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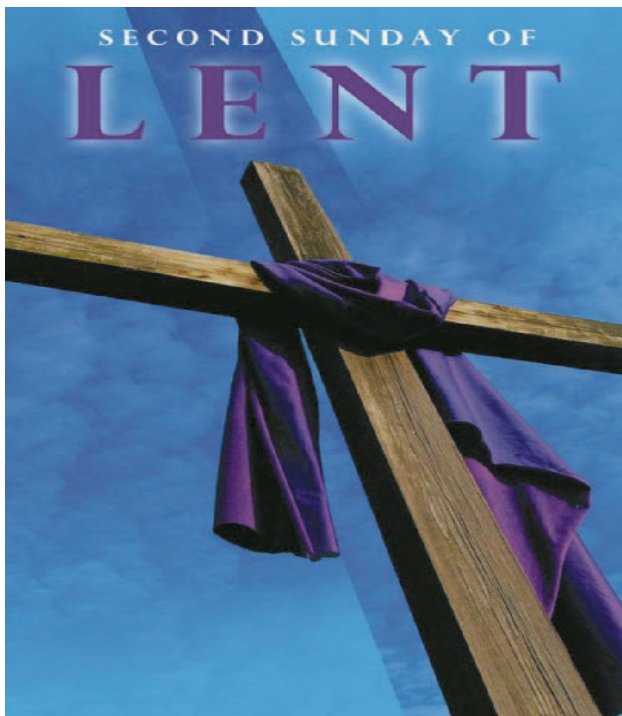
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Parish Mission Statement

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 OF LENT

MARCH 16, 2025



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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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12:00 to 1:00

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

CELEBRATING

Monday, March 17, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am....Walter-Goryance Families

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am....Josephine & Louis Gliha

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

St. Joseph ~ Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am.....The Joseph Uram Family

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00....Morning Prayer

Friday, March 21, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am...Mike Cala &

Maryanne Hansbrough

9:30 am...Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Lenten Weekday

4:30 pm....Abdul Michael Khan

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am.....Tom Rock

11:00.....Don Barrish

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2025

Sun.: Gn 15:5—12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:11
or 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Mon.: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tues.: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wed.: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a; Rm 4:13,
16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Thur.: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Fri.: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat.: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

FROM FR. STEVE....

Happy Second Week of Lent! I hope you received our mailer. In the mailer, there is a calendar of events for Lent. But I hope you take the time to read about the new changes for our festival. I hope you like the changes and additions. Plus, I hope you support our Festival Raffle and volunteer to help. We need you! Again, thank you for all your support. I think our Art & Environment are doing a great job. I like the Lenten Decorations. They are packed with meaning. According to Liz Annandono and the team, the design for the Lenten season was based on the concept of desolation and confusion. According to the committee, "It's what the followers of Jesus must have felt once he was taken away from them to face torture and death. All for the love of us." The burlap is a nice touch. Art & Environment wondered, "Do you trim it up or let it shred apart?" Liz added, "Even though it made us feel uneasy, we decided it was symbolic to leave it alone. Let it fray and shred. But why did it bother us in the first place? We wanted to tidy it up, make it look nicer. On retrospect, I'm thinking that the followers of Jesus wanted to tidy things up too. What was happening to this amazing person? They loved Jesus and believed in his teachings but now he was being taken away. They wanted to fix it because everything was "unraveling" just as easily as the burlap unravels. Ultimately Jesus was the only one who could fix it. He chose to let things unravel. So now the burlap takes on another meaning and symbolizes this feeling. Sometimes you need to feel uncomfortable to change. That is what Lent is calling us to do. The burlap is your reminder." They said that the Gathering Area features the crown of thorns and the nails that are waiting for Jesus. They added, "As you walk into church you automatically know what season you're in. Symbols that are clearly reminding you that Lent has begun. Then you see the subdued colors on the altar. The colors of sandy burlap and the gray of a dreary day invite you to be quiet, relax, pray and meditate. The crown reminds you again of what's to come. The big rock in front of the ambo can illustrate two symbols. Is it the rock Jesus leaned on during the Passion, or is it a rock used to close the tomb where Jesus was laid to rest? It will come back at Easter as a rock in the garden where Jesus revealed himself to Mary Magdalene. All of the designs use burlap, rocks, stones and succulents to remind you of the desert where Jesus and his disciples walked. The empty vases symbolize that we empty ourselves at the beginning of Lent only to be filled with renewed faith and love for Jesus." Thank you, Art & Environment. God bless!

PARISH NEWS



As we continue in the Lenten Season, St. Mary Magdalene will be sharing many programs and celebrations for Spiritual growth. Watch the bulletin as we provide activities as you continue your Lenten journey. Events will also be posted at www.smmwillowick.org

DIOCESAN WIDE ~ EVENING OF CONFESSION...



On Wednesday, March 19th, SMM, as well as most of the parishes in the Diocese, will offer "An Evening of Confession" from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Parishioners are asked to evangelize by inviting family and friends who are away from the church to join in this special Lenten practice. Priests at all parishes will be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 21st @ 9:30 am
Friday, March 28th @ 9:30 am
Friday, April 4th @ 9:30 am
Friday, April 11th @ 9:30 am



Lenten Holy Hours

3:00 pm ~ SMM Church



Tuesday, March 18th
Tuesday, March 25th
Tuesday, April 1st
Tuesday, April 8th

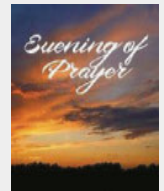


Please take a Catholic Relief Services Bowl in the Gathering Area. CRS Rice Bowls help us to live out our Catholic faith during Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

You are asked to bring back your family's Rice Bowl by Holy Week! THANK YOU for changing lives this Lent!

St. Mary Magdalene~Lenten Evenings of Prayer

Monday, March 17th @ 7:00 pm
Monday, March 24th @ 7:00 pm
Monday, March 31st @ 7:00 pm
Monday, April 7th @ 7:00 pm



St. John Vianney April 8 through May 27, 2025

Tuesday Evenings

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Divorce Recovery for Catholics, an 8 Week Support Group designed to meet the needs of those who are divorced or separated will begin Tuesday, April 8 and conclude on May 27, 2025, at St. John Vianney Parish, 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor. The group meets from 6:30-8:30 PM with a caring, trained facilitator. Our goal is to provide a place where we can share support and encouragement while offering direction and guidance for those that are struggling with separation/divorce. Sessions are tailored to meet the needs of the participants and provide the tools for coping and moving on. For more information or to register, please call Karen at 440-352-8282 or email:

kjubeck@st-gabriel.org

There is no charge for this program, all materials are provided, and it is open to people of all faiths.

PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATES!!

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 13th	Mass Book Open—2026
May 29-June 1st	Festival
June 8th	Confirmation
August 4-8th	Vacation Bible School

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

March 2, 2025

<i>Sundays & Holydays:</i>	\$ 6,496.50
<i>Capital Improvement:</i>	\$ 2,021.00
<i>1% Need Program:</i>	\$ 467.00
<i>Automatic Giving: Feb.24th –March 2nd</i>	\$ 2,624.30

March 9, 2025

<i>Sundays & Holydays:</i>	\$ 7,689.30
<i>Capital Improvement:</i>	\$ 1,479.00
<i>1% Need Program:</i>	\$ 380.00
<i>Automatic Giving: March 3rd –March 9th</i>	\$ 7,689.30

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

March 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: *Brown Lunch Bags* ~ place donations in SVdP basket in Gathering Area 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.

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>

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Mary Magdalene Church

Gym

32114 Vine Street

Willowick, OH 44095

Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:30 am ~ 2:00 pm

Schedule an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Magdalene or call

1-800-RED-CROSS

PARTICIPATING

This week at SMM

Sun., March 16th	Café 9:20-10:50 am	Rm. 104
Mon. March 17th	Evening Prayer 7-8:00 pm	Church
Tues., March 18th	Lenten Holy Hour 3-4:00 pm	Church
Wed., March 19th	Night of Confessions 5--8:00 pm	Church
Wed., March 19th	SVdP Meeting 7-8:30 pm	Rm. 103
Thur., March 20th	AA Meeting 6-7:30 pm	Rm. 104
Thur., March 20th	Choir Practice 7-9:00 pm	Church
Thur., March 20th	K of C 4th Degree 6-9:00 pm	Multi-Purp.
Fri., March 21st	Fish Fry 4-6:30 pm	Gym



Grief, as we know, is the experience of coping with loss, and it can accompany various life events that disrupt our sense of normalcy. Many factors can bring on grief—Loss of a job, Death of a loved one, Broken relationships, Death of a pet, Divorce, or any significant change in your life. Everyone's experience of grief is different; there is no one-size-fits-all. Grief that follows these losses is natural and very normal. However, sometimes our own reactions are unexpected. Support groups can provide guidance to help find our way and navigate through the transition.

A new six consecutive week; support group program is being offered at Immaculate Conception-Willoughby for anyone who has experienced a loss. We encourage you to join us each week and learn about various symptoms of grief, what you might experience and ways that could help you navigate through difficult days.

Sessions begin on Sunday March 30th and run through Sunday May 11th.

We will meet in the St. Ann room (rm. 103) and begin after the 11am Mass.

March 30; 12 Noon -1:30 pm | April 6, 13, 27; 12 Noon -1:30 pm | May 4 & 11; 12 Noon -1:30 pm

Refreshments will be available.

RSVP by contacting Immaculate Conception parish office 440-942-4500.

Leave your name, phone number and email address (if available) and parish you are from.

For more information, contact Raquel Nelson at Our Lady of Mount Carmel 440-585-0700 or via email: rnelson@olmcwickliffe.org

Catholic Cemeteries Association One-Year Anniversary Masses, March 18th – 19th

The one-year death anniversary of a loved one can be a very difficult time for grieving families. For this reason, we remember the faithful departed entrusted to our care, and we pray for the peace and consolation of their families in a special commemorative Mass. The Mass is celebrated annually near the March feast day of St. Joseph (March 19th), our model and intercessor for the grace of a peaceful passage from this life to our eternal home. This year we honor the faithful departed through Mass intentions at three local parishes, allowing families to select a Mass location and time that is most convenient for them to attend.

Tuesday, March 18th 12:00pm – The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (livestreamed), 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland OH 44114

Wednesday, March 19th 8:30am – St. Bridget of Kildare Parish, 5620 Hauserman Rd., Parma OH 44130

Wednesday, March 19th 5:00pm - Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4341 East 131st St, Garfield Hts OH 44105

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

Saint Mary Magdalene Presents:

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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August 4th - 8th
9 am - 12 pm
Ages: 4 years - 5th grade

Culminating Celebration and Social
Friday August 8th @ 7pm - Gym

SMM Families in Faith and Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for


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Egg Hunt Participants Ages 2 - 10yrs
April 12th: 9:30 - 11am
SMM Gym and Grove

Crafts Prize
Food Fun

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Joshua 24.15 states "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." The Knights of Columbus promote a family first household that will serve the Lord in everything we do. Do you want to continue on that journey with us and be a part of that?



Go to kofc.org and click on on Join Us.
For more information contact Tom Masterson (Magificate Council #4498 at (440) 487-0467,

St Mary Magdalene Fish Fry



Choose Baked or Fried Fish

All meals include:

Macaroni & Cheese - French Fries - Colestlaw - Applesauce - Roll - Butter - Dessert - Beverage

\$15.00 per person

What a catch!!!

Friday, March 21, 2025

4:00pm - 6:30pm

SMM Gym

Only 250 tickets sold!

The last day to purchase tickets is *Monday, March 17th.*

Stop by at the Parish Office and get your tickets now!

Come join others who have lost someone they love.

Don't be left out in the rain.



Join us as we share a **Common Bond!**

Saturday, March 29 in the parish hall

3:00-3:45pm Social 3:45pm Dinner

5:00pm—Mass at St. Justin Martyr

Donation \$10.00

We will share our grief as we learn to laugh with others.

RSVP to BETH at beth@stjustin.net or 440-946-1177 Ext. 105

by Wednesday, March 26 list food allergies



You do not have to be a member of St. Justin Martyr Church 35781 Stevens Blvd. Eastlake, 44095

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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