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OCTOBER 4, 2026 TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

• WELCOME TO • OUR PARISH!

- 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



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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From the Desk of Fr. Steve

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“Offer it up.” Maybe you heard that phrase from time to time in your home growing up or as you attended Catholic School as you experience some form of discomfort. Maybe this slogan gave you courage to embrace your cross and participate more in our Lord’s saving mission. I never heard it until I was with the Capuchin Franciscans in my mid-20’s. Remember, I was a public-school kid. Also, mom and dad never said that in response whenever I griped about something. I was always intrigued by the phrase and often wonder how someone can genuinely “offer it up.” Our faith offers a different perspective on suffering. Suffering has value. Suffering can be a potential source of grace. Suffering can be turned into a pathway to holiness. Saint Paul says in Colossians 1:24, “I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake.” Saint Paul teaches us that we can complete whatever is lacking in Jesus’ afflictions for the sake of the Church and to see that our personal pain can contribute to the salvation of others. We are encouraged to embrace our suffering to see it as an opportunity for growth, deeper communion with God and participate in Christ’s redemptive work. If you would like to grow with a deeper understanding of this powerful little phrase, I highly, highly (yes, “two highly’s”) recommend Megan Hjelmstad’s “Offer It Up: Discovering The Power And Purpose Of Redemptive Suffering.” It came out in 2025. Her book will help you to find hope in suffering and find practical tools for personal holiness. Her story is incredible, inspiring and relatable. This young lady is quite the Hockey Mom and Catholic Theologian! Her book is available on Amazon with a 4.8 rating for under \$20. After reading her book, the Morning Offering Prayer, which you can find in the pamphlet of Catholic Prayers which you received during the summer, will take on deeper meaning when you pray it. This weekend is The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Blanket Sunday. Donation envelopes are available at all entrances. If you bring your tax-deductible donation this weekend, drop it off with our SVDP in the Gathering Area or drop it off in the collection where our money counters will set it aside for SVDP. Your generous donation allows Saint Vincent de Paul to purchase 5,000 blankets, 500 beds and help over 300 families with utility bills and other essentials in the Diocese of Cleveland. Thank you for your generosity! Coast to Coast Rosary is this Sunday beginning at 4PM in front of the Church. If there is a threat of rain in the forecast, the Rosary will be held in the Church. Lastly, the Diocesan Priest Convocation begins on October 6th and concludes on October 9th. There is no Mass on Wednesday, October 7th. There will be Morning Prayer, led by Bob Soeder at 9AM. Also, there is no Mass on Friday, October 9th. There will be a Communion Service led by Deacon Carl Toomey. God bless!

PRAYER AND READINGS

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Monday

Oct. 5, 2026 | 9:00AM
Weekday
Mary Lou Beers

Tuesday

Oct. 6, 2026 | 9:00AM
Weekday
Bill Breck

Wednesday

Oct. 7, 2026 | 9:00AM
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Morning Prayer

Thursday

Oct. 8, 2026 | 9:00AM
Weekday
Morning Prayer

Friday

Oct. 9, 2026 | 9:00AM
Weekday
Communion Service

Saturday

Oct. 10, 2026 | 4:30PM
Weekday
Alex & Irene Dureiko

Sunday

Oct. 11 2026: 28th Sun. in Ord. Time
8AM - Ray & Loretta Adams
11AM - Helen Herman



WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2026

Sunday

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Monday

Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Sundays & Holydays: \$ 6,548.61

Capital Improvement: \$ 2,058.00

1% Need Program: \$ 120.00

Automatic Giving: \$ 2,958.00

09-21-2026 to 09-27-2026

*thank
you!*

Coming Soon

Cabbage Roll or ½ Chicken Dinner

Sunday, November 8th

12:00 ~ 2:30 pm



Details to follow

If you would like to donate candy for SHM's
Family in Faith Spook-nasium even on October 11th
that would be great!!

Please drop off your donation to the
Parish Office.



**PLEASE NOTE
CHANGE OF DATE
FOR NIGHT AT
THE RACES...**

**JANUARY 30,
2027**

SAVE THE DATE

Oct. 11	Spook-nasium of Fun
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
Jan. 30	Night at the Races***
Feb 3-11	Lourdes Novena
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

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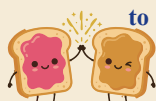
Lunch Packing

October 12th & 26th

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.

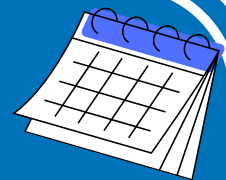
Donations Needed: Peanut Butter & Jelly
Donations can be dropped in the Parish Office or in the gathering area in the church.

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



This week at SMM

Sun., Oct. 4th ~ CAFE
9:20-10:50 am ~ Rm. 104
Sun., Oct. 4th ~, Coast to Coast Rosary
4:00 pm ~ Outside Gathering Area
Sun., Oct. 4th ~ Blood Pressure Screening
9-9:15 am ~ Rm. 103
Mon., Oct. 5th ~ Maria Goretti
6-9:00 pm ~ Rm. 103
Wed., Oct. 7th ~ Catholic War Vets
6:45-8:45 pm ~ Multi-Purp.
Thurs., Oct. 8th ~ AA Meeting
6-7:30 pm ~ Rm. 104
Thurs., Oct. 8th - Choir Practice
7-8:30 pm ~ Church
Thurs., Oct. 8th ~ Spiritual Book Club
7-8:30 pm ~ Rm. 103



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 -



PARISH NEWS

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St. John Vianney Women's Renewal Day

Sometimes we just need to give God some room to bloom in our hearts! Come to the St. John Vianney Women's Renewal Day, Saturday, October 24, and let our good God "cultivate your heart so you can bloom in His Love." The day begins at 8:00 am in the St. John Vianney Parish Fr. Kline Social Center with a continental breakfast. It ends at 3:30 pm in time for the 4 pm Mass. Lunch is included. To help cover costs, there is a \$20 fee. Come and enjoy other women on the same journey. Come and laugh, pray and celebrate with us! Come and let our God open the door and wrap His arms around you. All women are invited! Register online at: <https://sjvmentor.org/womens-renewal/> For more information, call Phyllis at 440-257-0105 or Denise at 440-487-5395.



Respect Life Month

October 2026



Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe

"Am I not here, who am your Mother?" -

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Come spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and seek the powerful intercession

of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Patroness of the Unborn.

Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30PM



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 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.

Coast to Coast Rosary

Sunday, October 4th @

4:00 pm

Gather in front of SMM.

If raining we will gather in the church



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>.



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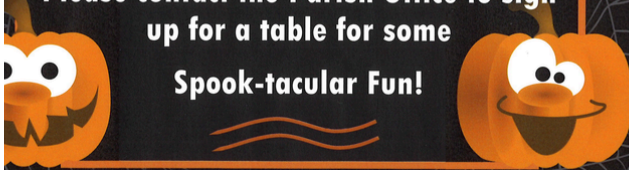
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Families in Faith is sponsoring the
SMM Spook-nasium!
10:15 am-10:45 am
Sunday, October 11th

Children in the 6th Grade and Under!

10:15am – 10:45am
Please contact the Parish Office to sign
up for a table for some
Spook-tacular Fun!



**St Mary Magdalene
Holiday Craft Show**
December 5th, 2026
9:00am-3:00pm

Handmade crafts, Food, Jewelry, Home Décor,
and so much more.

Questions contact us at
smmholidaycraftshow@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook at
"SMM Holiday Craft Show"

Vendors Now being accepted!



The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next Sunday Grief Support Group will be on Sunday October 18th. In-person will meet at 3pm, virtual at 5pm. In a welcoming and supportive setting, find fellowship among others who share their experiences and understand the pain of loss. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday this month, at no charge to you. Please join us for an hour of listening, healing, and finding comfort with others who understand. For details, call Suzi Richter at 216-930-4866.

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CATHEDRAL LATIN

Fall Open House
October 6 and 28 | 6-8pm



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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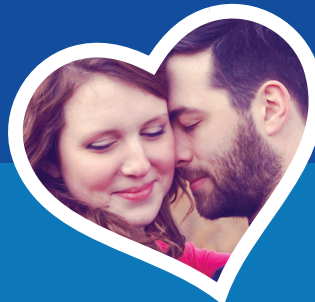
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