



JULY 5, 2020

# 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 Liturgy:

9am & 11am Sunday (Outdoors)

4:30pm Saturday in the main worship area

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

**Infant Baptism:** Contact Erin Wolfe.

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

## LOWERY'S LINES

## Happy Independence Day!

Very blessed and happy Independence Day weekend to each of you. As we celebrate our Independence as a Nation and the freedoms we are blessed to have, it is also good for us to remember that the freedoms and opportunities are not such that we can simply do whatever we want whenever we wish. Our freedom is for the sake of each other. We truly are many and yet one. Not unlike what St. Paul teaches about the Church being one Body, so too our Nation is one though many parts. Our greatest moments in history have been when the Nation has come together to work for the common good of each citizen, and - at critical points in history - of the whole world. Let us each thank God for the freedoms we each have and let us exercise them for the good of all.

Because of the early deadline for this bulletin (June 24) I do not have any major updates to share. I do continue to be grateful for how we are looking out for each other staying safely distant and spiritually close.

Peace,  
Fr. Shaun

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND INTENTIONS

**Monday, July 6**

Hos 2:16,17b-18,21-22/Mt 9:18-26

9:00 am +Frances Wilhelm

**Tuesday, July 7**

Hos 8:4-7,11-13/Mt 9:18-26

**Wednesday, July 8**

Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12/Mt 10:1-7

7:00 pm +Keith Dunn, Jan Jandasek

**Thursday, July 9**

Hos 11:1-48-9/Mt 10:7-15

9:00 am +John Greilach

**Friday, July 10**

Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23

9:00 am +Margaret Cruz

**Saturday, July 11, Saint Benedict, Abbot**

Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday, July 12, Fifteenth Sunday**

Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23

4:30 pm +Eileen & Patrick Brown

9:00 am +Patricia Stevenson

11:00 am The People of St. Mary Magdalen

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Isaiah 55:10-11** When the Israelites were exiled in Babylon, the assuring words that God had previously spoken to them now seemed empty. In today's passage, the prophet Isaiah will use an image from nature to describe how God's word always bears fruit and comes true no matter how unlikely it may seem.

**Romans 8:18-23** As we continue reading from the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, he tells us that sin affected not only human beings but also the whole created world. The coming of Christ had a healing affect on both. We will see that Paul is not a pessimist about this world.

**Matthew 13:1-23** Today's Gospel, the first part of the parable discourse in Matthew has three sections. In the first, Jesus tells the large crowds at the shore the parable of the sower. In the second section, the disciples pose a question to Jesus about his style of teaching. The third section provides an explanation of the parable of the sower. Notice the shift of the explanation from what was originally expected.

**Reflect:** In your life, how has the seed of faith fallen on good soil?

**Welcome New Parishioners-May/June 2020**

Abbey & Paul Anselmi  
Rosalie  
Brighton

Lynn & Bob Horneber  
Evan  
Brighton

Fem & Josh Niemi  
Levi  
Brighton

Dan & Kris Bender  
Brighton

Katie & Chris Cogan  
Joshua, Evan & Olivia  
Brighton

Heather & Matt Koziol  
Oliver  
Brighton

Wendy & Bruce Peck  
Lochlan, Callen & Finnian  
Highland

Lucille & Richard Rau  
Hartland  
Cindy Skarupinski  
Brighton



## DRIVE IN MASS!

**Celebrating the 9 & 11am Sunday Liturgies OUTSIDE** enables all who wish to come the opportunity to do so, rather than taking reservations in advance and limiting the number of people attending Mass.

**If you are age 65 and older or 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 and there is no obligation to receive Holy Communion!**

**The 4:30 Liturgy on Saturdays will be celebrated in the main worship space. It will be livestreamed and available for viewing (after 6:30pm) on our parish website; [www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org), our parish Facebook page and YouTube for those who are safely staying home!!**



### SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

#### Reopening Guide

This is meant to be a conceptual guide. It is not an exact plan for our reopening. It is based on CDC/State Health Department recommendations.

We are in step three which currently includes two outdoor weekend Liturgies; an indoor Sunday Liturgy option, LiveStreamed Liturgy, and smaller meetings/gatherings ≤10 people in larger meeting spaces. ≥10 & no more than 50 people: Outdoor meetings or on an online platform (e.g., Zoom).

	Step One	Step Two	Step Three	Step Four
<b>Social Distancing, General</b>	Stay Home	Strict (6' / Inside Car)	6' indoor/outdoor	Healthy
<b>Vulnerable Populations*</b>	Stay Home	Stay Home	Stay Home / Strict ≥6'	Healthy
Indoor Sq. Ft./Person Goal	Stay Home	≥65.5 wearing masks	≥43 wearing masks	13 wearing masks per CDC
Parish Office	Remote / Essential only	Remote / Essential only	Normal staff schedule / Office closed to public	Open to public
Liturgical Life	Online Only	Sunday - Outdoor Weekday - Indoor / Minimal & wearing masks	Outdoor & Indoor / Minimal wearing masks	Indoor / Gradual restoration of full celebrations TBD
Community Life	Online Only	Online Only	Small gatherings / Large spaces ≤10 people wearing masks / Outdoor gatherings 10-50 people	Small gatherings / Normal spaces - - Larger Gatherings TBD
Meetings	Online Only	Online Only	Small gatherings / Large spaces / number restrictions as in Comm. Life or online meetings	Small Gatherings / Normal Spaces
Preschool	Online Only	Online Only	TBD	TBD
Youth (Formation/Ministry)	Online Only	Online Only	TBD	TBD

*\*Vulnerable Populations: 65 or older, pre-existing health conditions, compromised immunity, and care-takers of previously mentioned populations.*

No dates are assigned to movement between steps. CDC/State Health Department guidelines will guide decisions.

Steps can move backward if necessitated by future outbreaks.

Preschool/Religious Formation/Youth related activities depend upon opening and practices of Brighton schools.

## REOPENING GUIDE

Our parish reopening guide is a map – not an exact science or a rigid plan – to lead us toward gradually reopening at a pace following our State's Safe Start plan, and takes into account the mood of our community. The purpose of this guide is to help us decide how and when to move forward, or (if necessary) how to move backward. No dates are assigned to movement between the guide steps. Currently we are in step three. Highlights of our current reopening practices include:

- ♦ Outdoor weekend Liturgy.
- ♦ Indoor weekday Liturgy in the main worship space celebrated minimally (i.e., no singing, no assisting liturgical ministers, socially distant seating, socially distant reception of Holy Communion); masks must be worn.
- ♦ The parish staff has normal work schedules. The parish office remains closed to visitors.
- ♦ Gatherings/meetings held online, or no more than 10 people in larger meeting spaces.
- ♦ Outdoor gatherings of 10 and no more than 50 people permitted with strict social distancing.

**People in vulnerable populations should STAY HOME.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Curt Bloom	Hannah Metcalf	Cindy Sultana
Joe Campeau	Pat Metz	Julia Taylor
Barb Colley	Luigi Milani	Marylyn Trader
Keith Craffey	Betty Miller	Michelle Turner
KC Darish	Marlaine Micunek	Gloria Zarb
Karoline DeRosia	Terry Moore	Elaine Zawisa
Henrik Firek	Marianne Nason	Cathy Zremski
Norm Gregor	Jack O'Connell	Tom Zremski
Bob Hemmi	Stella Paweski	Artie
Sr. Joyce Hoile	Joel Peters	Hailey
Carolyn Keough	Carolyn Phillips	Jeanette
Kathleen	Kathy & Tony	Kathleen
Koprowicz	Riccardi	Kristine
Carrie Kulasa	Marino Sarti	Margaret
Herb Langer	Karie Schifko	Mark
Declan Lowery	Gene Stuart	Nick
Rosemary	Kathleen Sullivan-	
McCuan	Golbiw	

**Important Note About our Prayer List**

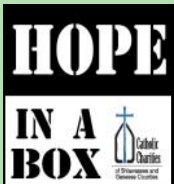
The names of the sick will run in this column for 6 weeks, at which time they will be removed. To add a name, re-list a name, or remove a name, please call the parish office at 810-229-8624. Many people have recuperated so we appreciate updates in order to be current. Thank You!

**MASS OF ANOINTING**

Due to the current health situation, we will not be having a public mass of anointing. Please contact Fr. Shaun if you would like to request a private Anointing of the Sick.

## Marriage Banns

*I Emily Darin & Michael Hasty*  
*III Sara Wagener & Randall Smith*

**HOPE IN A BOX NEEDS:**

**MEN'S PERSONAL ITEMS INCLUDING:**  
 MEN'S DEODORANT  
 MEN'S RAZORS  
 TOOTHPASTE  
 TOOTHBRUSHES  
 SOAP



Mortgage balance 1/1/20  
 \$1,619,966  
 Payments  
 (84,595)  
 Debt Reduction Donations  
 (80,777)  
 Witness to Hope Payment  
 (54,627)  
 Mortgage Balance 6/30/20  
 \$1,399,967

**Calling all men of St. Mary Magdalen**

*Are you interested in developing a deeper relationship with God and Jesus?*

Please consider joining our **Men's Faith Formation & Fellowship Group**. We meet on successive **Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.**

Each week we review the next Sunday mass readings, and then discuss episodes from "The Wild Goose" video series from the **Formed** website:

**<https://watch.formed.org/the-wild-goose-with-fr-dave-pivonka>**.

Feel free to contact Mickey Tucker at [kayak.haus@gmail.com](mailto:kayak.haus@gmail.com), or just join us using Zoom with the following link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79087342733?pwd=dGx5YzlrK1I2VC9rL1NKTWdXM1liUT09>

**Meeting ID: 790 8734 2733**

**Password: smmmen**

Or one tap voice only mobile phone connection:  
 9292056099,,79087342733#,,#526454#

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS



### RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN IN GRADE 1

Religious Formation begins in first grade. We look forward to welcoming into Religious Formation all families with children who will start first grade in the fall of 2020!

Our First Eucharist program prepares children in first and second grade to receive their First Eucharist in the spring of second grade. **Please watch the bulletin for upcoming registration information.**

#### First Eucharist DVDs

First Eucharist families, please watch for an email providing you with the details on picking up your pre-ordered First Eucharist DVDs.

#### Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor

#### Faith Sharing Activities

Confirmation Candidates who were unable to complete their Faith Sharing Activities with their sponsor due to the pandemic should now be able to re-engage with their sponsor. Please complete your activities and email them to me by July 31 at [sect2@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:sect2@saintmarymagdalen.org).



#### **Religious Formation Registration Update**

If you missed the opportunity to register in June, do not despair! We will have more opportunities in July. Watch your email and the bulletin for more information coming soon!

## CHARITY &amp; JUSTICE



### **LESA Backpacks for Kids July 6-26**

The Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) is holding their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual “**Backpacks for Kids**” project. The goal is to provide Livingston County students in need with basic school supplies at no cost. This helps children have a positive experience during their first few days of school.

For this project to be a success, we need your support! With the current COVID restrictions in place,

***we are collecting items outside  
near the St. Mary Magdalen front  
doors in the black bins  
w/yellow lids labeled with apples.***

#### Items needed include:

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

**All items must be turned in on or before July 26.**

Thank you for your support of this wonderful project!

#### **DRIVERS NEEDED!**

Livingston County Catholic Charities needs volunteer drivers to pick up grocery orders and deliver to local seniors. Due to COVID-19, the number of seniors in need of this service has nearly doubled in just 3 months. As our current volunteers begin to again provide transportation for seniors to critical medical appointments, we are experiencing a shortage of volunteers to deliver groceries. We need YOU! Call Jamie or Katie today at 517-545-5944 to see how you can help!





### Eagle Scout Project Request

Hello parishioners of Saint Mary Magdalen. I am Trevor Hogland, a lifelong parishioner here and an altar server. I am 15 years old and am in Boy Scout Troop 350. I am currently working on my Eagle Scout Project. It was important to me to do my project at the parish because of the role it has played in my life, so I am going to be building four new picnic tables for our church pavilion. I will also be re-doing the memorial garden by the playground. I am looking for donations for my project.

The project will be funded purely by donations, so a donation of any size would be appreciated.

**You can donate via my GoFundMe here:** [https://www.gofundme.com/f/saint-mary-magdalen-picnic-table-eagle-project?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cf+share-flow-1](https://www.gofundme.com/f/saint-mary-magdalen-picnic-table-eagle-project?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)

Or by mailing a check or cash directly to me at  
2199 Pine Hollow Trail, Brighton MI, 48114  
Any excess funds will be given to the parish.

**If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.**

~Meister Eckhart



**"HAPPY THE ONE WHO,  
TRUSTS IN THE LORD!"**  
PROVERBS 16:20

**Thank you** to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our **Diocesan Services Appeal**. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies. **Thus far we have reached 49.17% of our DSA goal. 229 families (approximately 15% of our registered St. MM families) have contributed to this year's appeal.**

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge,  
**you may submit your gift online at**  
[www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa).

Thank you for your generous support!

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**Preschool: 810-229-0010**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**THE OFFICE IS CURRENTLY  
CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday**

**8:30am–4:30pm**

**Thursday**

**1pm–4:30pm**

### STAFF

**Pastor** ..... Fr. Shaun Lowery  
pastor@saintmarymagdalen.org

**Deacon** ..... H. David Scharf  
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**Deacon** ..... James Chevalier  
deacon2@saintmarymagdalen.org

**Deacon** ..... Devon Wolfe  
deacon4@saintmarymagdalen.org

**Pastoral Minister** ..... Sr. Maryetta Churches, OP  
pastmin2@saintmarymagdalen.org

**R.C.I.A. & Infant Baptism** ..... Erin Wolfe  
baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org

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liturgist@saintmarymagdalen.org

**Pastoral Musician** ..... Steven H. Schulte  
steve@colleengleason.com

**Director of Preschool** ..... Amanda Faiola  
preschool1@saintmarymagdalen.org

**Bookkeeper** ..... Jeri Gawlowski  
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Karen MacDonald ...sect2@saintmarymagdalen.org

**Rel. Formation Asst.** ..... Stasia Eisenhut  
reledasst@saintmarymagdalen.org

**Administrative Asst.** ..... Gayle Zawisa  
sect3@saintmarymagdalen.org

**Administrative Asst.** ..... Sandi Phillips  
sect4@saintmarymagdalen.org

**Facilities Maintenance** .....  
maint1@saintmarymagdalen.org

**FOR THE MOST UPDATED  
INFORMATION AT ST. MARY  
MAGDALEN PLEASE VISIT  
OUR WEBSITE:  
[www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org)**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

ALL CAMPUS NON-ESSENTIAL  
ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED

## Monday, July 6

6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout only

## Wednesday, July 8

7:00 pm Men's Faith Formation-ZOOM

## MINISTERS OF PRAYER

Sunday	Volunteer
Monday	Lee O'Connell Larry Maes
Tuesday	Mary Ann Hargrave Cass and Ros Wodarski
Wednesday	Renee Shinska
Thursday	Jim Hynes Kathy Riccardi
Friday	Julie Wendell Mary Bidinger
Saturday	Volunteer

Livingston County  
Ultrasound Initiative

## MAY 2020

*We hope everyone is doing well during these most difficult & challenging times due to the current pandemic which have for the most part put our Pro Life Pregnancy Centers in a tough position when it pertains to performing Ultrasound and Medical services.*

*LCUI is now at a combined total of **1,669 Babies Saved** within the now **TWENTY** Pro Life Pregnancy Centers we have assisted in placing Ultrasound Machines throughout the State of Michigan through May 2020. We are currently engaged with **THREE** additional Pregnancy Resource Centers, Insight Pregnancy Services in Fremont, Pregnancy Helpline of Three Rivers, and Life Outreach of Houghton & Baraga Counties. None of this would be possible without your generous donations, thank you for your continued support.*

*If anyone is interested in signing up to play or sponsor in our 8<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing, please contact your parish LCUI representative or sign up online at [www.lcultrasound.org](http://www.lcultrasound.org) LCUI is a 501 C3 Non-Profit Organization. Please follow our progress for a complete list of these Pregnancy Centers at: [www.lcultrasound.org](http://www.lcultrasound.org) or at [www.facebook.com/lcultrasound](https://www.facebook.com/lcultrasound)*

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Saint Mary Magdalene

WITNESSING TO THE RESURRECTION

# Livingston Vicariate Newsletter

Summer 2020

## **Thank you Father Dave!**

We would like to thank Fr. Dave Speicher for serving as our Vicariate Vicar for these last six years and as a priest in our region at St. Joseph for eleven years. We wish you the best as you move to your new assignment at the Catholic Community of St. Jude in DeWitt.

***"The Catholic community of Howell and all of Livingston County is an amazing group of people. I thank you for letting me journey in faith with you." Fr. Dave***



Fr. Dave,

Thank you for your dedicated service to the people of not only St. Joseph Parish, but also those of all the parishes of the Livingston Vicariate. Your gracious leadership has been greatly appreciated by all of us. Personally it was a pleasure to work with you on the Vicariate Council as we planned the various collaborative efforts for the local flock. Best wishes and blessings to you at your new assignment in Dewitt.

Your brother in Christ, Fr. John Rocus

Fr. Dave,

Thank you for your many years of service to St Joseph parish and the Livingston vicariate. You've been a humble and gentle leader for all the priests in our area and you will be missed! Blessings on you in your new place of ministry in DeWitt.

-Fr. Joe Campbell

St Patrick, Brighton

Fr. Dave,

Thank you for your many years of faithful service here in our vicariate. I am grateful for your example as a leader; you have a humble collegiality with your brother priests that has always been refreshing to be around. I also hope to learn from the way that you are about loving service to others rather than out of personal achievements or accolades. I will certainly miss your presence here in the vicariate, as I know we all will. You are certainly in my prayers for your transition to your next assignment; those people will be very blessed to have a spiritual father who is as present to them as you are.

God bless, Dan Kogut

## **Catholic Education**

**Prayerfully consider enrolling your children into one of our five Vicariate Catholic Schools.**

St. Mary Magdalen, Preschool Only  
Holy Spirit, Preschool - 8th Grade  
St. Joseph, Preschool- 8th Grade  
St. Mary, Preschool - 8th Grade  
St. Patrick, Kindergarten - 8th Grade  
Visit our Vicariate Schools and

***"Witness the Difference"***

## **Fellowship and A Hot Nutritious Meal**

*At this time websites should be checked for these meals as changes have occurred.*

Every Monday 6:00 pm  
Magdalen's Kitchen;  
**St. Mary Magdalen**

Every Wednesday 6:00 pm  
God's Kitchen; **St. Joseph**

Every Thursday 6:00 pm  
Welcome Table Community  
Dinner; **St. Agnes**



***Visit each Parish Website for Daily Mass Times, Reconciliation Times, Events and Bulletin Information***

## **Holy Spirit Parish**

9565 Musch Road  
Brighton, MI 48116  
810-231-9199  
[www.hsrcc.net](http://www.hsrcc.net)

**Rev. John Rocus**

## **St. Agnes Parish**

855 E. Grand River  
Fowlerville, MI 48836  
517-223-8684

[stagnesmi.weconnect.com](http://stagnesmi.weconnect.com)

**Rev. Nathaniel Sokol**

## **St. Augustine Parish**

6481 Faussett Road  
Howell, MI 48855  
517-546-9807

[www.staugustinehowell.com](http://www.staugustinehowell.com)

**Rev. Gregg A. Pleiness**

## **St. John Parish**

2099 N. Hacker  
Howell, MI 48855  
517-546-7200

[www.stjohnhowell.com](http://www.stjohnhowell.com)

**Rev. Francis M. George**

## **St. Joseph Parish**

440 E. Washington St.  
Howell, MI 48843  
517-546-0090

[www.stjosephhowell.com](http://www.stjosephhowell.com)

**Rev. Gary Koenigs knecht**

## **St. Mary Parish**

10601 Dexter Pinckney Road  
Pinckney, MI 48169  
734-878-3161

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

**Rev. Daniel Kogut**

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**Rev. Shaun Lowery**

## **St. Patrick Parish**

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Brighton, MI 48116  
810-229-9863

[stpatchurch.org](http://stpatchurch.org)

**Rev. Mathias Thelen**

**Rev. Joseph Campbell**

**VISIT ANY OF THE ABOVE PARISH WEBSITES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULES**



Fr. Dave,

Just a couple of months before you started your assignment at St. Joseph, I had lunch with Fr. Karl Pung and Fr. Dave Howell. One of the topics was the need and desire that Livingston County Catholic Charities have a priest on our Board of Directors. Together, they each urged that I be patient, and approach you after you started your new assignment. By the fall, you said “yes” and then served over 9 years on our Board. All of us at LCCC believe that you were a wonderful Board Member and we are grateful for your service.

Part of my job at LCCC is to represent the agency in the broader community. On a regular basis, I attend many meetings, most of which have little clergy participation. However, there is a small handful of local clergy who are visible in the broader community, United Way, Love, INC, Chamber of Commerce, Ministerial Association and other groups. Consistently, you’ve been one of the small group and you’ve been a tremendous representative of the Church to the broader community.

Today, I count you as a friend. I value you for your wisdom, your humility and the comfort level within our conversations. Thank you for the gift of your friendship, your ministry and your leadership of the Livingston Vicariate.

Mark Robinson

Fr. Dave,

Since arriving at St. Mary Magdalen last June, I have been impressed by the people and the day to day organization of the parish's life. What has surprised me is how many weddings we have. And of course with weddings comes paperwork, and the need for baptismal records for the spouses-to-be. What's striking is how often I come across Fr. Dave Speicher's name on those baptismal records.

As he moves into a new ministry as Pastor of St. Jude, Fr. Dave's gentle strength will be missed in our vicariate, but not forgotten. He has made a lasting impact by setting the Lords seal on countless numbers of parishioners both young and old. For this, we give thanks to God and we pray that God will continue to bless the Church through Fr. Dave's pastoral care of the people of DeWitt.

Rev. Shaun Lowery, Pastor  
Saint Mary Magdalen Parish

Fr Dave,

Thank you for your priestly service and congratulations on your new assignment in Dewitt. In the years you served us as the vicar of our Livingston vicariate, we had occasion to work on multiple Lenten Missions, gatherings and initiatives. Your leadership has always been kind and community focused. Your hospitality to the young adults of the vicariate by offering a monthly space for id916 Livingston Disciples Nights and various other events was a true blessing. Your sense of adventure and humor were a gift in our conversations about young adult ministry and the current realities facing the church. Your steadfast leadership and willingness to delegate and learn alongside of the lay faithful as well as the ordained in our Livingston Vicariate Pastoral Council meetings will be missed. May your new parish community welcome you with loving arms and inspire you to serve openly, decisively and compassionately.

*I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God  
that has been given you in Christ Jesus. 1 Cor 1:4*

Shannon Scherba  
Livingston Vicariate Young Adult Minister

**Livingston County Catholic Charities**

2020 East Grand River, Ste 104  
Howell, Michigan 48843; 517-545-5944  
**[www.livingstoncatholiccharities.org](http://www.livingstoncatholiccharities.org)**

Temporary hours of operation as of June 1st:

**Tuesdays 9a-8p, Wednesdays 9a-8p,**

**Thursdays 9a-8p and Fridays 9a-5p.**

All visitors/clients are asked to wear a mask when entering any of LCCC's buildings. If visitors/clients do not have a mask, one will be provided.

**24 hours a day—available substance abuse  
hotline—517-375-1652**