

Saint  
Mary  
Magdalen



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

**MAY 31, 2020**

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THE OFFICE IS CURRENTLY

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30am-4:30pm

Thursday

1pm-4:30pm

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### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

#### Weekend Liturgy:

4:30 Saturday and 9am & 11am Sunday (Outdoors)

ONLINE SUNDAY LITURGY SATURDAYS BEGINNING AT 4PM

Weekday Liturgies: Mon., Thurs., Fri. 9am Wed. 7pm

Infant Baptism: Contact Erin Wolfe.

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

## LOWERY'S LINES

Happy Pentecost and WELCOME BACK! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

**Here We Are**

Welcome back! Whether you are with us today physically, with us online watching from wherever you are, or united with us in spiritual communion, welcome! Today as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit – the birthday of the Church – it is beautiful to see God gather us together again for the first time in a long time. I am grateful to the parish staff, parish pastoral council, volunteer ministers, and all of you for making today possible.

Our Liturgies today are meant to be opportunities for us to joyfully gather in a way that seeks to put everyone's spiritual, physical, and mental health both in God's hands, and as far away from unnecessary risk as possible. It is absolutely true that for some time gatherings of any kind will carry some degree of risk. Because of that, we will try in joyful and creative ways to continue to both practice our Catholic faith and be part of the healthy, healing solutions for the world. The Holy Spirit will help us do this. The fact we are able to be connected through so many different means – and that we desire that connection – is already a sign of the Holy Spirit at work in each of us.

**Now Where Do We Go?**

Over the next weeks and months, we as a parish are going to gradually move through phases that coincide with recommendations that come from health professionals both in the public health arena, and in our parish community. With our faith to guide us and with charity as our inspiration, we will worship, gather, meet, celebrate, mourn, and work as a community of disciples at a pace and with limited capacities that seek to reduce the transmission of infection and illness (especially when we are inside). The Holy Spirit will help us work together – even when we have different opinions and perspectives – to do what is best and implement healthy practices.

**Thank You!**

Thanks for the inspiration you give me through your show of concern, your notes of encouragement, your generosity, and your faith both in the Lord and the Church. It has all kept me going over these past few weeks, and will help us all continue to thrive as we move forward in faith. May God through the working of the Holy Spirit bring all of our best efforts now and in the days to come to fulfillment!

God bless each of you.  
Peace, Fr. Shaun

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND INTENTIONS****Monday, June 1****Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34  
9:00am +Gwen Maes

**Tuesday, June 2**

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday, June 3****Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27  
7:00pm +Philip LeBeault

**Thursday, June 4**

2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34  
9:00am +Dorothy Keefe

**Friday, June 5, Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**

2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37  
9:00am +Melissa Loniewski

**Saturday, June 6**

2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44

**Sunday, June 7, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18  
4:30pm +Barazsu & Greilach Families  
9:00am +Keith Dunn and Jan Jandasek  
11:00am The People of St. Mary Magdalen

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**Exodus 34:4-9** When Moses saw the Israelite people worshipping the golden calf, he angrily threw down and broke the tablets containing the Commandments. Later, God instructed him to cut two new tablets. This passage begins at that point, and offsets the mistaken notion that the Old Testament always presents a stern and angry God.

**2 Corinthians 13:11-13** This passage is the ending of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. The Church chose this passage for Trinity Sunday because it mentions all three persons of the Trinity. The passage also contains a familiar greeting we hear at the beginning of Mass.

**John 3:16-18** Here, Jesus speaks to Nicodemus. Lest Nicodemus misunderstand, Jesus explains: God sent his Son to save the world. A personal decision to accept and follow Christ as Savior is required.

**Reflect:** Name one way in which you experience God's presence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.





## SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

## Reopening Guide

This is meant to be a conceptual guide. It is not an exact plan for our reopening. It is based on CDC/State Health Department recommendations.



We are moving toward step three which will include two indoor weekend Liturgies by sign-up; an outdoor Sunday Liturgy option, LiveStream Liturgy, and smaller meetings/gatherings in larger meeting spaces.

	Step One	Step Two	Step Three	Step Four
Social Distancing, General	Stay Home	Strict (6' / Inside Car)	Moderate	Healthy
Vulnerable Populations*	Stay Home	Stay Home	Stay Home / Strict ≥6'	Healthy
Indoor Square Feet Per Person Goal	Stay Home	≥65.5	≥43	13
Parish Office	Remote / Essential only	Remote / Essential only	Normal staff schedule / Office closed to public	Open to public
Liturgical Life	Online Only	Sunday - Outdoor / Minimal Weekday - Indoor / Minimal	Indoor / Minimal	Indoor / Gradual restoration of full celebrations TBD
Community Life	Online Only	Online Only	Small gatherings / Large spaces	Small gatherings / Normal spaces -- Larger Gatherings TBD
Meetings	Online Only	Online Only	Small gatherings / Large spaces	Small Gatherings / Normal spaces
Preschool	Online Only	Online Only	TBD	TBD
Youth (Formation/Ministry)	Online Only	Online Only	TBD	TBD

*\*Vulnerable Populations: 65 or older, pre-existing health conditions, compromised immunity, and care-takers of previously mentioned populations.*

No dates are assigned to movement between steps. CDC/State Health Department guidelines will guide decisions.

Steps can move backward if necessitated by future outbreaks.

Preschool/Religious Formation/Youth related activities depend upon opening and practices of Brighton schools.

## REOPENING GUIDE

We have been working on a reopening guide since the guidelines for restoring liturgical life in our Diocese were issued earlier this month. Our parish reopening guide is a map – not an exact science or a rigid plan – to lead us toward gradually reopening at a pace that follows our State's Safe Start plan, and takes into account the mood of our community. The purpose of this guide is to help us decide how and when to move forward, or (if necessary) how to move backward. No dates are assigned to movement between the guide steps.

Currently we are nearing step three. Highlights of our current reopening practices include:

- ♦ Outdoor Sunday Liturgy
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ The parish office remains closed to visitors. The parish staff resumes normal work schedules.
- ♦ All gatherings / meetings must be held online. No general use of meeting spaces of any size.
- ♦ Outdoor gatherings of 10 or less people permitted with strict social distancing.

**People in vulnerable populations should STAY HOME.**



# DRIVE IN MASS!

**4:30 pm on Saturday – 9am and 11am on Sunday**

Drive-In movie at night? Don't stay out too late because you have Drive-In mass in the morning!

Kids too loud at church? Keep them in the car! (with you of course...)

Have you tried drive up groceries? Drive up take out?  
How about drive up communion? Well, now you can!

Is it ok to feed your kids during mass? Sure! Just be prepared to vacuum out your car later!

The sound/audio for the Masses will be broadcast over 107.3 FM.

All Ministers of Hospitality and Eucharistic Ministers are required to wear a face mask!

Parishioners who do not feel comfortable coming to Mass should be reminded that there is no obligation to attend. That has been lifted until July 31. There is also no obligation to receive Holy Communion and lanes will be dedicated for cars who do not want to enter the Communion lines.

At St. Mary Magdalen, the decision to celebrate the weekend Liturgies OUTSIDE will enable all who wish to come the opportunity to do so, rather than taking reservations in advance and limiting the number of people attending Mass. We will continue to record a Liturgy on the weekend as we have been doing for those who do not attend the outdoor Liturgy. This will be available for viewing on our website; [www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org), Facebook page and YouTube.



## SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

### Parking Lot Masses Distribution of Communion Procedure

- Communion will be distributed AFTER the closing prayer in two lanes
- We are striving for a No Touch / No Talk distribution
- Please bring a clean glass or metal container to receive the host(s). **NOTE:** Paper containers may not be used
- Communicants will remain in their vehicles
- Vehicles will drive up to the portico with their front passenger window down
- Front passenger (or driver if alone) needs to gesture to the Eucharistic Minister how many hosts are needed (e.g. with a sign or holding up fingers)
- The driver/passenger must hold their container or hands outside the vehicle's window
- The Eucharistic Minister will place the host(s) in the container or the recipient's hands
- Please carefully and reverently pass the container or hosts to each communicant in your vehicle.
- Please exit the church grounds following receipt of communion
- **IF you are not receiving Communion, please exit following the green arrows.**

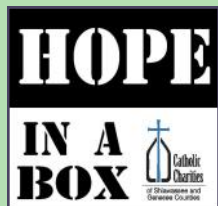


PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pat Bessesen	Alan Laginess	Dave Scharf
Sue Binder	Herb Langer	Karie Schifko
Curt Bloom	Nancy LePage	Theresa & Bob
Tom Bixler	Ron Linhart	Smith
Larry Buslepp	Declan Lowery	Cindy Sultana
Barb Colley	Michael Marr	Julia Taylor
Scott Corey	Bridget Marshall	Marylyn Trader
KC Darish	Hannah Metcalf	Elaine Zawisa
Karoline DeRosia	Luigi Milani	Cathy Zremski
Henrik Firek	Marlaine Micunek	Tom Zremski
Gene & Kathleen	Terry Moore	Artie
Golbiw	Clarence O'Leary	Bob
Dorothy Guidos	Stan Osdras	Diane
Lauren Hahn	Stella Paweski	Jeanette
Sr. Joyce Hoile	Taylor Pellerito	Kathleen
Kathy Jagusch	Carolyn Phillips	Kristine
Carolyn Keough	David Proctor	Laurie
Kathleen	Kathy & Tony	Margaret
Koprowicz	Riccardi	Margie
Carrie Kulasa	Marino Sarti	Peggy

**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!



**HOPE IN A BOX NEEDS:**

**Baby Wipes, Baby Lotion,  
Baby Shampoo  
Baby Bottles  
Baby Clothes**

**(diapers not needed at this time)**

New mothers have been coming to the Center in desperate need of basic items to care for their newborn babies. Can you imagine having a new baby and not being able to care for it?

**We will 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>

**Even if the whole world doubts, believe anyway. With God all things are possible.**

~Paige DeRuyscher



*11 Breanna Bussey & Casey LeTarte  
11 Bailey Mohrenweiser & Riley McMichael*

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

**Available beginning at 4 pm Saturdays at  
[www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org), our  
Facebook page and on YouTube.  
Coming Soon: Weekday Liturgy Livestreamed!**

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

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**ALL CAMPUS NON-ESSENTIAL  
ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED**

**Monday, June 1**

6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout only

**Thursday, June 4**

7:00 pm Baptism Class (ZOOM MEETING)



**MINISTERS OF PRAYER**

**May 31 — June 6**

Sunday	Dennis Wagener
Monday	Valerie Maravolo
Tuesday	Barb and Joe Kowal
	Dawn and Bob Gustitus
Wednesday	Diane Olsem
Thursday	Pat and Bob Metz
	Anna DeMonaco
Friday	Marilyn and Dan VanTiem
	Mary Jo Cubr
Saturday	Volunteer

## 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

It truly has been a minute, a couple of minutes in fact. The past few months have made the normalcy of our everyday lives feel like a dream, and it feels like forever since the Youth Group here at St. Mary Magdalen has met. Youth groups in churches everywhere have been participating in **ProjectYM** Live every Sunday (you can log in live at [PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH](https://PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH)). Things may seem bleak, yet we are constantly reminded of the faith we must have in the Lord our God. As is said in **Isaiah 41:10**, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

With the Diocese of Lansing currently discussing and implementing safety changes to allow safe mass gatherings, when legally allowed, and the Shelter in Place Order seemingly coming to an end, a bright sunrise is on the horizon. Youth Group teen leaders have begun to brainstorm ideas for Youth Group meetings that can be socially distanced, safe for everyone, and follow local rules and regulations when we do officially meet!





*Please remember in your  
prayers*

The family of Gregory Grech.



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)**

### MAY IS NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

As more drivers begin to get back out in their cars again, warmer weather is also bringing more motorcycles out onto the road. It's time to remind everyone to be on the alert and to share the road with motorcyclists.

Riders who have been cooped up all winter are excited to be out on the road again, but that shouldn't stop them from using caution.

Both motorcyclists and motorists need to be aware of their surroundings. Checking blind spots, mirrors and using turn signals are necessary when changing lanes and when passing.

Distracted driving has been on the rise, too. Distractions during driving could mean the difference between seeing a motorcyclist or not when preparing to change lanes. Don't let one text change anyone's life forever!

Riders need to take precautions as well. Take a defensive driving course, wear protective gear and keep your bike in its best working condition. Also, be aware of any road hazards and dangerous weather conditions.

Most of all, enjoy your ride and make it home again!

For more information visit [www.nhtsa.gov/safety/motorcycles](http://www.nhtsa.gov/safety/motorcycles).