

ST. MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF EUCHARIST, FAITH, PRAYER AND SERVICE

January 2, 2022—The Epiphany of the Lord



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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, Wednesday.**

Mass Intentions:

Days available in March & April 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.



The Epiphany of the Lord—2 January 2022

Revelation of the Magi—Written by Br. John-Marmion Villa



When I walked into the hospital room that evening, there was Zoe, all wrapped up in a bundle of sleeping beauty, having been born only a few hours prior. She was laying on the hospital bed, lights subdued, soft music playing in the background, with her parents cooing above. I was invited to meet my goddaughter, her mom lifting the sleeping baby, and gently placing her in my arms for the first time. I sat down on a nearby chair, and all I could do was stare in silence, and whisper in prayer my commitment to be the best Godfather I could possibly be for her. Zoe's godmother — a budding photographer — took many photos of that first meeting, one that I recall with great joy.

Maybe the best way I can understand the story of the Visit of the Magi is to recall the day Zoe was born. Maybe this is one of many providential reasons why I was asked to be Zoe's godfather, but also to have been invited to come so quickly to the hospital that cold night in November 2011. Maybe all the Scriptural commentaries I've read can help an intellectual understanding of the event, but no academic effort could have prepared me for what my heart felt as I walked into the hospital room. I understood the reason why there was a pervasive silence in that room, it wasn't that Zoe was asleep. Rather, it was a reverential awe — an homage — of the mystery that I was walking into: the miracle of birth.

While I had not gold, frankincense, or myrrh, and while my introduction was not a onetime affair, I have learned how to "open up my treasure" — my availability and company — for that little one by way of pushing her on the swing, gifts for her birthday, walks through the neighborhood, surprise visits and 'dates with godpoppa', and phone conversations. Many memories have been made and many have yet to be made.

This feast of the Epiphany — taken from a Greek word meaning 'to reveal' or 'to manifest' — is best understood, I think, when it is understood as a dialogue or relationship. Clearly, the Feast has the perspective of the Christ Child being revealed to the Magi who had been seeking him. But also, it has the perspective of the Magi "revealing their gifts" to the Christ Child. As Jesus' life is about seeking what was lost, he would eventually find, as the Magi sought the answer to mystery of astrological anomalies, they would find its reason in a baby. But the more they sought, the more they'd find, and the more Jesus sought, the more he'd find too. This season, I'm grateful that he sought me out and found me ... time and time again.

<https://4lpi.com/blog/revelation-of-the-magi/>

PRAYER—*St. Anselm of Canterbury*

O My God,
teach my heart where and how to seek You,
and where and how to find you.
You are my God and You are my all,
and I have never seen you.
You have made me and remade me,
You have bestowed on me all the good things I possess,
Still, I do not know you.
I have not yet done that for which I was made.
Teach me to seek You.
I cannot seek You unless You teach me
or find you unless You show yourself to me.
Let me seek You in my desire,
Let me desire You in my seeking.
Let me find You by loving You,
Let me love You when I find you.
Amen

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Growing in Faith™

One-Minute Meditations



Laying our gifts at the feet of the King

The three Wise Men gave Jesus gifts worthy of a king.
We can also present Him with our own royal gifts.

While ours may not be actual gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we can still give to Him the best we have.

Give God the first and the best of what you have
and He will give you more than you can imagine in return.

Fall in love with God

From the moment God created you,
He has been deeply in love with you. He made you
deliberately so He could love you.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5).
He waits for you like a parent anticipates the return of a
beloved child. Don't let Him wait long.

*"But God, who is rich in mercy,
because of the great love he had for us,
even when we were dead in our transgressions,
brought us to life with Christ."*
(Ephesians 2:4-5)

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention ~January~

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious
discrimination and persecution;
may their own rights and dignity be recognized,
which originate from being
brothers and sisters in the human family.

9 DAYS FOR
PRAY TO PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE!

JANUARY 19-27, 2022

9 Days for Life is a novena for
the protection of human life.
Each day's intention is
accompanied by a short
reflection and suggested
actions to help build a culture
of life.

Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



3 WAYS TO JOIN



9DaysforLife.com

Reproduction of the Holy Land of Epiphany is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!

THIS WEEK AT ST MAGDALEN January 3rd—9th

Monday, Jan 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus, Christmas Weekday:

- Girl Scouts—Schuelke: 6:30 PM

Tuesday, Jan 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious; Christmas Weekday:

Wednesday, Jan 5, St. John Neuman, Bishop; Christmas Weekday:

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

Thursday, Jan 6, St. André Bessette, Religious; Christmas Weekday:

Friday, Jan 7, St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest; Christmas Weekday; First Friday of the Month:

- Mass: 9:00 AM—Good Samaritan

Saturday, Jan 8, Christmas Weekday:

Sunday, Jan 9, The Baptism of the Lord:

- Mass: 10:30 AM
 - Volunteers needed to help put away the Christmas decorations

OUR PARISH

Support for Week Ending December 26th

Christmas: \$710; Christmas-Loose: \$191
Adult: \$4,320; Children: \$2; Loose: \$130
Vigil Candles: \$8; CFSA2021: \$180

Thank you for your generosity!!

Reminders:

All offerings for 2021 must be received in the office and/or postmarked by December 31st to be included on your 2021 End-of-Year Statement.

2022 Offering Envelope Boxes are available in the hall. Boxes are in alphabetical order & note, you will have a new box number. The boxes will NOT be mailed out.

THOUGHTS, PRAYERS & BEST WISHES

Good Samaritan & Lennox Assisted Living Residents

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

Health Challenges

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

BIRTHDAY

1/3—Stacy Frieler & Ryder Hanisch
1/4—Vanessa Plucker
1/7—Pierce Brue
1/8—Marilyn Jacobson

ANNIVERSARY

1/7—Priscilla & Richard Buskohl

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,



welcome!

Please extend a warm welcome to the following family who registered at St. Magdalen in December:

~~ Jordan & (Abby) Bertrand and daughter, Eva ~~



Catholic Daughters Meeting

January 13th at 6:30 PM

The Catholic Daughters,
Ct. St. Christina #2336

will meet on Thursday, January 13th at 6:30 PM,
at St. Magdalen.



Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, January 20th at 6:30 PM

Parish Members Welcome to Attend

Council Members

Secretary: Douglas Wernke
Members: Darrel Buller, Andrea Kribell, Jere Kribell,
Paula Kroeger & John Weaver

Growing in Faith™



Why do Catholics pray to Mary?

Catholics don't pray to Mary, but instead ask her to pray for us. For example, the Hail Mary prayer asks the Mother of God to stay close to us in prayer.

While we don't worship Mary, we honor her as Jesus' mother.

On the Cross, Jesus gave her to us as our own mother (John 19:27).

We can approach her with our needs and concerns and ask her to present them to Her Son.

Mary always leads us to Him.



Can you suggest a New Year's Resolution to grow in Holiness?

All Christians are called to holiness. "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). There are three tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.

Daily prayer. God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

Weekly Mass. The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus' body and blood as real food for our souls. He said, "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:55-56). That's why we call it, "Communion."

Monthly Confession. Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying for holiness.



RE Classes

Wednesday, January 5th

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

Wednesday, January 12th

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

Confirmation

Sunday, January 16th, 6 PM

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



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)
Court St. Christina #2336
(Tea-Lennox-Canton-Parker)

Cordially invite our RE Students, grades 4-12, to participate in the
CDA's 2022 National Education Contest.

The themes of this year's contest are:

1. "With God All Things are Possible" (Mt 19:26), or
2. Where is God in my life when I am struggling?

Copies of the contest rules and entry form are located in the Cry Room under the window.

The official entry form must be attached to any submission.

Return your entry to the parish office **Wed, Jan 26th** in order to meet the Local Court deadline of **Fri, Jan 28th**.

AREA & DIOCESAN EVENTS



By Jan 15 - Seeking Volunteers to lead A Matter of Balance Classes: Chances are you know someone who has fallen or who is afraid of falling. *A Matter of Balance* is a proven program designed to help people

manage concerns about falls and increase physical activity. Sanford and First English Lutheran Church Health Ministry are teaming up to provide this program to older adults in our community. We are seeking leaders (coaches) to present the pre-scripted program *A Matter of Balance* for 8, 2-hour sessions. Coach training and professional support provided. Coaches always lead in pairs. Requirements: good communication and interpersonal skills; ability to lead basic low to moderate exercises; enthusiasm for helping older adults remain safe and active. Contact Laurie Wernke-RNFCN at 605-360-5540 or karla.cazer@sanfordhealth.org by Jan 15.

Feb 1 - GriefShare: Catholic Family Services is honored to host and facilitate St. Joseph Cathedral's GriefShare program! It blends faith, educational videos, a personal workbook and group discussion. The videos are watched as a group followed by small group discussions according to the participant's particular loss (loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling etc.) The program will run for 11 weeks with 13 different topics. The program will begin on Feb 1st from 6-8pm. Cost of the workbook is \$20 (scholarships available). For more info or to register, contact Catholic Family Services at 605-988-3775 or email cfs@sfcatholic.org. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

DAILY READINGS/MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jan 3	1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7-8, 10-12; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
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Tues, Jan 4	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
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Wed, Jan 5	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
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Thurs, Jan 6	1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14-15, 17; Lk 4:14-22
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Fri, Jan 7	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
9 AM	+George Stabrawa by Lisle Stabrawa
Sat, Jan 8	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Jn 3:22-30
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Sun, Jan 9	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
10:30 AM	Dianne Bossman by Lisle Stabrawa

Mass Intentions are available for **March & April 2022**.

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

St. Magdalen Liturgical Teams-January 9th, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Austin & Tina Buhta Family

Lector: Nate Collette

Cantor: Jan Weaver

EM: Mike Dummer

Sacristan: Paula Kroeger

Ushers: Doug & Laurie Wernke

Altar Servers: Allison, Ashley & Matthew Dummer

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:

Jan 18-Freedom to Fail—Directed by Fr. Bob Lacey

Feb 15-The Greatest of These is Love: Cultivating the Virtue of Charity
—Directed by Fr. Tony Klein

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.



Feb 1 - Surviving Divorce Program: This 6-week program begins Tuesday, Feb 1st in Sioux Falls. Sessions are held on Tuesday evenings, 6-8pm. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For info/register, contact Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775 or cfs@sfcatholic.org. Scholarships available.

Mar 4-6, 2022 - Search for Christian Maturity Retreat at Holy Spirit Church. Registration is 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, college-age students & adults are welcome. Call (605) 371-1478, SiouxFalls-Search@gmail.com or www.siouxfallssearch.org

Employment - Clinical Counselor: Catholic Family Services is seeking a full time Clinical Counselor who is passionate about integrating their expertise in the psychological sciences with the Catholic vision of the human person. CFS is an outpatient mental health clinic that serves residents of eastern South Dakota and across its borders. Info/Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter to Emily Leedom, Executive Director, 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 or via email at eleedom@sfcatholic.org.