

# Saint Mary Magdalen



**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 11, 2021**

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.

8:30am - 4:30pm

Wed. 1pm - 4:30pm



## **Weekend Liturgies**

Saturday 4:30 pm  
(also Livestreamed)

Sunday 9 & 11 am

## **Weekday Liturgies:**

Mon., Tues., Wed. 9am

**Sacrament of Penance:** Saturday  
3-4pm

## **Infant Baptism:**

Contact Erin Wolfe

[baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org)

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Please  
contact the office at least nine  
months prior to wedding date.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Acts: 3: 13-15, 17-19** Chapter three of Acts describes how Peter and John healed a lame man who sat begging each day at the gate of the temple. The people were astonished at his miracle. Peter used the opportunity to give a sermon encouraging the people to believe in Jesus. We hear a portion of this sermon in today's passage.

**1 John 2: 1-5** The first letter of John was written for the community from which the fourth gospel emerged. At the time, this community was seriously divided. Some members believed that as long as you had faith in Jesus, it didn't matter what you did in daily life.

The passage today refutes that opinion.

**Luke 24: 35-48** This passage is Luke's last recorded instance of Jesus appearing to the disciples after the resurrection. Now that sin and death have been conquered, Jesus instructs them of the implications of His resurrection. Jesus died for love of us. If we believe we are loved, we will do everything we can to love in return by showing our love and concern for all God's loved, redeemed creatures. We will be come Christians.

**Reflect:** Name some times when you knew Jesus was with you.

## MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 12

Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

9:00 am +Jeanette Moran

### Tuesday, April 13

Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

9:00 am + Fr. Charles E. Irvin

### Wednesday, April 14

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

9:00 am +Tom Rosenbergh

### Thursday, April 15

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

### Friday, April 16

Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

### Saturday, April 17

Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

### Sunday, April 11, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

4:30 pm +Gerry Wszola

9:00 am The People of St. Mary Magdalen

11:00 am +Roger Henricks

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF:

George Banaszak, Marilyn Bitterle, Lucas Cauley, Kathy Clark, Keith Craffey, John Davidson, Karoline DeRosia, Cienna Ditri, DuRussel Family, David Duenas, Marie Edwards, Jeff Fritz, Mary Lea Gehring, Judy Gentner, Anna Gilders, Sharon Hammang, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Kathy Jagusch, Ayla Jednacz, Mary Keating, Maria Kottke, James Kudlarek, Herb Langer, John & Marcy Luibrand, David Martin, Kristen Marsh, Linda Molitoris, James Montgomery, Mona Nesan, Paul Nesan, George Nesan, Stella Paweski, Lauren Pennington, Sawyer Ann Perusse, Carolyn Phillips, Christine Reinhard, Kathy & Tony Riccardi, Donna Rushak, Linda Santioni, Marino Sarti, Johnny Saylor, Dave & Judy Scharf, Leslee Smith, Marny & Gene Stuart, Cindy Sultana, Marylyn Trader, Michelle Turner, Dan Tuthill, Claudette Wilkinson, Ellie Yaworsky, Augustin Zaragoza, Tom Zremski, Gayl, Kim, Kyle, Patrick, Richard K. and William.

*May they be fully restored to good health and comforted at this time.*

### Important Note About our Prayer List

The names of the sick will run in this column for 6 weeks, at which time they will be removed. To add, re-list, or remove a name, please call the parish office at 810-229-8624. Many people have recuperated so we appreciate updates to be current. Thank You!

## MINISTERS OF PRAYER

### April 11—April 17

Sunday	Volunteer
Monday	Lee O'Connell, Larry Maes
Tuesday	Cass and Ros Wodarski Mary Ann Hargrave
Wednesday	Renee Shinska
Thursday	Jim Hynes, Kathy Riccardi
Friday	Julie Wendell, Mary Bidingler
Saturday	Volunteer

## FROM FR. RYAN

### HOLY HOUR

As I announced over Easter weekend, we will be having a holy hour every Wednesday evening from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. This began on April 7 and will continue for the foreseeable future. In light of the situation that we find ourselves in, I think it would be good to offer some more time to come together and pray as a community – to pray for the parish, for Fr. Shaun, for Bishop Boyea, for all those involved, and for whatever else might be on our hearts. This will be a simple holy hour with the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. At 8:00pm either one of the deacons or myself will repose the Blessed Sacrament after a brief prayer and benediction. Please come and sit with the Lord!

### MASK WEARING DURING LITURGY

I have received some emails expressing concern over me not wearing a mask in the sanctuary. Let me first apologize for not wearing a mask during the procession on Palm Sunday. I should have and I thought about it after the fact. Please know that I am fully vaccinated and have already had Covid. I spent eight days at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor back in May of 2020. So, I think the threat either by me or to me is rather low.

It has been the policy at St. John the Evangelist in Fenton for the presider and the assisting deacons not to wear masks during Mass because we were comfortable with it and we are well outside of six feet from any parishioner in the assembly while we are in the sanctuary space. I plan on continuing to do that while I am here at St. Mary Magdalen. At St. John the Evangelist, they have been very strict about requiring the assembly and staff to wear masks while in the worship space and while inside any of the buildings on campus. I will not, nor have I, mandated that the deacons not wear masks in the sanctuary. They are certainly free to do so.

Additionally, in Fenton anyone speaking as part of the mass did not wear masks because the masks cause clarity issues in the microphones and on livestream. I will continue to wear a mask while distributing holy communion or when in close contact with others for sacraments such as baptisms, confession, etc. St. John the Evangelist has not had any issues regarding their Covid protocols and that includes having about 250 kids from the school at Mass twice a week.

In regards to music and singing, Steve and the choir sound amazing! I will let Steve make the decision regarding mask wearing for our musicians, cantors, and choir members. I trust his judgment in deciding what is best for their safety.

### COMMUNICATION

I will end by letting everyone know that I have been meeting with the staff weekly since I arrived. We have been discussing everything I described above so that they are not caught off guard or surprised. It has been difficult for me to communicate much to the rest of you because my bulletin articles have had advance due dates due to Holy Week and Easter. As soon as the Bishop's plan for reopening parishes becomes clearer, I plan on engaging the staff, the Reopening Committee, and the Wellness Committee on how best to do that. More on that in the future...

Fr. Ryan

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The Easter Flowers decorating our Worship Space  
were donated in honor—in memory of our loved ones:



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## CURRENT PARISH GUIDELINES

- ◆ Indoor weekend Liturgy celebrated in the main worship space. Masks must be worn. No assisting liturgical ministers, socially distant seating, socially distant reception of Holy Communion.
- ◆ Indoor weekday Liturgy in the main worship space celebrated minimally (i.e., no singing, no assisting liturgical ministers, socially distant seating, socially distant reception of Holy Communion). Masks must be worn.
- ◆ Drive up reception of Holy Communion, at the main entrance under the portico, will be available Saturdays 5:45—6:15 pm and Sundays 12:15—12:45 pm.
- ◆ The parish staff has normal work schedules. The parish office remains closed to visitors.
- ◆ Gatherings and meetings are held online.
- ◆ Outdoor gatherings of 10 and no more than 50 people permitted with strict social distancing.

***If you have any condition that will compromise your immune system (or if you care for someone with such a condition) PLEASE STAY HOME! There is no obligation to attend Mass and there is no obligation to receive Holy Communion through May 16, 2021.***

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

*“O blood and water which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a font of mercy for us, I trust in you!”*

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! Every year, on the first Sunday after Easter, the Church celebrates Christ’s incredible Divine Mercy. Through Christ’s death and resurrection, our sins are forgiven and the gates of Heaven are opened to us. The devotion to Divine Mercy began with St. Faustina who had visions of Christ, in which he entrusted the devotion to her. Her “Diary of Divine Mercy” is a spiritual classic. The devotion itself, including Divine Mercy Sunday, was popularized during John Paul II’s papacy.

This year, the families of our Destined program had an opportunity to take a deep dive into the ocean of mercy this devotion represents. It was the subject of our second lesson “Beyond the Beads.” The lesson is still available on the Destined website for anyone who wishes to learn more about this special day in the life of the church. Visit [www.destinedstmarymagdalen.org](http://www.destinedstmarymagdalen.org) to learn more!

One particularly fun way to celebrate today’s feast is by making “divine mercy sundaes.” Our program families greatly enjoyed this tasty new tradition! Take your ice cream of choice and create the famous red and white (or blue) rays from the divine mercy image out of your choice of toppings. The rays represent the blood and water which poured out of Christ’s pierced side. You can see an example below from one of our Destined families.



**Don’t miss the newest Destined Lesson which came out this weekend. It will teach you everything you could ever want to know about angels. There are only a few lessons left this year, so be sure to join in on the fun!**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

During this past month, our youth groups took part in a March Madness tournament much different than the usual basketball variety. Students were asked to make brackets that pitted many Lenten Meal Classics against each other. All month long, the students then voted on the matchups until a winner was decided. Most of the matchups were between fish sandwiches, but to our surprise, the overall winner was a local underdog from the “outside the bun division” - **St. Patrick’s Parish fish fry**. This plucky group bested perennial Lenten giants like McDonalds, Wendy’s and Culvers. This year a small fry outswam all the sharks!

**Most importantly, I would like to congratulate our student winner, Olivia Wendell (Grade 6) on her winning bracket.** She bested our runner up, Owen Blush (Grade 8), in a narrow tie breaker to take home the grand prize—a \$50 Amazon gift card!

Several of our participants gathered on March 30 to enjoy a fish sandwich dinner from Culvers and to find out the winner. Everyone had a great time and is looking forward to many more fun youth group events in the near future.

(Left to Right)  
Nolan Rau,  
Olivia Wendell,  
and Ava Rau  
pose with their  
brackets at the  
tournament’s  
closing dinner.



**The next youth group event will be on April 24 from 4:30—7:30 PM. We will be helping the maintenance staff of the parish with a Spring grounds cleanup and having a bonfire to celebrate all the hard work. All students in grades 6-12 are invited to attend.**

If anyone would like to donate yard rakes to the youth group, please contact Joshua Kenny. Your gift would greatly aid in future service projects. For example, this Fall, I am hoping to host a Youth Group Rake and Run. Anyone who donates will get a spot at the top our list to have their yard raked! Gently used donations are fine.

## CHARITY

### LENTEN GIVING TREE - THANK YOU SMM PARISHIONERS

It is my pleasure to state that the SMM parishioners actually EXCEEDED last year's LENTEN GIVING TREE total by \$5! That may not seem like much, but it was just one year ago that our church had to close down due to the Covid pandemic and a bit of chaos set in. Given all the changes, you my sisters and brothers, continued to remember the SENIORS of our community. You donated a collective \$4,455 that was distributed to our 7 charities. They were delighted and felt blessed. Most of the centers are just getting back on their "feet" with in person gatherings and are grateful for your help. So, from our SENIORS, a heartfelt THANK YOU and HAPPY EASTER SEASON!!

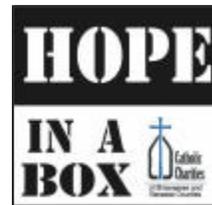
A big thank you also goes out to all the bulletin stuffers and gift card counters: Jan/Rob Carpenter, Joan Gerhardt, and Mickey Tucker.

*Barb Kowal and Bernadette Tucker  
Charity and Justice Lenten Committee*

### FROM LIVINGSTON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

Livingston County Catholic Charities is deeply grateful to the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen for your generous donation of gift cards for our low income and home-bound seniors who struggle to meet their basic needs. Because of you, we are able to provide help and hope along with the Love of Jesus to county seniors. Your donations help to provide food, medication, and other basic necessities such as Depends, toilet paper, Kleenex and more for seniors living at or below poverty level. THANK YOU! God Bless each of you and your families.

*The Board & Coworkers of Livingston County Catholic Charities*

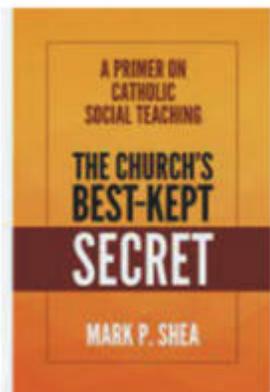


#### APRIL NEEDS:

Deodorant  
Feminine Care Products

## JUSTICE

### An Invitation to learn about and discuss Catholic Social Teaching



*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 25:40)*

What are the moral questions that we as Catholics and Christians should be concerned with – hunger, poverty, abortion, racism, immigration, criminal justice, others? What principles of Catholic Social Teaching should guide us in our reflection about these issues? How can we, as Catholics, learn what Christ and the Catholic Church teach about social responsibilities – about how we should act as moral persons?

Mark Shea, a popular Catholic writer and speaker, recently wrote "A Primer on Catholic Social Teaching: the church's best-kept secret", and it is a very readable 145 pages! Shea devotes two chapters to each of the four pillars of Catholic social teaching: the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity.

Deacon Devon Wolfe will host six sessions over six weekends discussing this book. **Sessions begin at 6:30 PM on Sunday, April 11, 2021.** Zoom is used to provide safety and convenience for participants. There is no cost for the workshop except buying the book (\$16.68 - paperback; \$10 - kindle on Amazon). To register, email Devon Wolfe at: [deacon4@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:deacon4@saintmarymagdalen.org).

## RCIA



### After the Easter Vigil!

Thank you to all of the Sponsors and Catechists who were part of the RCIA journey in this very "special" Covid year! They shared their stories and their hearts with our Candidates, helping draw us all closer to the Lord. Sponsors: Valerie Maravolo, Mark Dichtel, and Mary Day. Adult Catechists: Bob and Pat Metz, Derek Day, Devon Wolfe, and Diane Davidson. Youth Catechists: Pat Erger, Kelly Borg, Mary Serio, Linda Renehan, and Maureen Hillman.



**Trisha Finn and Stephen, Kari, Tyler, & Carly Foust-Christensen**

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## FINANCE

### WEEK OF 3/28/21

ENV/CASH	\$ 17,321
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 625
EFT/ONLINE	\$ 6,099
TOTAL	\$ 24,045

### WEEK OF 4/4/21

ENV/CASH	\$ 13,690
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 590
EFT/ONLINE	\$ 18,027
TOTAL	\$ 32,307

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

## 2020 DONATION STATEMENTS

Annual donation statements for 2020 were emailed on 1/27/2021.

If you did not receive yours, or want a paper copy mailed to you, please contact bookkeeper@saintmarymagdalen.org or call the parish office.

Please indicate if the statement can be emailed or if you prefer to receive the statement via U.S. mail.

## MAGDALEN'S PRESCHOOL

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Magdalen's Preschool is looking to hire a qualified assistant teacher. If you are interested, have a question, or would like a detailed job description please email Amanda Faiola at

[preschool1@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:preschool1@saintmarymagdalen.org)

Magdalen's Preschool



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are also looking for volunteers who can help on a regular basis. If you are interested in becoming a preschool volunteer please call Amanda Faiola at 810-229-0010.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Are you an adult who was baptized Catholic and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, you are invited to attend 6 preparatory classes and be Confirmed on Pentecost Sunday. Classes will be

Monday evenings between Easter and Pentecost. Please contact Erin Wolfe for more information.

Call: 810-229-8624

Email: [baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org)

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, April 12

6:00 pm	Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout
7:00 pm	RCIA Mystagogia-Zoom
7:00 pm	Properties

### Tuesday, April 13

7:00 pm	Finance
7:00 pm	Charity & Justice-Zoom
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
7:00 pm	Catholic Biblical School

### Wednesday, April 14

5:00 pm	9th Grade Confirmation Session
7:00 pm	Community Life

### Thursday, April 15

7:00 pm	Wellness-Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Faith Formation-Zoom

### Friday, April 16

### Saturday, April 17

8:45 am	First Eucharist Retreat
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### Sunday, April 18

12:00 pm	9th Grade Confirmation Session
1:00 pm	Fish & Loaves
6:00 pm	Pastoral Council
6:30 pm	Catholic Social Teaching Book Discussion-Zoom

### NOTICE

St. Vincent dePaul has currently discontinued providing pods to organizations for clothing drives, therefore, we are unable to continue our semiannual clothing drives here at St Mary Magdalen.

## GARDENING ANGELS

### ADOPT-A-GARDEN!



Easter brings Spring and Spring brings new life in our gardens!

If you have a love of gardening, and you'd like to share your talent, please consider adopting a garden here at St. Mary Magdalen.

We have different gardens that require some love and attention during the spring, summer and fall. You can work in the gardens at your own time and pace. You may be sharing a garden with a couple other gardeners!

Families are welcome to sign up too.

If you'd like to be a St. Mary Magdalen Gardening Angel, please call the office and ask for Sandi or email: [sect4@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:sect4@saintmarymagdalen.org). Sign ups are also in the Gathering Area.

## DSA 2021



Our Diocesan Services Appeal continues this month as we look for a parish goal of \$102,772. We are about 30% to our goal with only 140 of our 1, 556 families pledging so far.

The DSA is our opportunity to put God's word into action here in our diocese.

Contributions are put to work in many different ministries, aiding families and individuals, parishes, Catholic Schools, Catholic Charities agencies and many more.

Once our DSA parish goal is reached, 50% of any contributions received over and above our parish goal will be returned to our parish.

If you haven't already, please consider making a DSA contribution today. Gift envelopes are available in church or in the St. Mary Magdalen office. Or you may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa)

## WELLNESS

### TEEN AND YOUNG ADULT MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS *Monday, May 10 at 7 pm*

**We all know a teen who is struggling with negative feelings or behaviors.**

**Join us for a free seminar on May 10** as Kirsti Reeve, licensed professional counselor, discusses young adult and teen mental health.

**Topics covered include: anxiety, depression, suicide awareness and more.**

**Adults, parents, teens, teachers and other interested parties are welcome to attend from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

We will facilitate this meeting using Zoom. Meeting link will be provided via email upon registration.

**Registration required. Please register using this QR code.**



Or at:

<https://www.stjoeshealth.org/classes-and-events/teen-young-adult-mental-health-awareness-seminar>

**Space is limited, please register at your earliest convenience.**

For questions, please contact St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church at 810-229-8624.

*Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Brighton and St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### PASTY SALE - APRIL 24 & 25

The Knights of Columbus will be selling pasties after the masses on April 24 & 25. Based on recipes handed down through generations of Upper Peninsula Pasty Makers, your local council is pleased to offer another 'Grab and Go' option to support funding for our charities. 'MEAT' and 'VEGGIE' pasty options will be available, each selling for \$7. The pasty will be sold frozen so stock up on these delicious Northern Delights.



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Paychecks and Playchecks: Retirement Solutions for Life" is a guide for retirement that is built for uncertain markets like the one we are in today. The strategies in this presentation are based on a mathematically and scientifically proven approach that will enable you to create a secure retirement, no matter how long you live. You will learn how to retire with enough guaranteed lifetime income to cover your basic expenses, and how to optimize the rest of your portfolio to make sure you receive your "playchecks."

Former First Vice President at New York Life and retired Lieutenant Colonel, Tom Hegna has delivered over 5,000 seminars and has been viewed in over 70 million homes on PBS television. Tom specializes in solving complex financial problems using easy-to-understand words, ideas, and stories.

### LIVINGSTON COUNTY ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

**CHARITY RAFFLE DRAWING** -benefitting pro-life pregnancy crisis centers in Michigan

**\$5 per Ticket or 5 tickets for \$20**

**FIRST PRIZE:** \$1000 and a \$500 gift certificate from Allen K Ryan's in Howell

**SECOND PRIZE:** \$500

**THIRD PRIZE:** \$250

**FOR TICKETS CONTACT:** DON POWELL at 248-410-7264 or [chiefpowell@gmail.com](mailto:chiefpowell@gmail.com)

**Drawing Held:** May 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Howell

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