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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.

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 19, 2026**

## The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene



**Apostle to the Apostles  
and First Witness to the Resurrection!**

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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 ~

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## CELEBRATING

Monday, July 20, 2026

*Weekday*

9:00 am...Wesley Hogya

Tuesday, July 21 2026

*Weekday*

9:00 am...Frank & Celine Burger

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

*St. Mary Magdalene*

9:00 am.....Richard Regovich

Thursday, July 23, 2026

*Weekday*

9:00 am.....Morning Prayer

Friday, July 24, 2026

*Weekday*

9:00 am.....Anne Cala

Saturday, July 25, 2026

*St. James, Apostle*

4:30 pm....Paul Keller

**Sunday, July 26, 2026**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am.....Lynn & Bob Jacobs

11:00 am....Marjorie Troy

## Readings for the Week of July 19, 2026

Sun.: Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23;  
Mt 13:1-23

Mon.: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tues.: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wed.: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thur.: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 1:28-30

Fri.: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

Sat.: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

## FROM FR. STEVE...

Happy Saint Mary Magdalene Weekend everyone! I hope you have a blessed and peace-filled weekend as we celebrate our patronal feast at all the Masses. Saint Thomas Aquinas gave Saint Mary Magdalene the title, "The Apostle to the Apostles." Scripture tells us that Saint Mary Magdalene was the first to adore our Lord, newly resurrected from the dead and announced this incredible news to the disciples. May our words and actions share the good news of new life to all! As previously mentioned, at 11AM Mass, Andrew, Ashlynn, Kiya & Mia are receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. Also, Mary Helen Brazalovics is making her 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. Congratulations! With that, if you are thinking about becoming Catholic, please contact Mike Weikart at 440-943-2133. Mike is our director of our OCIA Program. OCIA is a process through which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church. This consists of steps, periods and rites that make up the model of Christian Initiation as restored in second Vatican Council. Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM is our Concert in the Grove with the Hillcrest Concert Band. Thank you Dr. Brofman for providing the East Coast Custard Food Truck. On Wednesday, August 5th, the Vocation Office will, once again, be hosting BBQ with the Bishop for Discerners at the Center for Pastoral Leadership. I like to call it BBQ with the Bp! This cookout is an opportunity for young single men (high school through age 35) to come together at the seminary to enjoy a meal and meet Bishop Malesic, our seminarians, priests from across the diocese, and other men who are discerning and open to a priestly vocation. The evening begins at 5PM. So, if you are considering the priestly call or know someone and would like to hear more while being fed a delicious and nutritious BBQ dinner, please contact me, Fr. Steve Breck at 440-943-2133 no later than Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and those discerning a call to the priesthood. Thank you, Vacation Bible School Team! You did an awesome job. Also, thank you parents for registering your children for VBS. It was a great week filled stories from the bible, games, snacks and crafts. I can't wait for next year! Our Cor Men's Group is meeting on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9AM in Room 104. Refreshments provided! I think this is a great group for prayer, fellowship and learning more about our faith. Lastly, even though we are in the lazy hazy days of July, August is Make-A-Will Month. Saint Mary Magdalene is still 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](http://MyCatholicWill.com/smmwillowick). Use referral code SMMWILLOWICK. God bless and have a great week!

# PARISH NEWS

## SAVE THE DATES!!

- July 13--17th VBS
- July 21st Concert in the Grove  
Hillcrest Concert Band
- July 29--Aug. 1 SVdP Rummage Sale and KofC  
Indoor Lunch Cafe

## 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

## LUNCH PACKING

July 27th

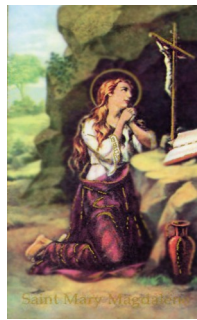
The Lunch Packing crew thanks you for your support over the years with this project of helping feed the needy at the West Side Catholic Center. We meet on the second and fourth Mondays from 9:00am to 10:00am to make sandwiches.

Special Needs ~Peanut Butter & Jelly 

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

## This week at SMM

|                   |                                       |            |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Sun., July 19th   | CAFÉ<br>9:20-10:50 am                 | Rm. 104    |
| Tues., July 21st  | Summer Concert<br>7-8:30 pm           | Grove      |
| Tues., July 21st  | Summer Concert with Rain<br>7-8:30 pm | Gym        |
| Wed., July 22nd   | K of C Meeting<br>7-8:30 pm           | Multi-Purp |
| Thurs., July 23rd | AA<br>6-7:30 pm                       | Rm. 104    |
| Sat., July 25th   | Cor Men's Group<br>8-9:30 am          | Rm. 104    |



After the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene returned to an empty tomb and became the first witness of Christ's Resurrection.

She ran and brought the good news to the Apostles, becoming the first to announce the rising of Christ to new life. The Apostles went on to proclaim to the world this truth they learned from her.

In 2016, Pope Francis elevated the status of her liturgical celebration to a feast in order to stress her importance as a disciple and evangelizer.

## 2nd Bann of Matrimony

Samuel Stinzano

&

Ana Stjepanovic

# PARTICIPATING

## CONTRIBUTION REPORT

JULY 12, 2026

*Sundays & Holydays:* \$ 5,232.56

*Capital Improvement:* \$ 2,517.00

*1% Need Program:* \$ 351.00

*Automatic Giving:*

*07-06-2026 to 07-12-2026*

*\$ 1,684.00*

## FESTIVAL NEWS...

A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to all who were instrumental in the success of our Parish Festival! Thank you to the festival committee, all the fabulous security members, the hundreds of volunteers, the vendors, the entertainment, maintenance and the list never ends. Most importantly **THANK YOU** to all who bought raffle tickets and attended the Festival. Your commitment and support of SMM makes our Festival possible.

After all the invoices are paid, the Festival profited **\$58.600** which is almost twice as much as last years profit!

Plans are already in the works for 2027!!!!

**SAVE THE DATE ~ JUNE 3,4,5,6**

*1st Bann of Matrimony*

*Kent Kerman*

*&*

*Mia Brainard*

## Concert in the Grove

**Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7PM**

**The Hillcrest Concert Band**

**and**

**East Coast Custard Food Truck**

*(sponsored by Dr. Neil Brofman)*

## Rest in Peace....Father Robert J. Kropac



It is with deep sadness we received word that Fr. Bob Kropac had passed away. Fr. Kropac was appointed to serve as a pastoral member of St. Mary Magdalene's Parish on June 28, 1984. During this assignment, he served as a member of the Diocesan Music Commission and as a liaison between the Diocesan Pastoral Liturgy Commission and the Diocesan Liturgy

Office staff from 1989-1990. He was appointed to serve a five year term as Director of the Worship Commission From 1995 Fr. Kropac then served as Director of the Diocesan Office for Pastoral Liturgy from 1990-95.

On June 1, 1995, he was appointed pastor of St. Henry Parish, Cleveland. He was transferred to serve as parochial vicar of St. Gabriel Parish, Concord, on Jan 1, 2008.

Father Kropac was appointed pastor of St. Wendelin Parish, Cleveland on July 16, 2012. In addition, he served as pastor of St. Peter Parish, Cleveland from July 30, 2012 to Oct. 13, 2019. He was appointed administrator of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Cleveland, Feb. 20, 2023.

Fr. Kropac died on July 5, 2026 at the age of 70. Per his wishes, a private funeral Mass and burial will take place for Fr. Kropac. Memorial Masses will be scheduled at each of the two parishes he was responsible for at St. Wendelin and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Cleveland at a later date.

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## Summer Rummage Sale

Wednesday, July 29 6 pm-8 pm

*Early Bird Sale - \$5.00 Admission*

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

July 30 - 31 - August 1, 2026

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**\*Saturday, August 1 - \$5.00 Bag Sale - Shop in our airconditioned gym!**



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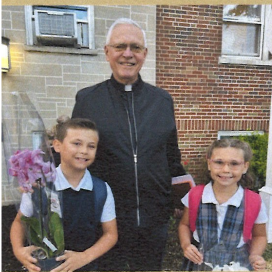
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# PARISH NEWS



## THE FEST

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# AUGUST 15

from 12-10 PM



Matt Maher



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## A Summer Tradition Worth Sharing...

For over twenty-five years, The FEST has brought together families, friends, and parish communities across Northeast Ohio (and beyond) for an inspiring day of faith, family and fun. People come to The FEST for many reasons. Some come for the music. Others come for the family atmosphere, kid's activities, the food, or the fireworks. Many come for The FEST outdoor Mass at 8 pm. Many come because this day provides a joyful opportunity to celebrate their faith, alongside thousands of other believers. This year, join us on Saturday, August 15 at ForeFront Field in Avon for The FEST. Enjoy performances by CAIN, Matt Maher, and Riley Clemmons, along with prayer opportunities throughout the day, and our traditional FEST outdoor Mass to cap off an amazing day of faith, family and fun. Invite someone new to experience The FEST with you this year. For all the details and a complete schedule of the day, along with ticket and parking information go to: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us)

Please join us at  
SMM's Pool Party!  
Sunday, Aug. 9th,  
6-8pm ~Marty Pool  
at Manry Park ~  
30100 Arnold



Serving Hot Dogs & Hamburgers!  
Please bring your own beverages.  
This will be a fun-filled evening  
that is free to children/families  
of all ages.

## 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://www.dioceseofcleveland.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](mailto: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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