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AUGUST 23, 2026 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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St. Mary Magdalene Church
32114 Vine Street
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<http://smmwillowick.org>

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 4:30pm Vigil
Sunday | 8:00am & 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday | 9:00am
Tuesday | 9:00am
Wednesday | 9:00am
Friday | 9:00pm

MORNING PRAYER

Thursday | 9:00am

CHAPEL HOURS

Daily | 8:30am to 9:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:15pm - 4:00pm
Other | By Appointment

OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS

Monday | 8:30am to 4:30pm
Tuesday | 8:30am to 4:30pm
Wednesday | 8:30am to 4:30pm
Thursday | 8:30am to 4:30pm
Friday | Closed

WEEKENDS

Saturday | Closed
Sunday | 9:00am to 12:00noon

WELCOME BACK — TO — SCHOOL



OUR MISSION

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.



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From the Desk of Fr. Steve

Thanks to all who attended our Saturday Morning Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. I thought for a Saturday Morning, we had a nice crowd. Plus, it was great to have Bob cantor and provide accompaniment. The holy day was not a holy day of obligation this year, but it is such a special day that needed to be marked with a Mass. When I was a seminarian, my pastor, Fr. Mark Hollis pointed out that the Queenship of Mary is the week after the Assumption, August 22nd. This makes sense, it is a logical follow up to the Assumption. I believe Fr. Mark Hollis had the liturgical calendar committed to memory. The Queenship of Mary is not a Solemnity, a high-ranking feast, like the Assumption, but a wonderful celebration in the Church. Even though, Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954, the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. In the Old Testament, the mother of the king had great influence in the king's court and is known as the queen mother. In the New Testament, in moments of Mary's life, she is closely connected with her Son, Jesus, King of the Universe. In the story of the Annunciation, Archangel Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. In Luke 1:32 we read, "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." Then at the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." In Luke 1:43 we read, "And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" So, the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We are very blessed to have such a powerful intercessor in heaven that has a wonderful connection with her Son, Jesus King of the Universe. This Wednesday, August 26th, Saint Mary Magdalene Parish is hosting a meeting for the diocese. All I have to do is make sure the doors are open and lead with prayer. Pastors and staff members from forty parishes will be here to learn more about the diocesan capital campaign called, "Called to Flourish: Our Church for the Future." We have been assigned to this second wave of parishes participating in the campaign which begins in January. Each parish has an individual campaign goal that is based on the parish's three-year offertory average which is then multiplied by 140%. We have been assigned a goal of \$820,000.00. Our parish will receive 50% of the funds raised during the campaign. If we meet our goal, our parish will receive \$410,000.00. If we exceed our goal, we will retain 80% of any extra funds raised. So, if we raised \$820,001.00, we would get \$410,000.80 in return. The bishop feels this campaign will strengthen our parishes, enhance our worship, promote evangelization, foster vocations and support vital diocesan services. God bless our diocese and have a great week!

PRAYER AND READINGS

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Mass Intentions

Monday

Aug. 24, 2026 | 9:00AM
Feast of St. Bartholomew
Anthony Wohr

Tuesday

Aug. 25, 2026 | 9:00AM
Weekday
Chris Mongiardo

Wednesday

Aug. 26, 2026 | 9:00AM
Weekday
Sheryl Sutton

Thursday

Aug. 27, 2026 | 9:00AM
Feast of St. Monica
Morning Prayer

Friday

Aug. 28, 2026 | 9:00AM
Feast of St. Augustine
Elizabeth Hiti

Saturday

Aug. 29, 2026 | 4:30PM
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
George & Delores Karlan (Anniv.)

Sunday

Aug 30, 2026: 22nd Sun. in Ord Time
8AM - Mary Koenig
11AM - James Burgett



Weekly Readings

WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2026

Sunday

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Monday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-36

Wednesday

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:45-51

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mk 6:17-29

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

AUGUST 16, 2026

Sundays & Holydays: \$5,974.45

Capital Improvement: \$ 700.00

1% Need Program: \$ 107.00

Automatic Giving: \$1,943.00

08-10-2026 to 8-16-2026

*thank
you!*

Catholic Renewal Ministries' Traveling Charismatic Mass for August will be held at St. John Vianney Church, in the Chapel, on Friday, August 28th, 7:00 pm. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00, and the liturgy will start at 7:30. Healing prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after the Mass. The Church is located at 7575 Bellflower Rd. in Mentor 44060. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445. All are Welcome. Come, Sing and Praise God with Joy!

SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 12	Fill the Cruiser
Oct. 3	Ladies Luncheon
Oct. 4	Pet Blessing
Oct. 11	Hallway Harvest
Nov. 8	Cabbage Roll Dinner
Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 1	Advent Communal Penance SJM
Dec. 5	Craft Show
Dec. 8	Feast of Immaculate Conception
Dec. 12	Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 14	Bereavement Dinner
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Jan. 23	78th Anniversary Dinner
Feb. 6	Night at the Races
Feb. 10	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 26	Fish Fry
March 6	St. Patrick's Party
March 28	Easter Sunday
Apr. 24	1st Communion—4:30pm Mass
Apr. 25	1st Communion—11:00am Mass
May 2	May Crowning
May 29	Confirmation
June 3-6	Parish Festival

Lunch Packing

August 24th

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 9AM to 10AM to make sandwiches.

Donations Needed: Peanut Butter & Jelly
Donations can be dropped in the Parish Office or in the gathering area in the church.

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



This week at SMM

Sun. August 23 ~ CAFÉ

9:20-10:50 am ~ Rm. 103

Mon. August 24 ~ Lunch Packing

9-10:00 am ~ Multi-Purpose Room

Wed. August 26 ~ K of C Officers Meeting

6-7:30 pm ~ Multi-Purpose Room

Thurs. August 27 ~ AA

6-7:30 pm ~ Rm. 104

Food Pantry

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: 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Thursdays: 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Christ Child Society



Tickets can be purchased on [Zeffy.com](https://www.zeffy.com) using the Designer Bag BINGO link on our website at

<https://www.christchildwesternreserve.org/events>



PSR HELP NEEDED

Teachers and Substitutes (ages 21 and over) and Teacher Aides (16 and over).

You are invited to take an active part handing down our faith to children in Grade 1 through 7.

If interested please contact Mike Nadolski, PSR Principal

mnadolski@smmwillowick.org
440-854-6013



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>.



PARISH NEWS

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FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sunday, September 6
9:00 am to 9:15 am
Rm. 103



A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



Each of us grieves the loss of a loved one in a different way; yet, many experiences are common to all. St. Paschal Baylon and St. Clare wish to offer support to widows and widowers, parents who have lost a child or anyone who has lost a significant person in their life. A six-week support group will be offered beginning on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. We will meet at St. Paschal Baylon in the Parlor or the Sr. Dorothy Kazel Room from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in a relaxed atmosphere with guest speakers, support materials and refreshments. Come join us and feel free to bring a friend or relative. This support group is open to parishioners and non-parishioners. There is no charge. For more information, contact Allison Krebs at 440-725-3269, Corky Mondello at 440-449-3584 or the St. Paschal Rectory at 440-442-3410.

Legion of Mary
ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Cathedral of
St. John the Evangelist
Downtown Cleveland

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1007 Superior Ave. • Cleveland • OH 44114

September 5th 11:00AM

Procession following Holy Mass Celebrated by Fr. Kyle Rosser

Legion prayers, Rosary and Benediction will conclude procession

All are invited



PSR ~ FIF

Families in Faith (PSR) Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 school! Our Families in Faith (FIF) program is open to students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade and their families. All sessions are held in-person, with one family breakfast/lesson and two classroom sessions for students monthly.

The cost is \$75 per child. Please email: rsisler@smmwillowick.org with questions. The registration form is available in the Parish Office. Classes begin September 13, 2026.

Sacramental Invitation

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 Parish Office for a registration form. 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.

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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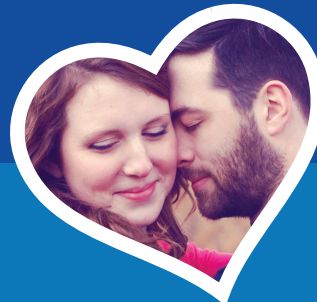
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