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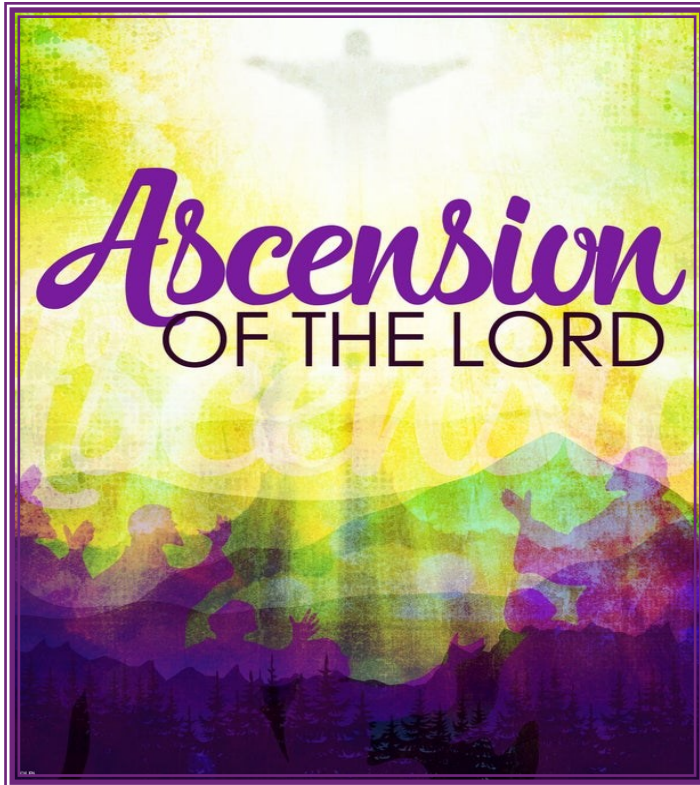
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Parish Mission Statement

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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 17, 2026



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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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12:00 to 1:00

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

CELEBRATING

Monday, May 18, 2026

Easter Weekday

9:00 am....John Fornadel

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Easter Weekday

9:00 am...Alan Krane

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Easter Weekday

9:00 am.....Jim & Joe Crowley

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Easter Weekday

9:00 am.....Morning Prayer

Friday, May 22, 2026

Easter Weekday

9:00 am....Rosalind Guhde

Saturday, May 23, 2026

Easter Weekday

4:30 pm....John & Ann Duplay

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am....Ted & Frances Nykiel

11:00.....Chuck Darco

Readings for the Week of May 10, 2026

Sun.: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1-17-23;
Mt 28:16-20

Mon.: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tues.: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wed.: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thur.: Acts 22:30;23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Fri.: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Sat.: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

FROM FR. STEVE...

Wowie Kazowie! Easter Sunday was over forty days ago! Where has the time gone? This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The Ascension is 40 days after Easter, so the Ascension falls on a Thursday but many dioceses move it to the weekend. The Ascension of the Lord is the culminating moment, the finale, the final whistle, the moment in which Jesus' victory will be enshrined in heaven for ever. Jesus ascends into heaven as the living sacrifice that will continue to be the bridge between God and humanity until the end of time. Happy Ascension Weekend Everyone! This Monday we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Woost at 7PM. Saint Noel Parish will be joining us for the celebration. Next year, Saint Justin Martyr Parish will be part of our Confirmation Cluster. We have 8 Confirmand and 3 adult Confirmand. Registration for 8th Grade 2027 Confirmation will be available soon. Thank you Mike Nadolski, Jim Galloway and Charlie DiFranco for helping the teens get ready. Also, thank you parents for your help and trusting us to prepare your children for Confirmation. Thank you for supporting our Bake Sale. Proceeds go towards the beautification of the parish grounds. If you would like to help with the planting, Jean Gagnon will certainly appreciate the help. Registrations are underway for our Vacation Bible School. "Be A Hero." Join forces with Jesus and meet amazing Bible heroes. Registration closes on June 20th. Register before June 8th and receive a discount. Vacation Bible School is July 13th to the 17th. Quick reminder, if you are ever in the chapel and a visitor stops by is looking for assistance, please call our Emergency Line. Dial 440-943-2133 and then press 1. The parish staff can provide help for those in need or direct them to receive help from the many services in Lake, Geauga and Cuyahoga County. Thank you for visiting the chapel and spending time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you for volunteering for our Parish Festival. Your help is sincerely appreciated. We still need help in many of our areas. Sign up today! Lastly, Anthony Camino, the Director of Catholic Charities Lake County Social Justice, alerted us that United States Catholic Council of Bishops (USCCB) recently issued three "Action Alerts" encouraging the faithful to make their voices heard in three crucial areas: Peace in the Middle East, Immigration enforcement and Religious workers from other countries currently serving in America. From the Action Alert homepage (<https://www.votervoices.net/USCCB/campaigns>), each topic will lead you to a separate page that gives more detailed information and the opportunity for you to contact your three representatives in Congress by an email that is embedded in that page. You may take action on any of the three issues or all of them. You can also subscribe to receive the alerts directly in your inbox. The USCCB appreciates that you are making your voices heard and promoting the Gospel. God bless and have a great week!

PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATES!!

May 18th	Confirmation
May 28-31st	Parish Festival
July 13--17th	VBS
July 21st	Concert in the Grove Hillcrest Concert Band
July 29—Aug. 1	SVdP Rummage Sale
Aug. 9th	Pool Party - 6-8:00 pm

This week at SMM

Sun., May 17th	Café 9:20-10:50 am	Rm. 104
Wed., May 20th	SVdP Meeting 7-8:30 pm	Rm. 103
Thurs., May 21st	AA Meeting 6-7:30 pm	Rm. 104
Thurs., May 21st	K of C 4th Degree 7-8:30 pm	Multi-Purp.
Sat., May 23rd	Cor Men's Group 9-10:30 am	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.

Food Pantry Hours:

Tuesdays	6:30-7:30 pm
Thursdays	10:30-11:30 am

PLEASE NOTE....

The Food Pantry will be closed on Tuesday May 26th and Thursday, May 28th.

St. Justin Martyr Parish

Annual Indoor Garage sale

Find treasures and support our parish!

Event Dates: Wednesday, June 17: Early Bird, \$5, 6:30-8pm
Thursday/Friday, June 18-19: 9am-6pm
Saturday, June 20: 9am-1pm Regular Sale, 2-3pm Fill a Bag \$5

Collection Dates: June 6/7 & 13/14 after Masses;
June 8-12, 15-16, 9am-12pm, & 4-7pm

Volunteer Signups: In the Gallery NOW or Call Patti at 216-376-9192



LUNCH PACKING

June 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 & Jelly

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

REVIVE YOUNG ADULTS May Events

Cinco de Mayo Party
John Paul II Room

05
MAY
7:00
PM

12
MAY
7:00
PM

Bible Study
John Paul II Room

Rosary Walk

19
MAY
7:00
PM

26
MAY
7:00
PM

Beach Mass
Mentor Headlands - Weather permitting

All Events are at St. John Vianney Church unless noted
Address: 7575 Bellflower Road | Mentor, OH 44060



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PARTICIPATING

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

May 10, 2026

Sundays & Holydays: \$ 3,961.00

Capital Improvement: \$ 1,977.00

1% Need Program: \$ 191.00

Automatic Giving:

05-04-2026 to 5-10-2026

\$ 7,324.00



Vacation Bible School

JOINING FORCES WITH JESUS!



Calling All Heroes!

Meet amazing young heroes from the bible. Their small acts were used by God to do amazing things. If you age 4 to entering 5th grade, you can be a Hero too!

July 13th – 17th 9:00 a.m. until Noon

Registration:

Before June 8th \$25, after June 8th \$35 per child
Registration closes June 20th, forms in Church Office

Fee includes VBS T-shirt

Awesome Games - Cool Crafts - Fun Songs

Delicious Snacks - Amazing Bible Stories

Additional Information

Call: 440.943.2133

St. Mary Magdalene 32114 Vine St., Willowick

Helpers entering 6th grade through adult are needed to assist with VBS activities. Call office for information.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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 asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior: <http://>



St. Justin Martyr Parish Mission

THE EUCHARIST: HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN

with Friar John Paul Cafiero, OFM
May 31-June 2 at 7:00 pm in the Church

Mission Topics:
Sunday: Development of the Mass and Sacramental Theology
Monday: The Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharist
Tuesday: St. Justin Martyr, St. Carlo Acutis and the Eucharistic Miracles

Attention Young Adults!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Wednesday, May 20 7-9 pm
Special joint event with Theology on Tap West
(Note Location)

St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Church
6800 Lexington Ave Cleveland 44103

**” No One Walks Alone:
Finding Community in Christ
with Fr. Jeffrey Lindholm**

What's loneliness in the eyes of Christ and the Church?
How are we invited out of isolation into belonging and community through Jesus?

Theology on Tap East will resume at Pizzazz on the Circle in the Fall

\$5 admission @totcleast @totclewest **Scan to Register:**

PARISH NEWS



SMM FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER & SMM PARISHIONER PRE-FESTIVAL WRIST BAND PICK UP DATES!!!

(All wrist bands must be picked up prior to
May 24, 2026)**

Wrist bands available for pick-up:

- * Monday-Thursday ~ 8:30-4:30 in the Parish Office
- * Sunday ~ 9:00 am ~ Noon in Parish Office
- * After weekend Masses in Gathering Area ~
On May 16-17, May 23-24

**In order to avoid the secured entrance line,
please get your wristbands early.

PLEASE CHECK THE ABOVE DATES

**Thank You for your support of this
year's festival!!**



FESTIVAL BAKERY NEEDED

Cafe Magdalene is one of SMM's most popular booths at our Family Festival. Your donations make this happen!!!!

Please be so kind as to whip up some mouth-watering desserts and drop off at the Parish Office from Thursday, May 28th through Saturday, May 30th.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!!

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL:

KAREN TABAR AT 440-667-5788

It's Baby Bottle Time!



The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring a collection to benefit mothers and young children up to age 5.

Please pick up a baby bottle in the Church Gathering Area to collect your loose change, bills or checks.

Checks should be made out to "K of C Council #4498".

All proceeds will be given to **Birthright of Lake County** and **Hannah's Home** on behalf of the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene.

We will be collecting from Mother's Day to Father's Day.

You can return your donations to the Baby Bottle Collection Box located in the Gathering Area.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Weikart at (440) 487-8467.



Jesuit Retreat
Center

Ignatian Day Retreats at Jesuit Retreat Center

May 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, & 23rd

Give yourself the gift of rest, prayer, and reflection during our *Ignatian Day Silent Retreat*. These retreat days contain material for "beginners" as well as "depth" for those familiar with Ignatian Spirituality.

Each *Ignatian Day Silent Retreat* covers a different topic: Love & Identity, Freedom & Forgiveness, Kingdom Foundations, Praying with Scripture, Consolation & Desolation, Discernment & Decision-Making.


Learn more and register at: <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar>

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PARISH NEWS



PARISH FOOD TENT SPECIAL



**Friday, May 29th ~
6-8:00 pm ONLY**

\$10.00 !!!!

Pre-sale tickets sold in Parish Office before Friday, May 29th.

**The menu includes:
fish, fries & coleslaw.**

Get your tickets today !

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! [To volunteer go to www.smmwillowick.org and click on Events.](http://www.smmwillowick.org) [You will find Festival Volunteer Form there.](#)

As of May 5, 2026, we have received \$ 15,990.00 in ticket money!!!!

Congratulations to Theresa Bindokas our May 1st \$50 Early-Bird Winnr!!

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.



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

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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