



August 22, 2021
21st 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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 The book of Deuteronomy contains a lengthy farewell speech of Moses as the people prepare to enter the Promise Land. Moses makes it clear that they are expected to remain faithful to the Lord after they have settled in their new land.

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Today and for the next four Sundays, we will read passages from the letter of James. Two points will be helpful background to today's passage. First: In the Jewish law the first fruits of the harvest belong to God. Second: In the Old Testament, widows and orphans were classic examples of poor and defenseless people.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 While the Pharisee's have narrow and legalistic concerns, Jesus emphasizes the moral intent of the Law going beyond its internal interpretation. The teaching about contamination coming from within cancels the laws about clean and unclean food and opens the way for unity between the Jew and Gentile in the Kingdom of God. Mark signals this shift by having Jesus leave Galilee for Gentile territory in the following episodes of the Gospel.

Reflect: The question Jesus poses to us today is: Do you live by the letter or the spirit of the law?

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

Monday, August 23

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 24, Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

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

9:00 am +Mildred Reott

Wednesday, August 25

1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

6:45 pm +Viola & Chuck Hibbeln, Mass of Anointing

Thursday, August 26

1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

9:00 am Sr. Maryetta Churches

Friday, August 27, Saint Monica

1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13

9:00 am +Virgil Colman

Saturday, August 28, Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

Sunday, August 29, 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

4:30 pm +Gwen Maes

9:00 am +Joyce Blank

11:00 am The People of St. Mary Magdalen

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The family of Stella Paweski.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF:

Sonia Betancourt, Lucas Cauley,
Joyce Dalessandro, Charles Darr, John Davidson,
Forest & Elaine Densmore, Karoline DeRosia,
Cienna Ditri, James DuBay, Jenny Duenas,
Jennifer Duncan, Mary Lea Gehring, John Hammang,
Ralph Hazen, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Benjamin Holden,
Jared and Ella Humphreys, Kathy Jagusch,
Bob Jueckstock, Mary Keating, Maria Kottke,
Herb Langer, Nancy Little, Katy Lott, Sally Martinez,
Marianne Nason, Stan Osdras, Kathy and Tony Riccardi,
Donna Rushak, Larry Rychlick, Marino Sarti,
Dave & Judy Scharf, Aleah Schroeder, Betty Socia,
Cindy Sultana, Marylyn Trader, Marie Wittmann,
Tom Zremski, Brenda, Diane, Dr. Bill, Jared, Kyle, Lance,
Madeline, Mike, Raheem, 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

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Gospel this week is a challenging one. Jesus has just finished the Bread of Life discourse; He has just said, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you do not have life within you." (Jn. 6:53) In the verses that follow, the people listening to Jesus talk about how hard of a teaching this is and a lot of them walk away from Him. Jesus' response to that is what I always find challenging: He lets them leave. Instead of chasing after those who are walking away, He turns to the 12 apostles and asks them directly, "Do you also want to leave?" Jesus is, in a sense, drawing the line at this teaching. He is not going to back down from it or try to modify it in order to suit the mood of those who would follow Him. Peter, while he may not understand the teaching fully, says on behalf of the apostles, "Master, to whom shall we go?" (Jn. 6:68)

Sometimes I feel like Peter must have in that moment. I imagine he was confused, maybe at his wit's end, somewhat exasperated, and quite unsure of himself and his circumstances. In those moments when I feel like Peter, I try to respond the way that he did. That when things are beyond me, I can actually surrender in faith to the person of Jesus. That I can actually receive His presence and His life from the Eucharist that I consume. That I am not actually as lost as I might appear, but am held in the providential care of a good and loving Father. That no one but Jesus can actually give to me the everlasting life that I truly desire. Together then, let us join our hearts and voices with Peter. Let us pursue the Eucharistic Lord in faith and in hope, surrendering to His will. Above all else, let us always follow wherever He goes.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

Fr. Paul



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 22 — August 28

Sunday	Dennis Wagener
Monday	Valerie Maravolo
Tuesday	Barb and Joe Kowal
Wednesday	Diane Olsem
Thursday	Pat and Bob Metz
Friday	Marilyn and Dan VanTiem Mary Jo Cubr

MARRIAGE BANNS



III Scott Miller & Becky DeWater

III Josh Carl and Kaley Gohrmann

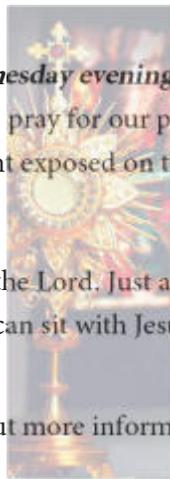
HOLY HOUR

We have a holy hour in our Day Chapel *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 HOLY HOUR 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, especially for those who are not vaccinated against Covid-19.
- ◆ 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.

**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.

Weekly sessions will begin in September.

WEEKLY SUNDAY ROSARY



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.



MAGDALEN'S KITCHEN



Our weekly community meal ministry has been able to continue to provide carry-out meals throughout the pandemic. But we have come to a point where we need volunteers to come forward to keep the ministry going. Please prayerfully consider stepping up to help so that we don't have to put this ministry on hold. As we continue carry-out only, we are in need of kitchen help which cooks, packs, distributes, cleans up and dishwashers.

Kitchen Help or Dishwasher: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca8a62ca3f5ce9-magdalen>

Bake desserts: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca8a62ca3f5ce9-magdalen1>

Pick-up Panera on Saturday: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca8a62ca3f5ce9-panera>

You can find these links on our website as well.

Please note that due to the rules of the Diocese of Lansing, "Protecting God's Children," minors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent.

Please contact Jeri Gawlowski, jgawlowski@saintmarymagdalen.org 810-229-8624 if you have any questions.

FINANCE

WEEK OF 8/15/21

ENV/CASH	\$ 7,694
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 661
EFT/ONLINE	<u>\$ 8,333</u>
TOTAL	\$ 16,688

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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Year End Financial Report Fiscal year July 2020—June 2021

INCOME

Church	\$1,474,900
Paycheck Prot. Revenue	\$ 110,900
Campaign for Debt Reduction	\$ 168,519
Covid Sick Pay Grant	\$ 2,055
Faith Formation Tuition	\$ 15,060
Preschool Tuition	\$ 141,457
Witness To Hope	\$ 116,558
Total Income	\$2,029,449

EXPENSES

Church	\$ 975,812
Mortgage Principal	\$ 431,064
Faith Formation	\$ 178,979
Preschool	\$ 132,015
Total Expenses	\$1,717,870

INCOME/LOSS

Mortgage Balance	\$ 964,287
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*\$110,900 received from U.S. government Covid Paycheck Protection Program which raised net income.

** Expenses were greatly decreased by closures due to the pandemic.

***Witness To Hope program will be phasing out in 2021-2022 fiscal year as the program reaches the end of its 5 year term.

WELLNESS

Blood Drive Leadership Transition

The Wellness Ministry and our entire parish extend a huge **THANK YOU** to **Maria Milligan** for her service as our Blood Drive Chair over the past year. Despite the difficulties presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, Maria was able to recruit and organize volunteers and ensure a masked and socially distanced process for donors, Red Cross staff and our parish volunteers. Under her leadership our blood program did not miss a beat. During a time of extreme need for blood products, the St. Mary Magdalen program held all its drives with continued success toward goals. While Maria steps down to engage in family and home building more fully, parishioner Danielle Flynn has volunteered to lead the program. A prior blood drive volunteer, Danielle is sure to keep the blood drives running smoothly. Again, we thank Maria for her leadership, and we will Danielle and all our blood program volunteers and donors continued success with this lifesaving program!

SAINT MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH NIGHT WITH THE LANSING LUGNUTS!

Lugnuts vs West Michigan Whitecaps
Friday, September 17
@ 7:05 pm

- Come enjoy the game with your St. Mary Magdalen family and friends!
- Group recognition on the scoreboard and public address system during the game!
- Come watch the **pre-game Faith All-Star Lineup!** Fr. Paul will be taking the field as part of the All-Star pastor lineup!

Ticket order forms in the Gathering Area or Contact Josh Kenny for your tickets!



810-229-8624 or
jkenny@saintmarymagdalen.org

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Registration this Weekend

After both the 9AM and 11AM masses this Sunday, the formation staff will be registering families for Religious Formation this Fall. This is the last opportunity to register before the late registration period begins on Monday, August 23 and tuition is increased by \$20.



Get your Lansing Lugnuts Tickets!

This Friday (8/27) is the final day to order Lansing Lugnuts tickets through the parish for the game on September 17. We will be meeting at the stadium in downtown Lansing to watch the Lugnuts take on the West Michigan Whitecaps. We are going as part of their Faith and Family Night. First pitch is at 7:05PM. *Fr. Paul will be taking the field as part of the All-Star pastor lineup!*



Confirmation Orientation

Next Sunday, August 29, there will be a meeting after the 11AM Liturgy for the incoming 9th grade Confirmation class and their parents; we will be going over the program requirements and making a big announcement as well. If you have not yet registered your child for 9th grade, please do so ASAP.



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 from 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!

FALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING 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. 1**, by contacting Bernie Tucker at 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.



MORNING BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN AND WOMEN

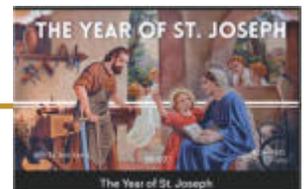


Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible by showing how 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.

Beginning Sept. 28 and running through Nov. 16, these classes will be facilitated by Kris Weber on Tuesday mornings from 10:30-12:00 in the East Room. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The cost of the program is \$30. The books will be ordered together to reduce shipping, so **please register by Sept. 13**. Contact Erin Wolfe at ewolfe@saintmarymagdalen.org for more information.

MEN'S FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

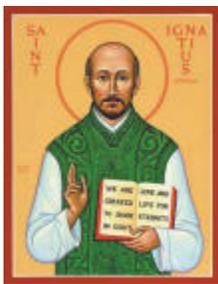
"The Year of St. Joseph"



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, and also have a monthly in-person fellowship gathering. Our men read & discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass Scriptures, participate in Catholic book studies, and have 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.org website. Additional book studies will include books authored by Matthew Kelly. For more information, please contact Mickey Tucker at kayak.haus@gmail.com

Bible study fees can be paid online by clicking the tab 'ONLINE GIVING', Donation Payment on the St. Mary Magdalen website.

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?”*** (Jn 1:38) 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



SHRINE OF REMEMBERING

If you would like to submit a photo of a loved one who has recently died you can turn it into the office to Diane Kubus. Their photo and name will be included on our Shrine of Remembering in the worship space for one year. Please write their name and date of death on the back of the photo. Upon visiting the shrine, you may say a prayer, light a candle and record their name in the Book of Remembering if you wish to do so.



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

- First and Second Grade Sunday Catechists
- Classroom Aides
- Hall Monitors/Greeters
- Confirmation Classroom Aide
- Wednesday Night Office Aides

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



FAMILY FUNFEST

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, August 23

- 4:00 pm K of C Car Show
- 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout

Tuesday, August 24

- 9:45 am Rosary-Chapel

Wednesday, August 25

- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 5:45 pm Holy Hour of Prayer
- 6:00 pm Level 1-5 Catechist Meeting
- 6:45 pm Mass of Anointing
- 7:30 pm Pastoral Council

Thursday, August 26

- 6:00 pm Level 6-9 Catechist Meeting

Friday, August 27

Saturday, August 28

Sunday, August 29

- 9:00am Baptism
- 10:15 am Rosary
- 12:00 pm 9th Grade Orientation
- 12:00 pm K of C Rosary
- 1:00 pm Fish and Loaves Dinner

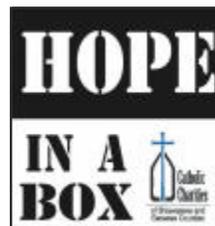
CRUISE-IN CAR SHOW!

The St. Mary Magdalen Knights of Columbus Council is hosting a charity Cruise-In Car Show, **tomorrow, Monday, August 23, 4:00 PM until dark.**

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.



AUGUST NEEDS:

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

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PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES HAVE CHANGED

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