

August 8, 2021  
19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

# Saint Mary Magdalen

*Witnessing to the Resurrection*

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Wed. 1:00 pm–4:30 pm

#### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

##### Weekend Liturgy:

4:30pm Saturday 9am & 11am Sunday

Weekday Liturgies: Tues., Thurs., Fri. 9am

Wed. 6:45pm

Penance/Confession: Saturday 3:30-4:15pm

Infant Baptism: Contact Erin Wolfe.

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

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Revelation: 11:19; 12:1-6, 10** The choice of this reading underscores the importance of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation. All the descriptive words add up to a destructive and terrifying scene, but God rescues mother and child. Heaven has the final word, announcing salvation and security in the kingdom of God.

**1 Corinthians 15:20-27** The entire passage today is built on the victorious announcement of the first line. Having shared the great truth of Christ's resurrection, Paul begins to elaborate on the consequences of that singular event.

**Luke 1:39-56** Today's narrative is on Mary as an exemplary woman of faith and an instrument of God's plan of salvation. The first line of Mary's song-poem sets the tone of joy that pervades this text and this ancient solemnity.

**Reflect:** How does this doctrine of faith speak to your life?

## MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

### Monday, August 9

Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

### Tuesday, August 10, Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

9:00 am +Gwen Maes

### Wednesday, August 11, Saint Clare, Virgin

Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

6:45 pm +Jerome Mitchell

### Thursday, August 12

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1

9:00 am +The Paul and Erica Huddas Family

### Friday, August 13

Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12

9:00 am +Tracey Howard

### Saturday, August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15

### Sunday, August 15, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

4:30 pm +Barazsu and Grielach Families

9:00 am +Gwen Maes

11:00 am The People of St. Mary Magdalen



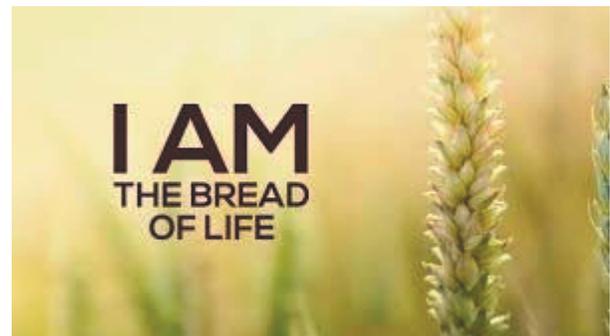
### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF:

Farook Al-Sabagh, Sonia Betancourt, Brandon Bitterle, Jack Bitterle, Lucas Cauley, Stacy Church, Joyce Dalessandro, Charles Darr, John Davidson, Forest & Elaine Densmore, Karoline DeRosia, Cienna Ditri, James DuBay, Jennifer Duncan, Ron Fuller, Mary Lea Gehring, Judy Gentner, John Hammang, Denis Hobbins, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Benjamin Holden, Jared, Heather and Ella Humphreys, Kathy Jagusch, Mary Keating, Maria Kottke, Herb Langer, Nancy Little, Sally Martinez, Marilynn Myszkier, Marianne Nason, Stan Osdras, Stella Paweski, Kathy and Tony Riccardi, Lawrence Rychlick, Marino Sarti, Dave & Judy Scharf, Aleah Schroeder, Andy Snook, Betty Socia, Cindy Sultana, MarylynTrader, Tom Zremski, Brenda, Diane, Dr. Bill, Kyle, MKE, Raheem, Sarah, Madeline, and Zari

*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!*



## FROM FR. PAUL

Our Gospel for this Sunday is the pinnacle of what is often called “The Bread of Life Discourse.” Last week, Jesus calls Himself the Bread of Life, and this week, the people who are listening to Him start to murmur and question this strange teaching. Jesus does not back down or back away from His statement. In fact, He doubles-down; He not only reiterates the statement, He also intensifies it. He speaks of His flesh being the one thing that gives life to the world, and that those who desire to really live must eat of His flesh. This is what makes the Eucharist so important. In the Eucharist, the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ are truly present. Consuming the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, is the way to fulfill what Jesus is talking about; true and everlasting life are available to those who will eat His flesh and drink His blood. No mere symbol will do the trick. Today, let us give thanks to Jesus for giving us Himself in the Eucharist that we celebrate and let us ask Him for the grace to always receive Him with faith, hope, and love.

In that same vein, I invite you to come for our Wednesday Holy Hour and Mass. Every week, we will have Eucharistic Adoration from 5:45-6:45 PM in the day chapel with Mass following immediately from 6:45-7:15 PM. As we think about the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist, this is a perfect opportunity to come before Him, to speak with Him, and to receive even more of His grace. I hope to see you there!

May the Lord bless and keep you.

Fr. Paul

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## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated for those who suffer serious illness. You may celebrate by appointment by calling Fr. Paul or you may attend the **Mass of Anointing on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:45pm beginning August 25.**

"He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two.... They anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them" (see Mark 6:7-13). After Jesus ascended into heaven, the Church continued to be a sacrament of healing: "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven" (James 5: 14-15).

## MINISTERS OF PRAYER



**August 8—August 14**

Sunday	Jerry Dolkowski
Monday	Volunteer
Tuesday	Michele Sixbery
Wednesday	Gale and Pat Harris
Thursday	Volunteer
Friday	Lynn Pfaff
Saturday	Ted Eisenhut

## MARRIAGE BANNS



*I Scott Miller & Becky DeWater*

*I Josh Carl and Kaley Gohrmann*

*III Andrew Swain & Chiara Lazzereschi*

## HOLY HOUR

We have a holy hour in our worship space ***every Wednesday evening from 5:45pm to 6:45pm***. It is good to have some time to come together and pray as a community – to pray for our parish, and for whatever else might be on our hearts. This is a simple holy hour with the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. Please come and sit with the Lord!

### What is a Holy Hour?

A Holy Hour is spending some time in silence with the Lord. Just as Mary, Martha's sister, sat at the feet of Jesus listening to him, a Holy Hour is time set aside so that we too can sit with Jesus. Please join us as we pray for our parish and our world.

See the Adult Formation page on our website to find out more information about some ideas for how to spend that time.

## CURRENT PARISH GUIDELINES

- ◆ Weekend Liturgies are celebrated in the main worship space. Weekday Liturgies are celebrated in the day chapel.  
**Masks are encouraged for those who are not vaccinated or not fully vaccinated against Covid-19.**
- ◆ No drive up reception of Holy Communion.
- ◆ The parish staff has normal work schedules and the parish office is open.
- ◆ Gatherings and meetings are held in person and online.

***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 if you have a good reason to stay home.***

## FINANCE

### WEEK OF 8/1/21

ENV/CASH	\$ 9,435
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 416
EFT/ONLINE	<u>\$ 6,250</u>
TOTAL	\$ 16,101

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Your parish contributions are appreciated and very important, especially during this time. Sunday contributions may be placed in the chest by the baptismal font in the Worship Space, mailed to the parish office or consider online giving.

### PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO GIVE ONLINE

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, August 9

6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout

### Tuesday, August 10

9:45 am Rosary-Chapel

7:00 pm Charity and Justice—Zoom

### Wednesday, August 11

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:45 pm Holy Hour of Prayer

6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group Summer Fun-Outside

7:30 pm Finance Council

### Thursday, August 12

### Friday, August 13

11:00 am Senior Lunch Bunch—Pavilion

11:00 am Sew Much Fun—North Room

### Saturday, August 14

7:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

### Sunday, August 15

10:15 am Rosary

## Senior Lunch Bunch!

Please join us at the *St. Mary Magdalen Pavilion*

**Friday, August 13 at 11am**

**Bring your own lunch and beverage.**

Come catch up with all your Lunch Bunch friends!



## WEEKLY SUNDAY ROSARY



Beginning **August 15**, there will be a weekly Rosary on Sunday mornings at **10:15 am** in the Chapel. Whether you plan to attend the 9:00 or 11:00 Mass, the timing is right!

Please join us as we meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary.

If you are interested in being a part of the Rosary Team, please contact Erin Wolfe at [ewolfe@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:ewolfe@saintmarymagdalen.org).

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

### Sacramental Preparation at St. Mary Magdalen

While every year of Formation is vitally important, this week I wanted to draw particular attention to Sacramental preparation. As a general rule, students receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist in second grade and Confirmation in 9th grade. There are always exceptions to these rules however. For instance, an entire family may join the Church together at the Easter Vigil, in which case their children may make their first Eucharist at an older age. Similarly, students may not be ready for a given Sacrament at the normal age and their families choose to delay reception of the sacrament until they are ready.

It is essential that, before receiving a sacrament, we are properly disposed to do so. Receiving the Sacraments is so much more than just checking a box. By properly preparing ourselves to receive them, and truly appreciating what they signify, we reap the plentiful fruits they produce in our lives and in the life of the Church. This is the primary reason why, at our parish, we require a child to have a year of formation before a given sacramental year (i.e. completing first grade formation before enrolling in First Eucharist classes and completing eight grade formation before enrolling in Confirmation.)

If you have questions about enrolling your children into one of our Formation classes or sacramental preparation, please call the parish office and ask to speak with Joshua Kenny.

### Formation Family

#### Picnic Recap

On July 28, several of our Religious Formation families gathered at Kensington Metropark for a night of fun and fellowship. It was a great time and we hope to make this a yearly tradition!



More pictures can be found on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area!

## YOUTH MINISTRY



### “Edge” Middle School Youth Group

This year, our parish is introducing a new middle school youth ministry program: “Edge” by Life Teen. This may sound familiar to some of you; in the past our parish has called our Middle School program EDGE. However, beginning this year, we will be using Life Teen’s resources in a brand new, very dynamic way!

Life Teen was founded in 1985 and centers its beliefs around leading teens closer to Jesus in the Eucharist. Their programming is currently used by over 1,800 parishes, with 100,000+ people every year reached through their offerings. **I am so excited to be bringing their vibrant, energetic, and proven ministry model to our community.**

Edge is targeted to students in grades 6-8. The following description is taken from Life Teen’s website:

*“Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It provides a safe, fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Edge resources speak to the physical, psychological, cognitive, relational, and spiritual maturation of middle school youth.”*

Over the past few months, I have been encouraged by the interest our budding middle school ministry has garnered. I believe organizing it within the Life Teen framework of social nights, issue nights, retreats, conferences, etc. will enable us to bring about a comprehensive revitalization of our youth ministry offerings.

**[Our first Edge night will be 6-8PM on Thursday September 23.](#)**

**The theme of this year’s Edge program is “New Fire.” We will dive into the Pentecost story and learn about God’s desire to breathe new fire into our lives. I cannot imagine a better theme for us as we seek to ignite a new fire in our parish’s youth ministry!**

### ***Racial Justice and the Common Good***

Last week in this column we read about the Church's social teaching on the Dignity of the Human Person and how it relates to what we are to do regarding social justice for all God's creation. Building on that, this week we are going to see where the Church's social teaching on the Common Good is an extension of the Dignity of the Human Person and how we are called to address racial injustices in that context.

What is the Common Good as it relates to racial justice? All of God's people are entitled to adequate housing, nourishing food, appropriate clothing - all that is necessary to survive. The Church's teaching on the Common Good tells us that everyone is *owed* these things in justice.

We have a responsibility to speak out and take action when we witness injustice or the effects of unjust practices on peoples' lives. How can we do this? First of all, we have a responsibility to be informed and to be aware. We hear and read of injustices such as: the disproportionate number of brown and black people killed by Covid 19; lending practices leading to mortgage foreclosures at twice the rate for people of color during the sub-prime crisis a decade ago; the high incarceration rates of black and brown people for crimes which white people often get reduced or no sentences.

The Church's teaching on the Common Good demands that we act and speak out knowledgeably when we see injustice happening. We can read what the Church has to say about these injustices in letters from the bishops of the US; we can read papal encyclicals like Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti; we can read what other Catholics are doing to help raise the awareness of racial injustice.

The principle of the Common Good teaches us that we are always in relationship with one another, and have responsibility for one another. Everyone, then, the wealthy and the poor, the weak and the powerful, has a right to a full life and a duty to make sure we all share in it. The Church's teaching on the Common Good shows us that it is in *justice*, not *charity*, that we owe our fellow humans food, water, shelter, etc. simply because they are God's creation.

### **Flint Clothing Drive with Snedikor's Cleaners—Thank You!**

Our Spring (June) clothing drive was a little different this year as we partnered with Snedikor's Cleaners who picked up donations porch side and delivered to Catholic Charities Center for Hope in Flint. Our total was almost a ton and a half of clothing!

Thank you to all who donated to this great cause.



## FALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

### WOMEN'S GROUP STUDY

“Wisdom is seeing with God’s eyes.”  
– Pope Francis



Ever wonder how to apply Scripture to the everyday practical living of life? In everything from friendships to finances, from making decisions to attaining peace of mind, Scripture offers a vision for happiness and well-being. With this program, you will learn how to grow in wisdom, experiencing the joy it brings to your life. Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible—Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes—*Wisdom: God’s Vision for Life* will teach you how to actively seek sound guidance and increase your sense of peace in navigating life. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help our parish to grow in fellowship together in Christ!

This is an 8-week, in-person study with videos by Jeff Cavins and others, followed by discussion. We will meet **every other** Monday from 7-8:30pm beginning Sept. 13. The cost of the program is \$20. Journals will be ordered together to reduce shipping, so **please register by Sept. 1st** by contacting Bernie Tucker at [rodzina.first@gmail.com](mailto:rodzina.first@gmail.com) or 734-740-0516.

### PINTS AND PONDERINGS WITH FR. PAUL

Get to know Fr. Paul!

Join us on Friday evenings September 10 and October 22 from 7:00-9:00. Fr. Paul will be answering questions about various pre-determined topics. Feel free to bring your preferred libation. Appetizers to share would also be appreciated. For more information, please contact Erin Wolfe at [ewolfe@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:ewolfe@saintmarymagdalen.org).



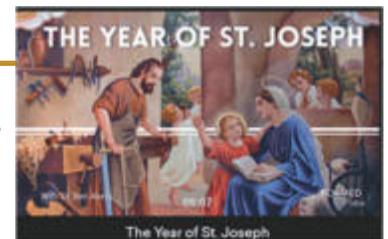
### MORNING BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN AND WOMEN



Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God’s Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so you can to get the “big picture” of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God’s plan.

These classes will be facilitated by Kris Weber on Tuesday mornings from 10:30-12:00. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. Classes will begin in late September or early October. Contact Erin Wolfe at [ewolfe@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:ewolfe@saintmarymagdalen.org) for more information.

### MEN'S GROUP STUDY



“The Year of St. Joseph”

The Men’s Group will continue to meet this fall for Faith Formation and Fellowship using Zoom, starting Thursday, September 9. We meet weekly each Thursday evening, along with a monthly in-person fellowship gathering. Our men read & discuss the upcoming Sunday mass Scriptures, select Catholic book studies, and sessions with guest speakers. To celebrate Pope Francis’ declaration of “The Year of St. Joseph”, we will start off with a six-week study using materials from the Formed website. Additional book studies will include books authored by Matthew Kelly and various studies from the Formed website. For more information, please contact Mickey Tucker at [kayak.haus@gmail.com](mailto:kayak.haus@gmail.com)

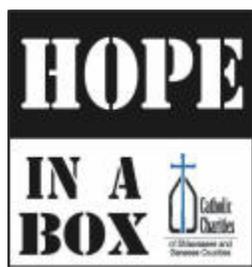
## How Do I Become Catholic? Do I Want To Become Catholic?



- \*\* If you have never been baptized.
- \*\* If you were baptized in another Christian faith.
- \*\* If you were baptized Catholic but did not receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.
- \*\* If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith.

Call Erin Wolfe in the parish office (810)229-8624 ext. 176. There are no commitments or obligations to become Catholic, just the opportunity to find out more.

We will be having a summer session on August 16, from 7-8 pm in the East Room. (This session might be in the Pavilion if it is nice out! Weekly sessions will begin in September.



### AUGUST NEEDS:

- Dish Soap
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shaving Cream/Lotion
- School Supplies

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### JULY RECOGNITIONS

The St. Mary Magdalen, Knights of Columbus Council, recognizes Danielle Flynn and family as the July 2021, Family of the Month. Danielle and her two sisters once again worked at our June golf outing: Vegas Hole and 50/50 Raffle, helping us raise over \$7500 (net), supporting our parish and community charitable programs. Their *“always say YES”* support for what we do is certainly appreciated.

The St. Mary Magdalen, Knights of Columbus Council, recognizes Sir Knight Gary Kinneer and Brother John McLellan for their service to the council and parish community as our ‘July Knights of the Month’. Gary cleaned and readied the Rectory Lower-Level area for council face-to-face meetings. He is also a longtime Livingston County Catholic Social Services volunteer. John recently joined the CARETEL Ministry Team, serving elderly residents on Sundays by leading the Rosary and distributing Holy Communion. He also delivers meals for Magdalen’s Kitchen to parishioners without transportation.

### CRUISE-IN CAR SHOW



The St. Mary Magdalen Knights of Columbus Council is hosting a charity **Cruise-In Car Show, Monday, August 23, 4:00 PM until dark**, to benefit Saint Joseph Home Care and Hospice of Livingston County, and the Blue Star Service Dogs of Pinckney, Michigan. Blue Star Service Dogs provide therapy for servicemen and servicewomen recovering from brain injuries, severe depression, and Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD).

**Car Owner Registration is from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, and entry fee is \$15.00 No entry fee for spectators, but a free will donation will be accepted.** Burgers and hot dogs on sale by our Knights, and beverages by our local Boy Scout Troop. Entertainment by ‘CruzN DJ’ Paul Peters.

## Regional 50+ Summer Celebration & Picnic

### Thursday, August 12

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
9565 Musch Road, Brighton

11 am Mass; Picnic Lunch, Music & More at noon

*To promote health and safety, this year's picnic WILL NOT be a potluck.* Tableware, drinks, an assortment of salads and Sloppy Joe's will be provided.

*Mass will be celebrated by Father Francis George, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church*

*To assure sufficient food, please RSVP by contacting the STMM church office as soon as possible!*

*There is no cost for this activity; however, a goodwill donation will be accepted.*



The Religious Formation Program is looking for volunteers for the upcoming year. We need volunteers for the following positions:

- Catechists and Co-Catechists
- Classroom Aides
- Hall Monitors/Greeters
- Confirmation Classroom Aide
- Sunday Morning Office Aide
- Wednesday Night Office Aide

If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, please contact Joshua Kenny.

## Make the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

*If you always imagine God in the same way, no matter how true and beautiful it may be, you will not be able to receive the gift of the new ways He has ready for you.*

~Carlos Valles, S.J.



The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises is a pilgrimage of a spiritual search for the fulfillment of a desire for holiness. The exercise experience is about praying, searching, exploring and discovering; it is a journey with God. Christ Jesus is your companion as you learn to walk the life journey path as Jesus asks: **“What are you looking for?”** (Jn1:38) and **“Come and see.”** (Jn 1:39). Those who engage in the Spiritual Exercises discover a response to **“What is God asking of me?”** The Exercise experience is good for increasing openness to the movement of the Holy Spirit strengthening and supporting you in the effort **to respond ever more faithfully to the love of God.**

The full Spiritual Exercises may be done in the midst of ordinary daily life at home. It involves a daily commitment of 45-60 minutes in prayer and reflection centered on the themes of the Exercises and a weekly meeting with Linda Chevalier, Spiritual Director/ Companion for approximately eight or nine months. Linda will meet with you on a weekly basis at her home which allows for reflective conversation and confidentiality. The cost for the Spiritual Exercises is to offer a stipend, payable over the course of the retreat. You will have a discussion about the precise details during your first conversation.

If you feel drawn to make the Ignatian Exercises **contact Linda Chevalier :**  
**(H: 810-229-9734) or (C: 810-775-8713) or**  
**[chevalierlinda@att.net](mailto:chevalierlinda@att.net)**

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