

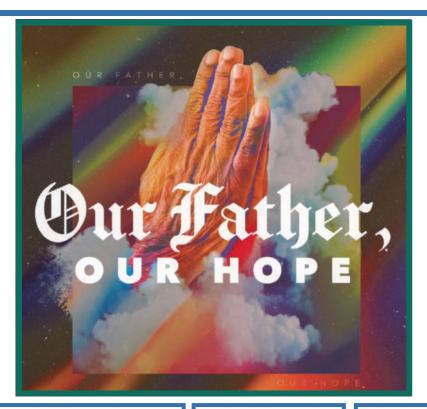
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## **Parish Mission Statement**

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 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!

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#### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 27, 2025

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## **PRAYER & WORSHIP**

#### **CELEBRATING**

Monday, July 28, 2025 Weekday 9:00 am...Mary Vargo

Tuesday, July 29, 2025
Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus
9:00 am....Marjorie Troy

Wednesday, July 30, 2025 Weekday 9:00 am....William Breck

Thursday, July 31, 2025
St. Ignatius of Loyola
9:00 am....Morning Prayer

August 2, 2025

Friday, August 1, 2025
St. Alphonsus Ligori
9:00 am....John Andrews
9:30 am....Sacred Heart Novena

Weekday
4:30 pm....Raymond Poshedley
50th Anniversary Blessing of
Jim and Mary Lou Ezzo

Sunday, August 3, 2025 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am....Frank & Celine Burger 11:00 am...Antoinette Hlabse

## Readings for the Week of July 27 2025

Sun.: Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Mon.: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

Tues.: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28;

Jn 11:19-27

Wed.: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thur.: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

Fri.: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;

Mt 13:54-58

Sat.: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

#### FROM FR. STEVE...

Hi everybody! Did you know that our dear friends, The Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland are beginning the celebration of their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their presence here in the Diocese of Cleveland? What a milestone! So many years of faithfully serving in our many schools, institutions and other outreach programs. Happy Anniversary Ursuline Sisters! So many of you treasured their presence at our parish. What a blessing that we have a part in their legacy in our diocese! I do enjoy hearing the stories of how the Ursuline Sisters touched your lives and helped you grow in your faith. I am sure many of you hold dear the relationships you formed over the years with the Ursuline Sisters. The Sisters are sincerely grateful for these relationships and memories too! With that, the Ursuline Sisters would love for you to celebrate these graced times with them. So if you have any memories or photos you would like to share with the Ursuline Sisters please email them to <u>ursulinesisters175@ursulinesisters.org</u> where they will collect them and share them with all the sisters throughout their anniversary year of celebrations. Or you can put them in the U.S. Mail. The address is Ursuline Sisters 175th Anniversary, 6085 Parkland Blvd. #175, Mayfield Hts, Ohio 44124. You are also invited to the opening event of this joyful anniversary year. The date is Sunday, August 10th from 2PM to 5PM in the parking area of Ursuline College, 2550 Lander Road, Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124. Admission is free! If you are attending, you can make your reservations at 440-229-5635. God bless the Ursuline Sisters! And congrats to "Man of Carroll" and son of the parish Dave Rastoka being honored with name on the John Carroll University Hall of Fame Wing. Dave had an outstanding career as a linebacker on the John Carroll Football team in the late 80's. I am sure Dave's parents. John & Delores Rastoka are delighted about their son being recognized. The News Herald wrote a very nice article on Dave in the Wednesday July 16th edition of the paper. Thank you, Coletta for giving me a copy! Dave, in the article, credits his Junior High Saint Mary Magdalene Football Coach Tim Armelli for helping him have such an accomplished career. Also, David also mentions being part of the Willowick Swim Team. So nice to read our parish and our community receiving props! Currently, Dave lives in Columbus but regularly visits his parents and Saint Mary Magalene Parish. Congratulations Dave! This week we begin getting a new school parking lot. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please pray for good weather so this job gets completed during the week. We are long overdue for a new parking lot. Thank you for supporting our Capital Improvement Fund. Your support has enabled us to tackle this project. Those that are dropped off for Mass on the weekend might need to utilize the Vine street entrance next weekend. This entrance has a ramp. Hopefully, the parking lot will be finished. God bless!

## **PARISH NEWS**

#### **SAVE THE DATES!!**

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<b>Aug. 4-8th</b>	Vacation Bible School
Aug. 15th	<b>Feast of the Assumption</b>
Aug. 17th	<b>SVdP Chicken Dinner</b>
Sept. 13th	Fill the Cruiser
Sept. 13th Sept. 14th Oct. 4th Oct. 3rd	K of C Spaghetti Dinner
Oct. 4th	<b>Ladies Luncheon</b>
Oct. 3rd	Pet Blessing
Uct. 5th	Coast to Coast Rosary
Cct. 8th	<b>Bus Trip to Marian Shrines</b>
Nov. 2nd	Cabbage Roll Dinner
Oct. 8th Nov. 2nd Nov. 29th Nov. 30th	Craft Show
Nov. 30th	1st Sunday of Advent
Dec. 8th	Feast ~ Immaculate Conception
<b>Dec. 13-14</b>	<b>Holiday Bake Sale</b>
Jan. 24th Feb. 7th Feb. 18th March 7th	77th Anniversary Dinner
Feb. 7th	Night at the Races
<b>Feb. 18th</b>	Ash Wednesday
March 7th	St. Patrick's Party
March 13th	Fish Fry
April 5th	Easter Sunday
April 5th Apr. 25th Apr. 26th May 3rd	1st Communion 4:30 pm Mass
Apr. 26th	1st Communion 11:00 am Mass
May 3rd	May Crowning
May 9 & 10	Spring Bake Sale
May 18th	Confirmation
May 28-31	Parish Festival

#### LUNCH PACKING

July 28th, Aug. 11th & 25th

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.

## This week at SMM

Sun., July 27th Café

9:20-10:50 am

Rm. 104

Mon., July 28th

**Lunch Packing** 

9-10:00 am Multi-Purp

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society is a Food Pantry and 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.



## **PARISH NEWS**

## **CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

July 20, 2025

**Sundays & Holydays:** \$ 5,033.00

Capital Improvement: \$ 1,056.00

1% Need Program: \$ 75.00

Automatic Giving:

*July 14-2025* ~ 07-20-2925 \$ \$ 3,710.00

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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

## Sharing our Story

From an excerpt of Bishop Malesic's recent Pastoral Letter: Knowing and Telling One's Own Story, the Bishop stresses the importance of Catholic faith sharing. Like many parishes in the diocese, we at St. Mary Magdalene's have a wealth of love and faith for our Catholic church and you are going to start seeing these stories in our bulletin! Bishop Malesic asks, "What is your story? What has God done in your life? How has your life changed because of your faith? and How has being part of a Christian community enriched your life?" Many of you may be familiar with the God Wink Series by Squires Rushnell. The books are filled with uplifting and heartfelt true stories of hope and inspiration. A "God Wink" is an event seemingly coincidental but coming from divine origin. Always a sign of hope. It is another word for answered prayer. Maybe the stories you read from our parishioner's faith sharing will be filled with a "God Wink" or two and maybe help you to realize that God has winked at you.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

For needy children in the Willoughby-Eastlake School District

How can you help???

Purchase the school supplies listed below & drop off in the Gathering Area of SMM the weekends of July 26th & 27th, August 2nd & 3rd and August 9th & 10th

- ⇒ Hand Sanitizers
- **⇒** Disinfecting Wipes
- $\Rightarrow$  Spiral notebooks (2)
- ⇒ 1 pack of wide rule filler paper
- ⇒ 12" plastic ruler (inches/metric)
- $\Rightarrow$  #2 pencils (1 box)
- $\Rightarrow$  Blue or black pens (1 box)
- ⇒ 4 oz Elmer's Glue Stick & Elmer's Glue
- ⇒ Crayola crayons (24 count)
- ⇒ Pre-sharpened Colored Pencils (12 count)
- **⇒** Dry Erase Markers
- ⇒ Box of 8 washable markers
- $\Rightarrow$  Highlighters
- $\Rightarrow$  Pocket folders (3)
- $\Rightarrow$  Pencil cap erasers (3)
- $\Rightarrow$  Box of Tissues
- ⇒ 5" Fiskar Scissors
- ⇒ Erasers

If you would prefer, you can write a check for \$20 towards the cost of the supplies. Please make the check out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the supplies will be purchased for you. On behalf of all the students who will benefit from your thoughtfulness and generosity, SVdP thanks you!



Are you receiving emails from SMM with all the

happenings in the Parish?? If not, and you would like to start receiving these informative updates, send your email address to:

bsoeder@smmwillowick.org

Bob will add your name and email to list.

## **PARTICIPATING**

## 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: August 9, 2025.

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered on Sunday, August 3rd, in the Kaminski Room (Room 103) after 8:00 am Mass.



# "I assure you when you did it to the least of my brothers you did it for me" Mt. 25,40

With the word "least" Jesus includes those who are in prison. The incarcerated are the last group of people on Jesus' list of those who we need to care for. But that is a common thing to do because you know what they say, "out of sight, out of mind." But it's been my experience that the incarcerated are the most grateful group of people that I have ever ministered to. They just have a need to know that they have not been forgotten or ignored. And Jesus needs us to let them know that. If you would like to be part of this needed ministry right here in Lake County or you just want to know more about it, please call or e-mail me at 440-854-6016 or Toomey-c@att.net

Deacon Carl

#### **August 2025 - Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats**

Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH https://www.iesuitretreatcenter.org

Join us later in July for a gathering of family, friends and live music!

**Ignatius in the Meadow.** Sunday, July 27, 6:30 - 8:30pm. Come, celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius on our beautiful grounds. Bring your blanket, lawn chair, food, friends and family for a Sunday evening of live popular music by The Inspired Clams, fronted by Tina Facca-Miess. Free will offering. RSVP is not necessary.

Rosary Hall AA Men's 12 Step Retreat. Friday, August 1, 5:30pm - Sunday, August 3, 11:30am. A Recovery Retreat at Jesuit Retreat Center is a time to nurture your serenity, deepen your spirituality and find the strength to work the steps of recovery. The weekend includes inspiring presentations, small group discussion, fellowship, private rooms and 5 meals. \$300Living into a Dangerous Future: A Journaling Program on Zoom. Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30pm EST. August 4, 11, 18, 25. Presented by *Michael Reiling, M.Ed.* This journaling program is built on the insights of Brian McLaren's book, <u>Life After Doom</u>, as well as other sources. Brian encourages us to plan for living on a planet of increasing heat, more powerful storms and droughts, diminished nature, and threats to human living. Each session will include short presentations, reflective journaling time and the sharing of thoughts. Cost: \$40

**Liturgy & Ignatian Spirituality: Mass & Ignatian Reflections in August.** Tuesdays, 8:00 - 8:45am. August 5, 12, 19, 26. 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).

**August Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day**. Tuesday, August 5, 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

**August Weekend Directed Retreat.** Friday, August 8, 5:30pm - Sunday, August 10, 1:00pm. Learn more on our website. Cost: \$300 - \$400

**August 6-Night Directed Retreat.** Friday, August 8, 5:30pm - Thursday, August 14, 1:00pm. Learn more on our website. Cost: \$625 - \$1,000

**Ignatian Sabbath Weekend.** Friday, August 22, 5:30pm - Sunday, August 24, 11:30am. We invite you to come away to our Ignatian Sabbath Weekend. You will have time to pray, rest, relax, and renew. Make your own schedule or join one of our Ignatian spirituality sessions on Friday night or Saturday. We'll celebrate the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday afternoon. Enjoy our beautiful facility and 57 verdant wooded acres. No need to cook as you will enjoy five meals from our outstanding culinary staff.

Cost: \$300

**Ignatian Sabbath Day.** Saturday, August 23, 9:00am - 7:00pm. Can't get away for a whole weekend? Then come to our Ignatian Sabbath Day. You will have time to pray, rest, relax, and renew. Make your own schedule or join one of our Ignatian spirituality sessions on Saturday. We'll celebrate the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday afternoon. Enjoy two meals from our outstanding culinary staff. Cost: \$75

## **PARISH NEWS**





#### Join Us for a Catholic Teaching Mass

Ever wonder why we do what we do at Mass?

You're invited to a **Teaching Mass** on **Friday, August 1 at 6:30 PM** at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Gates Mills**. During this special liturgy, the priest will pause at key moments to explain the meaning behind the prayers, gestures, and symbols of the Mass as we celebrate it.

This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone—whether you're a lifelong Catholic, returning to the Church, or simply curious—to deepen your understanding of the Eucharist and grow in appreciation for the beauty of the Catholic faith.

## A light dinner and social will follow the Mass. All are welcome.

Come and experience the Mass with fresh insight and an open heart.

## **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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