

ST. MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF EUCHARIST, FAITH, PRAYER AND SERVICE

October 31, 2021—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Secretary: Douglas Wernke

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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:

Days available in January 2022.

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.

LOVE the Lord your
God with all your heart
and with all your soul and
with all your mind and
with all your strength.

Mark 12:30

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time—31 October 2021

Do We Really Want To Hear? Written by Fr. Mark Suslenko

**YOU SHALL
LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.**

Christians did a great disservice to themselves when they lost touch with Israel's Shema prayer: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" Jesus was very familiar with this prayer and references it in his teaching on the commandments. These simple yet powerful words are at the center of a devout Jew's habit of prayer, recited both in the morning and the evening, on Yom Kippur, and traditionally as one's last words before death. It is a constant reminder that God alone is God, a lesson of which we must be reminded regularly. We can easily make many other things our "gods." When we

follow a different compass we can suddenly find ourselves off center, lost and feeling disconnected. Only God can be our true north. There are no substitutes. If we take a good look at ourselves, there are many things that we make unnecessarily important. We can be more devoted to serving and securing them rather than the genuine God of our lives: our Maker, Sustainer, and Redeemer.

Jesus also makes a big point of intimately linking the love of neighbor with the love of God. Acts of kindness are important. Many people's lives get turned around as a result of them. We read such stories all the time: of courageous police officers doing incredible work for their community and charitable acts for those in need, a food-service employee reaching out to someone who is hurting, a classmate standing up for someone who is bullied, and the lonely, homeless, and friendless human being comforted by someone who truly cares. But is doing a few of these "random acts of kindness" every once in a while enough to fulfill Jesus' commandment? As good and effective as these gestures are, they alone are not enough. It is not sufficient to check the "random act of kindness" box on our Christian "to-do list" and then move on to other things. Does being a good Christian mean simply obeying the laws and requirements of our faith? Or, is there more to it than that?

God's divinity flows through the sacredness of life. This is why no human being can be allowed to experience unnecessary harm, want or neglect. Yet so many of our neighbors sob and cry because they have been cast aside or left behind. Without anyone to help, they suffer. Unless the world understands that it has a sacred heartbeat, it will never really learn how to love and live. So many things are falling apart around us. There is so much conflict. Personal agendas, differing ideologies and philosophies are at war. People seek what they want over what is best for all. All these things and the loss of a moral compass all point to the fact that we have left the Shema to pages of history and consider it an outdated tradition. We have either forgotten or never learned our lessons. Now it is time to follow the anguish and respond to it.

Jesus stands before us today and eloquently details the beautiful first and second commandments. When we respond to him will he be able to affirm that we did so with understanding? More importantly, could Jesus, as he did the scribe, confidently tell us that we are not far from the Kingdom of God? We need to hear, once again, who God is and who we are so that we can fittingly and properly live with one another. Sadly, however, many of us do not want to hear that we are not at the center of God's universe or even the one we create for ourselves. Opening ourselves to the voice of truth puts a corrective into our lives that may be hard for some to swallow. It will require us to change up our opinions about things, redirect our loyalties, care less about the world's agenda, and make some difficult choices. It will not be the most popular road to travel but it's the only one that leads to life.

~~Above Excerpts. For the full article, go to <https://4lpi.com/blog/do-we-really-want-to-hear/>~~



Growing in Faith™

Mark 12:28-34
The First Commandment



The Jewish authorities often tried to draw Jesus out and get Him to say something counter to Jewish law. That way He could be discredited — or worse. Yet, the strategy never worked for them. In fact, one of the scribes was so impressed by Jesus' response to a challenge by the Sadducees that he posed a question of his own. He sincerely wanted to learn from Jesus' answer.

The scribe asked which of the commandments was most important. Jesus said everything starts and ends with love — love of God and love of each other. To love God is to love one another. They are as inseparable as the beams of the cross. While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult.

But true love of neighbor is measured by how we treat those who are neither family nor friends. It means including people when the natural inclination is to exclude or avoid them. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even His political enemies.

This is how God loves and He calls us to do no less.

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Upcoming Mass Dates & Times

November 1st—Monday
Solemnity of All Saints'

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 AM

November 2nd—Tuesday

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

9:00 AM

St. Dominic Dates/Times:

Nov 1—5:30 PM

7 PM (Latin)

Nov 2—5:30 PM

7 PM (Latin)

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention
~November~

Universal Intention

~People who suffer from depression ~

We pray that people
who suffer from depression or burn-out
will find support and a light
that opens them up to life.

THIS WEEK AT ST MAGDALEN November 1st—7th

Monday, Nov 1, All Saints' Day:

- Mass, 9 AM
- Girl Scouts-Schuelke, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, Nov 2, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day):

- Mass, 9 AM

Wednesday, Nov 3, St. Martin de Porres, Religious:

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

Thursday, Nov 4, St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop:

Friday, Nov 5, First Friday of the Month; World Community Day:

- Mass, 9 AM—Good Samaritan

Saturday, Nov 6:

Sunday, Nov 7, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Savings Time Ends:

- Mass, 10:30 AM
- Confirmation: 6:00-8:00 PM

OUR PARISH

Support for Week Ending October 24th

Adult: \$1,282; Loose: \$123

Vigil Candles: \$3; Parking Lot: \$92

World Mission: \$150

THOUGHTS, PRAYERS & BEST WISHES

Good Samaritan & Lennox Assisted Living Residents

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

Health Challenges

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

BIRTHDAY

10/31—Rita Temple (78 years young!)

11/1—Joshua Bird

11/2—Ralph Delaney & Beckett Soukup

11/3—Jack Plucker

ANNIVERSARY

11/06—Greg & Beth Stoeber



COFFEE & ROLLS SOCIAL

Are you ready for Fall?
We would like to re-start
the Coffee & Rolls Social!
We are in need of hosts-singles,
families, and/or groups!
Please see the sign-up sheet in the parish hall.

Information, Activities & Events



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$225. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment by visiting MISSIO.org.



White Ribbon Against Pornography

WRAP Week ♦ October 31—November 6

White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) Week is intended to educate the public about the extent of our society's pornography problem. WRAP also creates a unique opportunity to raise the issue of pornography within faith communities and to call all congregants to lives of sexual wellbeing and freedom.



The Catholic Daughters would like to thank Dennis Kruse, Wendy Koster, & Sisson Printing in Sioux Falls for the generous donation of materials and printing services for the WRAP *Week bookmarks. We also would like to thank Court Mother Teresa #2510 in Sioux Falls for the idea and the permission to use the artwork for the bookmarks.



Catholic Daughters Meeting November 11th at 6:30 PM

The Catholic Daughters,
Ct. St. Christina #2336

will meet on Thursday, November 11th at 6:30 PM,
at St. Nicholas in Tea.



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.





RE Classes

Wednesday, November 3rd

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

Wednesday, November 10th

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

Confirmation

Sunday, November 7th, 6 PM

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

AREA & DIOCESAN EVENTS

Nov 2-RPR Annual Banquet: Invites you to attend the annual fundraising banquet in Sioux Falls on Tues, Nov 2 at the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Stacy Trasancos who is a scientist and theologian, has a doctorate in chemistry, a master's in dogmatic theology, and is a wife, mother of seven, and grandmother. She worked as a chemist for DuPont before converting to Catholicism and radically restructuring her life. For more info or to register, call (877) 795-0122 or email jessica@realpresenceraudio.com.

Nov 6-Celebrating Me/Remembering You Holiday Grief Program: Catholic Family Services will hold a one-day program for children, teens and adults who have lost a loved one through a death. The program will be held Nov 6 from 10 AM-Noon at 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls. Ages 6-12 will attend the children's portion, ages 13-17 will attend the teen program and the adults will incorporate art as an expression of grief. Pre-registration is required as numbers will be limited. Call Catholic Family Services at 988-3775 for more info.

Dec 9-Holiday Grief Program: Catholic Family Services is honored to host: "He is Stable" – A Night for Grieving Hearts to Find Rest in His Peace on Dec 9 at St. Therese Parish in Sioux Falls. The evening will include presentations from individuals who have experienced grief along with a beautiful candle lighting ceremony. Christmas cookies and hot chocolate to follow! Children welcome! Register by calling (605) 988-3775 or emailing cfs@sfcatholic.org.



25th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral Dec. 16—19

The 25th Christmas at the Cathedral will be performed with 6-concerts, Dec 16-19 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

This year's theme, "Be Born in Me" is a first-hand account of God's Incarnation into the human race. Through actress Apolonia Davalos, audiences will experience Mary's perspective on the monumental moments of Jesus' birth, and his miraculous life and mission on earth.

From the Annunciation to the Resurrection, the meaning of Christmas will come alive through the inspiring musical compositions/arrangements of Music Director and Conductor, Dan Goeller, and our featured soloists, Nashville recording artists, Shane O'Connell and Shelley Jennings, along with the *Christmas at the Cathedral* Orchestra and Choir.

All proceeds support the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House & the ongoing care of the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

Purchase your tickets: www.ccfesd.org, 605.988.3765, email events@ccfesd.org, or at the Catholic Community Foundation Office.

Many volunteers needed, if interested, call 605-988-3769.

DAILY READINGS/MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Nov 1	Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12
9 AM	+All Saints'
Tues, Nov 2	Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
9 AM	+All Departed Souls of St. Magdalen Parish
Wed, Nov 3	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
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Thurs, Nov 4	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
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Fri, Nov 5	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
9 AM	+Mavis Boog by Priscilla Buskohl
Sat, Nov 6	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
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Sun, Nov 7	1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44
10:30 AM	+Dan Ketcham by Lorin & Mary Brass

Mass Intentions are available for **January 2022**.

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

St. Magdalen Liturgical Team

November 1st, 9:00 AM—Volunteers

November 2nd, 9:00 AM—Volunteers

November 7th, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Darin & Jodi Eich Family

Lector: Nate Collette

Cantor: Jan Weaver

EM: Jere Kribell

Sacristan: Liz Schmidt

Ushers: Doug & Laurie Wernke

Altar Servers: Olivia & Eli Homan, Scout Nelson

Retreats/Recollections

BROOM TREE Silent Retreat Schedule:

Women: Nov 4-7 2022: Feb 2-6, Mar 3-6, Mar 31-Apr 3
Men: Nov 18-21 2022: Feb 17-20, Mar 17-20



Day of Recollection Schedule:

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 Retreats:

Nov 12-14-Couples Retreat—Directed by Jim & Meg Beckman with Fr. Scott Traynor

To register/info, call 263-1040, www.broom-tree.org or broomtree@sfcatholic.org.

Annual Inmate Prison Christmas Packages

Due to coronavirus precautions, the Dept. of Corrections has requested there be **no** homemade fudge in the Christmas Packages. This is unfortunate since this program has been taken place since 1989. We will continue with a Christmas Sack for 3500-plus inmates with prepackaged items. For many inmates this is the only Christmas gift they will receive. The prison chaplains have set a goal to raise \$11,500 by **Friday, Nov 12th** to order and receive items before Christmas Eve. Christmas is a very difficult and lonely time and this small gesture can lift their spirits. Please join the prison chaplains in this beautiful act of charity and Corporal Work of Mercy "visit the imprisoned".

Donations can be sent to SD Prison Chaplains Assoc., **Christmas Sacks**, 601 W 57th St., SF, SD 57108. (Write Christmas Sacks in the memo line). For info, visit

<https://www.sfcatholic.org/prison-ministry/>. Questions?

Email Mo Irvine at prisonministry@sfcatholic.org