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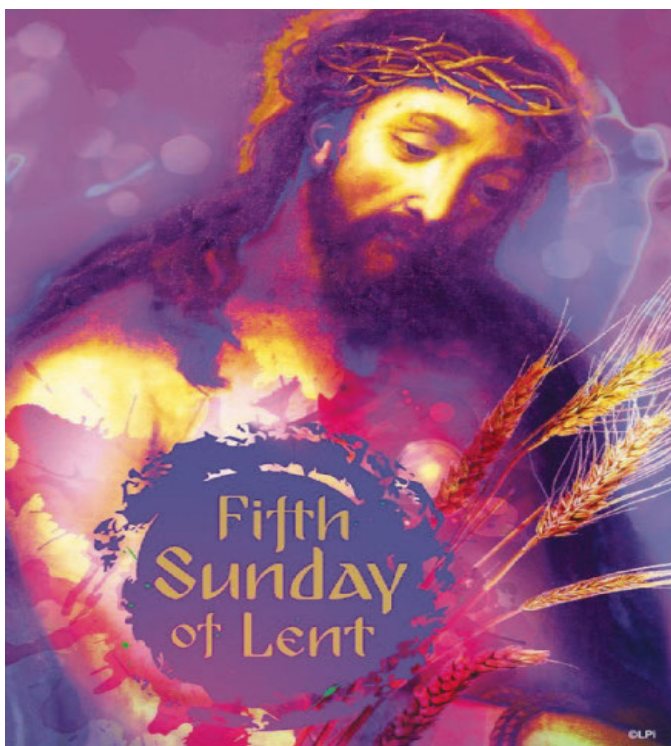
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Parish Mission Statement

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 6, 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 ~

Noon

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

CELEBRATING

Monday, April 7, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am...Frank & Helen Stewart

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Lenten Weekday

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

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am.....Richard Hlabse

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00....Morning Prayer

Friday, April 11, 2025

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am...Josephine DiBarto

9:30 am...Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Lenten Weekday

4:30 pm....Joseph & Mary Parker

Sunday, April 13, 2025

**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

8:00 am.....Clara Trawicki

11:00 am.....Joseph & Pauline Leotta
George & Yolanda Judy

Readings for the Week of April 6, 2025

Sun.: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45

Mon.: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:12-20

Tues.: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wed.: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92,95; Jn 8:31-42

Thur.: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Fri.: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Sat.: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

FROM FR. STEVE....

Happy 5th week of Lent everyone! With that, next weekend is Palm Sunday. I hope you are having a meaningful Lenten Season. On Sunday, April 6th, we will have a Holy Hour at 2PM with guest speaker Deacon Brian Peters. As mentioned, Brian will be one of the eight ordained men to the priesthood on May 17th. The 2025 Priestly Ordination Class is an outstanding group of men. We are talking, "top shelf!" I feel very blessed to know four of them and I hope I can attend some of their celebrations. Next year we are slated to have six men ordained to the priesthood. Our diocese may have the happy problem of trying to find them parish assignments! Our current Vocation Director and Homiletics Instructor, Fr. Eric Garriss, is doing a great job. This week, Henninger's will begin working in the church installing kneelers. 9AM Weekday Masses will be in Room 104. Also, our Tuesday Holy Hour at 3PM will be in Room 104. Sorry for the inconvenience. The remaining sections of the Church should be done during the early summer. Part Two of Dr. Brant Pitre's Jewish Roots of Holy Week presented by Mike Weikart is Monday, April 7th at 3:30PM and 5:30PM in the Kaminski Center. You only need to attend one of these sessions. If you were unable to attend our Cluster Evening of Confession on April 1st, please know there are opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Holy Week. Confessions on Monday of Holy Week are from 5:30PM to 6:15PM. Confessions on Spy Wednesday are from Noon to 1PM. There are no confessions on Holy Saturday. Confessions will resume on April 26th from 3:15PM to 4PM. Be sure to consult the calendar for all other services during Holy Week. This Saturday, April 5th, our 2nd graders preparing for their 1st Holy Communion had their Jesus Day. Our 2nd graders will be making their 1st Holy Communion at the 4:30PM Mass on Saturday, April 26th and at the 11AM on April 27th. Congratulations to our 2nd graders and their families! I hope you like the new waterfall fountain by the outdoor statue of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Mark Blase has been working very hard and doing a great job landscaping the area. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please see Mark Blase. As mentioned in last week's bulletin, 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. Secure your legacy of faith and give hope to future generations of Catholics in the most meaningful way! With My Catholic Will, you can also specify your wishes for a Catholic funeral and burial. To create your will, visit <https://mycatholicwill.com/smmwillowick> and use the referral code SMMWILLOWICK. 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

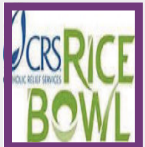
March 30, 2025

Sundays & Holydays: \$ 5,575.00

Capital Improvement: \$ 296.00

1% Need Program: \$ 70.00

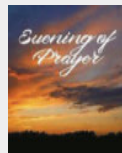
Automatic Giving: March 24th March 30th
\$ 2,388.30



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, April 7th @ 7:00 pm



Lenten Holy Hours

3:00 pm ~ SMM Church

Tuesday, April 8th



Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 11th @ 9:30 am



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

The FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."

— The Holy Gospel According to John 12:26

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society 440-943-2133, ext. 6179

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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>



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.

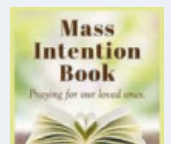
DONATION OF HAMS PLEASE.....

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

This week at SMM

Sun., April 6th	Café 9:20-10:50 am	Rm. 104
Sun., April 6th	Deacon Brian Peters 2-3:30 pm	Church
Mon. April 7th	Evening Prayer 7-8:00 pm	Church
Mon., April 7th	Spiritual Book Club 2-8:30 pm	Rm. 103
Tues., April 8th	Lenten Holy Hour 3-4:00 pm	Church
Tues., April 8th	Prayer Shawl 1-2:30 pm	Rm. 104
Tues., April 8th	Holy Face of Jesus 7-8:30 pm	Church
Wed., April 9th	K of C 4498 6-8:00 pm	Multi-Purp.
Thur., April 10th	AA Meeting 6-7:30 pm	Rm. 104
Thur., April 10th	Choir Practice 7-9:00 pm	Church
Sat., April 12th	Breakfast with the Bunny 8-11:30 am	Gym



The Jesuit Retreat Center offers many spiritual programs during the month of April. For a list of their offerings email at the address below.

April 2025 - Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats
Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH
44134. <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>

Immaculate Conception Church

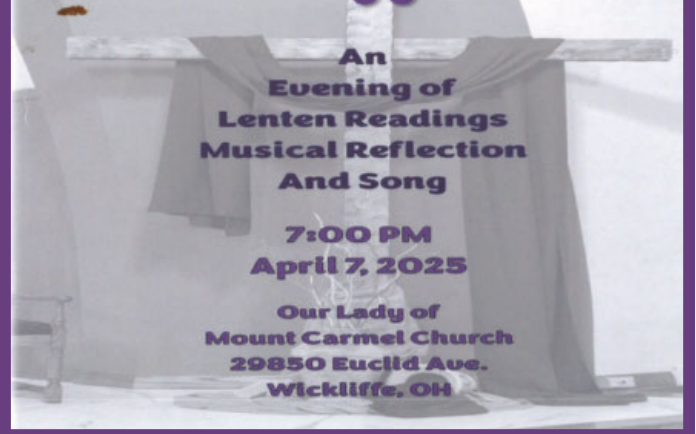
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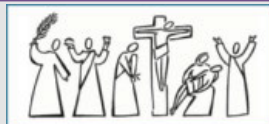
CATHOLICS COME HOME

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 Old Rugged Cross



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. Video will be shown in the Kaminski Center (Room 103).

PARTICIPATING



33rd Annual Homecoming Festival – May 29 – June 1, 2025

Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their Main Raffle tickets and Volunteer Forms! And thanks to everyone who has already made donations for our Chinese Auction and Spirits Wagon!

As of 4-01-2025 we have received \$ 6,550 in ticket money!!!!

- We need everyone's help to make our Homecoming Festival a success! What can YOU do?????
- Please purchase and sell Main Raffle tickets. This should be our largest source of income for the festival. More tickets are available in the Parish Office.
- 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 – we are planning to have approximately 100 baskets/items this year.
- Please consider donating liquor for our “Spirits Wagon”. This was a very sought after prize last year and was very successful. All donations can be brought to the Main Office.
- Please consider donating new stuffed animals and wrapped candy for the Kids Carnival games.

Questions - contact Rosemarie Sisler at (440) 854-6001 or at rsisler@smmwillowick.org



Hit List
Thursday
7-10 pm



Intense
Friday
7-10 pm



Disco Inferno
Saturday
7-10 pm



**Brian Papesh
Party Band**
Sunday
1:30-4:30 pm



Ace Molnar
Sunday
6-9 pm

Outback Ray Amazing Animal Show ~ Saturday 3-4 pm

Polka Mass—Sunday ~ 11:00 in the Church

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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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