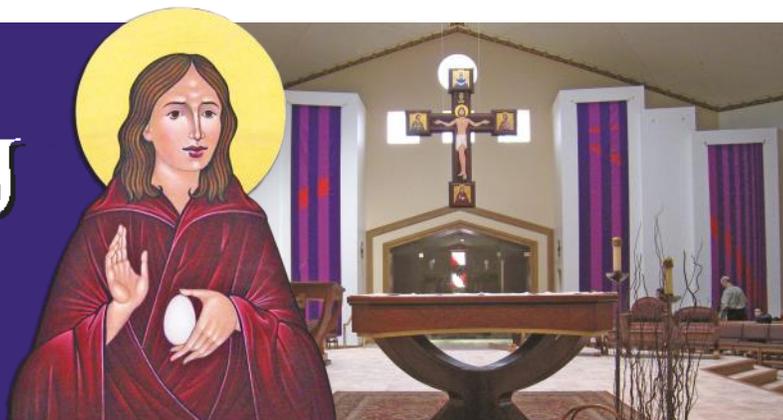


Saint Mary Magdalen



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 24, 2019

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday: 4:30pm • Sunday: 9 & 11am

Weekday Liturgies: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 9am

• Wednesday: 7pm

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday: 11am–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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THE FIRST SCRUTINY

Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth.” *Jn. 4:21, 23a*

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

DSA 2019 Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to the Diocesan Services Appeal this year.

Our pledges and gifts provide almost 100 different services and programs across the 10 county area of the Diocese of Lansing. Through DSA, we affect the lives of thousands of people: people in our 75 parishes, students at universities and colleges, and prisoners in 10 county jails and several large prisons. There are also six social service agencies providing counseling, adoption services and substance abuse services. DSA also funds the education of future lay ministers, priests & deacons.

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THE SCRUTINIES The Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent are called Scrutiny Sundays. This is because those chosen for Easter Sacraments (celebrated on Holy Saturday evening), and all of us, are invited to use the Scripture readings of these Sundays to deeply examine or scrutinize our lives.

On the Third Sunday of Lent, we hear the Gospel of the nameless Samaritan woman at the well. It is her thirst that brought her to the well but her encounter with the Lord leads her to look at the deeper thirsts that govern her life. Do I look to God to really satisfy these thirsts?

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we hear the Gospel of the nameless blind man at the Pool of Siloam in Jerusalem. He longs to see again! Jesus said that He had come to enable the blind to see, and the "seeing" (those who think they have all the answers) blind. Where am I blind to the will of God in my life? How do I refuse to see things as God does?

This Sunday, we hear about the raising of Lazarus (whose name means helpless one) from the dead. Certainly this Gospel invites us to look at the possibility of our own resurrection, but it is also about much more. Sin touches our lives and diminishes them. It can be destructive and even cause parts of us to die. On this Sunday, we are invited to hear the Lord call us to discover those dark areas of our lives and to "come out of them into God's light and love."

FR. SHAUN LOWERY will be the next pastor of St. Mary Magdalen beginning June 27. He has received a number of emails from our parishioners, and I know he is really looking forward to coming here. He will meet with the staff and participate in a Pastoral Council meeting this spring. But over the next three months or so, he will be taking care of the folks at St. Francis in Ann Arbor.

Fr. Dave Howell

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

March 25, Monday, The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14, 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

9:00 am + Robert Sixbery

7:00 pm Evening prayer

March 26, Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

9:00 am Sr. Joyce Hoile

March 27, Wednesday, Mass of Anointing

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

7:00 pm + Leo Kemp

March 28, Thursday

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

9:00 am +Keith Wolfe

March 29, Friday

Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

9:00 am + Tony Altermatt

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

March 30, Saturday

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

March 31, Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

4:30 pm Vigil+ John and Peggy Clark

9:00 am + Robert Sixbery

11:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

It is about 1000 B.C., 250 years after Moses brought God's people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. It took a long time for these people from different tribes to unify as a nation. The turning point came when David became their king. The story of how he was chosen is told in today's reading. Samuel was a venerable old prophet. Jesse was a resident of Bethlehem who had eight sons, the youngest being David.

Ephesians 5:8-14

Ephesus was located on the western coast of what today is Turkey. The Christians there existed in a society dominated by pagan values, which today's reading equates with darkness.

John 9:1-41

This Gospel reading is a short story with a situation, conflict, resolution, and so on. It is literally and figuratively, about not seeing the light, being afraid to see the light, seeing the light, and refusing to see the light because we are convinced we already do! We are struck in this story by the degree of resistance to something wonderful. Do we find the Good News too good to be true, or a threat to one's position?

Reflect: What things does seeing with "eyes of faith" keep you from being blind to?

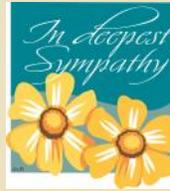
STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 3/10/19

Approximately 1214 people participated
 Env/Cash \$ 20,523
 EFT/Online \$ 21,823
TOTAL \$ 42,346
 Children's Collection \$ 62.58

WEEK OF 3/17/19

Approximately 1481 people participated
 Env/Cash \$ 26,952
 EFT/Online \$ 6,216
TOTAL \$ 33,168
 Children's Collection \$ 74.43



Please remember in your prayers:

Charline List and family in the death of her brother, Henry Bergeron.

Michele Anderer and family in the death of her father, Leslie Dwain Henson.

Teresa McDaniels in the death of her granddaughter, Jesse Condash.

Deacon Devon Wolfe and family in the death of his brother, Keith.

Come weave your prayer into the altar cloth in the Community Room after all masses March 30 & March 31.

MASS OF ANOINTING

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Lee Barker | Tom Hargrave | Kari Schifko |
| Henry Bergeron | Michael Harrah | Ron Sherman |
| Rayma Bilicki | Jill Hibbeln | Lisa Shibley |
| Marilyn Bitterle | Sr. Joyce Hoile | Rachel Stevens |
| Jimmy Blicharz | Pete Kelly | Emma Thompson |
| Taylor Brake | Alan Laginess | Marylyn Trader |
| Nancy Burelle | Linda Lambert | Eddi Watterson |
| Larry Buslepp | Ian Lang | Sharyn Wild |
| Jackie Callaghan | Herb Langer | Paul Wood |
| Lynn Carruthers | Gwen Maes | Jennifer Yanick |
| Diana Coddington | Deane Martell | Tom Zremski |
| Carole Conklin | Jean Mayer | Brenda |
| Jan Cox | Sue McLellan | Emily |
| Kevin Dewan | Hogan McCuan | Jeanette |
| Cienna Ditri | Steven Micunek | Karen |
| Jonathan Faiola | Diane Morrison | Marianne |
| Julie Glasgow | John Nychypor | Veryl |
| Frederick Griffith | Stella Paweski | |
| Ethel Haker | | |

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!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 25

- NO Preschool
- 9:45 am Yoga
- 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen
- 7:00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, March 26

- NO Preschool
- 10:00 am Jesus Lifestyle
- 6:00 pm Protecting God's Children Session
- 6:30 pm ALPHA
- 6:45 pm Lenten Book Club
- 7:00 pm Wellness Ministry
- 7:00 pm Artist's Way
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School of MI

Wednesday, March 27

- NO Preschool
- 9:15 am MOMS Group
- 9:30 am Jesus Lifestyle
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- NO Religious Formation
- 7:00 pm Mass of Anointing
- 7:30 pm Time and Talent

Thursday, March 28

- NO Preschool
- NO Religious Formation
- 6:00 pm Youth Leadership
- 7:00 pm Music Ministry

Friday, March 29

- NO Preschool
- 9:45 am Yoga
- 2:00 pm Exercise & Balance
- 6:00 pm Soup and Bread Supper
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:30 pm RCIA Scrutiny

Saturday, March 30

Weaver is in after Liturgy

Sunday, March 31

- Weaver is in after Liturgies
- 11:00 am RCIA
- 12:00 pm K of C Rosary
- 7:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Renew Group

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Roxanne Hundsrucker

Lenten Journey

On this third Sunday of Lent, I encourage all to stop by the West Wing bulletin board for an awesome reminder of what our faith life is built upon. I will share pictures next week. How is your Lenten Promise holding up? I have to say I chose one that is difficult to uphold, but I have made a few additional commitments along the way that I will possibly keep as a new faith journey habit. No matter the goal, keep moving ahead. We are almost half-way there, and it is quite possible you are beginning a new faith habit. We have an awesome, loving God who is always forgiving and encouraging us to be our best on behalf of his only begotten Son Jesus Christ.

**Journey with Jesus Current Needs**

We still need 10 adult chaperones—this is a role that you just follow the kids and the adult crew leader to each activity. Sign-up in the Gathering Area.

**Lenten Book Club**

We will break open Sister Miriam's book Loved as I Am: An Invitation to Conversion, Healing, and Freedom Through Jesus

Sister Miriam James Hiedland was the speaker at our Lenten Mission, and her book is spectacular. It is a very quick and enjoyable read that provides an opportunity to bring each of us to things in our lives we need prayer and healing over.

You can buy the book on Amazon or other book sources. We will gather 4 times, starting this Tuesday, March 26 at 6:45pm in the West Wing rooms 11 & 12 for an introduction. We will read 3 chapters for each of the following: April 2, April 9 and April 16, each at 6:45pm in the West Wing rooms 11 & 12. You can journal and pray over the questions she provides, or write in your book for discussion each time we gather.

YOUTH NEWS

Margaret Callaghan

The vicariate mission with Sr. Miriam was incredible! She was everything I had remembered and then some. If you weren't able to attend, check out her presentations on the parish website.



Looking ahead for your summer plans, our week-long service trip this year is scheduled for the week of July 21. If you are interested in participating and didn't make the information meeting, please contact me at yminister1@gmail.com so we can talk about the experience. I can email you information and add you to the email group.

I hope you've been able to make room in your schedule for the weekend retreat on April 5-7. I have sent an email out with more details. If you didn't receive one, email Margaret at the above address to be added to the YG group for this and future events.

We are not meeting this weekend as most of the schools in the area start spring break. I pray a safe travel for the families traveling, for the families staying home I pray for a relaxed and restful week. We will be back at it again next week on March 31!

EDGE

Our next and last two meetings in April are Monday the 8th and the 22nd. I hope you can make these to share and grow in your faith with us. Our meetings are in our Youth Room from 7-8:30 pm.

LIVINGSTON YOUNG ADULTS

www.livingstonyam.com

events & connections 18-35

What ONE thing will you do to deepen your Lenten journey?

**Monthly Mass & Young Adult Dinner
Sunday, March 31**

5pm Mass St. Joseph, Howell
6:30pm Dinner at Aubree's, Howell
Communion, companionship and conversation.
Other plans for Mass? Join us for dinner.

OF FAITH AND SERVICE

Sr. Joyce Hoile, OSF

**Soup and Bread Suppers:
A Family Event**

Fridays during Lent we share Bread and Soup at 6 pm. You are invited to share this meal with others, to be inspired and to inspire others. It is a simple Lenten meal and the alms donated are given to assist the Magdalen's Kitchen ministry. Sign-up at the Community Life Board if you can come, or if you can bring a pot of meatless soup or bread for one evening. Following the meal, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed in Church at 7 pm. This is a good opportunity to pray during Lent as a family. Take this opportunity to invite a seldom attending Catholic to join you.



Seder Meal



Our Annual Seder Meal and potluck is Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 pm, in the Community Room. Father Dave will lead us in this Jewish Passover ritual to help us prepare for Holy Week.

What is the Seder? It is a Ritual Meal and social event. The Passover Meal is what Jesus and his apostles did the night when Judas betrayed Jesus. The Ritual is based on the Haggadah used in Israel. We will hear the story of how God saved his chosen people, when their homes were marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb and the angel of death passed over the homes of the believers. We will hear the retelling of the story and experience the prayers and ritual foods commemorating this event.

This promises to be an excellent experience for families with school-age children, and for everyone in our Parish Family. Look for the Passover Seder sign-ups in the Gathering Space!

**St. Mary Magdalen
Weekend Retreat for Women
"From Chaos to Order"**

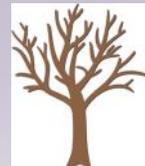
April 26-28, 2019

At St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

This weekend is mapped out in 12 "Rules for Life" across our six talks. Our goal is to give you hope--hope that rises from interior order in an otherwise chaotic world. You'll be presented with an antidote to the chaos of our day, in tips and suggestions, prayers and reflections. Order can replace chaos when we apply some basic "rules" for daily living that include prayer time with Jesus and joyful living with our family and community. Peace surrounds us and becomes the channel of peace that affects the lives around us. Order reigns in the sure knowledge that we can change the world, one lost soul at a time. **Register with the St. Francis Retreat Center by calling 517-669-8321 or at www.stfrancis.ws online.**

CHARITY & JUSTICE

Senior Giving Tree



During Lent, we will renew the Senior Tree of Life, benefiting senior clients of Livingston County Catholic Charities, Gleaners Community Food Bank, Medilodge of Howell, and the Senior Centers of Brighton, Hartland, and Howell. Please take a tag or two. **It is requested that no gifts be wrapped or placed in an envelope. Simply attach the tag to the item with a piece of tape.** Place gift cards in the marked box under the tree. Please return your item(s) by April 7. If you have any questions, contact Jeanne Penneau at 920-840-0092. Thank you for your generosity!



Baby Bottles, Baby Bottles!

Why are baby bottles all over the Gathering Space??

Answer: They are there for **YOU** to fill with your spare change (bills will do also)!

All money goes to **Livingston County Pregnancy Helpline** in their efforts to support people experiencing unplanned pregnancy. This includes pregnancy testing, ultrasound, nurse consultation, parenting and relationship education and more.

Please take one, or more, home with you and return them to the Gathering Space or to Deacon Dave's office!

Adult Confirmation Classes



Are you an adult or high school student who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, you are invited to attend 6 preparatory classes and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 11 am, at St. Mary Magdalen. The classes will be here at St. Mary Magdalen, Tuesday evenings, 7-9pm, April 30 – June 4. High school students must have permission from their Pastor. Please contact Sr. Maryetta or Deacon Dave Scharf if interested: 810-229-8624 or

pastmin2@saintmarymagdalen.org or deacon1@saintmarymagdalen.org

Marriage Banns

// Rebecca Spada & Paul Gasieski



THANK YOU to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gift to DSA enables 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. "Every good work" of the Church occurs through dozens of ongoing ministries made possible by our contributions to DSA.

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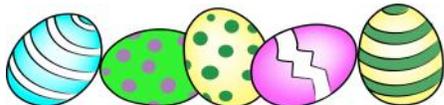


FISH FRY
Friday, April 12

Parish Life Center at **St. Pat's Parish**
Serving customers from 4 to 7 pm

The St. Pat's School Dad's Club is hosting the Fish Fry fundraiser this Lent to benefit St. Pat's School.

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST
TODAY, MARCH 24
9:30 am - 1 pm



EASTER CANDY DONATIONS PLEASE!

The Easter Bunny is getting the eggs ready for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 20. Please help out by donating candy for the eggs! There will be a basket for your donations in the Gathering Area. Thank you!



Help Wanted for St. Mary Magdalen Nursery:

Do you have a heart for children, a compassion for young parents? We are a ministry committed to providing a safe, welcoming place for small children to experience God's love through play. Opportunities are available during Sunday morning Liturgies and other parish activities and events throughout the year where childcare is offered. This gives parents time to focus on prayer and grow in their faith. Please prayerfully consider joining this vital ministry. This is part-time and pays \$10/hr. For more info or an application, contact Julie Hargenrader by email juliaanne@ameritech.net or phone (810) 908-0056.



The Annual Saint Mary Magdalen Golf Classic
Saturday, June 8

Mystic Creek Golf Club – Milford, MI
8:30 AM Shotgun Start
All Are Welcome!

\$90 – Includes 18 Hole Scramble with Cart, Continental Breakfast, Lunch at the Turn and Awards Banquet Dinner.

Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus Charities
Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available!

Contact Dave Alfanos (586) 212-3504
alfanosd@mscdirect.com

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Email: info@ourladyofthefieldscamp.org

The Ultimate Gift – Advance Care Planning

Advance Care planning is the best gift you could give to your loved ones. It is a process of coming to understand, reflect on, discuss and plan for a time when you cannot make decisions for your self. Effective planning is the best way to ensure your views and wishes are respected by your loved ones and your health care providers.

St. Patrick Church Parish Health Ministry is excited to host this very popular program on **Tuesday, April 2nd from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in McCann Hall**. An expert panel will be on hand to guide you through the advanced care planning process including understanding Catholic views on end of life topics, choosing an advocate and starting a conversation with loved ones.

WELLNESS QUOTE

“Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future.”

—Paul Boese

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

Sun.	March 24	Dennis Wagener
Mon.	March 25	Joyce Muchler, Ted Eisenhut
Tues.	March 26	Bob & Dawn Gustitus, Mary Ann Hargrave
Wed.	March 27	Diane Olsem
Thurs.	March 28	Matt Kroll
Fri.	March 29	Volunteer
Sat.	March 30	Judy Brown

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Mon.	Mar. 25	8:30 pm	Senior Men’s Basketball
Tue.	Mar. 26	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wed.	Mar. 27	—————	—————
Thu.	Mar. 28	7:15 pm	Adult Coed Volleyball
Fri.	Mar. 29	—————	—————
Sat.	Mar. 30	—————	—————
Sun.	Mar. 31	7:00 pm	Youth Group