



March 21, 2021

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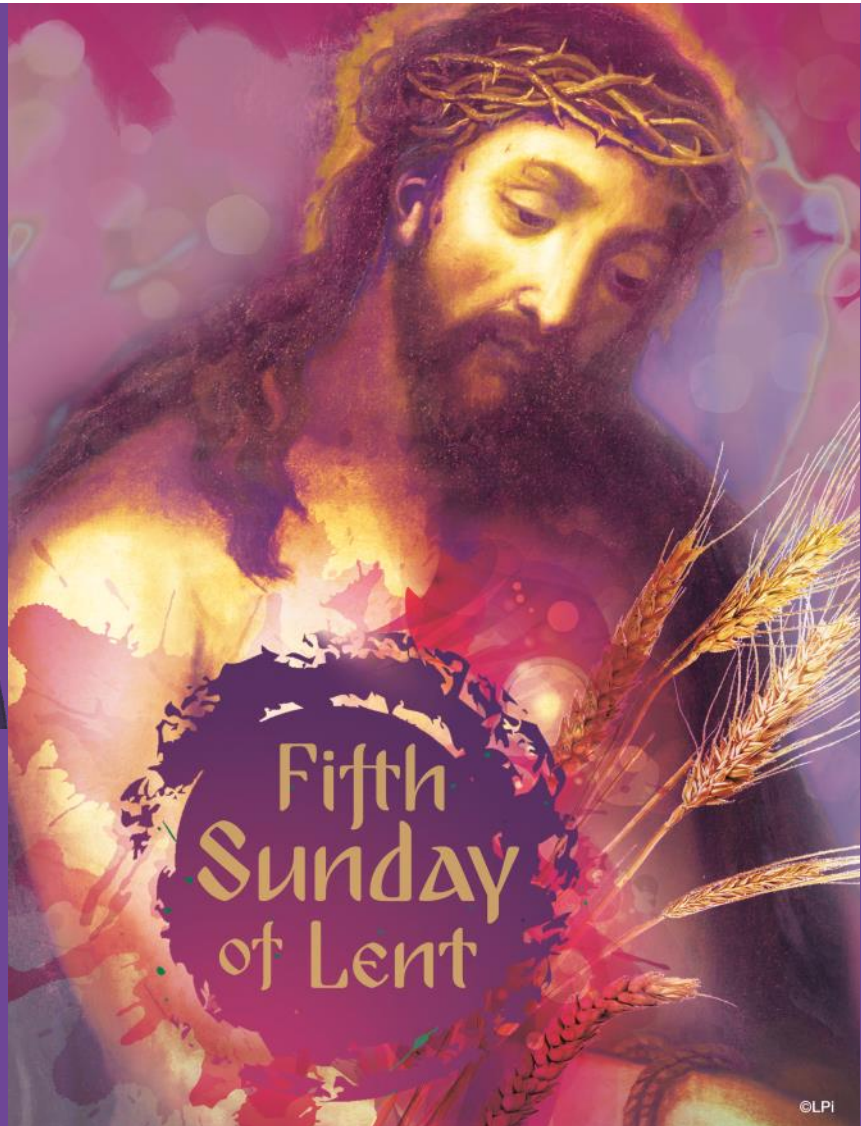
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Saint Mary Magdalen

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 4:30 pm (also Livestreamed) • Sunday 9 & 11 am

Weekday Liturgies: Mon., Tues., Wed. 9am No Liturgy Thurs. or Fri.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3-4pm

Infant Baptism: Contact Erin Wolfe baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Isaiah 50:4-7 Chapters 40 – 55 of the Book of Isaiah contain the message of a prophet who spoke to God's people during their exile in Babylon. Several times the prophet speaks about a servant who will one day deliver God's people. Because the Servant is portrayed as suffering, Christians have identified Jesus with him.

Philippians 2:6-11 We have in this passage one of the most beautiful sections of Paul's letter to the Philippians. He wants the members of the community at Philippi to work harder at unity and humility, and to teach this he quotes an early Christian hymn about Jesus.

Mark 14:1 - 15:47 The evangelist Mark sees the Passion of Jesus as the highpoint of his ministry that began after his Baptism by John and the Spirit driving him out into the desert where he was tempted by Satan. Mark's account of Jesus' ministry is brief and to the point but uses 1/5 of the Gospel on the Passion. Mark's intention was to show that Jesus is the suffering servant who is the Son of God. Jesus finds his glory by following the will of God to the cross.

Reflect: What part of the Passion story most touches your life this year?

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

Monday, March 22

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

9:00 am +Emilia Grace Huddas

Tuesday, March 23

Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

9:00 am +Barazsu & Greilach Families

Wednesday, March 24

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

9:00 am +Gwen Maes

Thursday, March 25, The Annunciation of The Lord

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

Friday, March 26, 2021

Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 27

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47

4:30 pm +Kathleen A. Smith

9:00 am The People of St. Mary Magdalen

11:00 am +Gerald Friske

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Nancy Rademacher and family in the death of her husband, Thom.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF:

George Banaszak, Michael Bitterle, Lucas Cauley, Kathy Clark, Keith Craffey, Bill Cuellar, John Davidson, Karoline DeRosia, Cienna Ditri, DuRussel Family, David Duenas, Marie Edwards, Jeff Fritz, Mary Lea Gehring, Anna Gilders, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Sue Karnes, Mary Keating, Maria Kottke, James Kudlarek, Herb Langer, John & Marcy Luibrand, Linda Molitoris, James Montgomery, Mona Nesan, Paul Nesan, George Nesan, Stella Paweski, Sawyer Ann Perusse, Carolyn Phillips, Christine Reinhard, Kathy & Tony Riccardi, Donna Rushak, Linda Santioni, Marino Sarti, Johnny Saylor, Dave & Judy Scharf, Leslee Smith, Marny & Gene Stuart, Cindy Sultana, Marylyn Trader, Michelle Turner, Dan Tuthill, Charles VanBuskirk, Ellie Yaworsky, Tom Zremski, Jack, Kim, Kyle, Richard K and William.

May they be fully restored to good health and comforted at this time.

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, re-list, or remove a name, please call the parish office at 810-229-8624. Many people have recuperated so we appreciate updates to be current. Thank You!

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

March 21-March 27

Sunday	Jerry Dolkowski
Monday	Volunteer
Tuesday	Michele Sixbery
Wednesday	Gale and Pat Harris
Thursday	Volunteer
Friday	Lynn Pfaff
Saturday	Ted Eisenhut

LOWERY'S LINES

Lent Week 5

During the season of Lent I am attempting to preach a "series" of homilies. I hope that together we can walk through each Sunday of Lent keeping in mind an old idea about which Blaise Pascal wrote. He wrote about how each of us has a God-shaped hole in each of our hearts.

This weekend I'll be focusing on the gift of faith that God offers us to fill our God-shaped hole. Faith has little to do with religious practice per se. Faith is the personal relationship we have with God. God always initiates this relationship and then invites us to respond. How we understand our experiences in light of faith is what we call theology. Our theological understandings lead us to develop doctrines and common religious practices.

Prayer & Reconciliation Day – Monday, March 22 9:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the worship space all day (tomorrow), Monday, March 22 from 9:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m. All are welcome to make a visit to the worship space at any time for quiet prayer. Our prayer request basket – normally in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel – will be in front of the altar on this day.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

If you did not sign up to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of your preparation for Easter, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 3-4:00 p.m., and by appointment.

Holy Week & Easter Triduum

I look forward to celebrating Holy Week and Easter Triduum Liturgies with you beginning next week. As we enter into this sacred time, let us ask the Lord to hold us together in the bond of love so that however and wherever we celebrate these Liturgies, we will be one in faith, hope and love.

Have a blessed fifth week of Lent,
Fr. Shaun

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Are you an adult who was baptized Catholic and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, you are invited to attend 6 preparatory classes and be Confirmed on

Pentecost Sunday. Classes will be Monday evenings between Easter and Pentecost.

Please contact Erin Wolfe for more information.

Call: 810-229-8624 or

Email: baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org

FINANCE

WEEK OF 3/14/21

ENV/CASH	\$ 8,878
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 195
EFT/ONLINE	\$ 8,629
TOTAL	\$ 17,702

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

2020 DONATION STATEMENTS

Annual donation statements for 2020 were emailed on 1/27/2021.

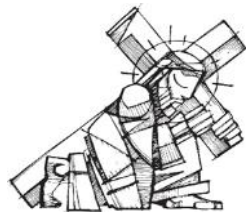
If you did not receive yours, or want a paper copy mailed to you, please contact bookkeeper@saintmarymagdalen.org or call the parish office.

Please indicate if the statement can be emailed or if you prefer to receive the statement via U.S. mail.

LENT

Lenten Formation Offerings Please look in the Ministries section of the St. MM website for Adult Formation. There is information about online opportunities and more!

Little Black Books for Lent Reflections for every day of the Lenten season are available online!
<https://www.saintmarymagdalen.org/little-books>.



Stations of the Cross

This year our Friday Stations of the Cross devotions will be available to watch on the parish website. Our worship space will also be open all day on the Fridays of Lent from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for individuals or households to visit and walk/pray the Stations together. Booklets for praying the Stations are available online on our parish website or upon request by calling the parish office.



Lenten Rosary Series

The Rosary can be prayed in many ways. Join us on four Sundays in Lent to learn more about the Rosary and to pray it together as a community. Each week will focus on a separate set of mysteries and a different way to pray it. Whether the Rosary is new to you or you have been praying it for years, this series is for you! Pray with us as we experience a pictorial Rosary, a Scriptural Rosary, a parent's Rosary, and more!

Join us on Sundays March 21 and 28 at 12:15pm in the Worship Space. Rosaries and instruction sheets will be available. For more information, contact Erin Wolfe.

CURRENT PARISH GUIDELINES

- ◆ Indoor weekend Liturgy celebrated in the main worship space. Masks must be worn. No assisting liturgical ministers, socially distant seating, socially distant reception of Holy Communion.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Drive up reception of Holy Communion, at the main entrance under the portico, will be available Saturdays 5:45—6:15 pm and Sundays 12:15—12:45 pm.
- ◆ The parish staff has normal work schedules. The parish office remains closed to visitors.
- ◆ Gatherings and meetings are held online.
- ◆ Outdoor gatherings of 10 and no more than 50 people permitted with strict social distancing.

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 through May 16, 2021.

GETTING THE VACCINE

Some people have expressed moral concerns about getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Much of this is based on misinformation and lack of understanding of Catholic moral principles.

Bishops throughout the world, and the Vatican, have issued statements indicating *there is nothing immoral about receiving this vaccine*. Those who worry about the way this vaccine and other vaccines were developed do not understand that receiving the vaccine does NOT mean participating in anything immoral. In fact, it may be immoral (that is to say, not supporting the Common Good) to forego receiving the vaccine unless you have a legitimate medical reason not to receive it.

You can find the Vatican's statement on this topic by visiting this link: www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Religious Formation News

Stations of the Cross Contest

The current Destined lesson focuses on the Stations of the Cross. **As part of the lesson, families are asked to choose a station (or stations) and design their own representation of it.** Entries can be in a variety of art mediums (painting, photography, sculpture, models, poems, etc.) Families will then be able to enter their “station” in our program-wide contest.

We will create our very own Stations of the Cross out of the winning entries and display them in the Gathering Area during Holy Week. Entries not selected to be displayed in the Gathering Area will be displayed in the Community Room.

Looking Ahead: Formation this Fall

As this formation year nears its end, we are already looking ahead to next year’s program! It is our hope to have students back in the classrooms when classes begin. Our program follows the lead of Brighton Area Schools and will be modeling our reopening guidelines around theirs as well as those issued by the Diocese of Lansing.

Whatever form next year’s classes take, we are sure to need plenty of volunteers, this includes catechists, classroom aides, and others. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Joshua Kenny.

How is Lent Going?

Throughout Lent, the Religious Formation program has been giving families advice on how to make the most of this season. **With Palm Sunday and Holy Week fast approaching, take some time today to reflect on how your Lenten resolutions have gone.** If it has gone well, give thanks to God! If it hasn’t, don’t beat yourself up; make the most of the time you have left!

Program Updates:

- Destined Lesson 12: “The Stations of the Cross.”
- A supplemental First Eucharist Lesson has been emailed to the program families.
- If you are interested in serving as a catechist this Fall, please email youth@saintmarymagdalen.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Lenten Trivia Questions:

- 1) What are the three traditional Lenten disciplines?
- 2) True or False: Purple is the only color vestment the priest can wear on Sundays in Lent.
- 3) When does Lent end?

Answers:

- 1) Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.
- 2) False; On Gaudete Sunday the priest can wear rose/pink.
- 3) On Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. That marks the beginning of a season known as the Triduum.

“A well-used Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to a person who isn’t.” -Dr. Peter Kreeft

COMMUNITY LIFE



CHARITY & JUSTICE

LENTEN GIVING TREE



(Due to Covid19 only Gift Cards are being accepted)

Write the amount on the gift card
Write the charity it goes to on the gift card

DUE: THIS WEEKEND

Brighton Senior Center	\$25 MEIJER/WALMART
Hartland Senior Center	\$25 MEIJER
Howell Senior Center	\$25 MEIJER/WALMART
Livingston County Catholic Charities	\$25 MEIJER/WALMART
Magdalen's Kitchen	MEIJER / GORDEN FOOD SERVICE
Medilodge of Livingston	\$25 AMAZON
Medilodge of Howell	\$25 MEIJER/WALMART

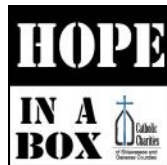
Put gift cards in the Lenten Tree Chest or Mail to the Office

PERIOD POVERTY

In the U.S. 25 million women live in poverty, but food stamps and the Michigan Bridge Card **do not cover** menstrual products. In Michigan feminine hygiene products are taxed as luxury items. The coronavirus pandemic and the economic downturn that followed have only exacerbated the problem. Please consider donating these items.

HOPE IN A BOX MARCH NEEDS:

Feminine Care Products
Body Wash & Shampoo
Laundry Soap
Men's Gloves



HOLY LAND RELIGIOUS ART

Next weekend, March 27 & 28, a representative of the *Holy Land Family* will be selling beautiful hand carved religious art work made from olive wood. Christian families in the Holy Land rely on the selling of their religious work to make a living. Their livelihood has been largely affected due to the political conflict in the region. In addition, the Christian population in Bethlehem is decreasing. Supporting these families will help them to continue their work and maintain employment so that they can stay in their homeland. We invite you to come and browse after each Mass. We greatly thank you for your support!

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DSA 2021

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.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, we invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or in the St. Mary Magdalen office. Or you may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa. Your gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.



One important use of your DSA dollars is funding the Diocese of Lansing Seminarians. There are over 30 young men currently in Seminary. You can learn more about them at <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/seminarians>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 22

- 9:30 am All Day Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout
- 6:00 pm Properties
- 7:00 pm Women's Faith Sharing-Zoom
- 7:00 pm Re-Opening Meeting-Zoom

Tuesday, March 23

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School

Wednesday, March 24

- 5:00 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Session

Thursday, March 25

- 7:00 pm Men's Faith Formation-Zoom

Friday, March 26 Stations of the Cross-Virtual

- 6:00 pm Youth Group Fish Dinner
- 7:00 pm RCIA Scrutiny Experience

Saturday, March 27

Sunday, March 28

- 9:00 am RCIA
- 12:15 pm Lenten Rosary Series

Holy Land Artifact Sale after Liturgies 3/27 & 3/28

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.