

"I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER; HE WILL BAPTIZE  
YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." - MK 1:8

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19** Today's reading takes place 11 centuries before Christ at an Israelite shrine, which is referred to as a "temple" in the text. At the shrine was the "Ark of God," a wooden chest overlaid by gold in which the 10 Commandments were kept. Eli was the high priest at the shrine. Samuel was a young man in Eli's service. We will hear how God called Samuel to be a prophetic leader of Israel.

**1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20** Today and for the next few Sundays, our second reading will be from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Corinth, a port city, was noted for its widespread immorality. Anything and everything was thought permissible. Paul doesn't counter this attitude by putting down the human body as evil or of little worth. Rather, he does just the opposite.

**John 1:35-42** The prologue of John's Gospel is a poetic introduction to Jesus, John the Baptist, and major theological themes of John's account. Today's reading is the dramatic encounter of Jesus with His first followers.

**Reflect:** Jesus says to me, "Come to Me and see." What does Jesus want to show you?

## IN MEMORIAM

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sue Wagener and family in the death of her father, Clarence "Bud" O'Leary.



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF:

Richard Baibak, George Banaszak, Fr. Robert Blondell, Steve & Danna Castillo, Mary Clemence, Cara Chandler, Keith Craffey, John Davidson, Forest Densmore, Karoline DeRosia, Cienna Ditri, Dave Dueness, Marie Edwards, Mary Lea Gehring, Brad Gohlm, Norm Gregor, Kathy Hershberger, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Kathy Jagusch, Noah Jelso, Sue Karnes, Mary Keating, Jan Keough, Audrey Kovanda, Ted Kucab, Herb Langer, Marcella Lint, Gary March, Kristen Marsh, David Martin, Jeanette Moran, Stella Paweski, Carolyn Phillips, Kathy & Tony Riccardi, Marino Sarti, Dave Scharf, Sue Shay, Larry & Cathy Stanley, Christy Suggs, Cindy Sultana, June Summers, Marylyn Trader, Michelle Turner, Dan Tuthill, Ruth White, Sarah Williams, Sharon Zahrfeld, Tom Zremski, Artie, Denis, Gloria, Heather, Kyle, Richard K., Robert, Sergio.

*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!

**"You are sealed by the holy spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever."**

~Ephesians 1:13

## MINISTERS OF PRAYER

### January 10—January 16

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

## MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 11

Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20

9:00 am +Christopher Crowley

### Tuesday, January 12

Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

9:00 am +Joseph Ross

### Wednesday, January 13

Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

9:00 am Cara Chandler

### Thursday, January 14

Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

### Friday, January 15

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday, January 16

Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

### Sunday, January 17 SECOND SUNDAY

**1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42**

4:30 pm +Regina Dinser

9:00 am The People of St. Mary Magdalen

11:00 am +Ann Gillette



## LOWERY'S LINES

Happy final feast day of Christmas: the Baptism of the Lord. As we conclude the Christmas season I want to just offer my thanks to everyone for making the Christmas season festive amid the multiple celebrations we had. Even though I hope we never have to celebrate a Christmas like this ever again, we made the very best of it! From our music to our decorating, from our cleaning to our putting things back away, we did as much as we could as well as we could all for God's glory.

### Congratulations

This weekend at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Liturgy we will welcome LaShon Day into full communion with us. She will make a profession of faith, be confirmed, and receive Eucharist with us for the first time. Congratulations to LaShon, to her husband, Paul, and their three boys on this special day for their family and our whole parish family.

### Baptismal Font Complete

Assuming all goes well (as I'm writing this a week before it happens), the baptismal font should be ready for use this weekend. Because the water had to be emptied for the work on it to be completed, I will bless the new water and we will have sprinkling rites at each of the Liturgies this weekend. My apologies in advance if I drench you!

### Teaching Mass: January 23/24

The weekend of January 23-24, I will be replacing the homily with explanations of the parts of the Mass. The explanations take place throughout the entire Liturgy and end up taking the time it would normally take to deliver a homily. The information may be a refresher of things you already know about the Mass or it may provide new insights. My hope is that by doing this we deepen our desire to learn more about the Liturgy and how we celebrate it.

Have a blessed and safe week!  
Fr. Shaun

## FINANCE

### WEEK OF 12/27/20-12/31/20

SUNDAY ENV/CASH	\$39,314
CHRISTMAS ENV/CASH	\$17,708
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 730
EFT/ONLINE	<u>\$ 7,502</u>
TOTAL	\$ 65,254

### WEEK OF 1/3/21

ENV/CASH	\$ 6,173
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 475
EFT/ONLINE	<u>\$11,158</u>
TOTAL	\$17,806

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Your parish contributions are appreciated and very important, especially during this time. Sunday contributions may be mailed to the parish office or consider online giving.

**PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE TO GIVE ONLINE**  
[www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### CARRY - OUT BREAKFAST BURRITOS!

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021**

The St. Mary Magdalen K of C will be offering carry-out breakfast burritos for purchase after the 9am and 11am Masses.

Maintaining social distancing, stop by our table under the Portico, and purchase one or more of our delicious warm breakfast burritos and help the K of C support our many local charities.

Sausage/Egg/Potatoes/Cheese - \$5.00

Or

Egg/Potatoes/Cheese - \$5.00

Both include a side of our home-made Roasted Salsa!

*Cash or Credit Accepted*





## The Poinsettias of the Christmas Season were donated In Honor or In Memory of our Loved Ones



Gwen, Frank and Ann Maes  
Tony and Wanda Sarna  
Fred Preiss  
Nella Preiss  
Ronald Denkhaus  
Tina Klein  
Szymanski Family  
Joleen Duprey  
Mary A. Shefferly  
Donald Goodrich  
Eleanor Goodrich  
Bob and Vi Cauley  
Anna Koch  
Jack Branch

Muston-Molitoris Families  
Doyle and Walker Families  
Barazsu-Greilach Families  
Fred Malmquist  
Chrzaszcz and Nychypor Families  
Lottie and Edward Czarnecki  
Hilda and Joe Mancini  
Keith Dunn  
Jan Jandasek  
Chris Baldwin  
Tilford Davidge Family  
Walter and Stella Pekarski  
Grace and Kronk Families  
Jeanne Carpenter

Stanley and Margaret Lickfold  
Frank and Helen Dinda  
Larry Buslepp  
Smith and Buslepp Families  
Loretta Spitzley  
John James Renehan  
Robert Kovanda  
James Quinn  
Virginia Quinn  
Audrey Kovanda  
Joe and Mary Biga  
Roy and June Closser  
Adam Schaub



### 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 February 16, 2021.*

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#### OFFICE HOURS

**Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri.** 8:30 am–4:30 pm

**Wed.** 1:00 pm–4:30 pm

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

#### WEEKEND LITURGY:

**Saturday 4:30 pm • Sunday 9 & 11 am**

**NEW Weekday Liturgy Schedule**

**Mon., Tues., & Wed. 9am**

**NO MASS ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY**

#### Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation:

Saturdays 3–4pm

**Infant Baptism:** Contact Erin Wolfe.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Please contact the office

at least nine months prior to wedding date.

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

### Program Updates



- **Destined Lesson 7, "The Bible: Your Roadmap to Heaven" is currently available.** In many ways the Bible is just like a map; it is only good to you if you know how to read it. This lesson provides families with an introduction to how to understand and navigate the Bible, as well as how to pray with Scripture.
- **The second lesson for First Eucharist preparation** is now available on the formation page of the parish website.
- **9th Grade Confirmation classes will begin February 7.** If you have not yet registered your child for classes, please contact the parish office.
- **If you are interested in serving as a catechist for the 2021-2022 formation year, please email [youth@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:youth@saintmarymagdalen.org).** It is hard to believe, but it is already time to start planning for our first post-Covid formation year! We are expecting to be back in person in the Fall and are in need of catechists. Classes for grades 1-8 will meet on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:30 PM, Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 PM, and Sundays from 10:15-11:45 AM. **No experience? No problem!** Training and mentoring will be provided for new catechists. If you believe God may be calling you to this vital ministry, we ask that you prayerfully consider responding to that call. **A good catechist makes an eternal difference in the lives of our parish's children!**
- If you have served as a catechist in the past, are interested in serving as a catechist this Fall, or are the parent of a middle school or high school student, you may be interested in our upcoming online study series "Called to Accompany." Lessons will take place with me over Zoom on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 PM. There will be 8 sessions total, beginning January 21. To learn more about the series, there is a YouTube video on the formation page of the parish website. Please contact Joshua Kenny to register.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Let the Movie Magic Begin!

This Sunday (1/10) is the first meeting of our Youth Group film series. We will be watching "The Truman Show." At first, this may seem like an odd film for a Catholic Youth Group to be watching. What possible connection could there be between our faith and a Jim Carey classic comedy? It is my sincere hope that those in attendance are asking themselves the same question! For now, let it suffice to say that one of my goals in showing these films is to teach our teens how faith and culture can relate to one another rather than always being in opposition. As Catholics, we are not called to hide from the world, we are called to make Christ's Kingdom present to it!

#### Upcoming Dates

- The January Youth Group Monday Message meetings will be held on January 11, and 25 from 4:30-5:30 PM.
- The Youth Group will hold a virtual Coffee Hour on Wednesday, January 20 from 6-7 PM.
- January Youth Group Film Series 6-8 PM
  - 1/10 "The Truman Show"**
  - 1/17 "The Bridge over the River Kwai"**
  - 1/24 "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"**
  - 1/31 "Les Miserables"**

## MARRIAGE MINISTRY

### 8 Great Dates: DIY Edition!

#### Beginning January 15

The Perfect Gift for Your Spouse!  
8 Online Date Nights to improve your relationship.



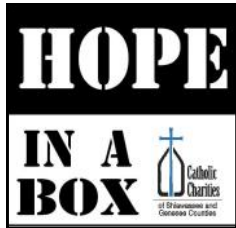
Friday evenings, beginning at 8 pm.  
Take part in an online version of the celebrated series. Have meaningful conversations with your spouse from the safety and comfort of your own home. Each session will be introduced by members of the St MM Marriage Ministry Team.

Topics covered include Strengthening Your Connection, The Art of Communication, The Power of Forgiveness, The Impact of Family, and Love in Action. There may be a nominal fee for the books required for this course. (No more than \$20.)

Register by contacting Deacon Devon at [deacon4@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:deacon4@saintmarymagdalen.org).

## CHARITY & JUSTICE

### HOPE IN A BOX



#### JANUARY NEEDS:

Toilet Paper  
Mouthwash  
Warm gloves/socks

## THANK YOU'S

### FROM ERIN WOLFE

Thank you to all who took part in the first ever pre-recorded Children's Nativity! It was wonderful to still be able to share the story of Jesus' birth with our parish family. Special thank you's to Em Wolfe for filming and editing the video and to Allie Darish for making a mask for each participant.



### FROM SISTER MARYETTA

2020 has been a very unique and interesting year for all of us. For me, leaving Saint Mary Magdalen was very difficult. After consultation and much prayer I chose to return to Adrian.

It has been a challenging transition, but I can't tell you how much it meant to have stacks of cards, boxes from the mail room with lovely and thoughtful gifts, and phone calls from lots of friends, making the transition much easier.

May 2021 bring all of you great health and much love and hope. Be assured of my love and prayers and please stay in touch! 810-229-5303 or churches1203@gmail.com  
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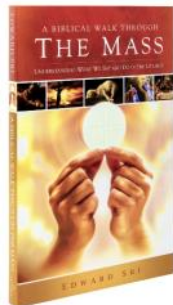
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## WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

### MASS: WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

This is the next topic of the Women's Faith Sharing Group. Please join other women as we learn and walk together in our faith journey during a 5-week program called A Biblical Walk through the Mass by Edward Sri.



**Begins Monday, January 11 at 6:30pm via Zoom.**

For more information, and to find out which materials will be used, please email Bernie Tucker at [rodzina.first@gmail.com](mailto:rodzina.first@gmail.com).

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday, January 11**      **No Preschool**  
4:30 pm      Youth Group Monday Message-virtual  
6:00 pm      Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout Only  
6:30 pm      Women's Faith Sharing  
**Tuesday, January 12**  
7:00 pm      Charity & Justice-Zoom  
7:30 pm      Finance-Zoom  
**Wednesday, January 13**  
7:00 pm      Marriage Ministry-Zoom  
**Thursday, January 14**  
6:30 pm      Men's Faith Formation  
**Friday, January 15**  
8:00 pm      8 Great Dates  
**Saturday, January 16**  
**Sunday, January 17**      Destined #9 Release  
9:45 am      K of C Breakfast Burritos-Carryout  
6:00 pm      Pastoral Council  
6:00 pm      Youth Group Movie Series

## 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.