

ST. MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

January 23, 2022—Third 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, Wednesday.**

Mass Intentions:

Days available in April & May 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—No Mass)

Friday 9:00 AM

(1st Friday—9:00 AM—Lennox—Good Samaritan)

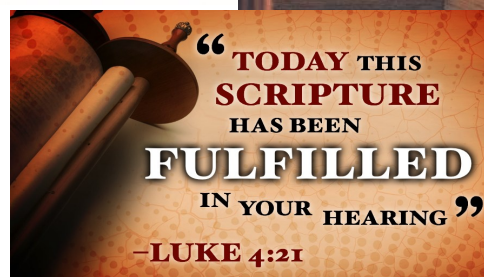
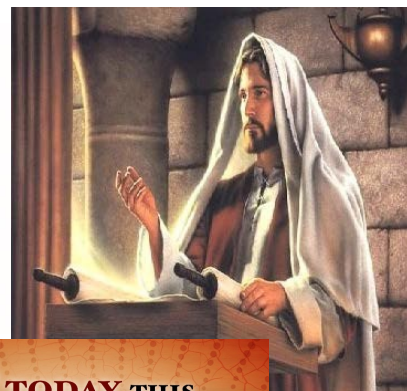
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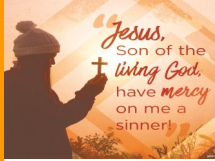
Sunday 1/2 hour before Mass or by appointment

Sacramental Preparation:

Baptism: By appointment. Call parish office.

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





The Spin Cycle—Written by Fr. Mark Suslenko

Jesus came into this world to show us God's kind, beautiful, suffering face. God, who cares deeply about the poor, the captives, the blind, and oppressed is truly a servant-God. God, majestic in His transcendence is also tender in His immanence. God is the God of the journey who never leaves His people. God simply waits. Generation after generation has wandered and fumbled to find their way. As we continue to stumble over the "gods" we create and often prefer, God simply reminds us that He is here.

What was the reaction when Jesus stood in front of those assembled in the synagogue when he said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing?" Some may have thought he was presumptuous, arrogant, or even insane. Others who listened more with their hearts than their heads may have thought differently. They could have experienced the genuine, perfect, and unconditional love that resonated in his flesh and knew, without a doubt, that they were in the presence of someone wonderful and remarkable.

Jesus is the ultimate and perfect testament to God's love. His actions and words give witness to this truth. St. Augustine tells us what this love looks like, "It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men." Love finds its pinnacle in Jesus' complete and humble offering of himself on the cross. This is where Love's sacrifice and transformation meet. This wedding of death and life reveals the mystery of God's unconditional love and mercy. These are the signs for which human beings are constantly looking. Only God, through the gift of eternal life, can give life meaning.

God always finds us. He does not want us to stay lost. He sends messengers, servants, prophets, teachers, signs, promptings, and witnesses to get our attention so that His message can be delivered. Yet repeatedly, pride and arrogance convince us that we can do anything and everything without Him. Perhaps by setting pride and arrogance aside, we might recognize something deeper about ourselves and see just how lost we really are. We will see what binds us and our sinfulness. God wants to release us from all of that baggage! Not only that, but God wants to release us from what centuries of human baggage has caused: world organizational systems and accepted standards of operating that continue to keep people poor, oppressed, captive, and blind to truth. We need to be freed not only from what we are doing to ourselves but from what we are doing to others!

We do not have to look far to see the devastation. Anger, frustration, starvation, and violence are widespread in our nation and worldwide. Places once known to be safe are now places of anxiety and fear. Division, corruption, and exploitation exist within all institutions. People are confused over who they are and what true happiness means. Wars are waged, and more violence continues to be threatened. God's creation is hurting. It's looking more like what we created than what God has entrusted to our care. Human life as a sacred gift from God has become an increasingly unpopular truth. Corruption and exploitation exist at the highest levels and "sins of the flesh" run rampant. We fail to accurately calculate the devastating cost to humans across the world and throughout all generations.

Are we ready to let go of the control? Of the need to be right? Of the need to be ruggedly independent? We cannot live without God's Mercy, His unconditional, eternal, and ever-present love. We do not always get it right; the world does not get it right. The world is like a washing machine stuck on the spin cycle, relentlessly rotating, never quite getting where it needs to be. It forgets what it is supposed to do. It doesn't work. It is broken.

God, as Emmanuel, came into the brokenness of our world to help us fix it. The followers of Jesus, baptized in Christ and made in God's image and likeness, have yet to learn that to be a servant, one must share. Here's a true story: A woman visiting friends went to the local parish for early Sunday Mass. She proceeded to sit in a pew and in short order received a tap on her shoulder. "Excuse me, you are in my seat. Can you please move?" She got up and went to another pew. Beginning to pray and prepare for Mass, she receives another tap on the shoulder with the same request. "Excuse me, you are in my seat. Can you please move?" What is this, she thought to herself? She got up and moved again. Feeling a bit perturbed at this point, she was astonished when the exact same scenario happened a third time!

What happened to the woman in this story is a microcosm of exactly what is wrong with our world. These "people of God" who asked this woman to move believed they were doing nothing wrong. This stranger encroached on space believed to be rightfully theirs. After all, they are the regular, faithful contributors to this parish and are, thus entitled to reserved seating, right?

Wrong. Entitlement has become one of our most significant problems and sins. We have become entitled to entitlement! In God's kingdom, nobody is entitled to a seat, yet all are seated. Isn't that wonderful? Maybe that is what the first hearers of Jesus' proclamation in the synagogue understood: that everyone has a place. No one is Without a seat and what we do in the small matters of our lives affects how the big ones play out. While we may not have directly exacerbated the plight of someone suffering in another part of the world, we can easily be responsible for making someone in our community feel unwelcome, unappreciated, and unloved. All actions and attitudes are connected to the whole, resulting in a ripple effect on life beyond our comprehension. Until we understand the meaning of love and grasp our reluctance at times to receive it, we will remain tethered and aimlessly spinning. We stay broken and lost. Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner!

<https://4lpi.com/blog/spin-cycle/>



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



For More Information

Diocesan Link:

<https://www.sfcatholic.org/synod/>

Overview of the Synod Consultation in the Diocese of Sioux Falls:

<https://www.sfcatholic.org/bishopsbulletin/we-journey-together-during-the-synod-on-synodality/>

Resources and materials from the USCCB, Vatican and Diocese for the Synod on Synodality link: <https://www.usccb.org/synod>

Vatican Link: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Official Handbook from the Vatican

"Vademecum for Synod on Synodality"

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/Vademecum-EN-A4.pdf>

THIS WEEK AT ST MAGDALEN

January 24th—30th

Fr. Lawrence—Vacation—Jan 24th to Feb 4th

Monday, Jan 24, St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church:

Tuesday, Jan 25, The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle:

- Cub Scouts—Appel: 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Jan 26, Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops:

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

Thursday, Jan 27, St. Angela Merici, Virgin:

Friday, Jan 28, St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church:

Saturday, Jan 29:

Sunday, Jan 30, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

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

OUR PARISH

Support for Week Ending January 16th

Adult: \$1,302; Youth: \$3

Mass Intentions: \$50; Candles: \$2

Thank you for your generosity!!

THOUGHTS, PRAYERS & BEST WISHES

Good Samaritan & Lennox Assisted Living Residents

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

Health Challenges

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

BIRTHDAY

1/23—Wendy Reischl
1/24—Joshua Kribell
1/25—Cason Zens
1/28—Alexis Appel
1/29—Steve Johnson & Hadley Geiken

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.

Information, Activities & Events

Catholic Daughters Meeting February 10th at 6:30 PM



The Catholic Daughters,
Ct. St. Christina #2336

will meet on Thursday, February 10th at 6:30 PM,
at St. Nicholas in Tea.

All ladies are invited and welcome to attend to find out
more about the Catholic Daughters and/or if you're
interested in joining.

The Catholic Daughters will be putting together toiletry
bags for the Children's Inn on February 11th.

ITEMS NEEDED:

*combs, stick (not roll-on) deodorant for women and men,
children's toothbrushes and toothpaste*

Donations can be put in the tote located in the lobby by
February 9th. Thank you for your generosity!

Save the Date: CDA Salad Luncheon with games, raffle
and door prizes scheduled for Saturday, April 9th, from
11:30AM to 3PM at St. Nicholas. Stay tuned for updates!

St. Joseph defender of life, pray for us!

"Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ... Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities: "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

Growing in Faith™

Who needs Jesus?



Many today say that they don't have a need for Jesus. They go to work, have homes, put food on their tables, raise families without His help. In fact, daily activities go on but the world can't really make sense without Him.

Truth. The truth is in Christ, "*in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge*" (Colossians 2:3). We cannot understand the truth without Him. To make sense of the world, we need Jesus to lead us.

Life. The life we have will eventually end. To keep living, we need Jesus. "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me*" (John 14:6). Eternal life comes through Him.

Death. None of us escapes death. Yet, in the Resurrection, Jesus defeated death for us. It didn't hold Him and He offers the gift of life to each of us if we live in Him.

Sin. Even the holiest of us sins. Without Jesus, what becomes of us? He "*gave himself as a ransom for all*" (1 Timothy 2:6). If we don't accept His price, our sins come back to us for eternity.

Suffering. Modern science can alleviate but not eliminate some of the world's suffering. Jesus provides comfort and healing to those who trust Him and surrender to Him.



RE Classes

Wednesday, January 26th

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

Wednesday, February 2nd

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

Confirmation

Sunday, January 30th, 6 PM

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



St. Magdalen Youth Group

WHO: Grades 6 and up.

WHEN: February 13th—
11:30 AM—12:30 PM

WHAT: Putting small blankets together for Hospice Patients.

Hmmmm—there might be pizza too!



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.

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**.

ATTENTION-HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS-ATTENTION

CDA Court St Christina #2336 will be giving away a \$400 scholarship. Applications can be picked up at the parish office or email lyndedorothy@hotmail.com with CDA Scholarship in the Subject line. Any Senior High student member of St Dominic, St Magdalen or St Nicholas Parish.

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DAILY READINGS/MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jan 24	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
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Tues, Jan 25	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18
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Wed, Jan 26	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10; Mk 4:1-20
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Thurs, Jan 27	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
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Fri, Jan 28	2 Sm 11:1-4, 5-10, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
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Sat, Jan 29	2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
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Sun, Jan 30	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30
10:30 AM	+Georgia Lou Totten by The Richter Family

Mass Intentions are available for April & May 2022.

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

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

Greeters: Wade & Anne Homan Family

Lector: Wade Homan

Cantor: Monica Cross

EM: Jere Kribell

Sacristan: Paula Kroeger

Ushers: Darin & Connor Eich

Altar Servers: Ethan, Haven & Scout Nelson

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:

Feb 15-The Greatest of These is Love: Cultivating the Virtue of Charity

—Directed by Fr. Tony Klein

Mar 22-Saying Yes to God with Mary—Fr. Jeff Norfolk

Apr 19-Divine Merciful Love—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.



RESTART

FEBRUARY 12TH 2022 • 7:00PM

LORANG THEATRE PERFORMANCE ARTS CENTER



\$20 per ticket

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/restart-february-12th-2022-tickets-203134178797>

PERFORMANCES BY IKE NDOLO & SARA KROGER
KEYNOTE SPEAKER DOM QUAGLIA
AND SPECIAL GUEST FR. TONY KLEIN