



Saint Mary Magdalen

Witnessing to the Resurrection

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri. 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Thurs. 1:00 pm–4:30 pm

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 4:30 pm • Sunday 9 & 11 am

Weekday Liturgies: Mon., Thurs., Fri. 9am Wed. 7pm

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 11:30 am– Noon

Infant Baptism: Contact Erin Wolfe.

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

LOWERY'S LINES

Disciple Maker's Index

Every parish in our diocese will be participating in a survey called the Disciple Makers Index. The survey will be made available online for you to take in the convenience of your home or on your mobile phone. If you prefer, you will be able to take a written form of the survey. The purpose of the survey is to help the Bishop, together with a committee he has assembled, to review the needs of the Diocese and to plan for our future. I am asking everyone to complete the survey when it is made available which will be over the next few weeks.

Presentation of the Lord: Feb 1/2

The weekend of February 1 and 2, we will celebrate the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. This feast falls forty days after Christmas and remembers when Joseph and Mary brought the child Jesus to the Temple. The Prophets Simeon and Anna gave thanks to God, calling Jesus the Light who would reveal God's presence to the world. The Liturgy for this feast calls for the blessing of candles. You are welcome to bring candles from home to be blessed during all the Liturgies for this coming feast day.

Prayer Request

The search committee assisting me on the hiring of a new, single, full-time position on parish staff, met for the first time last week. This position will be dedicated to youth religious formation and ministry. We reviewed a draft job description and discussed where to advertise the position. I am asking all of you to pray that God helps us to find a person who will be the right fit for our parish and who will be capable of serving our youth well in this capacity. I am hoping we can hire someone during or just after the Easter season.

Peace, Fr. Shaun

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**Monday, January 27**

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
9:00 am + Lanore and Paul Chisholm

Tuesday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas
Priest and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 29

Mass of Anointing
2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
7:00 pm + Linda Lambert

Thursday, January 30

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
9:00 am + Bill and Helen Nowicke

Friday, January 31

Saint John Bosco, Priest
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
9:00 am + MaryAnna Horkan

Saturday, February 1

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, February 2**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
4:30 pm + Ed and Jean Tarsel
9:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners
11:00 am + Leonard and Martha Heuring

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**Malachi 3:1-4**

The last book of the Old Testament, the prophet Malachi, is written for the Jewish people who have become negligent in their observance of the Law. The coming of the Lord will be overwhelming because he comes to purify, and the images used to describe the nature of the purifying are powerful and terrifying.

Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus came to help the descendants of Abraham, and so he became the perfect High Priest who offered the perfect sacrifice of himself for the remission of our sins.

Luke 2:22-40

Faithful adherence to the Law brings Joseph & Mary to the Temple to present two turtledoves as a sin offering to the Lord. This offering is necessary, not because of individual sin on the part of the Holy Family, but by entering the human condition Jesus immerses himself in the human condition we call sin.

Reflect: For what do I need the purifying power of Jesus?

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Victoria Berns	Kathy Jagusch	Cindy Sultana
Larry Buslepp	Elaine Kay	Marylyn Trader
Cathy Buel	Frances Krula	Don Tremel
Olive Burbridge	Herb Langer	Michelle Turner
Paul Burbridge	Ron Linhart	Paul Wood
Hugh Conahan	Gwen Maes	Jennifer Yanick
Keith Craffey	Hannah Metcalf	Elaine Zawisa
John Davidson	Martine Micunek	Tom Zremski
Karoline DeRosa	Stan Osdras	Andrea
Judy Fekete	Stella Paweski	Artie
Dorothy Guidos	Carolyn Phillips	Charlie
Lauren Hahn	Kathy Riccardi	Jeanette
Tom Hargrave	Karie Schiffko	Margie
Victor Hibbeln	Peggy Schmid	Tom
Sr. Joyce Hoile	Walter Secord	

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!



A JOURNEY TO GERMANY

With Fr. Dave Howell

You are invited to join Fr. Dave Howell on a Journey to Germany this fall for 13 days/12 nights, **October 4-17**. The cost is \$4799.00 per person/double occupancy which includes: round trip airfare from Detroit, all accommodations with private bathroom, all admission fees, all daily meals, all gratuities and more.

We will visit Cologne, Trier, Rhine river day cruise, Wurzburg, Nuremberg, Dachau, Neuschwanstein Castle, Berlin and much, much more. We will spend 3 nights in Koblenz, 2 nights in Rothenburg, 3 nights in Munich, 1 night in Dresden, and 3 nights in Berlin.

If you have questions or would like more information contact Fr. Dave (dfhowell@gmail.com).

For travel questions or a brochure, please email or call Tammy Scheer: tscheuer@travellleaders.com 517.481.2070.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 7:00pm

(after K of C Spaghetti Dinner)

\$5.00 entry fee Must be over 21

Please sign-up in the Gathering Area.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS



Pet Food Drive Ends Today

Thank you to everyone who donated food to the Livingston Area Pet Pantry. Your donations helped families in need feed their beloved dogs and cats.

Dynamic Catholic Inspirational Daily Quotes

Several years ago I signed up (at no charge) to receive a daily email containing an inspirational quote from Dynamic Catholic. Reading these inspirational quotes each morning has often provided me insight on our Catholic faith, helped me to reprioritize my to-do lists, encouraged me to look at certain situations in a new light and lifted my spirits when I was feeling low. I have also received Dynamic Catholic's "Best Lent Ever" and "Best Advent Ever" daily emails. Below is one of the daily quotes I received recently that I wanted to share with you. The quote is from Fr. Mike Schmitz from his book, How to Make Great Decisions.

"If God both loves you better than you love yourself and knows you better than you know yourself, then what God knows you're made for is what he wants for you." Fr. Mike Schmitz



Snow Policy Cancellation of Religious Formation Classes

Winter isn't over yet! Just a reminder of our **Wednesday/Thursday** class cancellation policy. **When Brighton Area Schools are closed due to a weather emergency, religious formation classes are cancelled.** **When Sunday classes are cancelled due to a weather emergency, we will do our best to contact you via email as early as possible**

YOUTH NEWS



NEW MEETING TIME 6pm to 8pm!

We had a great meeting last week about bravery! Joshua 1:9 was a great starting point. We shared our own stories of courage as well as put together skits from our favorite biblical stories about bravery, courage and trust in God.

This week our adult leaders are sharing apologetics and answering our questions about the Catholic Faith.

Coming up in February we will be collecting your change for the "Souper Bowl" after all the masses. Money will go to feed the disadvantaged. Look for the youth with the big soup pots!

Winter Weekend Getaway - spots are still available. Please email annkehn@gmail.com if you would like to attend! February 28-March 1.

Please join us for Food, Faith, Fellowship and Friends! We look forward to seeing you there!

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CANDLEMAS DAY

Sunday, February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation, also called Candlemas, because traditionally all the candles used both at church and in our homes are blessed at the start of the Liturgy: Candle-Mass.

If you would like to have candles blessed, bring them with you on the weekend to

the Liturgy you attend and place them on the Baptismal Font. The Liturgy will begin with the blessing of candles at the font and continue with a procession to the altar.

CHARITY & JUSTICE

Food Delivery Help Needed

Sign-ups for food delivery to **Gleaners** and **Bountiful Harvest** are in the Gathering Area, on the Charity & Justice table.

Currently we need deliveries January 5 through March 29. Gleaners deliveries can be Monday-Friday and Bountiful Harvest on Thursdays and Fridays. If you can help, please sign up!

**What is the Severe Weather Network of Livingston County?**

The Severe Weather Network (SWN) partners with community organizations, agencies, and faith communities to provide emergency, overnight refuge during the winter months for people experiencing homelessness in Livingston County. SWN also connects individuals to community action agencies committed to providing the services necessary to assist homeless individuals with the transition into affordable housing.

Please consider helping SWN shelter the homeless during the cold winter months! We need volunteers to help provide meals and staffing for the Severe Weather Center located at Chilson Hills Church. During the **week of March 22-28, 2020**, our parish will provide meals, check-in staff and evening chaperones!

If you have volunteered in the past, you may review our online training video at our website. Or if you have not yet been trained, please go to **www.livingstonswn.org** and select the **Volunteer** page for details. (Training is not required for meal providers). To volunteer for St. Mary Magdalen's week (March 22-28), go to the above website, select Volunteer Sign Ups and scroll down to St. Mary Magdalen. Questions can be directed to Lisa Klein at **lisaklein44@gmail.com** or 810-599-9708.

**Missing Your Meds?**

Do you take any medications or supplements while at church?

If so, we ask that you take precautions when doing so. Occasionally, we find pills lying on the floor in the worship space and are concerned that children may discover them and mistake them for candy. Remember, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!"

Parish-Wide Survey

St. Mary Magdalen will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! To get the best possible results, we need your participation!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed at **www.disciplemakerindex.com** from **February 8 to March 1** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow.

All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to **Fr. Shaun** and our various ministry teams as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you don't use the computer - there will be opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy by contacting **Deacon Devon** at **deacon4@saintmarymagdalen.org**.

LIVINGSTON REGION 50+ CCA LENTEN RETREAT

WHEN: Thursday, March 12, 2020

WHERE: St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

TIME: Registration: 9:30 am

Retreat: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

COST: \$9.00 (lunch provided)

RESERVATIONS: Required by March 2, 2020

PRESENTER: Fr. Mathias Thelen
Pastor, St. Patrick Catholic Church

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE 50+ CCA PARISH REPRESENTATIVE-Cate Ross or in the office

All community members over 50 years of age are welcome to attend.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 27

9:00 am Preschool
 9:45 am Yoga
 4:15/7:00 pm St. Patrick Basketball
 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen

Tuesday, January 28

9:00 am Preschool
 12:15 pm Exercise and Balance
 4:15 pm St. Patrick's Basketball
 6:30 pm Rel. Form. Reconciliation Retreat Mtg
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
 7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School of Michigan
 7:30 pm FORMED Small Group

Wednesday, January 29

9:00 am Preschool
 9:15 am MOMS Group
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

No Religious Formation

7:00 pm St. Patrick's Basketball

7:00 pm Mass of Anointing**Thursday, January 30**

9:00 am Preschool
 4:15 pm Rosary Prayer Group

No Religious Formation

7:15 pm Adult Volleyball

7:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, January 31

9:00 am Preschool
 4:30 pm St. Patrick's Basketball

Saturday, February 1

4:30 pm RCIA
 5:30 pm KofC Spaghetti Dinner
 7:00 pm Euchre

Sunday, February 2

9:00 am Family Program
 10:10 am New Parishioner
 12:45 pm Baptism
 6:00 pm Youth Group

**Saint Patrick School News**

Saint Patrick School was a very busy place during the month of December. Several grade levels incorporated the holidays with writing units. Mrs.

Pam Austin and the junior

kindergarten class really enjoyed doing a literacy unit all about gingerbread stories! They compared and contrasted different stories, talked about character traits, acted out the story and then voted on their favorite version. The unit culminated with the students creating their own gingerbread houses! The students were able to connect the language arts curriculum with the joy and fun of the season. It was so much fun!

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Thank you for your generosity in 2019!

If you would like a contribution statement, please contact the office at

810-229-8624

or sign the sheet at the Welcome Desk.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**WEEK OF 1/19/20**

Approximately 1175 people participated

Env/Cash \$ 20,084

Debt Reduction \$ 4,536

EFT/Online \$ 16,888

TOTAL \$ 41,508

Children's Collection \$46.25



SATURDAY, FEB. 8 at 5:30pm

Taco Bar and Chili

Tasting/Judging

and Bingo! Get out of the cold and have some fun!

Sign up in the Gathering Space

WE NEED YOUR CHILI!!

We are in search of the best chili at SMM...please sign up in advance to enter.

One free bingo card; additional cards \$1 each

Free will donation for dinner.

Proceeds to Magdalen's Kitchen



Roaring 20s Young Adult Swing Dance

February 8 7-10pm

St. Mary, Pinckney

\$5 admission

Doors open at 6:30pm.

Swing Dance Lesson at 7:00pm.

Snacks & Beverages will be provided.

Child care will be offered
with reservations.

Visit Livingston YAM on Facebook or email
livingstonyam@gmail.com for more details.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

January 26—February 1

Sunday	Jerry Dolkowski
Monday	Bruce Dehanke
Tuesday	Michele Sixbery
Wednesday	Gale and Pat Harris
Thursday	Matt Kroll
Friday	Lynn Pfaff
Saturday	Ted Eisenhut



**“The two most powerful warriors are
patience and time.”**

— Leo Tolstoy