ST. MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF EUCHARIST, FAITH, PRAYER AND SERVICE

November 21, 2021—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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

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Bulletin Announcements:

Call parish office or email no later than NOON, Wednesday.

Mass Intentions:

Days available in January & February 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:

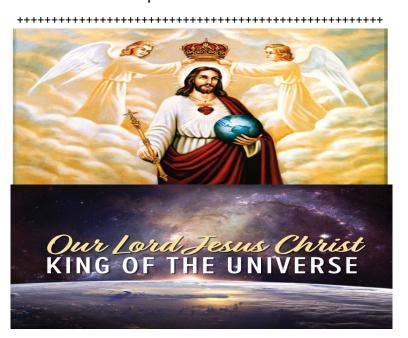
Sunday 1/2 hour before Mass or by appointment

Sacramental Preparation:

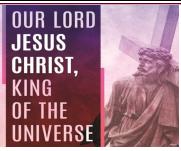
Baptism: By appointment. Call parish office.

Marriage: By appointment. Preparation at least

6 months in advance. Call parish office.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—21 November 2021



Recognizing the King—Written by Br. John-Marmion Villa (Daniel 7:13-14—Revelations 1:5-8—John 18:33b-37)

When I hear the word 'king,' there's a couple familiar connotations come to my mind. First, I think Hollywood film, and second, British royalty. I think of Aragorn when he is crowned king after a series of epic adventures and battles in *Return of the King*; I think the king-becoming of Peter in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*; I think King George III as depicted in the HBO mini-series, *John Adams*; I also think of the curious reason why Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh wasn't entitled "king" even after he married Queen Elizabeth II five years before she was crowned.

Jesus' kingship is altogether different.

As we enter in this Gospel scene, we find Pilate in a quandary in this interrogation. St. Cyril of Alexandria explains: "Having nothing at all of which to accuse him, and none of those crimes to allege against him that normally bring with them just punishment — and Pilate persisting in inquiring why they had brought him — they assert that Jesus had sinned against Caesar in assuming the dominion that Caesar had acquired over the Jesus and in changing the glory of his kingdom to suit his personal aspirations." Pilate is unsatisfied with Jesus' answer, so in an effort to placate the escalating tension in the gathered crowd and to assuage the situation in the eyes of Roman hierarchs, Pilate has Jesus scourged (in the following chapter of the Gospel text). Little did he know that he was preparing Jesus for his royal presentation.

In my fascination with the royal throne, I enjoy watching royal coronation ceremonies with all the pomp and circumstance, the pageantry, the formality. I imagine there's plenty of assistance given to the royals to prepare them for such a momentous day. Jesus' preparations are much different. Jesus is soon dressed in his royal wardrobe, after having been brutally tortured, and then returned to Pilate and the gathered crowd. The paradoxical sight stuns them all, as it does us yet today. We are confused at the sight of the King in his royal wardrobe precisely because we tend to view Jesus' kingship with human eyes instead of through the lens of faith. We prefer to see kings in splendid majesty, and here is Jesus bloodied and bruised. We prefer to see the pageantry of the royal court, and here is Jesus standing alone. We prefer to see our kings with an enchanting presence over the crowd, and yet, we see Jesus whose presence seems to incite a riot.

And so, when we join our question to Pilate's — "then you are a king?" (18:37) — we betray our own blindness to Jesus' kingship. In the opening scenes of the musical *Camelot*, we see King Arthur standing in a field dressed in the clothes of a common peasant. To look at him you would have no idea he was king. In fact, when Guinevere first met Arthur, she didn't have a clue that he was king over all England. Arthur was, in fact, king, but his outward appearance gave no evidence of this. Jesus' kingship is hidden in plain sight, he stood literally next to Pilate, who didn't recognize him.

Many of us are probably in the same situation as Pilate, unable to recognize the kingship of Jesus: maybe it's due to a lack of faith, maybe it's due to unrepentant sin patterns, maybe it's due to unforgiveness in relationships, or maybe it's something else. Ask yourself, "What would change if I really did recognize Jesus' kingship over my life? Might things be better off? Same? Or worse?"

PRAYER: To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17 New American Bible (Revised Edition)

https://4lpi.com/blog/recognizing-the-king/



Growing in Faith TM

Prepare for an amazing truth



At Christmas we celebrate the truth that God came and lived among us. What's even more amazing is that he will come again at our death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first. To help us prepare, the Church created the season of Advent, beginning this year on November 28. It is a watchful time during which we can ...

Live intentionally. If you knew that Jesus would come for you tomorrow, how would you spend today? Chances are you would devote the day to asking and granting forgiveness, spending time with loved ones, and preparing your heart for your Savior. Try to live each day that way.

Pack light. Acquire graces rather than goods. The graces come along when Jesus calls for you, but the goods stay behind. "But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?" (Luke 12:20).

Straighten up. If Jesus came for you tomorrow, you would need to be in a state of grace to go with him. Prepare now by never missing Mass, going to Confession regularly, performing heartfelt penance, and avoiding sin so that you'll be ready to greet Jesus with joy anytime.

The truth is, Jesus really could come tomorrow – or even today!

THIS WEEK AT ST MAGDALEN November 22nd—28th

Monday, Nov 22, Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr:

Tuesday, Nov 23, St. Clement I, Pope; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr:

Cub Scouts—Appel, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Nov 24, St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs:

NO Mass

Thursday, Nov 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr; Thanksgiving Day:

Friday, Nov 26:

NO Mass

Saturday, Nov 27:

Sunday, Nov 28, First Sunday of Advent:

Mass, 10:30 AM

OUR PARISH

Support for Week Ending November 14th

Adult: \$1,429; Children: \$35 Loose: \$100; Vigil Candles: \$2 Mass Intentions: \$10; CFSA2021: \$70

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

11/21—Anilee Herren 11/25—Lorraine Nordmann & Traci Sees 11/26—Kaston Cwach 11/27—Kay Langin (80 years young!) & John Boysen

ANNIVERSARY

11/26—Joe & Marge Schuttloffel (Golden Anniversary-50 years!)



In need of a good, gently used couch for the Youth Room.

If you have one, please contact the office. Thank you!



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.







Growing in FaithTM

Thankfulness is good for the health



Studies show that people who are thankful are less likely to be depressed or unhappy, and find they enjoy simple pleasures like sunsets and good health. Here is how you can join them ...

Calculate your ratio. For three days straight, keep track of how many times you think grateful thoughts versus complaining. This is your Grateful to Grumbling Ratio. The higher your G2G Ratio, the happier you will be.

Gather inspiration. Ask others what inspires their gratitude. You will probably discover something for which you can also be thankful but haven't thought of.

Fast. Forgo something you like such as food, TV, the internet. It will make you thankful for it when you get it back.

Guard the company you keep. Attitudes are contagious. Do the people around you encourage gratitude or griping? Consider changing your environment or your friends to lean toward gratitude.

Detach. Have you noticed that the people who have the least seem the happiest? Take stock of your possessions. Keep only what you need.

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RE Classes

Wednesday, November 24th

No Class Happy Thanksgiving!

Wednesday, December 1st

Times: K-5: 6:30-7:30 PM

6-9: 7:45-8:45 PM

Tonight—Confirmation—Tonight Sunday, November 21st, 6 PM

Questions—contact Anne Homan at 605-310-6058 (call or text) or anne@lennoxnews.com / Sandy Richter-Confirmation at 605-647-4003.



🌽 <u>St. Magdalen Youth Group</u>

When: November 21st, 7 PM

Youth Group What: Movie Night

Who: Grades 6th-9th

You are welcome to bring a friend!

Where: Parish Hall

Cost: Movie ticket—A canned good for

the local food bank!

TONIGHT-TONIGHT

AREA & DIOCESAN EVENTS

Dec 4-Women at the Well Retreat at St. Michael Parish, Women at the Well Renewal Retreat on Dec 4th from 8 AM-1 PM. The Retreat begins with Mass at 8:15 AM, then speakers, Sunday scripture study, music and fellowship. The retreat is open to all women-all parishes & all denominations. Registration is not required and there is no fee. For info, Paula Jones at pjjkeeper@sio.midco.net or (605) 214-4951.

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Dec 9-Holiday Grief Program: Catholic Family Services will host: "He is Stable" – A Night for Grieving Hearts to Find Rest in His Peace on Dec 9 at St. Therese Parish which includes presentations from individuals who have experienced grief along, a beautiful candle lighting ceremony. Christmas cookies and hot chocolate to follow! Children welcome!

Register at (605) 988-3775 or cfs@sfcatholic.org.

Mar 4-6, 2022 - Search for Christian Maturity Retreat at Holy Spirit Church. Registration is now open for the March retreat. Search is a student-led, Roman Catholic retreat. The weekend features talks, skits, music and opportunities to encounter Christ in the sacraments. All high school, collegeage students & adults are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact us by phone (605) 371-1478 or by email SiouxFallsSearch@gmail.com. Visit the Search website for more information and to register! www.siouxfallssearch.org

DAILY READINGS/MASS INTENTIONS	
Mon, Nov 22	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
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Tues, Nov 23	Dn 2:31-35; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
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Wed, Nov 24	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
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Thurs, Nov 25	Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28 or Sir 50:22-24; Ps 113:1-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
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Fri, Nov 26	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
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Sat, Nov 27	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
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Sun, Nov 28	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
10:30 AM	Ellen Renz

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

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

St. Magdalen Liturgical Team November 28th, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Joe & Larinda Collette Family

Lector: Nate Collette Cantor: Monica Cross EM: Andrea Kribell Sacristan: Liz Schmidt

Ushers: Brian Schuelke, Jere Kribell

Altar Servers: Alex & Emma Schuelke, Noah Buhta

Retreats/Recollections

BROOM TREE Silent Retreat Schedule:

Women: 2022: Feb 3-6, Mar 3-6, Mar 31-Apr 3, Jun 16-19

Men: 2022: Feb 17-20, Mar 17-20

Day of Recollection Schedule:

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

—Directed by Dr Teresa Kemmer

Special Retreats:

Feb 25-27-Undone: A Healing Retreat—Directed by Fr. Scott Traynor

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



25th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral December 16th—19th

This year's theme, "Be Born in Me" is a firsthand 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.