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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!

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AUGUST 3, 2025

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

CELEBRATING

Monday, August 4, 2025 St. John Vianney 9:00 am...Danton Barruga

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 Weekday 9:00 am....Bob Puchan

Wednesday, August 6, 2025
The Transfiguration of the Lord
9:00 am....Peter Nunes

Thursday, August 7, 2025 Weekday 9:00 am....Morning Prayer

Friday, August 8, 2025
St. Dominic
9:00 am.....Tom Busher

August 9, 2025 Weekday 4:30 pm.....David Grigsby, Sr.

Sunday, August 10, 2025 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am....Stan Kaucic

11:00 am...Colleen Troy Clapp

Readings for the Week of August 3, 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...

Happy August Everyone! This Sunday, August 3rd is The Fest, the annual one-day event that brings people together from all regions to enjoy an inspiring day of faith, family & fun! The Fest is free with a lot of entertainment and many spiritual activities. Check out this free event! The evening ends with an outdoor Mass and fireworks. Congratulations to Madison Catherine Hutchinson, The Knights of Columbus Magnificat Council 4498 Youth of the Year. Madison certainly goes above and beyond the call of duty! She is a server at our 8AM mass, she volunteers and works very hard at the parish festival in the food tent, the rummage sale and more. Madison is a member of the marching band at Willoughby South. This past year, while her mom was recovering from surgery, Madison took on more responsibilities at home, so that her mother could recover. She is always eager to help and volunteer whenever there is a chance. Congratulations Madison! Also, speaking of congratulations, I just found out the Lake Catholic Cougars Baseball team are Division IV State Champions. This is their 1st state title and the second title for Lake County. The Lake Catholic Cougars Baseball Team are coached by Brian LeRoy. He and his wife Dana are members of the parish. Their children, Camden and Jameson are in our Families In Faith Program! Dana's parents are Jim and Bette Ingraham. They too are parishioners here! Bette is a Eucharistic Minister, member of our Prayer Shawl and Art & Environment. Congratulations Brian and the Lake Catholic Cougars Baseball team! Last week I mentioned The Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland are beginning the celebration of their 175th Anniversary of their presence here in the Diocese of Cleveland. The Ursuline Sisters would love for you to celebrate this year with them. So if you have any memories or photos you would like to share with the **Ursuline Sisters please email them to**;

ursulinesisters175@ursulinesisters.org

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! Tickets are on sale after the Masses for the SVDP BBQ Dinner on Sunday, August 17th from Noon to 2:30PM! Dine In or Carry Out. Tickets are \$15. Proceeds benefit our SVDP Society. The Women's Gym Restroom renovations are underway! Thank you, Marilyn Belevice, the Ladies Luncheon team and donors for making this possible! The 2025 Ladies Luncheon is Saturday, October 4th, The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi! God bless and have a great week!

PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATES!!

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Aug. 15th	Feast of the Assumption
, Aug. 17th	SVdP Chicken Dinner
Sept. 13th	Fill the Cruiser
Sept. 14th	K of C Spaghetti Dinner
Oct. 4th	Ladies Luncheon
Oct, 4th	Pet Blessing
Oct. 5th	Coast to Coast Rosary
Oct. 8th	Bus Trip to Marian Shrines
Nov. 2nd	Cabbage Roll Dinner
Nov. 29th	Craft Show
Nov. 30th	1st Sunday of Advent
Dec. 8th	Feast ~ Immaculate Conception
Dec. 13-14	Holiday Bake Sale
Jan. 24th	77th Anniversary Dinner
Feb. 7th	Night at the Races
Feb. 18th	Ash Wednesday
March 7th	St. Patrick's Party
March 13th	Fish Fry
April 5th	Easter Sunday
Apr. 25th	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
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This week at SMM

Sun., Aug. 3rd
Café
9:20-10:50 am
Rm. 104
Wed., Aug., 6th
Catholic War Veterans

6:45-8:45 pm Multi-Purp

Thurs., Aug.7th AA Meeting

6-7:00 pm Rm. 104

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

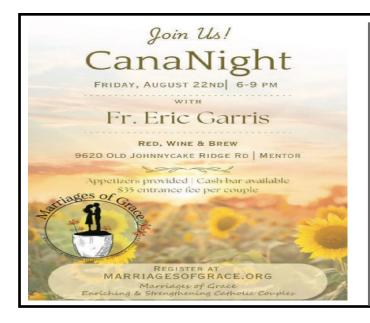
St. Vincent de Paul Society is a Food
Pantry and pleased to serve those in need on
behalf of the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Parish.
We depend on your donations [Food Pantry—1% Envelope or the Poor Box] for the funds that we expend and sincerely thank you on behalf of those in need for your ongoing 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.

LUNCH PACKING

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. Special Needs! Peanut Butter and Jelly

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



Parish Festival

May 28-31

All engaged and married couples are invited to join Marriages of Grace on Friday, August 22nd from 6-9pm at Red, Wine and Brew in Mentor for our next CanaNight. Fr. Eric Garris, the vocations director for the diocese of Cleveland will be speaking. This date night includes complimentary appetizer A cash bar will be available. \$35 per couple. For more information and to register visit: www.marriagesofgrace.org

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CONTRIBUTION REPORT

July 27, 2025

Sundays & Holydays: \$ 7,980.00

Capital Improvement: \$ 1,633.00

1% Need Program: \$ 201.00

Automatic Giving: July 21st ~ 07-27-2025 \$ 2,503.00

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

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
- ⇒ 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!

Constant Contact

Starting in September, Bob Soeder will be sending, by

email, a weekly news update. It will be called "Weekly Parish Update". If you are not already receiving the Constant Contact emails and would like to sign up for this weekly information, go to:

- www.smmwillowick.org
- ♦ Click on NEW Weekly Parish in your email
- Fill out attached form and submit

PARTICIPATING

God Winks and Other Inspirational Stories from St. Mary Magdalene's Parishioners

Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. (Acts 2:2)

It wasn't like the roaring of a mighty windstorm but more like a strong urge to say something. My coworker passed by and went into the copy room and I didn't say anything except to greet her. I brushed off the feeling as not rationale to share an obituary to someone who didn't even know my friend! Loretta had recently passed away from brain cancer. I had shared with my coworker a year earlier, when I had gone to visit Loretta in California shortly after her diagnosis as well as the day after she had passed. I was heartbroken to have lost my dear friend from high school when she was only 50 years old. My coworker came out of the copy room and stopped at my desk to chat a minute. There was that "feeling" again but much stronger--more like a push or a shove this time to share this with her. I found myself thrusting the obituary across the counter and stating, "This is my friend that I told you about that had passed away."

My coworker, Michelle, read the obituary and then started saying, "Oh my gosh, oh my gosh, you are not going to believe this, but this is my cousin! I didn't know she passed away!" We both were in shock and amazement at this "coincidence". Michelle came back to my desk about 5 minutes later and said 'I believe God wanted me to know that Loretta had passed, I can't believe this is your friend and my cousin! Our families have lost touch since my mother has been ill and she had always kept in touch with the extended family." The next day, Michelle brought in a family photo of all of them as double proof of the family connection. (I never had any doubt though!)

Going full circle, this strengthened my faith to listen and follow those quiet (or sometimes not so quiet!) inner feelings and to take action when prompted even if you may feel silly doing so. Loretta's family credits coming back to their Catholic faith thru her illness and when I see her father at mass, I fondly remember my friend with continued thoughts and prayers for her and their family.

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8.6

Valerie Varga



Thank You!!....The members of our St. Vincent DePaul Society and our Knights of Columbus Council are very grateful to all of the volunteers and supporters

who helped to make the Summer Rummage Sale and the Cookout successful events!

We appreciate the ongoing support from Fr.

Steve and assistance from our awesome Maintenance Staff! We are thankful for everyone who
donated items, helped with set up and clean up,
and all of those who patronized our events — we
are truly blessed







Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting Tuesday, August 12, 2025 ~ 1-2:30 PM ~ Room 103 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Room 103

Join in the friendship while we knit or crochet and pray for people who need prayer shawls, lap throws, chemo caps, etc. You do need to donate your own supplies but we can provide patterns.

We gladly accept items from those who are unable to attend.

For more information call Liz at 440-725-0113.

"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 @ 440-854-6016 or e-mail me at Toomey-c@att.net

Deacon Carl

PARISH NEWS



2025 Cleveland Catholic Women's DAY OF REFLECTION



Tickets go on sale August 11th!









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Saturday, October 11, 2025 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Rd. Independence, Ohio

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40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Since 1985, Malachi Center has provided life-changing programs and services for homeless individuals, low-income families, and their children. As we reflect on our past and look to the future, please join us to help celebrate our 40th Anniversary -- while also raising vital funds to support our mission! VIP RECEPTION: 5:30pm - 6:30pm ~ Includes buffet dinner, valet parking, cocktails & dessert. At 6:30pm, guests move from VIP Reception to Soup for the Soul - then view Celebration Program.

Corporate table is \$5,000. Individual Ticket: \$250

SOUP FOR THE SOUL: 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Enjoy a nostalgic trip down memory lane as Marigold Catering provides "Soup For The Soul." Includes surface parking, beverages, drink ticket (beer or wine) & dessert. Individual: \$75 (before 8/1/25) \$58 tax-deductible. \$85 (after 8/1/25) \$68 tax-deductible 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: 7:30pm - 8:30pm. All guests will be part of our 40th Anniversary Program, which begins at 7:30pm. Join us to help celebrate our success, so we can continue our life-saving mission!

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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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