

ST. MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF EUCHARIST, FAITH, PRAYER AND SERVICE

September 26, 2021—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Bulletin Announcements:

Call parish office or email no later than **NOON, Tuesdays.**

Mass Intentions:

Days available in December 2021.

Monthly Postings & Calendar:

Deadline **October 22nd** for November 2021..

Rent/Use of Hall: Call office at least 4 weeks prior to event.

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:

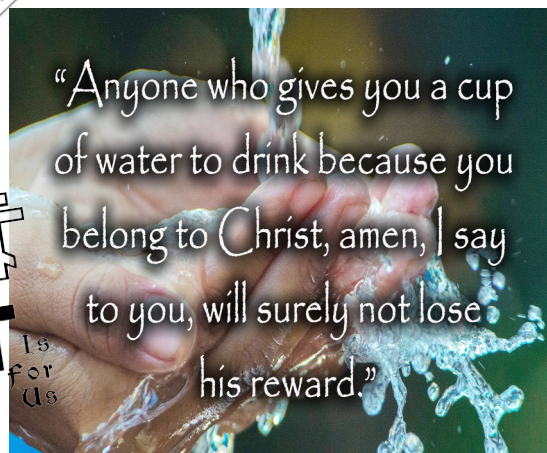
Sunday 1/2 hour before Mass or by appointment

Sacramental Preparation:

Baptism: By appointment. Call parish office.

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

26th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time





Feast of the Archangels—by Laura Kazlas

(Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138; Jn 1:47-51)

Today is the feast of the Archangels: Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphael. It is a little unusual that the readings do not mention any of the Archangels. Both of the readings do describe the angels that constantly serve God the Father in front of His throne though.

Isn't the first reading for Mass powerful? The images that start to form in your mind are almost incomprehensible. We really can't visualize God the Father very well, but this reading gives us a good idea what He looks like: *"The Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool."*

The reading continues to say that thousands upon thousands were ministering to Him and myriads and myriads attended Him. This reading is unusual because it doesn't mention the angels specifically, but we do know that the Archangels surround the throne of God. The second half of this reading tells us about the Son of Man though, who received an everlasting dominion over all nations and all people.

Saint Michael the Archangel went to battle against Satan and his demons and cast them out of heaven.

Saint Raphael cured Tobit's father of his blindness in the Old Testament.

Saint Gabriel announced to Mary that she would conceive a child by the Holy Spirit, and he would be God's own son.

The angels are God's messengers. Jesus speaks of them in the gospel: *"Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."* This wasn't something he read in the Old Testament, it was something that he *knew firsthand*. If you remember, Jesus existed before the world began. John 17:5: *"So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed."*

The angels exist. Even if we are not physically aware of their presence, they are around us none the less. They protect us and those we love from danger. Sometimes they help guide us to make the right decisions in life. Sometimes they are messengers sent by God, to tell us something that He wishes to say to us. Often, they simply make the reality of God's existence known to us. At other times though, there might be something God specifically wants you to do.

Angels appeared to many people in the bible during their dreams. Saint Joseph is the most famous and trustworthy example of this. The thing that is honorable about Joseph, is that he listened to the angel in his dream and obeyed him – without question. It happened twice. The first time an angel told Joseph in a dream not to be afraid to take Mary for his wife. The second time an angel appeared in his dreams, was to warn him that Herod was trying to kill baby Jesus and they needed to escape to Egypt. Jesus's life was in danger.

Many people disregard their dreams. Would you have the faith to trust a dream that you are certain came from God? What if the command given to you in a dream was pretty radical? Like when the angel told Joseph and Mary to escape to Egypt? Would you have the faith to pack up everything you own, leave behind everything and everyone that you know, and venture into a strange, unfamiliar land to begin a new life? This was a pretty drastic thing for Joseph and Mary to do, especially because it was based on a dream.

Is your faith deep enough to trust your instincts? The 'gut feeling' people sometimes have about an unusual occurrence, a dream, or perhaps a profound coincidence? Are you willing to bet your life on it, the same way that Saint Joseph did? Perhaps that is why Saint Joseph is a saint. He had complete confidence, trust, and faith in God. Saint Joseph, through faith, accepted the supernatural ways that God sometimes makes His will known to us.

Baby Jesus survived because Saint Joseph trusted the angel who appeared to him *in a dream*. This is something worth giving some serious thought to in your own life. How deep is your faith in God's holy messengers? Do you really believe in them?

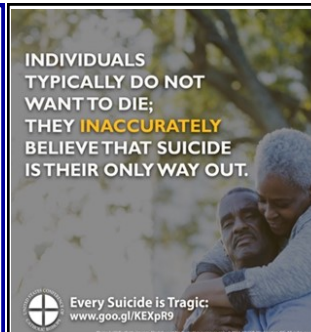
<https://www.acatholic.org/feast-of-the-archangels/>

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention September

Universal Intention:

~An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle~

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



INDIVIDUALS
TYPICALLY DO NOT
WANT TO DIE;
THEY **INACCURATELY**
BELIEVE THAT SUICIDE
IS THEIR ONLY WAY OUT.



Every Suicide is Tragic:
www.goo.gl/KEXpR9

USCCB Word of Life

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die..."

The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Every Suicide is Tragic"

THIS WEEK AT ST MAGDALEN September 27th—October 3rd

Monday, Sep 27, St. Vincent de Paul, Priest:

Tuesday, Sep 28, St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs:

Wednesday, Sep 29, Sts. Michael, Gabriel and
Raphael, Archangels :

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

Thursday, Sep 30, St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor
of the Church:

Friday, Oct 1, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church; First Friday of the
Month:

- **Mass, 9 AM—Good Samaritan, Lennox**

Saturday, Oct 2, The Holy Guardian Angels:

Sunday, Oct 3, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time:

- **Mass, 10:30 AM**

OUR PARISH

Week Ending September 19th

Support

Adult: \$2,230; Children: \$7.50

Loose: \$103

Vigil Candles: \$2; Religious Ed: \$30

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

9/26—Katie Sanchez

9/27—Liam Sees

9/28—Talen Eich

9/30—Jack Herrboldt & Lance Spieler

10/1—Aimee Moulton & Lisa Nelson

10/2—Mason Reischl

ANNIVERSARIES

9/27—Stephen & Vanessa Plucker

9/29—Chris & Kelsey Soukup

10/1—Shawn & Colleen Haugse

10/2—Keith & Dawn Reif

The Guardian Angels—October 2nd

"For he hath given his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." - Psalm 90:11

The truth that each and every human soul has a Guardian Angel who protects us from both spiritual and physical evil has been shown throughout the Old Testament, and is made very clear in the New.

It is written that the Lord Jesus was strengthened by an angel in the Garden of Gethsemane, and that an angel delivered St. Peter from prison in the Acts of the Apostles.

But Jesus makes the existence and function of guardian angels explicit when he says, "See that you despise not one of these little ones: for I say to you, that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 18:10).

In saying this Jesus points out that all people, even little children, have a guardian angel, and that the angels are always in Heaven, always looking at the face of God throughout their mission on earth, which is to guide and protect us throughout our pilgrimage to the house of our Father. As St. Paul says, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to minister for them, who shall receive the inheritance of salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14).

However, they guide us to Heaven only if we desire it. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that angels cannot act directly upon our will or intellect, although they can do so on our senses and imaginations – thus encouraging us to make the right decisions. In Heaven our guardian angels, though no longer needing to guide us to salvation, will continually enlighten us.

Prayer to the guardian angels is encouraged, and the habit of remembering their presence and support leads to friendship with them. The prayer to the guardian angels has been present in the Church since at least the beginning of the 12th century:

Angel of God, my Guardian dear,
to whom His love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

"Let us affectionately love His angels as counselors and defenders appointed by the Father and placed over us. They are faithful; they are prudent; they are powerful; Let us only follow them, let us remain close to them, and in the protection of the God of heaven let us abide." St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Growing in Faith™—from Scripture

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
the discipline of discipleship



In this Gospel passage, the disciples hear of an unknown man healing in Jesus' name. In their jealousy, it seemed the disciples were more concerned about losing the spotlight than in healing. Jesus added perspective. He pointed out that the man had the same goal as the disciples – to build up God's Kingdom. He was a teammate, not an enemy.

Discipleship means making a change of heart and mind. Jesus was very clear: if we choose to follow him, we can't foster private sins, too. If, through those sins, we lead others into sin, our responsibility is doubled.

These are grim words, but the opposite is great news: "*Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven*" (Matthew 5:19). God rewards us for the good we do to and for others. Our example is powerfully influential.

Being a faithful disciple isn't easy. Rooting out personal sin and setting a good example is difficult, but we're not alone or without grace to do the job. No matter what we sacrifice, the reward is infinitely better.

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RE Classes Wednesday, September 29th

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

Confirmation Sunday, October 26th, 6 PM

Questions—contact Anne Homan at 605-310-6058
(call or text) or 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
- View: SDRTL's Facebook Page
- Email: righttolifefest@gmail.com
- Call: 605-743-0777

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SIOUX FALLS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021, 2-3PM

RAIN OR SHINE

W. 41ST St.
From
S. Kiwanis Ave.
To
S. Sertoma Ave.

For more information and
to "adopt a block"
CONTACT: 605-929-6531
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 27	Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-23, 29; Lk 9:46-50
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Tues, Sep 28	Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56
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Wed, Sep 29	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
9 AM	+Leonard Kaskie by Jim Kaskie
Thurs, Sep 30	Neh 8:1-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
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Fri, Oct 1	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10
9 AM	+Mary Ann Stastney by Joan Renz
Sat, Oct 2	Jon 1:1—2:2-11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
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Sun, Oct 3	Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16
10:30 AM	+Dan Ketcham by Karen Ketcham

Limited Mass Intentions are available for **December**.

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

St. Magdalen Liturgical Team October 3rd, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Darin & Jodi Eich Family

Lector: Mike Sanchez, Wade Homan

Cantor: Monica Cross

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 or broomtree@sfcatholic.org.



***** Annual Awareness Curriculum ***** Safe Environment on CMG Connect

This is a yearly requirement for all volunteers who **work -with minors (RE teachers, assistants & helpers)- or -vulnerable adults (Good Samaritan volunteers)-** and must be completed before the ministry begins.

Course: <https://siouxfalls.cmgconnect.org/>

Please contact Anne Homan, our Director of Rel Ed and parish coordinator at anne@lennoxnews.org.