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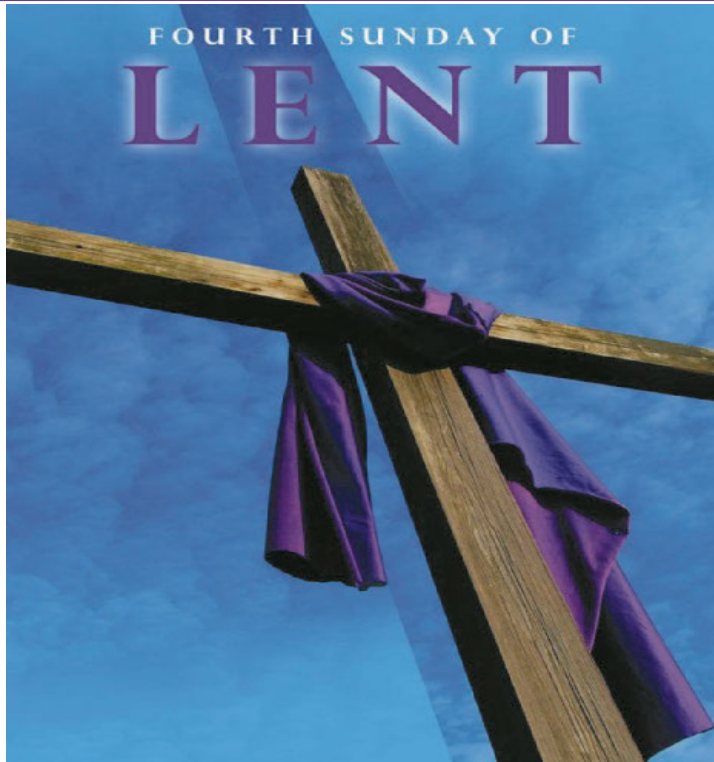
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Parish Mission Statement

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 30, 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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PRAYER & WORSHIP

CELEBRATING

Monday, March 31, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am...Peter Nunes

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am....Marianne Chinchar

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am.....Joyce Russo

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00....Morning Prayer

Friday, April 4, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am...Jane Makar

9:30 am...Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Lenten Weekday

4:30 pm....John, Olga & John A.
Trinko

Sunday, April 5, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am.....Rita Tumbry

11:00 am.....LuLu Pawlowski

Readings for the Week of March 30, 2025

Sun.: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Mon.: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tues.: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wed.: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thur.: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Fri.: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat.: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

FROM FR. STEVE....

Happy Fourth Sunday of Lent Everybody! This weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as *Laetare* Sunday and is a day of joy. This is the halfway mark of Lent, and Holy Week is near! The color for this week is rose and the priest at Mass has the option to wear rose colored vestments. Speaking of Holy Week, Monday, March 31st is the Dr. Brant Pitre's Jewish Roots of Holy Week Part One presented by Mike Weikart. This presentation will be in the Kaminiski Center. The first session is at 3:30PM and the encore presentation is at 5:30PM. You only need to attend one of the sessions. This Tuesday, April 1st, no foolin', is our Communal Cluster Penance Service from 6PM to 7:30PM. There will be five confessors available this evening. Stop at Saint Mary Magdalene Church between 6PM and 7:30PM for Adoration and the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please know Tom Hummer will be back on Wednesday, April 2nd at 7PM in the Church. Families that received a veil on March 25th will be returning their image and newly registered families can then have the veil for a week! Tom Hummer will stay with us as long as there is interest. April 5th is Jesus Day for our 2nd graders preparing for Holy Communion. Thank you, parents for trusting us to help prepare your children and God bless our 2nd graders preparing to receive their 1st Holy Communion. Deacon Brian Peters will be with us offering a reflection on Sunday, April 6th at 2PM in the Church at our Special Lenten Holy Hour. Welcome back, Deacon Brian! Then on Monday, April 7th, we will begin working on a section of pews. So, 9AM Mass will be in Room 104 for the week. In the event of a funeral, we will have it at Saint Justin Martyr Parish. Sorry for the inconvenience. Our Tuesday Holy Hour at 3PM will also be in Room 104. Do you have a will? Did you know 68% of Americans do not have a will? One of the reasons people do not have a will is that some find the process of creating a will to be too complex or expensive. If someone dies without one, the state probate court decides who inherits their assets. When my brother Mark went home to the Lord, he did not have one, and I was the administrator managing his estate. Thank goodness I had a wonderful attorney to help me through, and I was sincerely grateful for his help during such a tough time. With that, Saint Mary Magdalene has recently partnered with My Catholic Will. It is the only online Catholic will-writing tool available. Now you can create your Will for FREE, and in 15 minutes, you can write your will and consider a legacy gift to Saint Mary Magdalene Parish. To create your will, visit <https://mycatholicwill.com/smmwillowick> and use the referral code SMMWILLOWICK. Start your will today! God bless and have a wonderful week!

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

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

March 23, 2025

Sundays & Holydays: \$ 4,070.00

Capital Improvement: \$ 1,562.00

1% Need Program: \$ 37.00

*Automatic Giving: March 17th March 23rd
\$ 3,510.00*

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 4th @ 9:30 am

Friday, April 11th @ 9:30 am



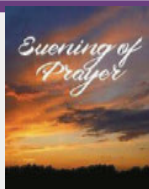
Please take a Catholic Relief Services Bowl in the Gathering Area. CRS Rice Bowls help us to live out our Catholic faith during Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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 31st @ 7:00 pm

Monday, April 7th @ 7:00 pm



Lenten Holy Hours

3:00 pm ~ SMM Church



Tuesday, April 1st

Tuesday, April 8th



Holy Thursday—April 17th

9:00 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday—April 18th

9:00 am Morning Prayer

Noon Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday—April 19th

9:00 am Morning Prayer

3:00 pm Blessing of Food

9:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday—April 20th

Masses celebrated at:

8:00 am ~ Church

9:30 am ~ Church

11:00 am ~ Church

The Parish Office *Will Be Closed:*

Holy Thursday, April 17th

Good Friday, April 18th

Holy Saturday, April 19th

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Easter Monday, April 21st

PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATES!!

- 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

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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>

savers

Knights of Columbus is having a Savers Drive. Please drop off any clothing, shoes, purses, linens, etc., to the Parish Office in a garbage bag. (No electronics please)

Deadline for drop-off: May 2, 2025.

Thank you for your continued support!!

Blood Pressure Screening
will be offered Sunday,
April 6, 2025, in the
Kaminski Room (Rm.
103) after 8:00 am Mass.



LUNCH PACKING

April 28th

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. These brown bag lunches are delivered by volunteers to the West Side Catholic Center to feed the needy.

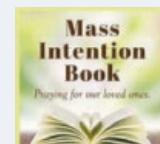
DONATION OF HAMS PLEASE.....

SVdP is collecting hams to share with families for their Easter dinner. If you would be able to donate, please drop off at the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!! God's Blessings to you!!



MASS BOOK ~ 2025 :

Our SMM Mass Book for the 2025 year is filled—there are no more Masses available.



The Mass Book for 2026 will open in May. Watch the bulletin for more information.

PARISH NEWS

Immaculate Conception Church

37932 Euclid Avenue

Willoughby, OH 44094

CATHOLICS COME HOME

Sadly we all know someone that no longer attends mass on a weekly basis. It's especially hard for us to understand why they've dropped out of the very thing that gives us hope, and we want them to come home.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME begins on Tuesday April 29th at Immaculate Conception Church in Willoughby. In our first 12 years over 50 adults have returned to the regular practice of the faith, and we can say not a single one of them said they ever lost faith in God! That means God never stopped speaking to them, and we're sure He's still speaking to your loved ones as well. Never give up praying for their return and invite them to join us for **CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME**. More information and details: Lee 440-728-6640 or leejarocki@yahoo.com



The Jewish Roots of Holy Week

Join us for a two-part video presentation by Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores what Jesus chose to say and do on the last seven days of his life.

Part 1: Palm Sunday to Spy Wednesday; Monday, March 31 at 3:30-4:30 pm; repeated at 5:30 pm-6:30 pm.

Part 2: Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday; Monday, April 7 at 3:30-4:30 pm; repeated at 5:30-6:30 pm.

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COME EXPERIENCE

THE ANSWER

MARCH 21, 22 | 7:30PM
St. Joseph Parish
200 St. Joseph Dr.
Amherst Ohio

MARCH 28, 29 | 7:30PM
Immaculate Conception Church
414 Madison St.
Port Clinton, Ohio

APRIL 4, 5 | 7:30PM
St. Justin Martyr
35781 Stevens Blvd.
Eastlake, Ohio

APRIL 11, 12 | 7:30PM
Solid Rock Community Church
680 North Abbe Road.
Elyria, Ohio

EVENT COST: **FREE** | PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION

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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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