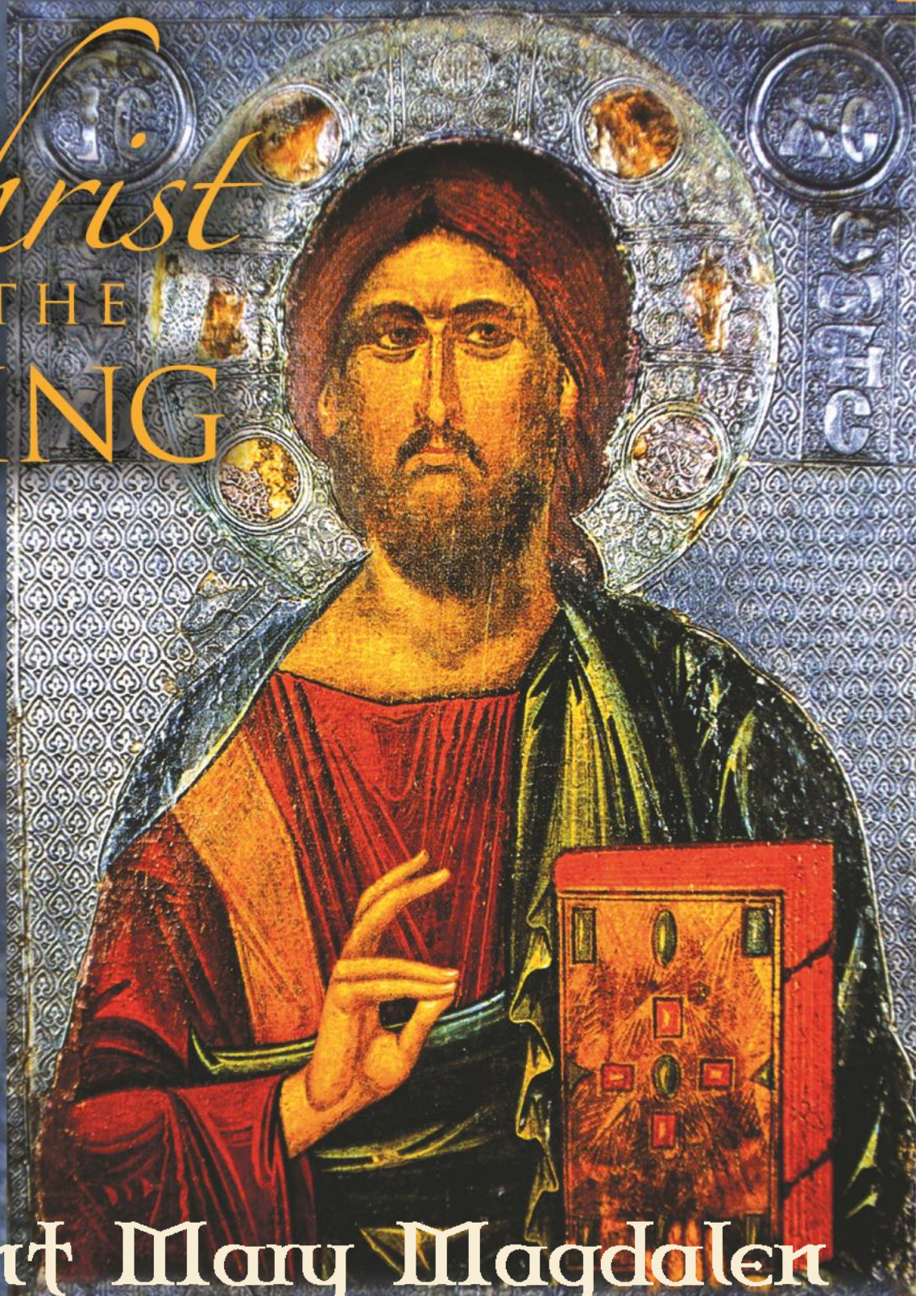


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Saint Mary Magdalen
Witnessing to the Resurrection

LOWERY'S LINES

Congratulations

I am so happy for our Confirmation class being confirmed by Bishop Boyea at this weekend's 4:30 pm Liturgy. I had the chance to meet with each candidate and I also had the opportunity to lead their last preparation sessions. Our parish community is blessed by these younger members who today begin their full membership in the Church and are strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be further engaged disciples of Jesus. Thanks to all who have had a share in the religious formation of these youth, and to Bishop Boyea for being with us to administer the sacrament of Confirmation.

Congratulations as well to Mark Luebbe who today at the 9:00 am makes his Profession of Faith as a member of the Catholic Church. When an individual makes a Profession of Faith, the custom of the Church is for that person to be confirmed immediately; and so Mark today also celebrates his Confirmation (administered by yours truly). Thanks for your witness to ongoing conversion and the deepening of your relationship with Christ through the Church. We are blessed you are one with us!

Getting Ready

This week we end the liturgical year. Next Saturday, we begin the new liturgical year and begin our Advent watching and waiting. Our Advent Giving Tree is in the gathering space. This is a great opportunity to help share the joy of the Advent and Christmas seasons with those in need. Right to Life is also offering Christmas cards and ornaments for sale in the gathering space.

Stewardship – Sacrificing for God and Neighbor

Thanks to each of you during the past calendar year for your generosity through the gift of your volunteered time and talents, and through your financial giving. As we look ahead to a new calendar year in a few weeks, I simply am asking that you continue to do what you have been doing. Your consistency in actively participating in the Sunday Liturgies and through sacrificial giving are helping the parish continue to do as much as it can as well as it can. I am hoping to offer a "sermon on the amount" after the Christmas season celebrations have ended in early to mid-January to bring everyone up to speed on our parish's finances.

Have a Blessed week!

Peace,

Fr. Shaun

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**Monday, November 25**

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

9:00 am + Victor Jarosz

Tuesday, November 26

Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 27**Mass of Anointing**

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

7:00 pm + Gene Osowski

Thursday, November 28

Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

9:00 am + Joyce Gosbeth

Friday, November 29

Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 30**Saint Andrew, Apostle**

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Sunday, December 1**First Sunday of Advent**

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

4:30 pm Vigil + Amelia Roeske

9:00 am + Barbara & John Greilach

11:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2: 1-5 The prophet Isaiah dreamed of a day when Jerusalem (sometimes called Zion) would be the center of the world, and all people would come there to receive God's wisdom. In today's reading, Isaiah presents a vision of peace and prosperity for the whole world.

Romans 13: 11-14 Behind everything Paul wrote was his strong belief that the hour of Christ's return in glory was near at hand. In this passage, Paul uses the image of darkness and light to describe how Christians ought to live as they await that coming.

Matthew 24: 37-44 During Advent, the liturgy's theological emphasis moves from the end of the world to the imminent birth of the Messiah. Anticipating the end of the world is as deep in our theology as looking for the infant in swaddling clothes, even though it is not as consoling. Vigilance for the second coming should be part of us at all times, though today's reading from Matthew warns us to "keep awake!"

Reflect: If you knew Jesus' second coming was going to occur next week, what would you change about your life today?

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Thurs. 1:00pm–4:30pm



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sally Bixler	Ron Linhart	Cindy Sultana
Larry Buslepp	Jean Lizak	Paul Sultana
Cathy Buel	Glen Lowery	Paul & Erica S.
Ruth Ann Campbell	Kelly Luck	Marylyn Trader
Terry Clark	Gwen Maes	Don Tremel
Hugh Conahan	Mary Ann Merritt	Michelle Turner
John Davidson	Marlaine Mounek	Nichole Walker
Karoline DeRosia	Keri Miles	George White
Dcn. Paul Ellis	Amy Marie	Geraldine White
Tom Hargrave	Montgomery	Chad Williams
Victor Hibbeln	Terry Moore	Stuart Willits
Sr. Joyce Hoille	John Nychypor	Paul Wood
Kathy Jagusch	Stan Osdras	Patty Yeager
Elaine Kay	Stella Paweski	Jennifer
Patrick Kelly	Karen Polcyn	Yanick
Linda Lambert	Charlie Rinaldi	Tom Zremski
Herb Langer	Karie Schifko	Artie
Jack Ling	Richard Smith	James

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

will be celebrated this **Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 pm.** All who have a serious or chronic illness, or are facing surgery are encouraged to attend.

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.

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RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

**Confirmation**

Congratulations to our thirty-one youth who completed their final sacrament of initiation and were sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Boyea at the 4:30 Liturgy. Please welcome and pray for our newly Confirmed 10th grade youth. May they learn to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to guide them into a promising future.

Grace Anthony, Trey Bester,
 Evelyn Callaghan, Alyssa Decker,
 Marc Demers, Evan Ferris, Brooke Geran,
 Tyler Grattan, Maggie Kennedy,
 Connor Krzywiecki, Henry Krzywiecki,
 Anders Lang, Aidan Lawrence, Jordyn Libler,
 Logan Manning, Allison Martin,
 Iris Martinez, Ryan Maura, Gabriel Moore,
 Cadence Nagy, McKenna Neaton, Kathryn
 Nist, Tyler Norton, Ava Pretzel,
 Rebecca Rotay, Mikaela Schiffko,
 Alan Thompson, Sydnie Uphoff,
 Gabriel Warner, Nicholas Williams,
 Grace Yancho

Thanksgiving Dinner Prayer

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day
 We bow our hearts to You and pray.
 We give You thanks for all You've done
 Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
 For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
 For joy and health, friends and family,
 For daily provision, Your mercy and care
 These are the blessings You graciously share.
 So today we offer this response of praise
 With a promise to follow You all of our days.



Happy Thanksgiving!

Stasia and I wish all our families, catechists, co-catechists and aides the gift of faith and the blessing of hope this Thanksgiving Day!

YOUTH NEWS



We had a festive time celebrating our annual Friendsgiving at our meeting last weekend.

Thanksgiving is on Thursday this week. This is a welcomed break from school for our youth. Many will be with loved ones celebrating the holiday with an abundance of food, love and laughter. Travel safely, eat well and count your blessings.

Remember to take time to thank God for your friends and family. For some people, holidays are difficult. Add a prayer for the people who are missing loved ones during this holiday.

There will be NO YOUTH GROUP on Sunday, December 1. Enjoy the holiday weekend!



CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLASS
 Learn to make a
Christmas Tree and an Angel
from recycled church songbooks

Friday, December 6 12:30 pm
Saturday, December 7 1:30 pm

Sign-up in the gathering area
is required by December 1.

Kids 12 yrs & up welcome if
accompanied by an adult.

CHARITY & JUSTICE



Charity & Justice will offer beautiful Christmas cards and ornaments **for sale after all masses this weekend, November 23 & 24**. The proceeds from this sale benefit our local Right to Life office. Please consider supporting this project which helps to embrace all stages of life.



The **Advent Giving Tree** is in the Gathering Area. Please take a tag if you would like to help individuals from the Brown Evangelical

Ministries in Detroit, St. Anne's in Detroit, Cornerstone Senior Care in Clio, LACASA, Livingston County Catholic Charities and the Pregnancy Help Clinic. **Please return unwrapped gifts by December 15** with the tag securely taped to the gift for identification. With your generous support, we can bring a little joy to people's lives this holy season.

2019 Crop Walk Update

This year's Crop Walk was even more successful than last year! With competition between Fr. Shaun and Sister Maryetta spurring the pledges, along with others from St. Mary Magdalen who walked, our St. Mary Magdalen total was a record \$6,163. Many thanks to all who pledged! As far as the Sister Maryetta/Father Shaun pledge competition this year, Sister's pledges totaled twice as much as Fr. Shaun! A good time was had by all!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fall St. Vincent de Paul clothing drive. It was a huge success! Your generosity will make a difference in people's lives.



St. Luke N.E.W.
**LIFE
CENTER**

NEW Life Center GIFT WRAPPING

The NEW Life Center in Flint will be wrapping Christmas gifts again this December for over 600 families in their neighborhood. Everyone is welcome to help on Tuesday, December 3. A carpool will leave St. Mary Magdalen's parking lot at 9:00 AM. We will wrap from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you come, please bring your own scissors, marked with your name, and a brown bag lunch. The NEW Life Center is located at 3115 Lawndale Avenue in Flint. There is a sign-up sheet on the Charity and Justice table in the Gathering Space.

N.E.W. Life Center Bake Sale SOLD OUT! The N.E.W. Life Center Bake Sale November 9 and 10 was a hit! All baked items were sold out by 11 am Liturgy. All goods for the bake sale were made in their kitchen. Thank you again for your generous support.

Are you wondering what N.E.W. Life Center is? **St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center is a faith-based environment providing life skills, education and workplace training, empowering women and men to become self-sufficient.**

An individual must meet one or more of these criteria:

- Has never worked or has not had a job for a certain time period
- Is considered at poverty level
- Is considered an at-risk youth
- Is a resident of Flint
- Is considered illiterate and does not have a high school diploma or GED

In addition to employment preparation programs, the center also operates two social enterprises, a food pantry that serves over 3,000 people monthly, and a variety of community services, including crisis intervention, childcare, and a literacy center. These services are critical to the success of their workforce programming, as they provide participants with additional wrap-around services required to support their families as well as real-world experience during the program. Furthermore, the community services help them build trust with people in the community, that ultimately move on to enroll in programs that address generational poverty. Many of the people in their employment preparation programs and social enterprises were introduced to NEW Life through their food pantry or crisis intervention services.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

9:00 am Preschool
 12:15 pm Exercise and Balance
 4:00 pm St. Patrick's Basketball
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
 7:00 pm RCIA Sponsor/Catechesis Formation

Wednesday, November 27

9:00 am **NO** Preschool
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
 5:00 pm **NO** Religious Formation
 7:00 pm Mass of Anointing

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day

Church Complex Closed except for Liturgy

9:00 am Liturgy

Friday, November 29

Church Complex Closed

Saturday, November 30

9:00 am K of C Move Christmas Decorations

Sunday, December 1

9:30 am K of C Pancake Breakfast
 10:10 am New Parishioner Meeting
 11:00 am Baptism

For the Holidays: Thanksgiving & Christmas



As the Holidays are coming up soon, we are looking for those who are in need of a Thanksgiving Meal to feed their families. Also, if anyone knows of young children who would love some small toys from Santa, please let Deacon Jim hear from you.

FORMED

FORMED Faith Sharing Group Signups
Starting Next Week

In January we will be offering Faith Sharing Group experiences using the Presence and Forgiveness series on FORMED. Next week, we will start signups for these groups. Faith Sharing Groups are for everyone! You can sign up with an existing Faith Sharing Group if you'd like, or if you aren't already in a group, we can help you to find one. So, prayerfully consider this great way to start out 2020 and come ready next week to sign up!



Christmas Nativity

This year, we will be doing a Nativity re-enactment during the Christmas Gospel at the 6:15 Christmas Eve Mass. There will be 6-8 actors and about 8 angels for the "multitude." There are no speaking parts, as the deacon will read the Gospel.

Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 from 6:30-7:00 pm. (The Dec 11th practice will be in the Chapel.) There will be a Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday, Dec. 18 from 6:30 until about 8 pm.

Children in K – 8th grades are welcome to participate. Any parents who would like to help with crowd control are also welcome! The sign-up sheet can be found in the Gathering Area.

Please call Erin Wolfe at 810-923-8494 with any questions.

Young Adult Ministry Upcoming Event

**Dinner at the St Patrick Rectory
 And a teaching from Fr. Joe
 November 24th**

5:00 pm Mass at St. Patrick
 6:30 pm Dinner in the Rectory
 at 129 Becker St, Brighton

"God's Plan for Marriage, Love & Sexuality"
 Talk and Q&A

*For info on all Livingston Young Adult events, contact
 Shannon 810-588-7665 or livingstonyam@gmail.com.*



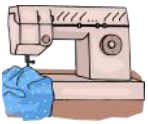
Please remember in your prayers

*The family of Bob Monforton,
 in their loss.*

Looking for People traveling to the Holy Land



Susan Haight just returned from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Father Dave. While there, she spoke with their Christian guide about the plight of the Christian people in the West Bank. The guide is personally involved with three orphanages and a maternity hospital there. With Father Dave's help, Susan is finding people who are willing to take suitcases over for her. If anyone in the parish is planning a trip in the near future and would be willing to take a suitcase over and leave it, she would love to talk to you about this opportunity on **Friday, December 6 at 3:15 pm.**



Looking For Sewing Help

Susan is also looking for people to help her sew clothing items, blankets or even toys or dolls to send over for kids from Newborn to age 12. She will have a meeting to discuss this and go over some ideas on **Friday, December 6 at 3:15 pm.**

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

November 24 - November 30

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

WELLNESS QUOTE

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Romans 12:2