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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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## **PRAYER & WORSHIP**

#### CELEBRATING

Monday, September 1, 2025 Parish Office Closed Weekday 9:00 am...Patricia Zadell

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 Weekday 9:00 am....Josephine DiBarto

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 St. Gregory the Great 9:00 am.....Chamach Barriga

Thursday, September 4, 2025 Weekday 9:00 am.....Morning Prayer

Friday, September 5, 2025 Weekday 9:00 am.....Tom Busher 9:30 am.....Sacred Heart Novena Saturday, September 6, 2025

Weekday 4:30 pm....Ross & Mary Armelli

Sunday, September 7, 2025 **Twenty-Third Sunday** in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Jana Breck

11:00 am...Mary Koenig

## Readings for the Week of August 31, 2025

Sun.: Sir 4:17-18, 20, 27-29; Heb 12:

18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:7-14 Mon.: 1 Thes4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tues.: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wed.: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thur.: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11 Fri.: Col 1:15-20: Lk 5:33-39 Sat.: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

#### FROM FR. STEVE...

Happy Labor Day Weekend Everyone! I hope you have a fun and restful Labor Day. The parish office is closed on Labor Day. Mass on Labor Day is at 9AM. After Mass I will then be saying goodbye to the Whacky Shack for the Summer with a ride or two at Waldameer Amusement Park. Speaking of goodbye, we say goodbye to Fr. Kevin Klonowski. Fr. Kevin will be back for his summer break beginning in July. We are all grateful to have Fr. Kevin with us! He is a very kind and prayerful priest. Plus, he is good company. Fr. Kevin is deeply grateful for your hospitality, friendship and prayers. God bless Fr. Kevin! Our KofC will be selling tickets for their Pasta Dinner after Mass. The dinner is Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2:30PM. Tickets are also on sale in the parish office during normal business hours. September 14<sup>th</sup> is the first day of class for our PSR students. Classes begin at 9:15AM. Sunday September 21st is Catechetical Sunday. This is a day to celebrate the work of our catechists, who serve as faith formation teachers and witnesses to the Gospel. It is an opportunity to formally commission those designated by the community to serve as catechists. The day encourages all of us to consider our own role in passing on the faith. May we give a good example always leading our children closer to Jesus! The theme this year is "Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15). And Jesus is the reason! I think we have magnificent PSR teachers. They do such a super job, and I am sincerely grateful for their help. I did not attend a parochial school. As a public-school kid, I belonged to the confraternity at Saint Francis Xavier. I had very nice teachers but if I had our teachers, I would be pope by now! As we enter into the month of September, we will be having our Anointing Masses on Friday, September 12th at 9AM and on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM. Fr. Chris Cotone will be assisting me at the 4:30PM Mass. Fr Chris is an amazing young priest. He is a parochial vicar at St. John Vianney Parish. Usually, Fr. Tom Johns helps us at this Anointing Mass, but he is having knee surgery in September and is unable to join us due to his recovery. Please keep Fr. Tom Johns in prayer so he has a successful surgery and a speedy recovery. August was Make-A-Will Month. If you haven't made your will yet, there's still time. Saint Mary Magdalene has partnered with My Catholic Will so you can create a will for free! No cost, no confusion, and no obligation to leave a gift. Creating a will is easier than ever. In just 15 minutes, you can protect your family and reflect your faith through a free Catholic-aligned will at MyCatholicWill.com/smmwillowick. Use referral code SMMWILLOWICK. God bless!

## **PARISH NEWS**

SAVE THE DATES!!	
Sept. 13th	Fill the Cruiser
Sept. 14th	K of C Spaghetti Dinner
Oct. 4th	<b>Ladies Luncheon</b>
Oct, 3rd	Pet Blessing
Oct. 5th	<b>Coast to Coast Rosary</b>
Oct. 8th	<b>Bus Trip to Marian Shrines</b>
Oct. 11-12th	Blanket Sunday
Oct. 19th	Hallway Harvest
Nov. 2nd	Cabbage Roll Dinner
Nov. 29th	Craft Show
Nov. 30th	1st Sunday of Advent
Dec. 8th	<b>Feast ~ Immaculate Conception</b>
Dec. 13-14	Holiday Bake Sale
Jan. 24th	77th Anniversary Dinner
Feb. 7th	Night at the Races
Feb. 11-19th	<b>Lourdes Novena</b>
Feb. 18th	Ash Wednesday
March 7th	St. Patrick's Party
March 13th	Fish Fry
April 5th	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
Apr. 25th	1st Communion 4:30 pm Mass
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**May Crowning** 

Confirmation

**Parish Festival** 

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**Spring Bake Sale** 



Apr. 26th

May 3rd

May 9 & 10

May 18th

May 28-31

SMM Parish Office will be **CLOSED** 

1st Communion 11:00 am Mass

Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day



A February tradition since the 1980's ~ SMM'S Night at the Races will be running on Saturday, February 7, 2026. Hope to see you there!!!



#### This week at SMM

Sun., Aug. 31st Café

9:20-10:50 am Rm. 104

Wed., Sept. 3rd **Catholic War Veterans** 

> 6:45--8:45 pm **Multi-Purp**

Thurs., Sept. 4th **AA Meeting** 

> 6-7:00 pm Rm. 104

Thurs., Sept. 4th **Cantor Rehearsal** 

> 7-8:30 pm Church

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 de-



pend 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

## September 8th & 22nd

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 NEWS**

## **CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

August 24, 2025

**Sundays & Holydays:** \$ 5,115.08

Capital Improvement: \$ 1,748.00

1% Need Program: \$ 75.00

Automatic Giving: 08-18-2025 ~ 08-24-2025 \$ 3,450.00

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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

The Knights of Columbus Council #4498
The Willowick Police Department
And Petie's Restaurant

Fill The Cruiser

**Presents** 



Saturday, September 13, 2025 8:00 am – 4:00 pm ~ Petie's Restaurant (Shoregate Shopping Center)

All Donations to Restock the St Mary Magdalene Food Pantry



2025 Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage to Two of Ohio's Historic Marian Shrines

> October 8, 2025 Cost: \$89

#### Trip Agenda

Departure: 7:15 AM from St, Mary Magdalene

Light breakfast (Juice & muffins) on bus

#### Arrive 9:20 AM Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation

- · Tour and learn the history of the shrine.
- Learn About and Receive a Plenary Indulgence
- Attend Mass & Adoration
- Visit Gift Shop
- Depart at 12:00 PM

#### Lunch: 12:15-1:00 PM

at Moreno's Casual Dining in Historic Downtown Carey, Ohio

#### Arrive 2:00 PM to Sorrowful Mother Shrine

- Tour and pray at 41 grottos dedicated to Our Lady, Mysteries of The Rosary, Patron Saints
- · Pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary in The Pieta Chapel
- Visit Gift Shop
- Depart 4:00 PM

Includes Bus ride, Donation to Shrines, light breakfast on bus, lunch, snacks on bus ride home, and driver tip.

More Trip Details >>

Call 216-533-6106 with Questions

To register visit

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to pay by credit card or send a check to:

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# Post Cana Might

Please join us for Father Josh Cochrac's return to St. Charles as he gives us his talk- "Love, Laughter, and the Occasional Breakdown" where he will focus on joy in marriage and walking with one another despite spiritual and mental hardships.



RSVP required: stcharlesonline.org/post-cana

When:

September 5, 2025 6:30 - 8:30 PM Speaker begins at 6:45 Where: St. Charles Borromeo Parish

St. Charles Borromeo Parish 5891 Ridge Road, Parma, OH Lower Parish Hall



Please bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share. Free babysitting will be available!

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Blood Pressure Screening will be offered Sunday, September 7th, in the Kaminski Room, (Room 103) after 8:00 am Mass.



## **PARTICIPATING**





#### THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, Sept. 8th ~7 - 8:30pm Our Annual Field Trip Event to:

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary/Lorain

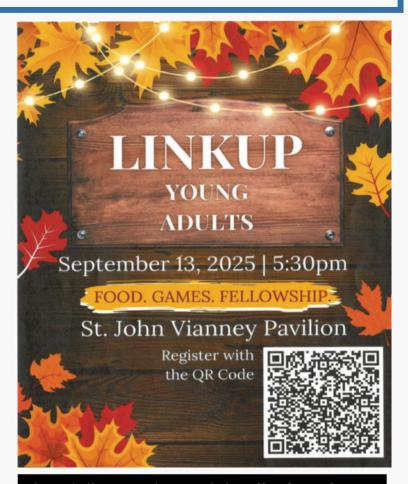
418 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St., Lorain

Join us as we become Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year. We will be treated to a tour of one of the designated Sacred Sites at which a plenary indulgence may be obtained. Rich in history, its Polish-American Heritage and over 70 relics on display; it's an evening you don't want to miss.

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers & refreshments included. Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance: <a href="https://www.theologyontherockswest.com">www.theologyontherockswest.com</a>. Doors open at 6:30pm.



Divorce Recovery for Catholics, an 8 Week Support Group designed to meet the needs of those who are divorced or separated will begin Tuesday, September 9 and conclude on October 28, 2025, at St. Bede Parish, 9114 Lake Shore **Blvd., 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.



The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and memorial events throughout the year.

Upcoming support/ gatherings:

Sept.13<sup>th</sup> – National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn (Akron, Valley City)

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday Grief Support meetings (3pm In-person; 5pm Virtual)

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – Walk to Remember and online Memorial Wall (Register in September)

For details, visit: <a href="https://www.clecem.org/Events/">https://www.clecem.org/Events/</a> Events.aspx

For more information or questions, call Renee at 216-930-4866



## **PARISH NEWS**







#### A SACRAMENTAL INVITE

We know you as parents only desire the best for your child. We are here to help them grow in faith through the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. If you would like to register your child for any of these sacraments just stop in the <u>Parish Office for a registration form</u>. Children must be in second grade or older for Reconciliation and First Communion and 8th grade or older for Confirmation. Public School students must also register for PSR. For more information email Fr. Steve Breck @ FrBreck@smmwillowick.org.

Families in Faith (PSR) Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school! Our Families in Faith program is open to students in grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and their families. All sessions will be held in-person this year, with one family breakfast/lesson and two classroom sessions for students monthly. The cost is \$75 per child. Registration deadline is September 5th!!

The registration form is available in the Parish Office. Please contact the Office at 440-943-2133 with questions. Classes begin September 14, 2025.

### September 2025 - Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats 44134

Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH <u>https:www.jesuitretreatcenter.org</u>

Liturgy & Ignatian Spirituality: Mass & Ignatian Reflections in September. Tuesdays, 8:00 - 8:45am. September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. 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).

**Book Discussion Circle - Morning Sessions at JRC.** Three Amazing Conversion Stories. Tuesdays, 10:30am - 12:00pm. September 9, 23, October 7, 21, November 4, 18. Join Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ for readings and discussion on the spiritual transformation of William Wilberforce, an English parliamentarian; of Abraham Lincoln during his presidency of the USA; and of two characters in Alan Paton's <u>Cry, the Beloved Country</u>. Free will offering.

**Book Discussion Circle - Evening Sessions at Gesu Parish.** Three Amazing Conversion Stories. Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9:00pm. September 9, 23, October 7, 21, November 4, 18. Join Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ for readings and discussion on the spiritual transformation of William Wilberforce, an English parliamentarian; of Abraham Lincoln during his presidency of the USA; and of two characters in Alan Paton's <u>Cry, the Beloved Country</u>. Free will offering.

JRC Spiritual Director Peer Supervision: A Sacred Space for Reflection, Support, and Growth. Sundays, 2:30pm - 4:00pm. September 14, October 12, November 9, January 18, February 22, March 8, April 12, May 3. Join fellow spiritual directors for a time of shared wisdom, prayerful listening, and deepening of our call. Peer supervision offers a grace-filled opportunity to reflect on your practice, receive encouragement, and grow in discernment within a supportive community. RSVP on our website.

**September Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day**. Tuesday, September 16, 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

**Book Discussion Circle: For Graduates of the John Carroll "ISI" program for Spiritual Directors (or its equivalent).** Saturdays, 9:30 - 11:30am. September 20, October 18, November 8, December 6. Presented by Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ. Book to be Discussed: Realizing Our Deepest Desires: Journeying into the Joy of God - Reflections on St. Teresa of Avila's *The Interior Castle*, by Bernie Owens, S.J. Free of Charge. Please register on our website to let us know you're coming!

Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, September 22, 9:30 - 11:00am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit & help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Free will offering (registration not required).

## **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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