



# Saint Mary Magdalen

## Witnessing to the Resurrection

AUGUST 11, 2019

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday–Friday ..... 8:30am–4:30pm**

### **SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

#### **Weekend Liturgies:**

Saturday: 4:30pm † Sunday: 9 & 11am

#### **Weekday Liturgies:**

Mon., Thurs., Fri. 9am, Wed. 7pm

#### **Sacrament of Penance:**

Saturday: 11:30am–12noon

**Infant Baptism:** Contact Erin Wolfe.

#### **Sacrament of Matrimony:**

Please contact the office  
at least nine months prior to wedding date.

## LOWERY'S LINES

Since arriving, I have been meeting with many of you, and I am enjoying your insights, on-going welcome and encouragement of me. I have also been reviewing our budget. As a parish, we are generous people. One of the challenges we are facing though is that in our budget - as it currently is prepared - our spending exceeds our income. I have told many of you I have no desire to change anything except things that impact me directly. That remains my goal. As many of you have shared with me, we have so much good going; and we should keep it. I agree! I am so glad to have come to such a positive, welcoming, joyful, and faithful parish. I do not want to change the things that are good. We do though need to adjust the budget so it is balanced. We need to be realistic about our financial position. We need to be responsible with the generously given money that comes from you to make everything we do here possible. On Thursday, I shared some of the adjustments to the budget that will be made with the pastoral staff. I will be meeting with the finance council next week to seek their input on all of this and to discuss adjustments to our budget that will need to be made. I will also discuss this with the pastoral council. I will communicate with you all that I can. You can anticipate a "Sermon on the Amount" soon.

**The Assumption of Mary: August 14/15**

Please join us in celebrating the Assumption of Mary. Liturgies for this celebration will take place on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00pm, and on Thursday, August 15 at 9:00am. This solemnity celebrates Mary's full entrance into eternity with God, or as our Eastern Christian sisters and brothers say, "Mary's falling asleep." Sleep is an image of death for the Christian, because it is of course through our "sleeping" that we awaken into the Resurrection – eternal life with God.

**Missionary Cooperative Appeal Weekend: August 17-18**

The weekend of August 17-18 at all Liturgies Fr. Thomson Thomas from the Diocese of Kottapuram in India will preside and preach. He will speak to us about the life of the Church in India and ask for our financial support, specifically to aid victims of extraordinary flooding that took place in 2018 from which many are still suffering. Our diocese is blessed by the presence and ministry of priests from Kottapuram. They are sharing their resources with us through their ministry. Please welcome our missionary visitor.

**Parish Picnic: September 8**

I cannot believe we are already looking ahead to September! I love the summer and hate to see it go, even if it is just unofficially at Labor Day. Remember, the Sunday after Labor Day, Sept. 8, is our annual parish picnic. We will celebrate the 11am Liturgy outside (bring a lawn chair), and then have food, fun, and fellowship for all ages. Invite a neighbor or relatives to join you – maybe even one who doesn't come to our parish or to any church at all – to this event. All are welcome! Have a blessed week! *~Fr. Shaun*

**THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES****August 12, Monday**

Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

9:00 am + Leigh Anne Lancour

**August 13, Tuesday**

Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

9:00 am Communion Service

**August 14, Wednesday, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil**

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

7:00 pm + David Schlueter

**August 15, Thursday, The Assumption of the****Blessed Virgin Mary**

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

9:00 am + Leonard Stano

**August 16, Friday**

Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12

9:00 am + Thomas Garity

**August 17, Saturday**

Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15

**August 18, Sunday, Twentieth Sunday**

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

4:30 pm Vigil + Thomas McSweeney

9:00 am + Joseph Pace

11:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY**

**Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10** In 597 B.C., Babylon (located in modern day Iraq), defeated Jerusalem and thousands of Jewish leaders and citizens were taken into exile. The prophet Jeremiah was among those left behind. When he preached trust in God rather than armed revolution, the people considered him a traitor.

**Hebrews 12:1-4** Commonly referred to as a letter, Hebrews is really a lengthy sermon that encourages people to remain faithful in difficult times. In the previous section, the author cited Old Testament witnesses who had done just that. In this week's reading, the author now points out the greatest example of fidelity.

**Luke 12:49-53** In today's gospel, Jesus declares that allegiance to him divides rather than unites, splitting families down through the middle. For some early followers, the decision to become a disciple of Jesus meant social exile, including family ostracism or disownment. For those so shunned, as well as for those whose family relationships remained intact, the community of the Church offered intimacy demanding family language. "Brother" and "sister" were terms of address among the Church members for which many New Testament evidence exists.

**Reflect:** Mercy is for us to give. To whom do I need to show mercy?

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, August 12**

- 9:45 am Yoga
- 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen
- 7:00 pm Properties
- 7:00 pm RCIA Summer Inquiry

**Tuesday, August 13**

- 4:30 pm Youth Group Leadership Meeting
- 7:00 pm Alpha Core Meeting
- 7:00 pm Charity and Justice

**Wednesday, August 14**

- 9:00 am Prayer & Baking with Jesus
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:45 pm Religious Formation Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Assumption of Mary Liturgy
- 8:00 pm Finance

**Thursday, August 15**

- 9:00 am Assumption of Mary Liturgy
- 9:45 am Exercise & Balance
- 7:30 pm Music Ministry

**Friday, August 16**

- 6:30 pm Youth Group Kick-off Overnight

**Saturday, August 17**

**Sunday, August 18**

- 7:00 pm Youth Group
- Blood Pressure Screening after Masses**  
**8/17 & 8/18**

**WELLNESS QUOTE**

Practice the pause.

When in doubt, pause. When angry, pause.

When tired, pause. When stressed, pause.

And when you pause, PRAY.

**Welcome to our Mission Appeal Visiting Priest!**

**August 17 and 18, we welcome Fr. Thomson Thomas, a visiting priest from the Diocese of Kottapuram.** Kottapuram is in Kerala, in the south west region of India as it juts into the Arabian Sea. Geographically it is full of islands and villages of 100,000 families-Christian, Muslims and Hindus with 25,000 Catholic families.

In August 2018, the worst floods in close to a century submerged the state of Kerala. Over 500 people died in floods and 537 in landslides. Schools, farms, homes, airports, roads and bridges, were all severely affected. The people completely lost their means of livelihood: carpentry workshops, nets for fishing, electrical workshops, etc. The school children lost their study materials too. Many lost their hope for the future.

The highlight of the mission appeal this year is continued rehabilitation for flood victims, irrespective of caste and creed.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Diane Agius	Carole Conklin	Alan Laginess	Marilyn Paielli	Roger Touchette	Alma
Sally Bixler	John Davidson	Linda Lambert	Stella Paweski	Marylyn Trader	Dian
Judy Bradley-Parsons	Karoline DeRosia	Herb Langer	Dick Price	Donald Tremel	Diane
Larry Buslepp	Richard Gillis	Aimee List	Jennifer Robinson	Michelle Turner	Jeanette
Dora Campbell	Karen Hammang	Gwen Maes	Kathy Runstadler	Geraldine White	Margie
Ruth Ann Campbell	Tom Hargrave	Roy Mantay	Ron Sams	Jake Willet	Marianne
Mary Cieslak	Carol Hausman	Kathy Marshall	Lisa Shibley	Paul Wood	
Duane Clover	Sr. Joyce Hoile	Jeri Neiman	Janine St. Pierre	Doug Wozniak	
Hank Cornille	Kathy Jagusch	John Nychypor	Mary Stephens	Jennifer Yanick	
	Bonnie Kussmaul	Stan Osdras	Bonnie Thompson	Tom Zremski	

**Important Note About our Prayer List**

The names of the sick will run in this column for 6 weeks, at which time they will be removed. To add a name, re-list a name, or remove a name, please call the parish office at 810-229-8624. Many people have recuperated so we appreciate updates, in order to be current. Thank You!

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS**

Roxanne Hundsrucker

**10th Grade Confirmation Candidates**

Our Candidates have been on retreat this weekend; if you are a Saturday Mass goer you will encounter them during the Liturgy. Please pray for these individuals who will be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit on November 23, 2019. Pray that they continue to worship weekly and become members of our ministry teams.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children Need**

Liturgy of the Word for Children is for all our younger youth grades K-4. It is held during the Liturgies at 9 & 11 (these are the children we bless at the beginning of Liturgy). We are in need of several more adults to assist with Liturgy of the Word for Children. You do not have to be the leader; every leader needs another adult to be present during the session, and we are short of adults. If you are able to join the rotation for 9 am or 11 am Liturgies, please sign-up at the Faith Formation counter in the Gathering Area.

**P B & J**

Traditionally PB&J stands for peanut butter and jelly. But here at St. Mary Magdalen, we have created a new TWEEN Ministry, called Prayers, Baking and Jesus. Kayla Carney, her dad Sean and I, on Wednesday, August 14, 9 am—noon will host our first event. If you have a daughter, son, grandchild 10-12 years old that would like to join us, please sign up in the gathering area. We are asking them to bring a stand mixer but they can share if they are unable to bring one from home or borrow one (do not run out and buy a kitchen aide they are expensive). We will pray in the kitchen and the chapel and have a make-and-bake session with goodies to take home. The cost will be \$5. This will cover our baking supplies, a snack and apron.

**YOUTH NEWS**

Margaret Callaghan

Our high school leadership team is made up of enthusiastic leaders eager to share their faith and passionate about planning fun, meaningful meetings for you! They are excited about this coming year!



For starters, our first event is the **Youth Group Welcome** overnight celebration **this coming Friday, August 16-17**. It will start at 6:30pm with food and games and end Saturday morning at 7am. All high school aged teenagers are welcome and to bring a friend! Contact Margaret Callaghan at [yminister1@gmail.com](mailto:yminister1@gmail.com) for more information and to get registered.

Please bring a camp chair for the evening if you plan to join us this Friday. We will be watching an outdoor movie out by the barn and the blacktop is not that comfortable.

**Our weekly Sunday evening meetings are always 7-9pm in our youth room. We will meet Sunday August 25 and then will begin meeting weekly on September 8.**



**If you are interested in joining us for the National Catholic Youth Conference this year contact me via email.** I have registered eight available youth spots and three are already taken. Visit the official website <http://www.ncyc.info> to check out the event. We will travel by bus as arranged by the diocese and all stay together at the same hotel in Indianapolis.

The Livingston Vicariate Monthly

**Men-on-Fire** NightTHURSDAY August 15<sup>th</sup> @ Holy Spirit Catholic Church**WOMEN WELCOME**

Rosary 6:30pm/Mass 7pm/Speaker 8pm

Speaker: Robert Fastigi, PhD

"The Role of Mary in Salvation History"

## PASTORAL STAFF

<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. Shaun Lowery pastor@saintmarymagdalen.org
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<b>Deacon</b>	Gary Prise deacon3@saintmarymagdalen.org
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**50+ Livingston Vicariate  
SUMMER CELEBRATION & PICNIC**

*A time to pray, eat and share*

**WHEN:** *Thursday, August 22, 2019*

**WHERE:** *Holy Spirit Parish, 9565 Musch Rd., Brighton*

**TIME:** *Mass at 11 am - Noon: Picnic Lunch & Music*

***Please RSVP by Thursday, August 15, 2019***

There is no cost for this activity, though all attendees are asked to bring a dish to share! Sloppy Joes, beverages and paper products will be provided. To assure sufficient food, please RSVP by calling the office at 810-229-8624 no later than August 15.

## CHARITY &amp; JUSTICE

**Magdalen's Kitchen Sign-Up**

Names of those interested in serving at Magdalen's Kitchen for the Mondays of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of August and all of September are being accepted. **There are many unfilled slots for dessert providers and dish washers.** Sign-up sheets are organized by date and are on the Charity & Justice table in the Gathering Space. Reminder slips are available to remind you of your commitment. **Please list the email address or phone number you can be contacted at.** A reminder will be sent prior to the date you are volunteering. Volunteers must be middle school age or older to fill a dish washer position.

# MEN'S RETREAT

The men of St. Mary Magdalen are invited to attend a weekend retreat **October 11-13**. The retreat is entitled ***'Who do YOU say I AM'*** at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat and Conference Center. For more information, contact parishioner Pete Kelly at [pckelly1@comcast.net](mailto:pckelly1@comcast.net) or 248.842.7704. You can register for the retreat online at [stpaulretreat.org](http://stpaulretreat.org) or by calling 313.535.9563.

— DIOCESE OF LANSING —  
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

**HOPE Restores**

*Save the date!*

**OCTOBER 12, 2019**  
LANSING CENTER | 9AM-5PM

[www.LansingDioceseCWC.org](http://www.LansingDioceseCWC.org)

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**WEEK OF 7/28/19**

Approximately 1280 people participated	
Env/Cash	\$15,829
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,290
EFT/Online	\$14,067
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,186</b>
<i>Children's Collection</i>	\$67.09

*"Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God." - 1 Peter 4:10*

***Make the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises***

*If you always imagine God in the same way, no matter how true and beautiful it may be, you will not be able to receive the gift of the new ways He has ready for you.*  
 Carlos Valles, S.J.

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises is a pilgrimage of a spiritual search for the fulfillment of a desire for holiness. The exercise experience is about praying, searching, exploring and discovering; it is a journey with God. Christ Jesus is your companion as you learn to walk the life journey path as Jesus. Jesus asks: ***"What are you looking for?"*** (Jn1:38) and ***"Come and see."*** (Jn 1:39). Those who engage in the Spiritual Exercises discover a response to ***"What is God asking of me?"*** The Exercise experience is good for increasing openness to the movement of the Holy Spirit strengthening and supporting you in the effort to **respond ever more faithfully to the love of God.**

The full Spiritual Exercises may be done in the midst of ordinary daily life at home. It involves a daily commitment of 45-60 minutes in prayer and reflection centered on the themes of the Exercises and a weekly meeting with Linda Chevalier, Spiritual Director for approximately eight or nine months. Linda will meet with you on a weekly basis at her home which allows for reflective conversation and confidentiality. The cost for the Spiritual Exercises is to offer a stipend, payable over the course of the retreat. You will have a discussion about the precise details during your first conversation.

If you feel drawn to make the Ignatian Exercises in Daily Life first pray about it and if you still feel drawn toward making the Exercises **call Linda Chevalier (810.229.9734) or chevalierlinda@att.net**

**BLOOD DRIVE @ ST. MARY MAGDALEN  
 THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11  
 9:30 AM - 3:15 PM**



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**  
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**(Holy Day of Obligation)**  
**Liturgies will be celebrated:**  
**7pm Wednesday, Aug. 14**  
**and 9am Thursday, Aug. 15**

***What is a Holy Day of Obligation?***

In the Catholic Church, holy days of obligation (also called holydays, holidays, or days of obligation) are days on which the faithful are expected to attend Mass, and engage in rest from work and recreation. The list of Days of Obligation includes all Sundays in all countries. Some feasts, e.g. Easter, are always celebrated on Sundays, so they are always obligatory.

**UPCOMING HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:**

- Thurs., Aug. 15** Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
- Fri., Nov. 1** All Saints' Day
- Mon., Dec. 9** The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wed., Dec. 25** Christmas

**How Do I Become Catholic?  
 Do I Want To Become Catholic?**



- \*\* If you have never been baptized.
- \*\* If you were baptized in another Christian faith.
- \*\* If you were baptized Catholic but did not receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.
- \*\* If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith.

Call Erin Wolfe in the parish office (810)229-8624 ext. 176. There are no commitments or obligations to become Catholic, just the opportunity to find out more.

We will be having a summer Inquiry session on **Monday, August 12**, from 7-8 pm in the Library.

## MINISTERS OF PRAYER

Sun.	Aug. 11	Dennis Wagener
Mon.	Aug. 12	Joyce Muchler, Ted Eisenhut
Tues.	Aug. 13	Bob & Dawn Gustitus, Mary Ann Hargrave
Wed.	Aug. 14	Diane Olsem
Thurs.	Aug. 15	Matt Kroll
Fri.	Aug. 16	Volunteer
Sat.	Aug. 17	Judy Brown



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Beginning Monday, September 9, 7 pm  
At St. Mary Magdalen

Grief can be loss of a family member, loss of a job, new beginnings and letting go of the past. In the group we will deal with the stages of grief, sharing our stories, prayer and community bonding.

We will meet Monday evenings, Sept. 9 - Nov. 2, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

If you would like to be a part of this group or have questions, please call Sister Maryetta at 810-229-8624.

## ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Mon.	Aug. 12	9:45 am	Yoga
Tue.	Aug. 13	_____	_____
Wed.	Aug. 14	_____	_____
Thu.	Aug. 15	9:45 am	Exercise & Balance
Fri.	Aug. 16	6:30 pm	Youth Group
Sat.	Aug. 17	_____	_____
Sun.	Aug. 18	7:00 pm	Youth Group

## OUR PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC

Sunday, Sept 8  
with the outdoor Liturgy at 11am  
followed by food, fun and games!  
Are you coming? Please sign up!!

Can you help??  
We need lots of volunteers to make it happen!!

Please sign up in the Gathering Area!!