

Saint Mary Magdalen

Witnessing to the Resurrection

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri. 8:30am–4:30pm
Thurs. 1:00pm–4:30pm

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.

LOWERY'S LINES

"Not my area!" I lived in common with other seminarians during my time studying theology at the University of Saint Michael's College – Toronto. Since we lived together and were all in seminary studies, we also shared chores around the house and took turns cooking dinner during the week. One of the guys I lived with was pretty faithful to his task of a keeping our living room clean. But if he noticed a mess in another room, or if the garbage had to be taken out, or if the paper towel roll was empty, he would exclaim, "Not my area!" and walk away.

Sometimes in parish life – just as in family life, school communities, and work places – we can become overly protective or possessive of our "area:" a ministry we always do, a space we always park in, a chair we always sit in, or an activity we always participate in. In doing this we can sometimes neglect other areas or isolate our role from the roles and responsibilities of others. But no role, responsibility, or ministry can be effective on its own (1 Cor 12). We are all interconnected in Christ.

All of the opportunities for volunteering in our parish are equally important and essential to the viability and vibrancy of our parish. Thanks to everyone who has signed up for the various service ministries during the month of September. Beginning next weekend, please take advantage of the opportunity to sign up and serve as a liturgical minister. If you are new or newer to the parish, making a ministry commitment can be a great way to get to know other parishioners better.

Lines of Opportunity: Funeral Vigil Leaders

In addition to our deacons and me, I would like to expand the number of people we can call upon to minister to families when they have lost a loved one by leading the Vigil (wake) service the evening before a funeral takes place. This ministry requires that you be comfortable leading people in prayer, reading in front of others, empathy, and compassion. If you feel this might be something the Lord has gifted you for, please reach out to me. I will also put sign-up sheets out for this ministry. A training would take place prior to putting anyone into a regular rotation.

*Peace,
Fr. Shaun*

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

September 30, Monday
Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
 9:00 am Communion Service

October 1, Tuesday
**Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
 Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
 Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
 9:00 am Communion Service

October 2, Wednesday
The Holy Guardian Angels
 Neh 2:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 7:00 pm Communion Service

October 3, Thursday
 Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
 9:00 am Communion Service

October 4, Friday
Saint Francis of Assisi
 Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
 9:00 am Communion Service

October 5, Saturday
 Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

October 6, Twenty-Seventh Sunday
 Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
 4:30 pm Vigil St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners
 9:00 am + Christine Vermeulen
 11:00 am + Nives MacDonald

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2: 2-4 The book of the prophet Habakkuk is one of the smaller books of the Bible. A contemporary of Jeremiah, he preached at a time when Babylon threatened to destroy Jerusalem. Today's passage is a dialogue between the prophet and the Lord.

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Although the author attributes second Timothy to St. Paul, it was probably written by someone else as much as 30 years after Paul's death. This was an acceptable practice at the time. One important theme of this letter is the need to be faithful to the Gospel and not to be swayed by false teachings.

Luke 17:5-10 The disciples ask for an increase of faith and Jesus responds by saying, in effect, "Don't worry about how much faith you have. It is a powerful thing that even a tiny bit of it makes you miracle workers. You have faith, now nurture it and make it grow."

Reflect: How am I growing in my faith? How can I nurture it more?

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Diane Agius	Ron Linhart	Paul Sultana
Sally Bixler	Aimee List	Bonnie Thompson
Larry Buslepp	Jean Lizak	Renee Tolen
Duane Clover	Glen Lowery	Marylyn Trader
John Davidson	Gwen Maes	Donald Tremel
Karoline DeRosia	Roy Mantay	Michelle Turner
Donald Felic	Marlaine Micunek	Eddi Watterson
Kristopher Golbiw	Shellie Neumeier	George White
Pearl Golbiw	John Nychpor	Geraldine White
Karen Hammang	Stan Osdras	Paul Wood
Tom Hargrave	Stella Paweski	Jennifer Yanick
Victor Hibbeln	Larry Pfiel	Sarah Zimmernan
Mara Hinksmon	Charlie Rinaldi	Tom Zremski
Kathy Jagusch	Ray Ruszczynski	Artie
Lorraine Krupnik	Karie Schiffko	Ellen
Linda Lambert	Lisa Shibley	Jaxson
Herb Langer	Cindy Sultana	Jeanette

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!

Marriage Banns

1 Morgan Copperstone & Andrew Ramon

HOLY LAND RELIGIOUS ARTIFACTS

OCTOBER 5 & 6



The Salsa family will be with us on the weekend of October 5 & 6 with a beautiful collection of handmade religious artifacts made by the Christian community in Bethlehem. Please stop by their display, after all Masses, in the Gathering Area. You will find beautiful pieces to purchase for your home or as gifts for loved ones. Thank you and God bless.

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**The 5th Sunday Rosary Program
Sponsored by the K of C**

To encourage a greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Knights are offering a great opportunity for all parish members to strengthen their faith. A Marian program of this sort can help all of us to better focus on the mother of God. To participate in this program, come and pray the rosary with us every "fifth" Sunday. Today, **September 29**, the rosary will take place in our chapel after 11:00 mass, at 12:30 pm. This 20 minutes is not a lot of time to spend with Mary four or five times during the year, and might lead to additional time and devotion to the "Blessed Virgin."

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Familiar Faces and New Friends

The 2019-2020 Religious Formation classes are officially up and running! We got off to a great start with Fr. Shaun welcoming all our students and parents and blessing the new children's Bibles for grades 1-5. It was such fun to welcome everyone; how the children have grown over the summer! New beginnings often bring the anticipation of seeing old friends and the hope of perhaps making a few new ones. There were many smiles exchanged as friends reconnected and our catechists greeted many of their students from last year. As your children get to know their classmates, we hope they will enjoy making a new friend or two along the way.

Getting to Know Your Child's Catechist, Co-Catechist and Aide

Stasia Eisenhut has creatively put together a photo and some information on each of our catechists, co-catechists and aides. These colorful and informative bios are hanging outside each of the classrooms. Please take a little time to get to know your child's catechist by reading their bio. You may be surprised at what you learn about them! In each of our classrooms is a small, black and white prayer basket. Each week the children have the opportunity to write their prayer intention on a slip of paper and place it in the prayer basket. In the past, the intentions of each class were added to the parish prayer intention basket in the gathering area and brought up with gifts at Mass on the weekend.



New this year, we would like to add an opportunity for parents and children to take an intention out of our **"Let's Pray!"** prayer basket (located on the table outside the West Wing workroom) and pray for that intention during the week. Speak with God about whatever it is you are thinking about after reading the intention. Whether you start with 30 seconds, one minute or 5 minutes of prayer, I hope this idea has left you thinking, "I can do that!"

YOUTH NEWS



"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither Slave nor Free, nor is there Male and Female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." - Galatians 3:27-28

In last Sunday's meeting, the Youth Group discussed Identity, who we are in relation to others, who we are in relation to God, and who we are as a Youth Group. The discussion began with our reflection on our scripture for the week (Galatians 3:27-28) and after a few activities, began to grow into a deeper discussion on how we view ourselves. The group took time to reflect on themselves and their identity in life; as we shared, we began to develop an identity for how Youth Group is represented in this parish, and how we can take our identity with us in our daily lives. Above is a word bubble that I designed from the words that our youth felt represented the identity of this Youth Group. These words are ones that we, as a Fellowship, will live by in our lives, and words that we believe can influence a positive culture in the world around us.

There will be Youth Group tonight from 7-9 pm. Join us for food and fun as we play a long-standing youth tradition, **Biffer!** (please wear active clothes that you can also stay warm in!)

Part-time Caregiver Needed

St. Mary Magdalen family needs someone to help care for their 13-year-old happy, social teen, who has cerebral palsy, is wheelchair bound and nonverbal. She enjoys being with people, taking walks outside, listening to music, bubbles, and learning to use her new communication device.

This is a paid position. Hours are typically after school from 4:30pm until 6:30-8:30 (varies), and occasionally a few hours on a Saturday. One to three days a week.

Contact: Catherine Pantelas CPantelas@ArtemisHRC.com

CHARITY & JUSTICE

Octoberfest, the major fundraiser to support the mission of St. Luke NEW Life Center in Flint, is on **Sunday, October 13**. Lots of food, fun and friendship! Please consider joining in the fun. There will be a store featuring the products of the women and men at the Center: scrunchies, tote bags sewn with fabric from recycled water bottles, wood crates, bird houses and more. Please contact Ken Kuna at ken.kuna@gmail.com for tickets or visit our website stlukenewlifecenter.com to purchase tickets on-line. We would love to see you at this fun event.



Magdalen's Kitchen Sign-Up Calling ALL Dish Washers!!!

We recruit volunteers for Magdalen's Kitchen, the community meal we host here every Monday, about every six weeks. Dining room servers are typically the first group to be filled. The last group typically is the dish washers. So what do dish washers do? The process is simple with a commercial dishwasher. The used items are placed in a rack, rinsed, placed in the dishwasher, taken out, allowed to air dry, and finally put away. The dish washers are asked to come at 6 pm, eat dinner with the guests, then begin their task. The dishwashing process is typically done by 7:15. Are you up to the challenge? Sign-ups are at the Charity and Justice desk in the gathering space.



CROP Hunger Walk – please, help feed the poor. On Sunday, October 20 at 1:30pm, members of St. Mary Magdalen will join other Brighton area churches at the First Presbyterian Church (300 E. Grand River) in a 3-mile walk around Brighton to raise money to feed the hungry – both here in our own communities and around the world. Jesus tells us “when I was hungry you gave me to eat and when I was thirsty you gave me to drink... Whenever you do this for the least of my brothers, you do it for Me”. Walk with us or pledge your support for the St. Mary Magdalen walkers. It's easy; just talk to a CROP Walk volunteer after mass at the Charity & Justice table or go online at www.cropwalkhunger.org/brightonmi and type in “Mary Magdalen” in the Search box. Thank you! God will bless you.

WELLNESS QUOTE

I know God will not give me anything I can't handle.

I just wish He didn't trust me so much.

-Mother Teresa

FORMED

Last winter the parish purchased a parish-wide subscription to FORMED.org. This site has an incredible wealth of Catholic content appealing to everyone--from children to teens to adults to seniors! Now, [FORMED](http://FORMED.org) has been revised to make everything easier--signing up, finding content, and now the ability to download content so you don't even have to be online to watch it.

On the weekend of October 19/20, we're going to be re-introducing the parish to [FORMED](http://FORMED.org) and all of the benefits it brings. And in the weeks after that, we'll have live sessions that will help you to understand how to use [FORMED](http://FORMED.org) and introduce you to some of the content that's available. Then, in January 2020, we'll offer small group studies using [FORMED](http://FORMED.org) content.

With the content available on [FORMED](http://FORMED.org), each of us can learn more about the promises of Christ in our lives. And best of all, we have the opportunity to do that at our own pace and in a way that speaks to where we are on our journey of faith. Please join us!



They're back

Ballroom dance lessons are returning for the fall!

Come learn ballroom dancing with your spouse, significant other or just a group of friends.

No experience is necessary and all skill levels are welcome. Instruction matches the pace of the student.

Wednesdays, September 11 – October 23

St. Patrick School Gym

1001 Charles Orndorf Dr., Brighton

7:30 – 8:30 pm

Cost: \$10/couple/lesson (no commitment required)

For more information, John Keller: (810) 522-6809, or

Rich Spore – (734) 787-2198

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you volunteer your time to wipe the tops of the chairs in the Worship Space with disinfectant? We need a minimum of four people to work about a half hour twice a month. If interested in helping call Mary Walker at 810-227-7997 or mary.walk073@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**WEEK OF 9/22/19**

Approximately 1392 people participated

Env/Cash	\$ 14,533
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,230
EFT/Online	\$ 19,484
TOTAL	\$ 35,247

THE WEEK AHEAD**Monday, September 30**

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:45 am Yoga
- 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen
- 7:00 pm Grief Support Group
- 7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry

Tuesday, October 1

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:15 pm Exercise and Balance
- 6:00 pm Youth Group Leadership Meeting
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School of Michigan

Wednesday, October 2

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

No Wednesday Religious Formation Classes

- 6:30 pm Special Olympics Hockey
- 7:30 pm Worship Meeting

Thursday, October 3

- 9:00 am Preschool

No Thursday Religious Formation Classes

- 7:00 pm Baptism Class
- 7:15 pm Adult Coed Volleyball
- 7:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, October 4

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:45 am Yoga
- 1:00 pm Pain Sake

Saturday, October 5**Sunday, October 6**

- 9:00 am Family Program
- 10:10 am New Parishioner Meeting
- 12:45 am Baptism
- 2:00 pm Blessing of Pets
- 5:30 pm 10th Grade Confirmation Session
- 7:00 pm Youth Group

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SIGN-UP AFTER MASSES

**LCCC Senior Resource Advocates are
MMAF Certified Counselors assisting
with both Medicare and Medicaid
Information and Enrollment**

Please call for an appointment.
517-545-5944

Appointments are available at LCCC
Livingston Co. Catholic Charities
202 E. Grand River Suite 104 Howell,
MI and these Senior Centers

**Melodie— Extension 136
Brighton Senior Center
October 22 & 29
November 19 & 26**

**Hamburg Senior Center
November 6
December 4**

To review your drug coverage for 2020 and
choose a plan that works best for you,
please bring: your Medicare card &
medication list or prescription bottles



Thank you for making last year's Help Spread the FAITH Appeal a success. Thank you for answering Christ's call to evangelize. The Help Spread the FAITH Appeal makes our own local evangelization efforts, like FAITH magazine and the televised Outreach Mass, possible.

Bishop Earl Boyea believes that FAITH magazine has been an important part of our evangelization plan. FAITH magazine is sent to your home and every Catholic home each month by our parishes and diocese. Many of our fellow Catholics have become disconnected from the life of the Church, and Bishop Boyea believes that FAITH magazine has been the best way to reach out to them. In addition to FAITH magazine, our diocese continues to evangelize with interactive websites, weekly television Masses, the U.S. bishops' national efforts and local parish initiatives. By supporting the Help Spread the FAITH Appeal, you will help us continue to answer Christ's call to reach out with the Gospel message.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

September 29- October 5

Sunday	Jean Glowacki
Monday	Bruce Dehanke, Alexis Wilhelm
Tuesday	Lisa Klein, Barb & Joe Kowal
Wednesday	Gale & Pat Harris
Thursday	Joe Martinez
Friday	Lynn Pfaff
Saturday	Volunteer

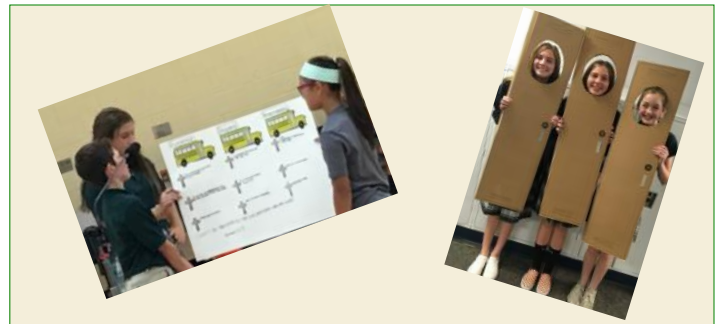


KEEHN-GRIFFIN

L.J. Griffin Funeral Home

"Service - A Family Tradition"

Keehn-Griffin Funeral Home is looking for a caring and compassionate person to work as a greeter at our family-run funeral home. If you are interested in this rewarding, part-time position,



NEWS FROM ST. PAT'S SCHOOL

The Saint Pat's Middle School recently worked on fostering a positive behavior climate at school. Named the "Crossroads" project, all students in grades 5-8 were placed on teams to instill a greater sense of community within our school family. The groups were tasked with creating a skit and poster to represent positive behaviors in all areas of the school. The teams worked collaboratively for one week and then presented their skits and posters during a middle school assembly on September 11, 2019. Prizes were awarded to the top three groups which included the presentations on locker behavior, bus behavior and morning care behavior. The project

