



The Feast of Saint Mary Magdalen

Witnessing to the Resurrection

July 25, 2021

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their journey to Mt. Sinai some 1,200 years before Christ. The bread described in today's reading is called manna, a word derived from the ancient Hebrew words for "what is this?"

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 In our consecutive readings from the letter to the Ephesians, we have come to a part of the letter which gives practical advice for daily living. Today's reading describes the practical effects of baptism. In the waters of baptism, we symbolically die to one way of living and rise to a new way of life.

John 6:24-35 Jesus dialogues with the crowd at Capernaum, and as usual, they misunderstand his meaning. They are seeking another miracle to benefit themselves but Jesus confronts them and instead teaches about bread from His Father in heaven.

Reflect: How do you make time and space to listen to what God is saying?

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

Monday, July 26, Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35

9:00 am +Richard Tuzinsky

Tuesday, July 27

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43

9:00 am +JoAnne McDonough

Wednesday, July 28

Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46

9:00 am +Ray Hibbeln

Thursday, July 29, Saint Martha

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 (404)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday, July 30

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, July 31, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 1

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

4:30 pm +Larry Buslepp

9:00 am The People of St. Mary Magdalen

11:00 am +Karl Koch

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Bob Gay and family in the death of his father, Florian.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF:

Farook Al-Sabagh, Chuck Barnes, Brandon Bitterle, Jack Bitterle, Jeanie Browne, Lucas Cauley, Stacy Church, Sr. Maryetta Churches, Jim Coffman, Keith Craffey, Joyce Dalessandro, John Davidson, Karoline DeRosia, Cienna Ditri, Jennifer Duncan, Marie Edwards, Ron Fuller, Mary Lea Gehring, Judy Gentner, John Hammang, Denis Hobbins, Emily Hofsess, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Benjamin Holden, Kathy Jagusch, Mary Keating, Judy Kelly, Michael Kokitka, Maria Kottke, Herb Langer, Barbara Lewis, Nancy Little, Geraldine Martin, Sally Martinez, Marilynn Myszkier, Stella Paweski, Kathy and Tony Riccardi, Linda Santioni, Marino Sarti, Dave & Judy Scharf, Aleah Schroeder, Andy Snook, Betty Socia, Marny & Gene Stuart, Cindy Sultana, Marylyn Trader, Michelle Turner, Scott Ulmer, Tom Zremski, Dr. Bill, Dave, Diane, Kyle, MKE, Madeline, Jaxon, Sarah

May they be fully restored to good health and comforted at this time.

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, re-list, or remove a name, please call the parish office at 810-229-8624. Many people have recuperated so we appreciate updates to be current. Thank You!

FROM FR. PAUL

My Brothers and Sisters,

In both our first reading and our Gospel from this weekend, we hear about the Lord providing a miracle of multiplication. The prophet Elisha feeds 100 people with just 20 barley loaves. Jesus feeds 5,000 people with just 5 loaves and 2 fish. In both cases everyone is able to have their fill, and in both cases there is even more than the people can eat. This, I think, is how God loves to work. He takes a small offering and multiplies it, making it into something it never could have been otherwise. His grace is not merely sufficient, but abundant; there is always more waiting for us. May we never be afraid to offer ourselves to Him, small as we may be, and allow Him to feed us, to satisfy us, and multiply His grace within us. Let us approach Him with open hearts and open hands, ready to receive all that He has in store.

New Daily Mass Schedule - Just a reminder that our daily Mass schedule will change to:

Monday: no Mass

Tuesday: Mass at 9:00 AM

Wednesday: Adoration from 5:45-6:45 PM; Mass at 6:45 PM

Thursday: Mass at 9:00 AM

Friday: Mass at 9:00 AM

This takes effect on Monday, August 2, and our weekend Mass schedule remains the same.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

Fr. Paul

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Wed. 1:00 pm–4:30 pm

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Weekend Liturgy:

4:30pm Saturday

9am & 11am Sunday

Weekday Liturgies: Mon., Tues., Wed. 9am

Penance/Confession: Saturday 3-4pm

Infant Baptism: Contact Erin Wolfe.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact the office at least nine months prior to wedding date.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

July 25 — July 31



Sunday	Dennis Wagener
Monday	Valerie Maravolo
Tuesday	Barb and Joe Kowal
Wednesday	Diane Olsem
Thursday	Pat and Bob Metz
Friday	Marilyn and Dan VanTiem Mary Jo Cubr
Saturday	Volunteer

MARRIAGE BANNS



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Andrew Swain
&
Chiara Lazzereschi*

NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHANGE EFFECTIVE Monday, August 2

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 9:00 AM

Wednesday: Adoration (Holy Hour) from 5:45-6:45 PM; Mass at 6:45 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM

Friday: 9:00 AM

What is a Holy Hour?

A Holy Hour is spending some time in silence with the Lord. Just as Mary, Martha's sister, sat at the feet of Jesus listening to him, a Holy Hour is time set aside so that we too can sit with Jesus. Please join us as we pray for our parish and our world.

CURRENT PARISH GUIDELINES

- ♦ Weekend Liturgies are celebrated in the main worship space. Weekday Liturgies are celebrated in the day chapel. Masks must be worn by those who are not vaccinated or not fully vaccinated against Covid-19.
- ♦ No drive up reception of Holy Communion.
- ♦ The parish staff has normal work schedules.
- ♦ Gatherings and meetings are held in person and online. Masks must be worn by those who are not vaccinated or not fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

If you have any condition that will compromise your immune system (or if you care for someone with such a condition) PLEASE STAY HOME! There is no obligation to attend Mass if you have a good reason to stay home.

FINANCE

WEEK OF 7/18/21

ENV/CASH	\$ 10,520
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 801
EFT/ONLINE	\$ 13,779
TOTAL	\$ 25,100

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Your parish contributions are appreciated and very important, especially during this time. Sunday contributions may be placed in the chest by the baptismal font in the Worship Space, mailed to the parish office or consider online giving.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE TO GIVE ONLINE

www.saintmarymagdalen.org



Lansing Lugnuts Faith And Family Night:

St. Mary Magdalen is excited to announce that we will be travelling to Lansing on Friday, September 17 to watch the Lansing Lugnuts take on the West Michigan Whitecaps.

The cost is \$11/person. Ticket order forms are available in the Gathering Area on the Youth Group table. **You must order through us to get this special group rate and to sit with our parish.** Families must provide their own transportation to and from the game.

The event is open to all parish families with school-age children. I would love to see the middle and high school youth group families at this event!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, July 26

6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout

Tuesday, July 27

Wednesday, July 28

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group Summer
Fun & Formation Family Picnic -
Kensington Metro Park

7:00 pm Holy Hour of Prayer

Thursday, July 29

Friday, July 30

Saturday, July 31

Sunday, August 1

12:45 pm Baptism

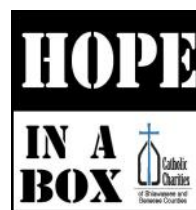
LESA BACKPACK COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!



The Religious Formation Program is looking for volunteers for the upcoming year. We need volunteers for the following positions:

- Catechists and Co-Catechists
- Classroom Aides
- Hall Monitors/Greeters
- Confirmation Classroom Aide
- Sunday Morning Office Aide
- Wednesday Night Office Aide

If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, please contact Joshua Kenny.



JULY NEEDS:

Toilet Paper
Travel size Toiletries
Men's Underwear
Men's Jeans
(new or gently used)

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Upcoming Family Opportunities!

Now that summer is well underway, are your children constantly complaining they are bored and looking for something different to do? Are you counting down the days until school starts? Would you be interested in fun, social opportunities for the whole family? If you answered yes to any of the above questions, keep reading!

The Formation Program is hosting the following events for our parish families to enjoy:

Wednesday 7/28: Family Picnic at Kensington Metropark; 6-8PM

Wednesday 8/18: Family Movie Night at our parish; 6-8:30PM

Friday 9/17: Lansing Lugnuts Faith and Family Night; first pitch at 7:05PM. August 17 is the last day to order tickets.



The picnic on July 28 will be at Kensington's West Boat Launch Picnic Shelter.

Please bring a picnic dinner for your family. If you are interested, we are looking for volunteers to bring a dessert to pass. Beverages will be provided by the parish. You are welcome to bring your favorite lawn games to play as well!

We hope to see many families at this picnic and for this to be the start of a new tradition for our program. Throughout the upcoming year, we will be making a point to provide social opportunities for families. Time spent in community and fellowship with one another is always time well spent. In fact, by helping children form friendships with one another, outside of the classroom, their time in the classroom is even more fruitful!

-Joshua Kenny

YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle School Summer Fun:

Wednesday, July 28

Kensington Metropark

This week's Summer Fun Night will coincide with the Formation Program's family picnic at Kensington Metropark. Middle School students and their families are encouraged to attend. There will also be a special activity for the middle school students.

We will be at the *West* picnic shelter from 6-8PM this Wednesday, July 28. Please bring a picnic dinner for your family and a dessert to pass. Beverages will be provided.

Why Youth Ministry Matters:

I suspect most parents reading this article hope their children continue to practice their faith as adults. If that's not the case, let's talk! For everyone else, we can continue with the original assumption.

I regularly speak with parents who are upset their teen or young adult has either left the faith, questions the faith, or seems entirely disinterested. Sadly this is a common situation. In fact, over the past 20 years, 50% of those raised Catholic no longer identify as such. Of those who have left, 8/10 leave before their 23rd birthday.

Other studies show that Catholics are the denomination most likely to disaffiliate. Why is this? On average, Catholics are less engaged in the life of the parish outside of Sunday worship services. Going to Church is important, but so is being part of a community!

Youth Group helps form this sense of belonging. One researcher found that when students attend youth group between the ages of 13-17, they were less likely to find Church boring, they wished to attend more frequently, and were more likely to plan on attending when they were 25 years old. I will continue to explore this topic in the coming weeks. Until then, please contact me if you want more information.

CHARITY



LESA Backpacks for Kids: July 17-August 1

The Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) is holding their annual “Backpacks for Kids” project this year. The goal of this project is to provide Livingston County students with basic school supplies at no cost.

This project helps children have a positive experience during their first few days of school. At St. Mary Magdalen, we collect school supplies from the list provided by LESA and deliver them to one of the designated drop-off points.

If you'd like to make a donation for this project please take an apple tag/tags with items needed from the easel located in the gathering area. ***All items need to be turned in at St. Mary Magdalen on or before August 1.*** Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful project!

Items needed include:

Backpacks	Pencils/Pens
Crayons	Rulers
Pencil top erasers	Spiral notebooks
2-pocket folders	Scissors
Glue/glue sticks	Highlighters
Markers	Mechanical pencils
Paper	Pencil bags

All items must be turned in at St. Mary Magdalen on or before August 1.

Thank you for your support of this wonderful project!

JUSTICE

Catholic Social Teachings – a Call to Action

Racism and economic oppression are distinct but interrelated forces which dehumanize our society.

Movement toward authentic justice demands a simultaneous attack on both evils. (Brothers and Sisters to Us, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1979).

We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life. (Pope Francis, June 2020)

Over the past few weeks, we have discussed the four pillars of Catholic Social Teachings – the common good, the dignity of the human person, subsidiarity, and solidarity. As Catholics, these four pillars must act as a guide for how we live our lives, how we treat others, and how we interpret the issues and events happening locally, nationally, and globally. Most importantly, these four pillars are not passive. Like the Good Samaritan, we cannot see injustice and just walk by it, as did the priest and Levite. We are called by Christ to take action so when we are judged by Him, we will not be counted among those on His left who, confused and condemned, asked “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?” (Mathew 25:44). We must always see the Lord in every human being from every race, color, and creed – then see what we can do to help those less fortunate.

Over the next few weeks, these Justice articles will explore specifically what the four pillars of Catholic Social Teachings say about racism and what we can do to actively fight this sin. Some future articles may suggest websites to learn more. We ask that you search your heart and place yourself in the shoes of a different race. How would you want to be treated? How would you want your children to be treated? What kind of life would you be willing to tolerate?

We are interested in your feedback. Please let us know what you think by sending an email to cicommment@saintmarymagdalen.org



Deacon Dave is retiring!



*Celebrating 26 years of service to the people
of St. Mary Magdalen*

H. David Scharf, Deacon

Harry David Scharf was born on November 15, 1936, to Harry N. Scharf and Gladys L. Buell. He attended St. Theresa School for 12 years, and entered the navy after graduation in 1957.

While he was stationed on Whidby Island, Washington, he met his wife, Judith A. McAdam. Dave & Judy were married in 1960 and have three children, David, Ruth, and Susan and eight grandchildren. Dave worked for the Chrysler Corporation for 39 years and graduated from Central Michigan with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing in 1981.

He entered the deacon formation program of the Diocese of Lansing in 1992. Dave retired from Chrysler in 1994 and was ordained a permanent deacon on August 26, 1995, and was assigned to St. Mary Magdalen.

In 2001, Dave attained a Masters Degree in Pastoral Ministry from Loyola University in New Orleans.

WELLNESS

St. Mary Magdalen Blood Donation Program



**American
Red Cross**

Under the excellent leadership of parishioner, Maria Milligan, the St. Mary

Magdalen Blood Drives ran smoothly and as regularly scheduled this past year, even with COVID-19 social distancing and other precautions in place! Thank you Maria for helping to provide the "gift of life" to others! We look forward to continuing to provide this service in conjunction with the American Red Cross this coming year under the leadership of parishioner, Danielle Flynn. Our thanks to her for assuming this role and to the many volunteers and donors who make this program successful.

Blood Drives are scheduled to be held at our parish on the following Sundays: August 22, October 17 and December 12. Please consider donating here or at another blood drive in our area. Visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment.

JULY-AUGUST 2021

Caregiver Support Activities

These activities are **FREE** and open to all people in the community who are caregiving for a loved one with dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Lewy Bodies, Chemo Brain and other memory related diseases.



Complexities of Caregiving (Zoom Web Series)

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:30 PM

July 21, 28 and August 4, 11, 18, 25

This 6-week webinar is presented by Andrea Holzner CCP, MPH, PhD with Alzheimer's Integrative Wellness Group.

This interactive web series, held via Zoom, will cover topics like communication, positive approaches, behavior challenges, changes in intimacy, medications/ alternative medicine, as well as end of life care. There will be open discussions as well as realistic dementia behavior role plays.

Email Leann@LivingstonCC.org to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Cruise-In Car Show

The St. Mary Magdalen Knights of Columbus Council is hosting a charity Cruise-In Car Show, **Monday, August 23, 4:00 PM until dark**, to benefit Saint Joseph Home Care and Hospice of Livingston County, and the Blue Star Service Dogs of Pinckney, Michigan. Blue Star Service Dogs provide therapy for servicemen and servicewomen recovering from brain injuries, severe depression, and Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD).

Car Owner Registration is from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, and entry fee is \$15.00 No entry fee for spectators, but a free will donation will be accepted. Burgers and hot dogs on sale by our Knights, and beverages by our local Boy Scout Troop. Entertainment by 'CruzN DJ' Paul Peters.

This annual event features some of the most distinctive examples of our region's contribution to the classic age of automotive styling and high performance. Come take a stroll with us back to the time when cars had 'muscles', 'fast backs' and a 'V8' was not just a vegetable drink.





Saint Mary Magdalen Church Night!



Lugnuts vs. West Michigan Whitecaps — Friday, September 17th @ 7:05pm

- Come enjoy the game with your congregation and family + friends!
- Group Raffle - One lucky member from your group will win a special prize!
- Group recognition on the scoreboard and public address system during the game!
- Come watch the pre-game Faith All-Star Lineup!

Ticket Order Form

Order Deadline: Tuesday, August 17th

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ # of Box Seat Tickets: _____ @ \$11.00 = _____

Email: _____

Please return this form to: Josh Kenny
Hurry! ...The absolute last day to order is: August 17th
Please make checks payable to: St. Mary Magdalen Church
For more information please contact:
Josh Kenny at youth@saintmarymagdalen.org



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PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES HAVE CHANGED

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