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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



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.



ABOUT OUR CHURCH

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Happy Labor Day Weekend Everyone! I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable Labor Day Weekend. Please know the office is closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 7th. Even though the office is closed, we still will have the 9AM Mass. Bob Soeder will be joining us, and I am sure he will work in his marvelous rendition of God Bless America. Next weekend, September 13th at 9:15am is the 1st day of class for our Families In Faith Program. Welcome back and thank you parents for trusting us to help your children in their faith formation. In the classroom, with our awesome teachers, our young scholars learn about the faith through the "Gospel Weeklies" Handout produced by Pflaum Publications. Each lesson is based on the Gospel Reading from the weekend Mass. This engaging program brings scripture, Church teaching and everyday life together in wonderful ways. New to Pflaum this year is the Family Companion. Each family that has a child or children in the program will receive a copy of The Pflaum Gospel Weeklies Family Companion. This is a single-volume book designed to extend faith formation from the classroom to the home and to help parents as primary educators of their children's faith. The companion includes discussion prompts to help guide family conversations about the gospel, connection to the "Gospel Weeklies" with simple explanations for our parents to share the faith easily with engaging activities for their children. Some describe it as a "casual catechesis" with simple ways to share the Gospel message and to live it. On Friday, September 18th at 9AM we will have an Anointing Mass. All who are ill physically or spiritually, are invited to attend the Mass and celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as a community. Also, the 4:30PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, September 19th will be an Anointing Mass. Son of the Parish, Fr. Tom Johns will be assisting with the Anointing of Sick. Welcome back, Fr. Tom Johns. Our Parish Pet Blessing is Friday, October 2nd at 6PM in the Church Parking Lot. Be sure to bring your little four-legged angels on the Feast of The Holy Guardian Angels for a blessing! The Ladies Luncheon is Saturday, October 3rd at 11AM in the Gym. Donations of Gift Certificates, new basket items or complete baskets are appreciated. All reservations and donations must be in by Wednesday, September 16th. Questions? Contact Marilyn Belevic at 216-319-2299. Thank you for supporting the Ladies Luncheon. Sunday, October 4th is our first Families In Faith Breakfast in the Gym at 9:15AM. Thank you Rich Schutz and your kitchen crew. Coast to Coast Rosary is Sunday, October 4th at 4PM. If you are in Hawaii that day, it will be at 10AM. Lastly, 40 Days For Life Campaign begins September 23rd. It has been reported that 26,545 lives have been saved through this campaign of prayer, fasting and vigils. Prayer cards will be available soon. If want to learn more, see Monica Vlasz. God bless!

PRAYER AND READINGS

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Monday

Sept 7, 2026 | 9:00AM
Weekday ~ **Parish Office Closed**
Dec'd Members of Forton & Baldes Families

Tuesday

Sept. 8, 2026 | 9:00AM
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Josephine DiBarto

Wednesday

Sept. 9, 2026 | 9:00AM
USA: St. Peter Claver
Ellen Zyle

Thursday

Sept. 10, 2026 | 9:00AM
Weekday
Morning Prayer

Friday

Sept. 11, 2026 | 9:00AM
Weekday
Frances Ponikvar & Frances Sokach

Saturday

Sept. 12, 2026 | 4:30PM
Weekday
Dec'd Members of Kissig & Eubanks Families

Sunday

Sept. 13, 2026: 24th Sun. in Ord Time
8AM - Joyce Russo
11AM - Denise & Jimmy Belfiore



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Sunday

Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:6-10; Mt 18:15-20

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-28

Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

AUGUST 30, 2026

Sundays & Holydays: \$ 7,311.00

Capital Improvement: \$ 800.00

1% Need Program: \$ 162.00

Automatic Giving: \$ 1,958.00

08-24-2026 to 8-30-2026

*thank
you!*

The Spiritual Book Club will resume meetings on Thursday, Sept. 17th in Room 103 from 7-8:30 pm. We will be reading *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality* by Matthew Kelly, which was distributed to parishioners last Christmas. The first two chapters will be discussed then. If interested, contact Debbie at 845-764-6427.

PARISH NEWS

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SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 12	Fill the Cruiser
Oct. 3	Ladies Luncheon
Oct. 2	Pet Blessing
Oct. 4	Coast to Coast Rosary
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 3-11	Lourdes Novena
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

September 14 & 28

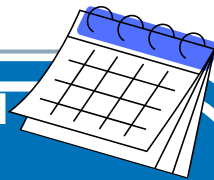
The Lunch Packing crew thanks you for your support over the years with this project of helping feed the needy at the West Side Catholic Center. We meet on the second and fourth Mondays from 9AM to 10AM to make sandwiches.

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. , Sept. 6 ~ CAFÉ
9:20-10:50 am ~ Rm. 104
Sun., Sept. 6 ~ Blood Pressure Screening
9:00-9:15 am ~ Rm. 103
Mon., Sept. 7 ~ Maria Goretti Meeting
6-9:00 pm ~ Rm. 103
Tues., Sept. 8 ~ Prayer Shawl
1-30 pm ~ Rm. 104
Wed., Sept. 9 ~ K of C
7---8:30 pm ~ Multi-Purpose Room
Thurs. , Sept.10 ~ AA Meeting
6-7:30 pm ~ Rm. 104
Thurs. , Sept. 10 ~ Choir Practice
7-8:30 pm~ Church

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





FILL THE CRUISER

The Knights of Columbus #4498
The Willowick Police Department
Peties Restaurant

Saturday, September 12, 2026
8:00 am ~ 4:00 pm ~ Peties Restaurant
Shoregate Shopping Center

Suggested Donation List:
Canned Corn ~ Chicken Noodle Soup
Ramen Noodles ~ Manwich ~ Tuna
Canned Ravioli ~ Boxed Rice ~ Side Dishes
Boxed Potatoes ~ Stuffing ~ Mayo



All Donations to Restock
the St. Mary Magdalene
Food Pantry



Anointing of the Sick

Friday, September 18, 2026 @ 9:00 am Mass,
Saturday, September 19, 2026 @ 4:30 pm Mass

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Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting
Tuesday, Sept 8, 2026
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Room 104

Join in the friendship while we knit or crochet
and pray for people who need prayer shawls,
lap throws, chemo caps, etc.

We have a variety of donated yarn that you
are welcome to use as well as patterns.

If you are unable to attend our monthly meeting,
we gladly accept items for those in need.

For more information call Liz at
440-725-0113.

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

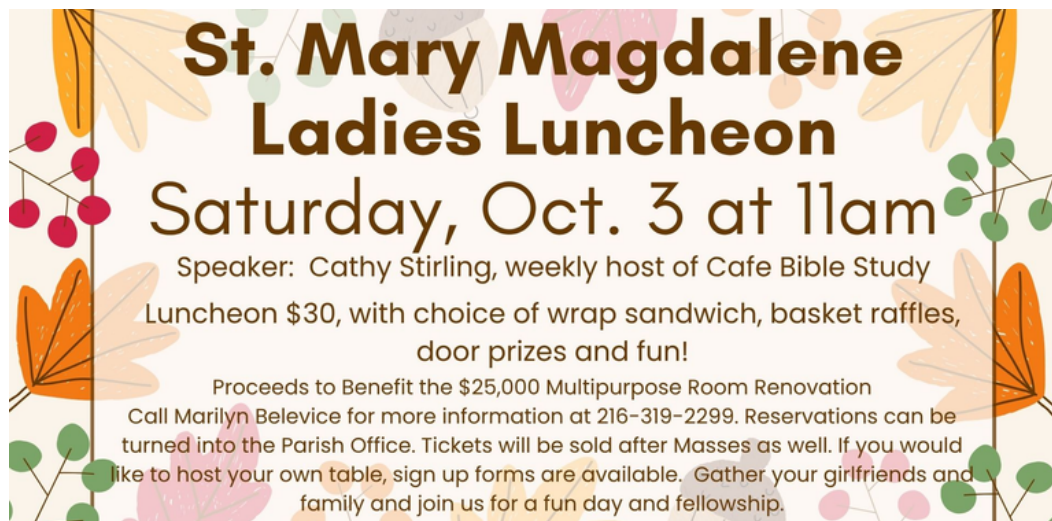
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Did your vegetable garden have a banner year with producing healthy crops?
Would you like to share the wealth?

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would happily take any excess produce to share
with our neighbors who count on our Food Pantry.

Please feel free to drop off any donations at the Parish Office.
SVdP thanks you for your kindness!



St. Mary Magdalene Ladies Luncheon

Saturday, Oct. 3 at 11am

Speaker: Cathy Stirling, weekly host of Cafe Bible Study
Luncheon \$30, with choice of wrap sandwich, basket raffles,
door prizes and fun!

Proceeds to Benefit the \$25,000 Multipurpose Room Renovation
Call Marilyn Belevic for more information at 216-319-2299. Reservations can be
turned into the Parish Office. Tickets will be sold after Masses as well. If you would
like to host your own table, sign up forms are available. Gather your girlfriends and
family and join us for a fun day and fellowship.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

From September 23 – November 1, you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life –
40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Additionally, you are invited to stand and peacefully
pray anytime between 7am to 7pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm -
12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or Planned Parenthood - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, 44146, or
Signature Health – 54 South State St, Painesville

, Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. John Vianney Parish Center on Monday, September 21, at 7pm, 7575
Bellflower Road, Mentor, 44060 with Rachel Benda of Bethesda House of Mercy as the speaker. Please
contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.

WEBSITES: www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland www.40daysforlife.com/painesville
www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights

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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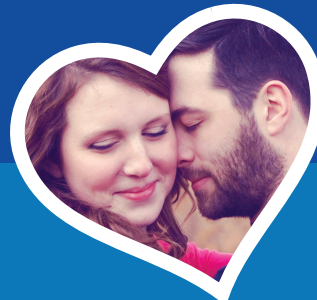
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