

# ST. MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

***October 10, 2021—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time***



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

**Secretary:** Douglas Wernke

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John Weaver

Looking for additional parishioners to join the Council,  
interested?

**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:**

Limited 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

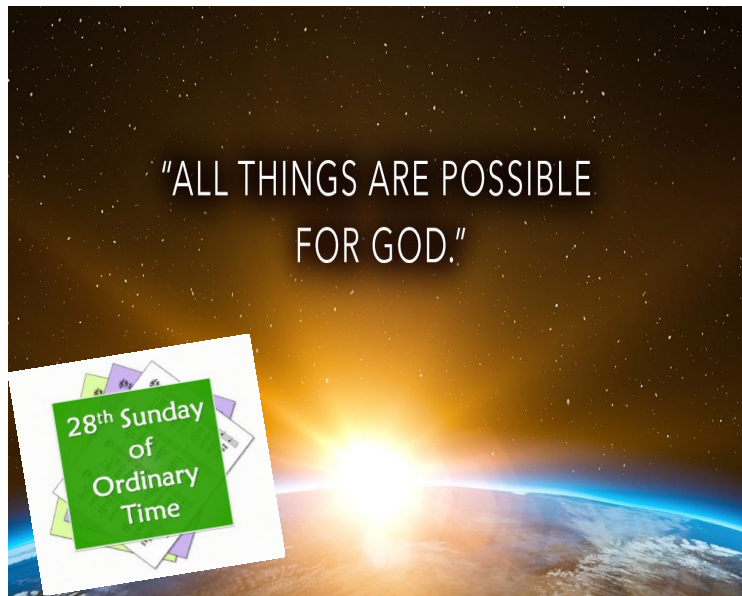
## **Sacramental Preparation:**

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

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

**"ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE  
FOR GOD."**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time**



## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—10 October 2021

### WHY ARE PRAYER CANDLES USED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Candles play an important role in the Catholic Church and their origins go back centuries.

The symbolism of light has long been used in religious practice, as well as the general usage of candles. In Judaism, a perpetual light was kept burning in the Temple and synagogues to show the presence of God. Candles were also used in Roman pagan culture for religious and military processions, showing the divine favor and presence of the gods.

Christians adapted the use of lit candles for Mass, liturgical processions, evening prayer ceremonies, funeral processions, and to show reverence to the Blessed Sacrament. It is also likely that candles or oil lamps were burned at the tombs of the saints, particularly martyrs.

In the Catholic Church, light has always had a special significance because it represents Christ. We know that Jesus called himself the light of the world. Additionally, St. John's Gospel connects Christ with the imagery of light in John 1:4: "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."

With this in mind, we understand why, during the Sacrament of Baptism, the priest presents a candle, which was lit from the Paschal candle, and tells the newly baptized to receive the light of Christ. And at Easter, the Paschal candle is lit as a sign of the risen light of Christ. It cannot be put out, and shines into the world as a symbol of hope and love.

In our churches today, we light candles before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or a saint. The light signifies our prayer, which is offered in faith, entering the light of God. It also shows reverence and our desire to remain present in prayer even as we continue on our day.

Burning votive candles are a common sight in most Catholic churches. These candles are seen as an offering that indicates we are seeking some favor from the Lord or the saint before which the votive is placed. Vigil lights are another type of candles burned, and these are typically accompanied by prayers of attention or waiting.

Often, a coin box or basket is located near these candles where the faithful can leave donations to pay for the candles. While this isn't expected of the poor, those who are able should consider leaving a small donation to offset the cost.

Lighting a candle for someone is a way to both extend your prayers and show solidarity with the person the prayer is being made on behalf of. The faithful also light candles as a sign of gratitude to God for answered prayers.

Many of these candles are traditionally made of beeswax, and there is a reason for this. Worker bees who gather nectar from flowers do not play a part in the reproduction of the species. Reproduction is left to the queen bee and drone bees. The virgin worker bees dedicate their lives to the creation of this wax and represent Our Lady, the virgin mother who gave birth to Christ. The pure beeswax also represents Christ's pure flesh.

In addition to the vigil and votive varieties, candles are used in many other ways.

The Paschal Candle, also known as the Easter candle, is perhaps the most recognizable because of its size and appearance. This candle is several feet tall and has in colorful designs, in addition to the year and a cross with five cloves. This candle is used in both the Easter Mass and lit during baptisms throughout the year. The candle demonstrates how a new soul and apostle of light join God's family.

Altar candles have been used in Masses since at least the 12th century. These candles remind us of the many persecuted Christians in the first centuries who secretly celebrated Mass at night or in the catacombs by candlelight.

They may also be used in the entrance and recessional processions of Mass and are carried to where the Gospel is read as a sign of triumphant joy in the presence of the words of Christ. The candles used in Mass also serve a more practical purpose: the number lit on the altar also indicates which Mass is being celebrated or even who the main celebrant is.

Advent candles have an extensive symbolism and are used to create the Advent wreath that is used in the week leading up to Christmas. Made up of four candles that represent the four weeks of Advent, one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. The fourth candle is pink and symbolizes joy.

In addition to these special days, candles also play a role in the blessing of ashes and palms, the dedication of churches and cemeteries, and the Mass of a newly ordained priest. They are also present at every sacrament except that of Penance.

Throughout all these events, there is one common theme: the candles represent Jesus, the true light.

St. Magdalen's has votive candles available which are located in the back of the church in the votive stand for 50¢ each and they last for 4 hours. Also available, are 6-day candles for \$3 each. Please request these through the office with name or intention and a card will be placed with the candle.



### 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.

## THIS WEEK AT ST MAGDALEN October 11th—17th

**Monday, Oct 11,** St. John XXIII, Pope;  
Indigenous Peoples' Day:

- Office Closed

**Tuesday, Oct 12:**

- Cub Scouts-Appel, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, Oct 13:**

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

**Thursday, Oct 14,** St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr:

- Catholic Daughters Mtg, 6:30 PM-Canton

**Friday, Oct 15,** St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin &  
Doctor of the Church:

- **Mass, 9 AM**

**Saturday, Oct 16,** St. Hedwig, Religious;  
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin:

**Sunday, Oct 17,** Twenty-Ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time; Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Sunday:

- **Mass, 10:30 AM**
- Catholic Daughters Bake Sale

## OUR PARISH

### Support for Week Ending October 3rd

Adult: \$2,789; Children: \$6; Loose: \$370  
Vigil Candles: \$2; Mass Intentions: \$20  
CFSA2021: \$70; Parking Lot: \$40

### Overall for July and August

Total Income:	Jul	\$5,909.50	Aug	\$7,681.50
Total Expenses:	Jul	\$6,806.15	Aug	\$9,451.15
Status (deficit):		(\$ 896.55)		(\$1,769.65)

## THOUGHTS, PRAYERS & BEST WISHES

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

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

### *Health Challenges*

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

### **BIRTHDAY**

10/11—Elizabeth Herrboldt  
10/13—John Weaver  
10/16—Jan Weaver  
10/17—Preston Brue & Karter Herren

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

10/11—Mark & Wendy Reischl  
10/16—Josh & Lisa Nelson

## Information, Activities & Events

### Catholic Daughters Meeting October 14th at 6:30 PM



The Catholic Daughters,  
Ct. St. Christina #2336  
will meet on Thursday, October 14th at 6:30 PM,  
at St. Dominic in Canton.

### 2021 Public Square Rosary Crusade October 16—Noon

Please join in praying for our nation on Oct 16 at noon,  
**outside**, on the **north side of St. Magdalen Church**.  
It will be held inside if unfavorable weather.

Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance  
and conversion. We ask God to save America through the  
Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

This is sponsored by *America Needs Fatima*, and is one of  
over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the  
United States on this day. Thank-you!

### Catholic Daughters Bake Sale

Sunday, October 17th

*The Catholic Daughters  
of the Americas  
Bake Sale Fundraiser*



Proceeds raised from the bake sale will go to various local,  
state, and national charities that the CDA supports such as:  
scholarships for college, After Prom Committee,  
Education Contest, Children's Inn, Bishop Dudley  
Hospitality House, The Banquet, Abuse Awareness,  
Ribbons Against Pornography, Disaster Relief Fund.

Thank-you for helping the CDA support these charities!

### Growing in Faith™

#### One Minute Meditations



#### **God is Love**

God is the creator of the universe, who made everything from  
nothing. Yet, He is not a remote, uninvolved God. Nor is He an  
unforgiving judge waiting for us to mess up. Rather, God is our  
Father who loves us more than we could ask to be loved.

#### **His temple**

St. Paul teaches that "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit  
within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not  
your own." We understand it is unhealthy to overeat or abuse  
drugs or alcohol. Yet, we don't always acknowledge the harm  
of watching movies and television shows with violence or sex,  
or listening to music with profane lyrics. God's temple  
deserves respect. "Therefore, glorify God in your body"  
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

"Daily prayer is the foundation of sanctity. Some prefer it in the  
morning. Some late at night. However, whenever, wherever,  
it's a must!" Timothy Cardinal Dolan





## RE Classes

### Wednesday, October 13th

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

### Wednesday, October 20th

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

## Confirmation—Tonight Sunday, October 10th, 6 PM

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



### St. Magdalen Youth Group Kick-Off Event

When: October 13, 6:45 - 7:45 PM  
(during RE class time)

Youth Group Who: Grades 6th-9th

What: Pumpkin Decorating, Bonfire & More

Where: Parish Hall and Outside

## AREA & DIOCESAN EVENTS

### St. Joseph Festival

Friday—October 29th—6-9 PM

You are invited to gather with the diocesan family to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph. This free festival will include games, crafts, food and fun for all ages. Join us Friday, October 29th from 6-9 PM at the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

Find out more at [sfcatholic.org/festival!](http://sfcatholic.org/festival!)



## Through God's Love Conference—October 30

The Holy Spirit is moving in the Diocese of Sioux Falls. Big things are coming and have already begun through the people in our parishes and communities. Now is the time to take action on the desires for ministry that have been stirring in your heart. Join Bishop DeGrood on October 30 for a day-long conference designed to help you make your God-given mission a lived reality. Register today at [sfcatholic.org/tgl!](http://sfcatholic.org/tgl!)

## DAILY READINGS/MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Oct 11	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
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Tues, Oct 12	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 130:3-4; Lk 11:37-31
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Wed, Oct 13	Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
9 AM	Bishop DeGrood by Mike & Susan Pulizzi
Thurs, Oct 14	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
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Fri, Oct 15	Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
9 AM	+Leonard Kaskie by Jim Kaskie
Sat, Oct 16	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
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Sun, Oct 17	Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45
10:30 AM	St. Magdalen Parishioners

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 17th, 10:30 AM

**Greeters:** CDA Members of Ct. St. Christina

**Lector:** Mary Brass

**Cantor:** Cheryl Ziegler

**EM:** Larinda Collette

**Sacristan:** Liz Schmidt

**Ushers:** Darin & Connor Eich

**Altar Servers:** Olivia Homan, Alex Schuelke

## Retreats/Recollections

### BROOM TREE Silent Retreat Schedule:

Women: Oct 7-10, Nov 4-7

Men: 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).

## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention-October

*Intention for evangelization :*

*~Missionary disciples ~*

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel



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.

