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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 MASSICHAPEL 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
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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

CELEBRATING

Monday, February 24, 2025 Weekday

9:00 am....Ruth Spahlinger

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Weekday

9:00 am....Donita Morley

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Weekday

9:00 am....Nancy Schendel

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Weekday

9:00....Morning Prayer

Friday, February 28, 2025

Weekday

9:00 am...Mark Juratovic

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Weekday

4:30 pm....Fr. Stephen Kaminski

Sunday, March 2, 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am....Jean White

11:00 am...Peter Nunes

Readings for the Week of February 23, 2025

Sun.: 1 Sm 26:2,7-9, 12-13, 22-23;

1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Mon.: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tues.: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Wed.: Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

Thur.: Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

Fri.: Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

Sat.: Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

FROM FR. STEVE....

Last weekend we had our 2025 Catholic Charities In Pew **Appeal. Thank you for supporting the Catholic Charities** Appeal. As mentioned at all the Masses, all funds raised through Catholic Charities annual appeal stay in the Diocese of Cleveland and are used to support only those people within our eight counties. Your financial support provides the means for Catholic Charities to continue its vital mission supporting nearly 400,000 people each year with life-saving programs and services in 60 locations. Again, thank you for becoming a channel of peace for Christ through your generous gift. If you stayed home due to the weather on Sunday and would like to support the 2025 Catholic Charities Appeal, there still envelopes available. You can also text CCHOPE to 41444 and you will receive a link to make a gift. As we wrap up the month of February, Lent is coming! To get you ready for the season, you are invited to the "Biblical Roots of Ash Wednesday" Presentation on Monday, February 24th in the Kaminski Center (Room 103). There are two sessions. You only need to attend one of them. The sessions are at 3:30PM and 6:30PM. Ash Wednesday is March 5th. We have four Masses with distribution of blessed ashes. The Mass times for Ash Wednesday are 6:30AM, 9AM, Noon and 7PM. If you are giving up chocolate for lent and need a little help to remain faithful to your Lenten promise please join us on Sunday, March 9th at 2PM for a Human Trafficking Awareness Event Featuring Guest Speaker Laura Bartchak executive director and co-founder of The Harriet **Tubman Movement. The Harriet Tubman Movement is an** advocacy group that serves people who have been subjected to sex trafficking, prostitution or other forms of exploitation. Did you know many children are forced into labor in the cocoa fields? The number is staggering that assists in the harvesting of cocoa beans. The International Labour Office estimates that there are approximately 25 million men, women, and children subjected to labor or sex trafficking worldwide. It is important to understand how to prevent and recognize incidents of human trafficking within your own community and we have an opportunity on March 9th to learn more to prevent this crime against the sanctity of life. Speaking of sanctity of life, from March 5th to April 13th, you are invited to join with other Christians for the 40 Days for Life. 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. See Monica Vlaz or the bulletin or the ad in the bulletin on ways you can participate in 40 Days for Life. Recently, we concluded our Lourdes Novena. Thank you, Mary Ann Blase, for organizing the novena at our parish. Mary Ann does a nice job inviting speakers and folks to help lead the Rosary. Thanks to all who attended these nine days of prayer. Our Saint Patrick's Day Party is Saturday, March 8th from 6:30PM to 11:45PM in the Gym. Purchase tickets by March 1st. God bless!

PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATES!!

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

August 4-8th Vacation Bible School

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.

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

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

February 16, 2025

Sundays & Holydays: \$ 10,819.00

Capital Improvement: \$ 831.00

1% Need Program: \$ 146.00

Automatic Giving: Feb. 10th -Feb. 16, 2025:

\$ 2,358.00

LUNCH PACKING

February 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: <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 FOR LIFE.

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 clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.

WEBSITES:

www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland www.40daysforlife.com/painesville www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights

PARISH NEWS

This week at SMM

Sun., Feb. 23rd	Café 9:20-10:50 am	Rm. 104
Mon., Feb. 24th	Lunch Packing 9-10:00 am	Multi-Purp
Mon., Feb. 24th	Spiritual Book Club 2-8:30 pm	Rm. 103
Wed., Feb. 26th	K of C Officers Meet 6-8:00 pm	ting Multi-Purp
Thur., Feb. 27th	AA Meeting 6-7:30 pm	Rm. 104
Thur., Feb. 27th	Spiritual Book Club 7-8:30 pm	Rm. 103
Thur., Feb. 27th	Choir Practice 7-9:00 pm	Church



Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, begins the Season of Lent leading to Easter Sunday on April 20th. It marks the beginning of a time of fasting, penance and a time to reconnect and recommit to God.

Ash Wednesday Masses and distribution of Ashes will be the following times at SMM:

6:30 am, 9:00 am, 12 Noon and 7:00 pm.

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ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH St. Patrick's Day Party MARCH 8, 2025

This is a fun-filled evening with dancing, food, drinks and friendship! Check out some of the details:

- Saturday, March 8th from 6:30 to 11:45 PM
- St. Mary Magdalene Gym
- Cost \$35 ticket 21 and over only No BYOB
- Performances by Geauga Highlander Pipe and Drum
- Murphy's Irish Dancers
- D. J. Red Tag
- Corned Beef Sandwiches, Pizza, Beer, Popcorn, Chips, Pretzels,
- Free Parking
- Door Prizes! Door Prizes! Door Prizes!
- Sideboards Benefiting Francis J. O'Hara Scholarship** for a SMM parishioner in 8th grade in an area Catholic elementary school and applying to a Catholic High School



PURCHASING OF TICKETS:

Purchase tickets by March 1st, using QR code, payment information available through QR code/link or use this URL - Click here for order form



When you venmo-please add your name and number of tickets

Questions- Contact a member of the committee listed below:

Amy Beers- Baca @ 216-533-1071 Denise Fox @ 216-287-9382

Kelly Morgan @440-221-3339

Jennifer Detering @216-903-8362 Courtney Lausin @ 440-221-0724

Proceeds benefit the Francis J O'Hara Scholarship Fund :Frankie O'Hara was thirteen years old and a seventh grader at St. Mary Magdalene School in the late 60's when he dove into the icy waters of Lake Erie to save his friend who was drowning. Thanks to Frankie's bravery his friend was rescued but Frankie lost his life. Frankie was a true hero.

PARTICIPATING

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".

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.



NO ADDRESS movie opens in Mentor and Willoughby theaters on Feb. 28. We will benefit by you attending!

About the film, and how you can help

We wanted to make sure you have heard about this upcoming movie by Robert Craig Films. We hope you'll go see it and also help Project Hope for the Homeless at the same time.

The film *No Address* offers hope, humanity and resilience, as these characters navigate the stormy challenges of life with no physical address.

Inspired by true events, this film is a testament to the enduring human spirit and the transformative power of community. *No Address* vividly portrays that homelessness could happen to anyone.

As part of our commitment to finding solutions to the growing homelessness crisis, Project Hope for the Homeless is partnering with Robert Craig Films in the Big 5 GIVEBACK.

Through this program, 50% of net profits from five upcoming productions in the *No Address* Movement will be shared with nonprofits and organizations addressing homelessness, such as Project Hope for the Homeless.

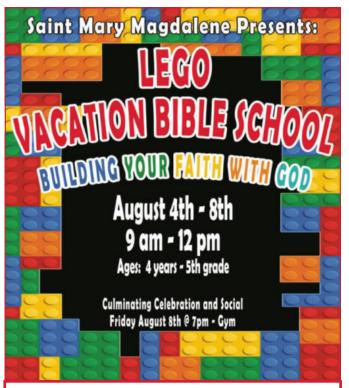
The film *No Address* will be released in theaters nationwide on Friday, Feb. 28 and will be shown at Atlas Cinemas Great Lakes in Mentor and Regal Willoughby Commons in Willoughby.

If you feel inspired after watching the film, please go to our website www.projecthopeforthehomeless.org to learn more about how to get involved including thru volunteering opportunities or by donating supply and/or financial donations.

Project Hope for the Homeless ~ 440-354-6417 ~ 25 Freedom Road.

Painesville Twp., OH 44077

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Join us August 4 - 8, 2025 at St. Mary Magdalene for a 4-day Camp experience of faith: full of songs, stories, games, snacks, and crafts. Mornings (9:00 a.m. - Noon) for children ages 4 through those entering 5th grade, with a Culminating Celebration and Social on Friday, August 8th at 7pm.

More information to follow!

For more information contact Stacey Polasko at the Parish Office 440-943-2133.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, Mar. 10 7 – 8:30pm

Westside Irish American Club 8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.



From Punk Rocker to Priest, Fr. Joe Menkhaus, parochial vicar/St. Bernadette's will bring his guitar, his stories & his insights as we enter into the Lenten season. A time to open our hearts to repentance and God's plan.

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance:

www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm.



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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.

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CHINESE AUCTION...

Please consider donating cash or gift cards for the Chinese Auction (we cannot accept lottery tickets). This is a very popular attraction at our festival.

Also looking for items for raffle baskets. We are planning to have approximately 100 baskets/ items this year. If you were able to donate a complete raffle basket that would be awesome.



Thank You!

All Souls Cemetery Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour, educational pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, March 15th, 2025**, at **1pm** in the **main cemetery office** at **All Souls Cemetery, Chardon**. Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps of burial pre-planning, types of burials (including cremation), and the Rite of Christian Burial. 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**. Visit **clecem.org** for more information.

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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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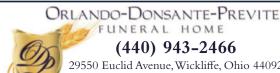
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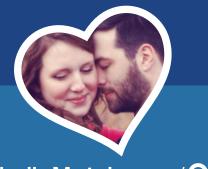
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