

# Saint Mary Magdalen



**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**MAY 24, 2020**

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### Weekend Liturgy:

LIVESTREAM ON SATURDAY AT 4PM

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

**Infant Baptism:** Call Erin Wolfe.

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

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**Preschool:** 810-229-0010

## OFFICE HOURS

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

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday**

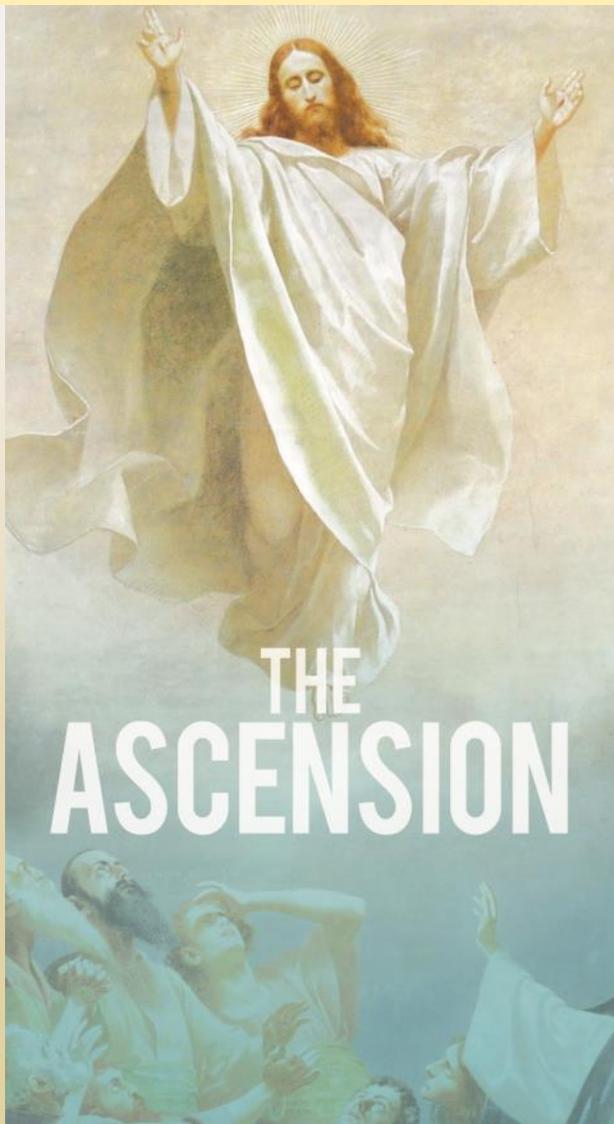
8:30am–4:30pm

**Thursday**

1pm–4:30pm

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## LOWERY'S LINES

**Happy Easter! He is Risen! ALLELUIA!**

**Part II - What Might It Look Like – First Public Liturgies on Sunday, May 31**

Some of you may know that recommendations have been issued by our Diocese's Office of Worship on what welcoming back Masses could look like. The Diocese makes it very clear that they are guidelines for the pastors and parishes. We have some ability to implement procedures that both mitigate against the transmission of COVID-19, and will best fit our community's desire to be together to worship, celebrate, and receive the Lord Jesus. I shared the Office of Worship's guidelines with our pastoral council and spent time thinking about them and asking the Lord for some insight. The more I read the recommendations, the more anxious I became.

Why was I anxious about them? This is because if we follow these guidelines I would need to ask you to "sign up" to come to a weekend Liturgy (only a certain percentage of our capacity would be allowed). I would have to check you in when you arrived to make sure you signed up. I would have to ask the elderly, those with compromised immune systems, those who care for them, children under the age of 7, and those with any underlying medical conditions not to come. I would have to ask people not wearing masks to leave the building. I would have to somehow keep you from using the restrooms. You would have to sit six feet apart by sheltering household. You would have to approach to receive Communion by household and each household would have to wait until the one ahead has sat down. There would be no talking permitted, no responses by the Assembly during the Mass, and no singing permitted. You would be dismissed by household to leave at the end of Mass.

I am very grateful to both the Pastoral Council and to the parish's Wellness Ministry Team (made up of health care professionals) who are helping me make decisions that will help bring us back together slowly but surely. It will be in a manner that places your desire to be together to worship, receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, and your safety as our main priorities. During the coming week we will communicate to you what our first public Liturgies on Sunday, May 31 at 9am and 11am will look like.

I am aware that I cannot please everyone when I make decisions; but I am going to try to make the *best* decisions for us with the help of the parish staff and volunteer parish leadership; and using guidelines provided by the local Health Department and the CDC. I use the term "best decisions," because in an unparalleled time we are all bound to make some right decisions and wrong decisions. Regardless, we are all trying to do our best for the praise and glory of God.

God bless each of you.

Peace, Fr. Shaun

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND INTENTIONS**

**Monday, May 25**

Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

+ Ron Schmidt

**Tuesday, May 26, Saint Philip Neri, Priest**

Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday, May 27**

Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

+ Gene Osowski

**Thursday, May 28**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday, May 29**

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday, May 30**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday, May 31, PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

The People of St. Mary Magdalen

+ Bonnie Mezgian

+ Pearl Ann Mays

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**Acts 2:1-11** Pentecost was a Jewish feast that celebrated the beginning of the harvest. It took place 50 days after the feast of Passover. Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem from all over the ancient world for the celebration. Today we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

**1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13** Paul's first letter to the Corinthians responds to a letter they wrote to him, asking how to deal with the diversity of gifts in the community, and the rivalries and jealousies that inevitably arose. In today's passage, he uses a comparison that we will recognize immediately.

**John 20:19-23** The Gospels were written decades after the death of Jesus. The authors incorporated the experiences of their own churches into them alongside remembrances of Jesus. Most likely the phrase "Peace be with you" were not only words of the historical Jesus that became liturgical dialogues, but were also liturgical dialogues of the community that were transcribed into the liturgy.

**Reflect:** What strength and power do you receive from living in God's Spirit?

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pat Bessesen	Alan Laginess	Karie Schifko
Sue Binder	Herb Langer	Theresa & Bob
Curt Bloom	Nancy LePage	Smith
Larry Buslepp	Ron Linhart	Cindy Sultana
Jackie Callaghan	Declan Lowery	Julia Taylor
Barb Colley	Michael Marr	Marylyn Trader
Karoline DeRosa	Hannah Metcalf	Elaine Zawisa
Henrik Firek	Marlaine Micunek	Cathy Zremski
Gene & Kathleen	Terry Moore	Tom Zremski
Golbiw	Clarence O'Leary	Artie
Dorothy Guidos	Stan Osdras	Jeanette
Lauren Hahn	Stella Paweski	Kathleen
Sr. Joyce Hoile	Carolyn Phillips	Kristine
Kathy Jagusch	Kathy & Tony	Margaret
Carolyn Keough	Riccardi	Margie
Carrie Kulasa	Marino Sarti	

**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!



*Please remember in your prayers:*

Laurie Murphy, Karen Zapalski, Tom Schmid and their families, in the loss of their mother, Peggy Schmid.

**Assistance for Seniors**

Livingston County Catholic Charities Senior Community Liaisons are still providing services to all Seniors **over the phone** (in person only if necessary --to obtain signatures/proofs for applications for essential services i.e. health care coverage, food support, delivery of essential items).

LCCC Senior Community Liaisons can assist with much over the phone: Health Care Coverage issues, low income applications, Medicare info and enrollments, connect to resources, info on Long term Care options, census reporting assistance, how to report Fraud and Abuse, Prescription assistance etc.

Seniors or their caregivers can connect by phone or email: 517-545-5944 x136 or ask for Melodie

**Melodie@LivingstonCatholicCharities.org**

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**To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.**

~Audrey Hepburn

**MINISTERS OF PRAYER**

**May 24 — May 30**

- Sunday Nancy Nychpor
- Monday Barb Dolkowski
- Tuesday Rachel Tuzinsky  
Jean Glowacki
- Wednesday Colleen Atwood
- Thursday Diane Davidson  
Lisa Klein
- Friday Clarence and Ginny Kroll
- Saturday Judy Brown

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Thinking About and Praying About the Future

There will continue to be uncertainties to deal with as health and government officials come up with strategies for us to safely resume public life and ministry. However, Religious Formation is in the process of looking forward and making plans. Part of our planning process relies on volunteer catechists and assistants sharing their faith with our youth.

Our 2019-2020 Religious Formation program was fortunate to have 57 adults and teens who accepted the invitation to share their faith with our St. Mary Magdalen youth in pre-kindergarten through grade 9. Fr. Shaun also graciously volunteered his time to serve as our 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation catechist. What a blessing for our 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth to wrap up their Confirmation preparation with Fr. Shaun's youthful energy, knowledge and past experience as a high school teacher!

Some of our catechists and assistants will return next year. Others, due to many different circumstances, will not. In order to be prepared to begin our formation year in the fall, we use the spring and summer as our opportunity to search for adults and teens interested in being a part of our Religious Formation team. Without volunteers coming forward as catechists and assistants, we have difficulty planning for our classes.

**Please... don't stop reading yet!** As you will read below, we have several levels of involvement including "all in" to "once in a while."

**You may be reading this article thinking,** "I can't help. I don't have any experience teaching, and I don't know enough to teach religious formation." **Good news!** We are looking for friendly adults that enjoy being with children. Let us know what age group you are most comfortable with, and we will do our best to accommodate your request. We will provide you with all the materials and support you need - no previous experience required. **For those of you who are uncomfortable "being in charge,"** we have adults who like to team-teach and rely on each other to teach portions of each class. We also have adults who prefer to co-teach and switch off teaching each week while still being present in the classroom on the week they are not teaching.

**Outside of the teaching role altogether,** we need adults and teens to assist our catechists weekly with extra hands and eyes. We require two "adults" in each classroom. *(A great service hour opportunity for teens and 9th grade Confirmation candidates!)*

**You may also be thinking,** "I don't have enough time in my week to help." All it takes is 1.5 hours once a week for you to help in a classroom. Our classes for grades 1—8 meet on Wednesday (5:00 – 6:30 pm), Thursday (5:30 – 7:00 pm) and Sunday (10:15 – 11:45 am).

**Wait...here is the "once in a while" opportunity!** We are always in need of substitute catechists. If you would rather not commit to a weekly class, but would like to help as needed, being a substitute catechist may be the right fit for you.

**Outside of the classroom,** on Sundays during the 9:00 and 11:00 Liturgies, we need adult leaders for **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. A rotation schedule is set up dependent on the number of leaders involved. In this program for younger children, the Sunday readings are read from the Children's Lectionary and are explained at their level. This program lasts approximately 30 minutes and requires two adults per Liturgy.

Our St. Mary Magdalen youth need you. If any of these opportunities sound interesting, or if you would like more information, please contact Karen MacDonald or Stasia Eisenhut in the church office. You can also reach us by email as seen in the bulletin.

Thank you for considering how you can be a part of the Religious Formation team either "all in" or "once in a while."

**Please. . . think about it, and pray about it.**

## YOUTH NEWS

While Youth Group is unable to meet, there are still plenty of opportunities to connect faithfully with other youth in our community! Through our Band app and Zoom meetings we have managed to see friendly faces and talk about our experiences during this tenuous time.

**If you are interested in joining the Band app, please contact Ann Kehn ([annkehn@gmail.com](mailto:annkehn@gmail.com))**

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 contact Erin Wolfe, R.C.I.A. Coordinator at Saint Mary Magdalen.

**Call 810-229-8624 Ext. 176**

**or email**

**[baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org)**

CHARITY & JUSTICE

FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN FLINT



With your generous donations to Alms we have been able to tithe to help feed the hungry in Flint.

In March: St. Luke's N.E.W. Life Center and  
In April: Catholic Charities Center for Hope

HOW CAN I HELP?

We are all aware of the devastation the Covid-19 pandemic has had on the health and livelihood of our brothers and sisters. Many less fortunate neighbors in and around Livingston County are experiencing hunger and "food insecurity," or are unable to pay their rents and mortgages.

We are called to reflect on Christ's teachings, such as "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40), and to help out.

The Charity and Justice Ministry has created a list of organizations (and links for giving), most of them faith-based, that you can use to support your neighbors in their time of need. Many of these organizations are running short of funds due to the extreme needs people in our area.

**Love INC (Love in the Name of Christ), Howell**  
food, shelter, clothing, transportation, and money management <http://www.livingstonloveinc.org/donate>

**Gleaners Food Bank, SE MI**  
food and related resources <https://www.gcfb.org/give-money/>

**St. Luke's New Life Center, Flint**  
employment preparation, a food pantry, crisis intervention, childcare and literacy <http://www.stlukenewlife.com/donate>

**Center for Hope, Flint (Catholic Charities)**  
personal items, clothing and household goods, health care, laundry, prisoner reentry <https://catholiccharitiesflint.org/center-for-hope>

**Bountiful Harvest, Brighton**  
food pantry and meals, clothing, employment assistance <https://www.bountifulharvest-mi.org/donations.html>

WELLNESS MINISTRY

MAY IS NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

ACT FAST at the FIRST SIGN of STROKE



National Stroke Awareness Month May NATIONAL DAY

Many health and heart organizations come together every May to raise awareness about the causes and effects of stroke.

One of their biggest campaigns is FAST, teaching the world to know the symptoms of stroke and how to respond quickly to help save a life.

**Face**– By asking the person to smile you can tell immediately if one side of the face droops.

**Arm**– Ask the person to raise both arms. Observe to see if one arm drifts lower than the other.

**Speech**– Slurred speech is a symptom of stroke. Ask the person to repeat a single sentence.

**Time**– Call 911-Fast. Time may be the difference between life and death or even partial and full recovery.

**HOW TO OBSERVE**  
Visit the [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) and [stroke.org](http://stroke.org) to find out more.

**HISTORY**  
National Stroke Awareness Day was proclaimed in 1989 by President George H. W. Bush. It had been observed for many years before the proclamation. The Centers for Disease Control, the American Heart Association, World Stroke Campaign and many others have all participated in bringing education, research, and treatment on a global basis.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT****WEEK OF 5/17/20**

Env/Cash	\$10,389
Debt Reduction	\$ 415
EFT/Online	\$15,908
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,712</b>

Your parish contributions are appreciated and very important, especially during this time. Sunday contributions may be mailed to the parish office. Now might be a good time to consider setting up online giving. Please visit our website, [www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org), click on Online Giving, Donation-Payment to safely set up contributions made directly to our parish. You may also contribute directly by texting the amount you would like to donate to 844-928-0075. *Thank you for your support.*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**ALL LITURGIES AND NON-ESSENTIAL  
ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED THROUGH  
MAY 29**

**Monday, May 25 OFFICE CLOSED**  
6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout only

**WATCH ST. MARY MAGDALEN  
SUNDAY LITURGY ONLINE!**

Livestream Saturday at 4 pm  
and available after 6:30 pm at  
[www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org),  
our Facebook page or YouTube.

Look for the links!

*Short daily homilies from Fr. Shaun or  
Deacon Devon are always on our  
Facebook page or YouTube! Check it out!*

*Marriage  
& Banns*

*1 Breanna Bussey & Casey LeTarte*

**From your St. Mary Magdalen Staff**

Though our St. Mary Magdalen building remains closed, we are still here for you in our offices! Please don't hesitate to give us a call should you need anything. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.\* If we do not answer please leave us a message. We will always return your call!

(\*We *will* be closed for the Memorial Day holiday)



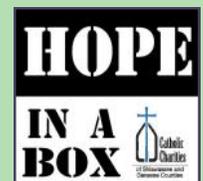
Please remember Magdalen's Kitchen and Alms during this health crisis.

You can donate online under "online giving" on our website.

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

**HOPE IN A BOX NEEDS:**

Deodorant  
Hand Soap  
Laundry Soap  
Dish Soap



*We have large bins out at the front doors Monday-Friday, 8:30 am—3:30 pm for drop-off donations.* Also, monetary donations can be made to:

<https://catholiccharitiesflint.org/center-for-hope>

Those who are unable to make sacramental Communion with Christ by participating in the Eucharist, can express the desire to receive Him in their spirit with these words that help to make spiritual communion with Him.

### **The Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
I love You above all things,  
and 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.