

# ST. MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

417 East 6th Avenue  
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***A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF EUCHARIST, FAITH, PRAYER AND SERVICE***

***September 19, 2021—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***



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## **ST. MAGDALEN PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Secretary:** Douglas Wernke

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John Weaver

**Votive Candles:** Six day candles-\$3 each.  
Votive candles-\$.50 each.

**Bulletin Announcements:**  
Call parish office or email no later than **NOON, Tuesday.**

**Mass Intentions:**  
Days available in November 2021.

**Monthly Postings & Calendar:**  
Deadline **September 22nd** for October 2021..

## **Sunday Mass Observance:**

**Sunday 10:30 AM**

## **Weekday Masses:**

**Wednesday 9:00 AM**

(1st Wednesday—9:45 AM—Canton—Good Samaritan)

**Friday 9:00 AM**

(1st Friday—9:00 AM—Lennox—Good Samaritan)

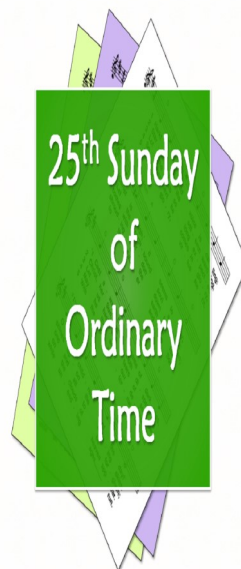
## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Sunday 1/2 hour before Mass or by appointment

## **Sacramental Preparation:**

**Baptism:** By appointment. Call parish office.

**Marriage:** By appointment. Preparation at least 6 months in advance.  
Call parish office.



# KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH DAY

**Who's On First?**  
**Written by Fr. Mark Suslenko**

How we define the word “success” matters. Success is associated with the attainment of some goal or purpose. Taken on face value, this definition is not How we define the word “success” matters. Success is associated with the attainment of some goal or purpose. Taken on face value, this definition is not incompatible with what Jesus teaches. Being people of mercy and peace, for example, are certainly worthy goals in our Lord’s eyes. However, we run into trouble when the goals and purpose associated with our understanding of success are self-serving rather than in service of the Kingdom of God. We are so conditioned to put our efforts into obtaining privilege and status that we forget about matters of the soul and the heart. These often get pushed aside in our pursuit of more tangible, measurable, secular gains.

What about the essence of our being: our soul? Our world does a great job convincing us of the illusion that being first is best. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, getting into our first choice for college, first to finish their work or first in my social group to earn the most money, great satisfaction is supposedly achieved. Our egos can easily become our gods and we live this strangely attached yet sadly detached life where we are both connected and disengaged. Life becomes “something we do,” a series of predestined roles we play on the road to success. Our stages are set with all of the pieces we think we need to get us where we think we need to go. We dance from one to the next, barely taking time to breathe, as we touch each component making certain everything is where it needs to be. Yet in doing so, we tire of playing the puppeteer of our life’s characters and pieces, leaving our souls parched, lifeless and arid.

It is no wonder that St. Oscar Romero wisely said to, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” It is better to have our life stage set with less so that we can be more fully present, rather than set with multiple things in competition for our time. Quality, not quantity, matters most in the Kingdom of God. Jesus wants nothing to do with our secularly success driven lives. He sees no more value in those pursuits than he did with the money changers in the temple. In being consumed with our own personal advancement over a true investment of ourselves in life, we become no better than those money changers. The illusions are the same: me before you, the top is better than the bottom, us versus them, personal security and safety over universal harmony and peace, making more and more money versus time-honored principles and virtues such as honesty, kindness, and love. incompatible with what Jesus teaches. Being people of mercy and peace, for example, are certainly worthy goals in our Lord’s eyes. However, we run into trouble when the goals and purpose associated with our understanding of success are self-serving rather than in service of the Kingdom of God. We are so conditioned to put our efforts into obtaining privilege and status that we forget about matters of the soul and the heart. These often get pushed aside in our pursuit of more tangible, measurable, secular gains.

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The world and its people are in crisis. As a result, faith and family are suffering. We are often so confused trying to figure out “what’s” important that it’s not even funny. Our young families, especially, suffer. Running from one thing to another: dance recitals, hockey games, baseball games, karate, swimming, music lessons, and other extracurricular activities leaves everyone exhausted. One after another of these “necessities” for success take time away from “simply being” together as a family, properly worshipping God, and savoring life. We convince ourselves that all of these steps are necessary in order for our children to become successful. While each is fine to pursue in its own right, the way the package often comes together is destructive. Yet, we are overlooking what we really need to work on: our souls.

What we don’t realize is that human beings have lost something very important along the way in life: innocence. We also don’t realize that we really want and need it back. We get confused thinking that the “hole” we are feeling deep within is meant to be filled with something else. Only Jesus restores our lost innocence. There is wisdom to God’s wonderful commandment to “keep holy the Sabbath day.” We need a day of intentional worship and playful rest. When we can connect with the truth of God in Word and Eucharist, it makes all the difference in the world. We realize that the stages of our lives are not things that require the management of a skilled puppeteer but instead require the embrace and investment of a loving, engaged servant. In keeping the Sabbath holy, we also can find time in life’s business to celebrate and play! When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. Relationships are things to be celebrated and enjoyed.

That’s why Jesus loved the image of a child. There is a playful innocence about children. They don’t manage life, they live it! They also want to do things for you, especially if you are someone they respect, admire, or idolize. There is no selfish ambition present in the innocent child, only the desire to please. Thus we have here the makings of a good servant, one who is detached from a preoccupation with self so that they can be used by God in service of others. We cannot be useful instruments to God unless we begin to perfect the “ministry of being.” And we cannot begin to do that until we rid ourselves of the world’s illusions and invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God. When we make that challenging choice, the tables begin to turn. We may find ourselves moving to a lesser place in the world’s eyes but to a more prominent place in God’s eyes. Sadly, however, many find all of this too challenging.

St. Oscar Romero continues with words of wisdom when he says, “Beautiful is the moment in which we understand that we are no more than an instrument of God; we live only as long as God wants us to live; we can only do as much as God makes us able to do; we are only as intelligent as God would have us be.” Now there is a recipe for success! Imagine what the world would look like if we all really believed this and taught this as a firm and necessary lesson to our children! We could actually stop worrying about being first and experience the joy of life. And when we experience joy, we experience God; who is life for our souls. Fr. Mark Suslenko

<https://4lpi.com/blog/whos-on-first/>

[www.4LPi.com](http://www.4LPi.com) 1 Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16—4:3 Mark 9:30-37

**USCCB Word of Life**—“Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: ‘there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance’ (Lk 15:7)\*.”

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## THIS WEEK AT ST MAGDALEN September 20th—27th

**Monday, Sep 20**, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-Sang, & Companions, Martyrs:

**Tuesday, Sep 21**, St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist:

**Wednesday, Sep 22:**

- Mass, 9 AM
- RE:
  - K-5th: 6:30-7:30 PM
  - 6th-9th: 7:45-8:45 PM

**Thursday, Sep 23**, St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest:

**Friday, Sep 24:**

- Mass, 9 AM

**Saturday, Sep 25:**

- Serve at The Banquet

**Sunday, Sep 26**, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- Mass, 10:30 AM

## OUR PARISH

### Week Ending September 12th

#### Support

Adult: \$1,429; Loose: \$120; Vigil Candles: \$12  
Parking Lot: \$100; Religious Ed: \$30

#### CFSA 2021 — One Faith. One Family.

Goal: \$15,400    Pledged: \$16,340  
Received: -    Collected: \$16,00  
Overage: +\$1,260

*Thank you for continuously and generously sharing your treasure above and beyond your original pledge!*

## THOUGHTS, PRAYERS & BEST WISHES

### *Good Samaritan & Lennox Assisted Living Residents*

Judy Buchanan, Connie Cook, Pat Crevier,  
Joanne Ellison, Louella Godes, George Johnson,  
Susan Leuthauser, Betty Morrison, Joseph Stastny  
and Dennis Uttech

### *Health Challenges*

Ellen Renz, Ruby Nordman, Nancy Birchard,  
Fr. Rader and Fr. Dana Christensen

## BIRTHDAYS

9/19—Jennifer Crumb & Kyler Herren  
9/21—Huckston Dubblede  
9/22—Ella Grengs, Gabriel Luze, & Scout Nelson  
9/23—Isaac Holmes  
9/25—Paige Nelson, Alicen Oltmanns,  
Robert Oltmanns, & Dale Ziegler

## Information, Activities & Events



St. Magdalen Parish would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are new to the area. If you are not registered at St. Magdalen and consider this your Parish, please contact or stop by the Parish Office.



### Serve at The Banquet-Main 25 September 2021—10:00 AM

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

St. Magdalen and First English Lutheran are scheduled to serve **LUNCH** on September 25th.

- ♦ St. Magdalen volunteers are needed - to wrap silverware and serve lunch.
- ♦ Parish members are asked to bring in produce, especially tomatoes no later than September 24, Friday, to the Hall.
- ♦ A sign-up sheet is located in the parish hall for volunteers, produce and carpool.

Please see the flyer and/or go to [banquetsf.org](http://banquetsf.org) for the dress code and safety policy.

**HINT:** Upcoming students attending Confirmation Classes—start early on your volunteer hours!



### Growing in Faith™



*“Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”*

Society tells us that happiness comes from having the perfect spouse, the perfect home, the perfect job, and the perfect body. Without all that, happiness isn't possible. Consider this:

**God's way leads to perfection.** Adam and Eve were in Paradise until society convinced them that by eating a piece of fruit, they could become perfect and be even happier. Had they listened to God instead, their lives would have stayed perfect.

**Only God loves perfectly.** Sometimes we fear that showing our failings to others will lessen their regard. The more perfect we appear, the more will be loved and respected. Human love is unpredictable, but we can never lose or lessen God's love. He loves us as we are right now. In fact, Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) to remind us of God's unconditional love.

**God's idea of perfect is possible.** Jesus said, “... *be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect*” (Mt 5:48), but he wasn't talking about muscles or homes. Perfection in Jesus' eyes means loving God with all our hearts, praying for our enemies, and taking care of the poor. To Jesus, love, obedience and service is the true measure of perfection and he wants us to let go of anything that gets in the way. That's the only “perfect” that is possible.



## RE Classes

### Wednesday, September 22nd

Times: K-5: 6:30-7:30 PM  
6-9: 7:45-8:45 PM

**Confirmation:** Will meet on Sundays. Stay tuned for the complete schedule and meeting times.

**Questions**—contact Anne Homan at 605-310-6058 (call or text) or [anne@lennoxnews.com](mailto:anne@lennoxnews.com).

## AREA & DIOCESAN EVENTS

### 50th Annual South Dakota Right to Life Convention ~ A Celebration of Life Weekend ~



Hosted by Sioux Falls Area Right to Life

An empowering weekend of education, motivation, and celebration for the Sanctity of Human Life from Conception to Natural Death.

October 1-3, 2021  
Sioux Falls First Church  
6300 W 41st St, Sioux Falls, SD

#### Nationally Acclaimed Speakers

- > Carol Tobias - President, National Right to Life Committee
- > Seth Gruber - Life Training Institute
- > Harold J. Cassidy - Pro-Life Attorney and Advocate
- > Scott Fischbach - Executive Director of MN Citizens Concerned for Life

**Friday, October 1st**  
Open and Free to the Public  
6:00 pm - Doors Open  
6:30 pm - Social and Exhibit Hall Browsing  
7:00 - 8:30 pm - Welcome and Program

**Saturday, October 2nd**  
Open to the Public - Register Online or Day of Event  
8:00 am - Doors Open  
Registration, Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Browsing  
9:00 am - 4:30 pm - General Session

~ Lunch Will be Provided ~

Middle and High School Students: Special 'Youth for Life Session' with guest speakers and activities will run during most of the General Session.

No charge for Youth Attendees 17 years and under.



### LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 3rd, 2:00-3:00 pm

On W. 41st St. in Sioux Falls from

Kiwanis Ave. to Sertoma Ave.

- Stand united in prayer and repentance.
- Make a public, prayerful, and peaceful witness against legalized abortion and for LIFE.

~ TO REGISTER/INFORMATION ~  
Contact South Dakota Right to Life

- [www.sdRightToLife.org](http://www.sdRightToLife.org)
- View: SDRTL's Facebook Page
- Email: [righttolifefest@gmail.com](mailto:righttolifefest@gmail.com)
- Call: 605-743-0777

## NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SIOUX FALLS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021, 2-3PM

RAIN OR SHINE

W. 41<sup>ST</sup> St.  
From  
S. Kiwanis Ave.  
To  
S. Sertoma Ave.

For more information and to "adopt a block"  
CONTACT: 605-929-6531  
[siouxfallsarearighttolife.org](http://siouxfallsarearighttolife.org)

"God created our inmost being, knit us together in our mother's womb. Praise to Him for we are fearfully and wonderfully made."  
Psalm 139:13-14



### LIFE CHAIN



#### Prayer Vigil

Join thousands praying on the sidewalk of cities all across the USA and Canada.



## DAILY READINGS/MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Sep 20	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
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Tues, Sep 21	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
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Wed, Sep 22	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
9 AM	+H. Pat Marks by Harlan & Rita Temple
Thurs, Sep 23	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 9:7-9
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Fri, Sep 24	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
9 AM	+Holly Buckman by Harlan & Rita Temple
Sat, Sep 25	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15; Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43-45
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Sun, Sep 26	Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19: 8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
10:30 AM	Ellen Renz

Limited Mass Intentions are available for November.

Suggested donation is \$10. Call or stop by the office to request a Mass.

### St. Magdalen Liturgical Team September 26th, 10:30 AM

**Greeters:** Darin & Jodi Eich Family

**Lector:** Mike Sanchez, Wade Homan

**Cantor:** Cheryl Ziegler

**EM:** Andrea Kribell

**Sacristan:** Liz Schmidt

**Ushers:** Kurtis Sweeter, Nancy Birchard

**Altar Servers:** Liam Sanchez, Karin Sweeter

## Retreats/Recollections

### BROOM TREE Silent Retreat Schedule:

Women: Oct 7-10, Nov 4-7

Men: Sep 23-26, Oct 21-24, Nov 18-21

### Day of Recollection Schedule:

Oct 12-When God Says No—Directed by Fr. Joe Vogel

Nov 3-A Fall Day of Reflection—with Archbishop Robert Carlson

Nov 9-God & Country: Prayer in the Midst of Conflict & Grace

—Directed by Fr. Joe Forcelle

Dec 14-St Bridget of Sweden: An Introduction to her Life, Revelations, & Prayers

—Directed by Dr Teresa Kemmer

### Special Retreat:

Oct 15-17-Undone: A Healing Retreat—Directed by Father Scott Traynor

To register/info, call 263-1040, [www.broom-tree.org](http://www.broom-tree.org) or [broomtree@sfcatholic.org](mailto:broomtree@sfcatholic.org).



**Sep 29 - Scripture Studies:** The Benedictine Peace Center in Yankton, SD is offering 2 online Scripture Studies, using the Little Rock Scripture Study (Catholic Diocese of Little Rock). Both groups begin Sept. 29-registration by Sept. 22. For info: <https://yanktonbeneditines.org/online-scripture-study-exodus/> or <https://yanktonbeneditines.org/online-study-gospel-of-luke/> or [BenedictinePeaceCtr@yanktonbeneditines.org](mailto:BenedictinePeaceCtr@yanktonbeneditines.org) and/or 605-668-6292.

## Affordable Home Repair & Preservation

- House painting
- Minor repairs
- Yard clean up
- Weatherization
- Safety modifications
- Grab bars
- Handrails
- Anti-slip strips



**Need a helping hand?** Our awesome volunteers are ready and eager to get to work, but we need your fall projects! Habitat's Neighborhood Revitalization program offers low-cost repairs and improvements to qualified homeowners. Call 605-274-6284 to learn more!