2025</u> Weekday 9:00 am....Frank & Celina Burger

<u>Thursday, February 13, 2025</u> Weekday 9:00....Morning Prayer

<u>Friday, February 14, 2025</u> Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop 9:00 am...Jane Makar

<u>Saturday, February 15, 2025</u> Weekday 4:30 pm....John & Martha Granda

Sunday, February 16, 2025 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Clara Lippucci

11:00 am...Dan, Charina & Emilio Federico

> Readings for the Week of February 9, 2025

- Sun.: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11
- Mon.: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
- Tues.: Gn 1:20-2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
- Wed.: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17;Mk 7:14-22

Thur.: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Fri.: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Sat.: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

FROM FR. STEVE....

Happy "Big Game" Sunday! Remember, our Men's Group, Cor, is hosting a party at 5PM. All are welcome! This event is being sponsored by our Knights of Columbus and Saint Justin Martyr's Holy Name Society. Elvis Grbac is the guest speaker. It should be a wonderful event. I must admit I am not excited about the game. I was hoping for the Browns or a team that hasn't won or been there. But, I am glad the Ravens didn't make it. I hope you enjoy the day. Monday, February 3rd was the feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Also, on that day, you have the option to celebrate the feast of Saint Ansgar. If you took a church calendar, you may have noticed his name along with Saint Blaise. I always celebrate Saint Blaise because of the tradition of the blessing of throats on his feast. But I thought I would take this opportunity to share about Saint Ansgar. Saint Ansgar lived in the 9th Century. He is known as the "Apostle to the North." Saint Ansgar grew up in France. When he was five years old, his mother died. His father then sent him to a Benedictine Monastery for an education. Five-year-olds must have been very tough back then. I can't imagine losing your mom at that age and then being sent to a monastery. I read that he did not take his faith or studies seriously at first. One night he had a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary coming to him with other moms behind her and one was his mother! Our Lady asked St. Ansgar if he wanted to be with his mother one day in heaven. After he responded, "yes!" The Blessed Virgin told him he must turn away from his childish ways. Saint Ansgar turned his life around, but he started to slip as a teenager. Then he had another vision. This one was about purgatory, and it got him back on track. At age 21 he become a Benedictine Monk and was sent to do missionary work in Germany. Eventually, Saint Ansgar made his way up North into Denmark and then into Sweden. When Saint Ansgar became a bishop in Northern Germany, he sent missionaries to Denmark, Norway and Sweden. As a bishop he worked tirelessly to evangelize. He built Churches, schools, monasteries and hospitals. Saint Ansgar was very good to the poor. He did not have it easy as a bishop. Saint Ansgar's life was threatened by Vikings and non-believers. Some of his churches were confiscated and destroyed due to the ravages of war. He lived a simple, prayerful life and fasted often. Even though Saint Ansgar desired martyrdom he made many sacrifices in the work of evangelization. He is the patron of Scandinavia and canonized a saint in 865 by Pope Nicholas I. So, now you know a little about the saint that shares a day with St. Blaise. God bless and have a great week!

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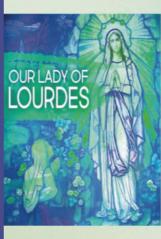
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ŝ	Feb. 11-19th	Our Lady of Lourdes Novena	
4	March 5th	Ash Wednesday	
•	March 8th	St. Patrick's Party	
	March 19th	Diocesan Evening of Confession	
ž	March 21st	Fish Fry	
Ň	April 12th	Breakfast with the Bunny	
4	April 20th	Easter Sunday	
•	April 26th	1st Communion 4:30 Mass	
1	April 27th	1st Communion 11:00 Mass	
š	May 4th	May Crowning	
4	May 10- 11th	Spring Bake Sale	
٠	May 29-June 1st Festival		
	June 8th	Confirmation	
2	August 4-8th	Vacation Bible School	

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.



Novena to Our Lady of Lourde 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

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

<u>February 2, 2025</u>	
Sundays & Holydays:	\$ 5,862.00
Capital Improvement:	\$ 1,618.00
1% Need Program:	\$ 514.00
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Automatic Giving: Jan. 27 to Feb. 2, 2023 \$ 2,348.00

LUNCH PACKING February 10th & 24th



The Lunch Packing crew thanks you for your support over the years with this preject of beloing feed the needy at the W

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>Jelly</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.

40 DAYS FORLIFE.

From March 5 – April 13 you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Additionally, you are invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7am to 7pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or **Planned Parenthood** - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, 44146, or **Signature Health** – 54 South State St, Painesville, 44077.

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sunday, March 2, at 2pm, 29850 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, 44092. The speakers are Luann Sowers, Executive Director Ivy Women's Center and Mary Ann Meitin, Executive Director Womankind. Please contact John Noall at <u>clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com</u> or 216-245-9744 for more information.

WEBSITES: <u>www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland</u> <u>www.40daysforlife.com/painesville</u> <u>www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights</u>

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This week at SMM

Sun., Feb. 9th	Café	
	9:20-10:50 am	Rm. 104
Mon., Feb. 10th	Lunch Packing	
	9-10:00 am	Multi-Purp.
Tues., Feb. 11th	Prayer Shawl	•
	1-2:30 pm	Rm. 104
Tues., Feb. 11th	Lourdes Novena	
	7-8:30 pm	Church
Wed., Feb. 12th	K of C 4498	
,	6-8:00 pm	Multi-Purp.
Wed., Feb. 12th	Lourdes Novena	
	7-8:30 pm	Church
Thur., Feb. 13th	AA Meeting	
,	6-7:30 pm	Rm. 104
Thur., Feb. 13th	Spiritual Book Cl	ub
	7-8:30 pm	Rm. 103
Thur., Feb. 13th	Choir Practice	
	7-9:00 pm	Church
Thur., Feb. 13th	Lourdes Novena	
	7-8:30 pm	Church
Fri., Feb. 14th	Lourdes Novena	
	7-8:30 pm	Church
Sat., Feb. 15th	Lourdes Novena	
	5:30-7:00 pm	Church

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting...

Tuesday, February 11th from 1:00-2:30 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 along with assistance to complete projects. We gladly accept items from those who are unable to attend. For more information call Liz at 440-725-0113.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be present at all Masses outside of the Gathering Area the weekend of February 15th and 16th. Our items are available to anyone in need of comfort or a reminder of God's presence in their lives during difficult times. Prayers have been said during the making of each item and they have been blessed. Choose from chemo caps, prayer shawls, lap throws, scarves, and baby blankets, hats or sweaters. Free will donations are accepted.

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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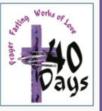
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The Biblical Roots of Ash Wednesday

- Why do you we use ashes?
- Why are we asked of the Church to increase our fasting, prayer, and almsgiving during Lent?



• Is Lent just about abstaining from a favorite food, or is there something more to it?

In this video presentation, Dr. Brant Pitre gives insight into the Biblical foundation for Ash Wednesday, as well as the purpose of the season of Lent.

Join us on Monday, February 24th at 3:30 pm; repeated at 6:30 pm

Video will be shown in the Kaminski Center \sim (Room 103). Enter by Awning "Parish Center".



* COME FOR THE DAY AND MAKE A PILGRIMAGE *

Optional: 8:30 am Mass, Confession, Adoration, Saturday Vigil 4:30 Mass

\$35 Registration with lunch ENDS February 22

CHECK WEBSITE WWW.CRMWEB.ORG FOR DETAILS WALK-INS - \$35- NO LUNCII Coll 330-687-8843 for more info

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.

ዀ፟ <u>PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN</u>

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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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.

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Women's Fellowship Group at St. Justin Martyr Parish

"Getting to Know Mary Better"

Meetings will be held the Fourth Monday of the Month @ 6:30 pm in SJM's Meeting room. Bring your beverage and a friend to share in our talk.

Please join us Monday, February 24th: Our Mother of Mercy, Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Grace.

Next meeting Monday, March 24th @ 6:30 pm.

The Holy Face Chaplet

In our Blessed Mother's own words, the medal is a weapon for defense, a shield for courage, and a token of love and mercy which her Divine Son wished to give the world in these troubled days of lust and hatred for God and His Church.

Whoever wears this medal and, if possible, pays a weekly visit to the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday in a spirit of reparation for the outrages received by the Holy Face of our Blessed Savior during His passion and those bestowed on Him every day in the Sacrament of His Divine Love, will be granted the gift of a strong faith and the grace to fly to its defense, conquering, if need be, all interior and exterior difficulties. Moreover, they are promised a happy death

with special assistance from Christ Himself. The very first Holy Face medal was offered to our glorious Pontiff, Pope Pius XII.

The whole world then got acquainted with this special object of favors and devotion. It has been found on land and sea, and never has it been heard that a prisoner of war wearing this badge of salvation has been executed.

Our Blessed Lord also requested that a special feast be instituted to honor His Holy Face on Shrove Tuesday - the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

This year, Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras, falls on Tuesday, March 4th, 2025.

Copies of "How to Pray the Holy Face Chaplet" can be picked up in the Parish Office or at the Religious articles table by the church entrance.

For more details or to order Holy Face of Jesus religious materials, please see the following link: https://www.holyface.com/enter eng.htm

SACRAMENTS

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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

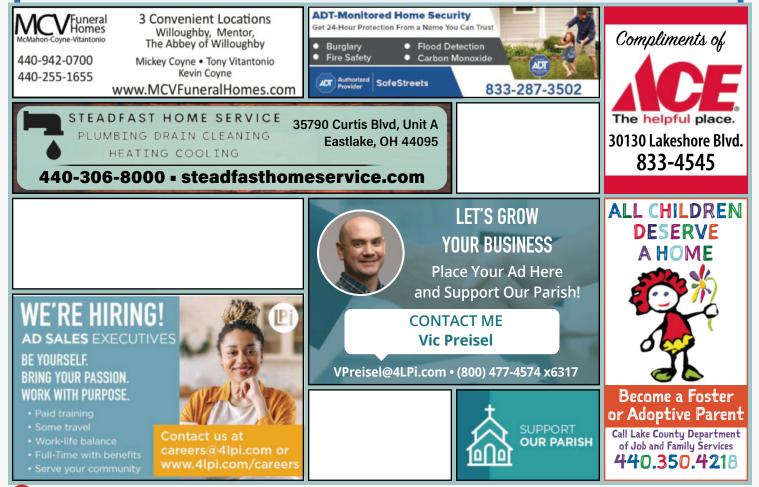
Youth begin direct preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Fall of their 8th grade year, but they must have been in Catholic Day School or PSR for AT LEAST one year prior. If you are interested in finding out more, you can call or email Fr. Steve Breck at <u>FrBreck@smmwillowick.org</u> 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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