

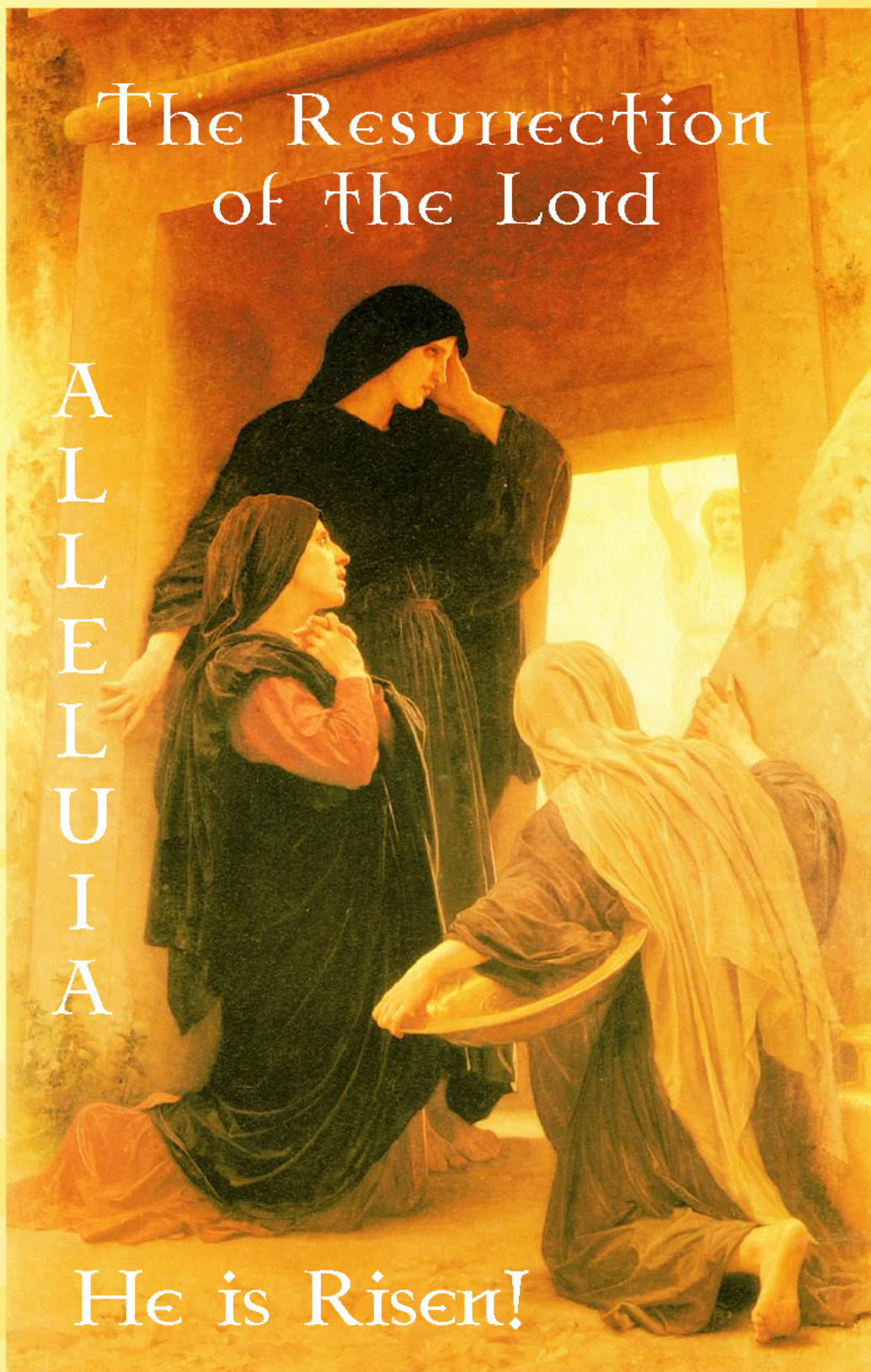
Saint Mary Magdalen

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The Resurrection of the Lord

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He is Risen!



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Acts 4: 32 – 35 Luke wrote a two-volume work: Volume 1 is his Gospel and Volume Two is the Acts of the Apostles which describes the life of the Church after the Resurrection of Jesus. Every year during the seven weeks of the Easter season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. In today's passage, Luke gives an idealized description of early Christian community life.

1 John 5: 1-6 Today and for the remaining Sundays of the Easter season, our second reading will be taken from the first letter of John. It was written about 100 A.D., one of the last New Testament books to be composed. This letter was written in the tradition of the apostle John and bears his name. Today's passage from near the end of this brief letter addresses the fundamentals of Christian life: faith, love and the commandments.

John 20: 19- 31 We might think Thomas was one of the favored ones invited to put his finger into the nail marks and explore the wound in Jesus' side. We have the opportunity every day to look at, get close to, and explore the wounds of our neighbors and the hurt of those mortally injured by the injustice around us. These wounds are waiting for the healing and redemption Jesus promised. One day these wounds too will be glorified.

Reflect: Do you ever choose not to forgive someone?

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

Monday, April 5 NO 9AM LITURGY

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

7:00 pm The People of St. Mary Magdalen

Tuesday, April 6

Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

9:00 am +Jan Jandasek and Keith Dunn

Wednesday, April 7

Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

9:00 am +Richard Rumpz

Thursday, April 8

Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 9

Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 10, 2021

Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 11, Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

4:30 pm +Gwen Maes

9:00 am The People of St. Mary Magdalen

11:00 am +Hudson DeWeese

Easter Blessings



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF:

George Banaszak, Lucas Cauley, Kathy Clark, Keith Craffey, John Davidson, Karoline DeRosia, Cienna Ditri, DuRussel Family, David Duenas, Marie Edwards, Jeff Fritz, Mary Lea Gehring, Anna Gilders, Sharon Hammang, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Kathy Jagusch, Ayla Jednacz, Mary Keating, Maria Kottke, James Kudlarek, Herb Langer, John & Marcy Luibrand, David Martin, Linda Molitoris, James Montgomery, Mona Nesan, Paul Nesan, George Nesan, Stella Paweski, Lauren Pennington, 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, Ellie Yaworsky, Augustin Zaragoza, Tom Zremski, Gayl, Kim, Kyle, Patrick, 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

April 4—April 10

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

FROM FR. RYAN

Happy Easter! He is risen! He is risen, indeed! I pray you have a blessed Easter Sunday! Whether you are celebrating more privately or with extended family, I pray the Lord blesses you all abundantly. As we move through this time of uncertainty together, we remember that beyond Good Friday we find Easter Sunday. Like the Apostles in Luke 17:5, perhaps our cry as a parish community this Easter season is "...increase our faith in the risen Lord!"

I would like to extend a HUGE *thank you* to our amazing staff! They have been tremendous these last couple of weeks and have been a real help to me as I navigate the day-to-day happenings here. I am extremely proud of them and I ask all of you to pray for them as well.

I also met with our Pastoral Council under the leadership of Cary Schmidt. I thought the meeting went very well. Of course, they expressed their concerns, frustrations, anger, and sadness. The biggest frustration I heard was the lack of information. As I said last week, that is completely understandable and to be expected. But, I reminded the council that we have to wait and let this process play out. We know eventually it will. In the meantime, we pray, "...increase our faith in the risen Lord."

I also would like to thank Bishop Boyea for being with us two weekends ago (I had to have last week's bulletin article submitted rather quickly; prior to his visit with us). As I said in my article last week, I fully trust our Bishop and his staff. I can promise you that this is weighing on him as the spiritual father to us as priests. So please, let us all continue to pray for him as well.

Now that we have moved past Holy Week and into the Easter season, I look forward to getting a little more grounded in this community! On that note, I am taking a long nap today and Monday!

Fr. Ryan

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Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
8:30am - 4:30pm
Wed. 1pm - 4:30pm**

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.

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.

Christian Initiation of Adults (includes children 7 and older) An Open Invitation

IF YOU...are considering becoming Catholic or would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

IF YOU have not received Christian Baptism; were baptized in another Christian tradition and would like to now become a member of the Catholic Church; have been baptized in the Catholic faith, but have not received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation); are interested in learning about the Catholic faith at this time and may not be ready to make a commitment to becoming Catholic. You are invited to begin the process. Call Erin Wolfe for more information 810-229-8624 ext. 176.

Received into the Church at The Easter Vigil

Tricia Finn, Stephen Foust-Christensen, Kari Foust-Christensen, Tyler Foust-Christensen, and Carly Foust-Christenson were brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. Then Tricia, Stephen, and Kari received the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Finally, Tricia, Stephen, Kari and Tyler joined us at the table of the Lord for the first time and received the Holy Eucharist.

It was truly an awesome and blessed moment for them and for us. Their faith is so fresh and their enthusiasm so contagious, we can't help but share their joy! Please welcome them to our parish ministries, activities, and events. May the joy of the Resurrection show forth in ALL our lives!

WELCOME TO ST. MARY MAGDALEN

- ☐ I am Catholic and would like to register
- ☐ I am not Catholic but would like more information about the church

NAME

PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

This form can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. You may also call the parish office for more information. (810) 229-8624



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Religious Formation at Our Parish

Christ is alive; He is Risen, Alleluia! What does this mean for each of us? Is it the source of our joy? Is it our refuge and strength in times of stress? Is it the good news our souls long to hear, either anew or for the first time?

My name is Joshua Kenny. I am the parish's Pastoral Associate for Youth Religious Formation and Ministry. This means I oversee our Religious Formation program as well as our Middle School and High School Youth Ministries. On average, our formation program serves approximately 130 families and 300+ students in grades 1-10.

We focus on giving every family and every student a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ through prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, and the warmth and support of our parish community. This is my first Easter with the parish, and I can honestly say this is a community that welcomes all who come here with open arms.

Luke's Gospel tells us that after Jesus had risen, two disciples were walking together to the town of Emmaus, but were slow to believe Christ was truly alive. Jesus appears to them, but they do not recognize him. As they walk, Jesus explains to them how the Scriptures predicted all that had happened. That evening, as they ate dinner, Jesus took bread, said a blessing and broke it. Immediately the disciples recognized who he was and left in haste to witness to their encounter with the risen Christ. (Luke 24:13-35)

I love this story because it beautifully describes what we try to do in our Religious Formation program. We give families the opportunity to walk the road of life alongside Jesus and have him as their teacher. We trust that over the years, as Christ opens the scriptures to you and reveals himself in the Eucharist at Mass, your family will come to echo the disciples' words on the road to Emmaus: "Were our hearts not burning within us while he spoke to us on the way..." (Luke 24:32).

Soon we will begin enrollment for Fall of 2021 Religious Formation. We would be honored to have your family join us as we all seek to better live out today's Easter message: **Christ is truly alive, alleluia!**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group

My vision for parish youth ministry can be summarized in one quote from Pope Francis which I will never get tired of sharing: "We cannot just say that young people are the future of our world. They are its present; even now, they are helping to enrich it."

The Middle School Youth Group is open to all students in grades 6-8 and the High School Youth Group serves students in grades 9-12.

Since coming to St. Mary Magdalen, renewing and growing the parish's youth ministries has been one of my biggest goals. While Covid has certainly made this an extraordinary challenge, I have no doubt that this past year of striving, praying, and planning will soon bear tremendous fruit!

As the weather improves, I hope to see our youth ministries roar to life. If you have a child in grades 6-12, please contact me to have your name added to our distribution list. Don't miss out on some of the incredible events that are on the horizon!

Middle School Youth Group is Going Back to the Future!

I am thrilled to announce the return of Life Teen's "Edge" middle school youth program. Our parish has used some of their programming in the past, but never in the exciting and comprehensive way we will be in the coming months. This is going to be like nothing our parish has ever seen!

If you want your middle school student to make strong, holy friendships that can carry them through the trials and tribulations of high school and beyond, I promise this is the group in which you want them involved. "Edge" is designed to awaken students' faith while helping them discover who they are and who God has called them to be. Contact Joshua Kenny to sign up.



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CHARITY AND JUSTICE

The Charity and Justice Ministry team wishes you a blessed Easter and the opportunity to encounter peace and renewal in your life.

Thank you for all your support over the past year. We've helped many different groups with projects. In addition to our on-going activities like Magdalen's Kitchen, the parish has helped people as far away as Flint and Detroit and as near as our local families. We are grateful for the support of our parishioners and their generous giving.

If you are interested in helping with an individual project or being part of this ministry team, see our column in each Sunday Bulletin, join our monthly meetings at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month (Zoom), or contact Ken Kuna by email ken.kuna@gmail.com or by phone 734-751-4100.

LENTEN GIVING TREE

Thank you to all who gave to our Lenten Senior Giving Tree. Your gifts will truly make a difference for our area seniors. We collected over \$4,450 in gift cards. Brighton, Hartland and Howell Senior Centers, Livingston County Catholic Charities, Medilodge of Livingston and Howell and Magdalen's Kitchen were all beneficiaries of your generosity. All these serve our Livingston County seniors.

Thank you from the St. Mary Magdalen Charity and Justice Ministry.

"The good we do is never lost; it never dies. The good we do lives on in other people, in other places, and in other times." ~Matthew Kelly



CHARITY

HOPE IN A BOX

A while back, Bishop Boyea called upon us to help the people of Flint in any way we could. We heard the call, and started **Hope in a Box**.

Catholic Services of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties is located in the midst of poverty. They operate a **Center for Hope** that offers meals and food for those in need - people who would not eat today but for Catholic Services.

The **Center for Hope** also has a store with basic toiletry items. Our donations to **Hope in a Box** are used to stock that store.

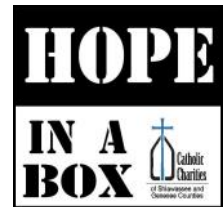
Each month we ask parishioners to donate a toiletry item. The requested item changes month to month, depending upon what supplies are needed. Sometimes, the Center asks for some basic clothing items, like socks and gloves. In the winter, some men are offered day jobs but can't work because they don't have gloves. When you are living in a house without heat, the value of an extra pair of socks is HUGE. Many requested items are small, and inexpensive; items you and I take for granted. However, when you are hungry, toilet paper and toothpaste seem like a luxury.

Though you may not know a specific person, you can know in your heart that somewhere in Flint, someone has a basic necessity met because of you.

APRIL NEEDS:

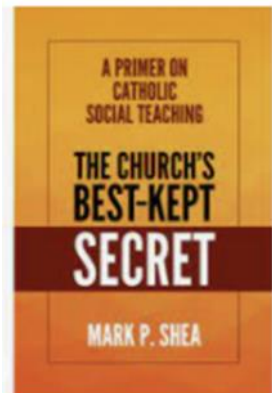
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Feminine Care Products



JUSTICE

An Invitation to learn about and discuss Catholic Social Teaching



"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 25:40)

What are the moral questions that we as Catholics and Christians should be concerned with – hunger, poverty, abortion, racism, immigration, criminal justice, others? What principles of Catholic Social Teaching should guide us in our reflection about these issues? How can we, as Catholics, learn what Christ and the Catholic Church teach about social responsibilities – about how we should act as moral persons?

Mark Shea, a popular Catholic writer and speaker, recently wrote "A Primer on Catholic Social Teaching: the church's best-kept secret", and it is a very readable 145 pages! Shea devotes two chapters to each of the four pillars of Catholic social teaching: the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity.

Deacon Devon Wolfe will host six sessions over six weekends discussing this book. Sessions begin at 6:30 PM on Sunday, April 11, 2021. Zoom is used to provide safety and convenience for participants. There is no cost for the workshop except buying the book (\$16.68 - paperback; \$10 - kindle on Amazon). To register, email Devon Wolfe at: deacon4@saintmarymagdalen.org.

DSA 2021



Our Diocesan Services Appeal continues this month as we look for a parish goal of \$102,772. We are about 30% to our goal with only 140 of our 1,556 families pledging so far.

The DSA is our opportunity to put God's word into action here in our diocese.

Contributions are put to work in many different ministries, aiding families and individuals, parishes, Catholic Schools, Catholic Charities agencies and many more.

Once our DSA parish goal is reached, 50% of any contributions received over and above our parish goal will be returned to our parish.

If you haven't already, please consider making a DSA contribution 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

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

Email: baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org

COMMUNITY LIFE



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, April 5 Office Closed, No Preschool

- 9:00 am No Morning Liturgy
- 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout
- 7:00 pm Mass of the Neophytes
- 7:45 pm RCIA Mystagoga

Tuesday, April 6

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 7

Thursday, April 8

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

Friday, April 9

Saturday, April 10

- 12:00 pm RAIN DATE for Easter Egg Hunt (if it did not happen on April 3)

Sunday, April 11 Destined #14 Release Online

- 12:00 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Session
- 12:45 pm Baptism
- 1:00 pm New Parishioner Meeting
- 2:00 pm Baptism
- 6:30 pm Catholic Social Teaching Book Discussion-Zoom

GARDENING ANGELS

ADOPT-A-GARDEN!

Easter brings Spring and Spring brings new life in our gardens!

If you have a love of gardening, and you'd like to share your talent, please consider adopting a garden here at St. Mary Magdalen.

We have different gardens that require some love and attention during the spring, summer and fall. You can work in the gardens at your own time and pace. You may be sharing a garden with a couple other gardeners!

Families are welcome to sign up too.

If you'd like to be a St. Mary Magdalen Gardening Angel, please call the office and ask for Sandi or email: sect4@saintmarymagdalen.org. Sign ups are also in the Gathering Area.

MAGDALEN'S PRESCHOOL

Magdalen's Preschool



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EASTER BASKET PROJECT

This year Magdalen's Preschool had a wonderful opportunity to create 18 Easter baskets for the foster children through Livingston County Catholic Charities. We look forward to doing this again next year!



We hope
everyone
has a safe
and
Happy
Easter!



MAGDALEN'S KITCHEN



St. Mary Magdalen offers a **community meal** for those in need each **Monday at 6:00pm**

During the pandemic meals are carryout only

For more information contact the parish office
or email bookkeeper@saintmarymagdalen.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Dedicated to four principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. St. Mary Magdalen Council 12295 invites men 18 years and older to join. We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month, currently by Zoom. For information, contact Ken Anderer, (810) 333-2130, kanderer65@gmail.com

TOM HEGNA PRESENTS: **PAYCHECKS AND PLAYCHECKS**

Whatever Happened to Happily Ever After?

Learn the facts, risks, and problems facing retirees today and the **SOLUTIONS** to these problems



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This seminar is available to all parish members without obligation if they choose to attend.

1 Hour – No Obligation Seminar
ONLINE Only: Apr 28, 2021 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Registration Required: <http://bit.ly/KOFCApril2021>

"Paychecks and Playchecks: Retirement Solutions for Life" is a guide for retirement that is built for uncertain markets like the one we are in today. The strategies in this presentation are based on a mathematically and scientifically proven approach that will enable you to create a secure retirement, no matter how long you live. You will learn how to retire with enough guaranteed lifetime income to cover your basic expenses, and how to optimize the rest of your portfolio to make sure you receive your "playchecks."

Former First Vice President at New York Life and retired Lieutenant Colonel, Tom Hegna has delivered over 5,000 seminars and has been viewed in over 70 million homes on PBS television. Tom specializes in solving complex financial problems using easy-to-understand words, ideas, and stories.