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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 IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2026



One "yes" can change the world

The Annunciation of the Lord

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

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Sunday ~ 9:00 am ~

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

CELEBRATING

Monday, March 23, 2026

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am...Frank & Celine Burger

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am...Don Barrish

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 am.....Annie Miller

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Lenten Weekday

9:00 am.....Morning Prayer

Friday, March 27, 2026

Lenten Weekday

9:00.....Tibor Lorik

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Lenten Weekday

4:30 pm....Maximillian & Lillian Roda

Sunday, March 29, 2026

**Palm Sundas of the Passion
of the Lord Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am.....Alvira Bauer

11:00 am...Michael Mason

Readings for the Week of March 22, 2026

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 8:1-11

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

Wed.: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

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 First Weekend of Spring Everybody! I sure hope it is a beautiful Spring. It is my favorite Season. I hope you are fully recovered from "springing ahead" from Daylight Saving Time. I hope your pets recovered too! It is hard to believe but the Lenten Season is almost coming to an end. Holy week begins on Sunday, March 29th! We have our last Tuesday Holy on March 24th at 3PM. We had some new faces at our Holy Hour as we prayed the Our Mother of Sorrows Rosary during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Also, on Tuesday, March 24th is our Communal Cluster Night of Confession from 6PM to 7:30PM. Come anytime between 6PM and 7:30PM for Eucharistic Adoration and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Chris Cotone, Fr. Rich Evans, Fr. Tom Sweany will be helping Fr. Josh and I with Confessions. The night will conclude with Benediction. Music will be provided by Bob Soeder and Mary Hrich. Thanks to all the liturgical ministers that have signed up to help with all the Holy Week Services and Easter Sunday Masses. Your help is sincerely appreciated. Speaking of appreciation, thanks to all who donated Easter Hams to SVDP. Please know our SVDP are still accepting hams. Saturday, March 21st was our Jesus Day. An awesome little retreat day for our children preparing for First Holy Communion. This day originated here at Saint Mary Magdalene Parish by Mary Lou Beers and then spread throughout the diocese. Linda Busher, Mike & Pam Nadolski, Mandi Sisler and Mary Ellen Toomey did a super job! Thank you parents for trusting us to get your children ready for 1st Holy Communion and thank you parents for handing on the faith. This year, we have twenty children making their First Holy Communion this year. Many will be making their 1st Holy Communion at the April 25th 4:30PM Mass. Thank you for your hospitality, making room for all our visitors on the 25th. Breakfast with the Bunny is Saturday, March 28th from 9:30AM to 11:30AM. This fun morning is not only a pancake and sausage breakfast but the morning will include arts & crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt. Special prize for the child that finds the time capsule that was buried back in the 80's. Just kidding, maybe one day we will find that time capsule. Registrations are required for this special breakfast. Please call the parish office by March 24th. Again, thanks to all that helped with our Fish Fry. This year I had a bunch of my relatives at the event. They loved it! It was so nice to see many dined in and hung out for awhile enjoying each other's company. Again, I hope the price of Cod comes down next year. Special thanks to Rich Schutz baking the cod and directing us in the kitchen. Lastly, Easter Sunday Masses are 9PM Easter Vigil April 4th, 8AM, 9:30AM and 11AM Mass on April 5th. God bless and have a great week!

PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATES!!

March 24th	Communal Penance Service
March 28th	Breakfast with the Bunny
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 9th & 10th	Spring Bake Sale
May 18th	Confirmation
May 28-31st	Parish Festival

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.

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!!



LUNCH PACKING

March 23rd

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! Zip Lock sandwich bags and large brown grocery bags.*

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

This week at SMM

Sun., March 22nd	Café 9:20-10:50 am	Rm. 104
Mon., March 23rd	Lunch Packing 9-10:00 am	Multi-Purp
Tues., March 24	Lenten Holy Hour 3-4:00 pm	Church
Tues., March 24th	Communal Penance 6-7:30 pm	Church
Wed., March 25th	K of C Officers Meeting 6-7:30 pm	Multi-Purp
Thurs., March 26th	AA Meeting 6-7:30 pm	Rm. 104
Thurs., March 26th	Choir Rehearsal 7-8:30 pm	Church
Sat., March 28th	Cor Men's Group 9-10:30 am	Rm. 104

Saint Mary Magdalene BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

Saturday, March 28
9:30am – 11:30 am

- Free Breakfast includes Pancakes & Sausage
 - Arts & Crafts
 - Make Your Own Easter Basket
 - Easter Egg Hunt
- Age Groups:
0-3 · 4-6 · 7-12



Reservations Required

Call the Parish Office:
440-943-2133

Breakfast served at 9:30

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PARTICIPATING

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*FIGURES WERE NOT
AVAILABLE AT THE TIME
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Lenten Holy Hours

3:00 pm ~ SMM Church

Tuesday, March 24th

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 27th @ 9:30 am

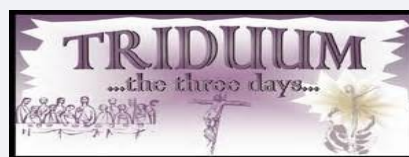


ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

This solemnity marks the announcement of the Good News by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary.

Mary's 'Yes' to the angel's pronouncement (Luke 1:38) ushered the incarnation of Christ – the Saviour of the world.

The Annunciation, which predates Christmas by nine months, harks back to the Councils of Toledo (656) and Trullan (692), where initial allusions to the feast were made.



Holy Thursday—April 2nd

9:00 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday—April 3rd

9:00 am Morning Prayer

Noon Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday—April 4th

9:00 am Morning Prayer

3:00 pm Blessing of Food

9:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday—April 5th

Masses celebrated at:

8:00 am ~ Church

9:30 am ~ Church

11:00 am ~ Church

The Parish Office Will Be Closed:

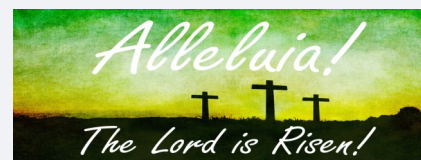
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Easter Sunday, April 5th

Easter Monday, April 6th



All Souls Cemetery – Pre-Planning Seminar

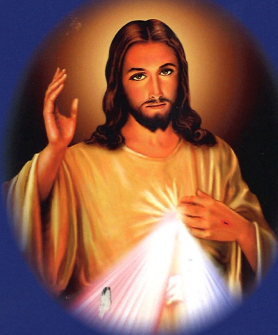
The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour, educational pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, March 28th, 2026, at 1 pm** in the **main cemetery office at All Souls Cemetery, Chardon**. Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps of burial pre-planning, types of burials (including cremation), and the Rite of Christian Burial. We kindly ask that you **RSVP** to this event to All Souls Cemetery – 10366 Chardon Rd., Chardon, Oh. **216-641-7575 ext. 4** or email bstrauchon@clecem.org. Visit clecem.org for more information.

PARISH NEWS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The First Sunday After Easter

Sunday, April 12, 2026



THE PROMISE

Our Lord Jesus said, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates throughout which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

—Saint Faustina, Diary, 699

WHY IS THIS PROMISE FROM JESUS SO WONDERFUL AND MERCIFUL?

TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT AND SUFFERING:

The Catholic Church teaches that sin has two consequences, or punishments. (CCC 1472). The first is eternal punishment in which the soul loses Heaven and is confined to an eternity in Hell. This punishment is remitted through the forgiveness of sins. The second is temporal punishment, in which a person must expiate, or make reparation for his sins. This temporal punishment remains even after sin is forgiven. This temporal punishment is known as Purgatory.

So, Jesus's amazing promise to St. Faustina amounts to offering all mankind the graces of a COMPLETE PARDON; an opportunity to have all temporal punishment, time in Purgatory, that which would be necessary before entrance into Heaven, completely removed!

THE DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY

"I desire that there be a feast of mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be known as the Feast of Mercy."

THE IMAGE

"I desire that this image be venerated throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I promise victory over its enemies, already here on earth, and especially at the hour of death... I Myself will defend it as My own glory."

THE CHAPLET

"Pray unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation."

THE CONVERSION PRAYER

"If you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith, on behalf of some sinner, I will give that soul the grace of conversion:

'O Blood and Water that gushed forth from the heart of Jesus, as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.'

—Diary 186, 187

Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered."

—Diary 1397

SPREAD OF THE DEVOTION

"Do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy. I will make up for what you lack."

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.

Visit DivineMercySunday.net for additional resources and to download this flier for parish distribution.



Super CA\$H Bonanza Raffle Tickets

The Knights of Columbus Council #4498 is offering the Super CA\$H Bonanza Raffle Tickets shown below.



With the help of an anonymous donor, we are able to offer the following ticket purchase options:

Option 1: Buy One Ticket for \$5.

Option 2: Buy Four Tickets for \$20 and get a Fifth Ticket paid for by Council 4498.

Option 3: Buy Twenty Tickets for \$100 and get another Twenty Tickets for FREE for a total of FORTY Tickets. This option is possible through the \$2500 donation of the anonymous donor. This option is limited to the first 25 people who choose this option.



1st Bann of Marriage:

Sarah Hillen

&

Matthew Mujic

TO THE HEIGHTS

TOB CLE Father/Son Retreat 2026

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Sunday, April 26th
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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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>

PARISH NEWS



34th Annual Homecoming Festival – May 28 – May 31, 2026

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 March 9, 2026, we have received \$ 5,950 in ticket money!!!!

Our first Early Bird Winner of \$50.00 is James Schwartz! Congratulations !

- 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(er) stuffed animals for the Kids Carnival games.



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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