

Saint Mary Magdalen

Witnessing to the Resurrection

JUNE 21, 2020

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. Tues. Wed. Fri. 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Thurs. 1:00 pm–4:30 pm

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Weekend Liturgy:

4:30 Saturday (Indoors) Livestream

9am & 11am Sunday (Outdoors)

**ONLINE SUNDAY LITURGY SATURDAYS BEGINNING AT
6:30PM**

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

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Last week I began celebrating Liturgies for our first Communion candidates. They have been small and joyful celebrations with individual families and with very small groups of families outside of our normal weekend Liturgy schedule. With the help of their parents, relatives, catechists and your prayers, our younger members have taken another step toward deepening their relationship with Jesus and furthering their initiation into the communion of the Church. This year we have 48 younger parishioners making their first Holy Communion over the next couple weeks. God bless each of them and their families!

Updates on Search: Pastoral Associate for Youth

I am really grateful to God for two things since starting a search for a pastoral associate to oversee religious formation and youth ministry. First, I am grateful for the search committee that has been helping me review resumes, and interview candidates. Thanks to Kevin Blanck, Stasia Eisenhut, Karen MacDonald, Bob & Patricia Metz, Lauren Nizol, and David Yancho. Second, I am grateful that we had lots of resumes submitted. We have interviewed ten candidates and narrowed it down to three candidates with whom we will conduct second round interviews.

Thanks: Outdoor Liturgies

Before my parents moved to the Detroit area, we lived near St. Louis, MO. As a kid I remember going to Mass outside at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, MI. I have to admit, I didn't ever think I'd experience celebrating the Liturgy like it's done at the Shrine: joyfully, reverently, and in the midst of beautiful surroundings. I want to thank everyone who has had a hand in making our outdoor Liturgies successful. We have received many E-mails and (last Sunday especially) many words of affirmation and thanks from attendees at the Liturgies for this option to celebrate the Liturgy outdoors. Many of those here last weekend said it was their first or second visit to our parish and that we helped them both encounter the Lord in the Liturgy and feel safe.

Since the obligation to attend Sunday Liturgy is lifted through September 6, I continue to encourage anyone who fits into a vulnerable population, who cares for anyone who fits that description, who is over 65 years old, who is anxious still about being in larger gatherings for longer periods of time, or who has any symptoms of illness, please stay home on the weekend and tune into our online Liturgy option.

For those of you longing for Liturgy in person and to receive the Eucharist, consider a much smaller gathering by coming to a weekday Liturgy in the main worship space. Individual confessions remain by appointment.

Good Luck and God Bless: Fr. Dave Speicher

Fr. Dave at St. Joseph in Howell concludes 11 years as pastor of that parish community this weekend to take a new assignment at St. Jude, DeWitt. He has served Livingston County well. God bless him in his new assignment!

Peace, Fr. Shaun

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Curt Bloom	Pat Metz	Kathleen Sullivan-
Barb Colley	Luigi Milani	Golbiw
Keith Craffey	Betty Miller	Julia Taylor
KC Darish	Marlaine Micunek	Marylyn Trader
Karoline DeRosia	Terry Moore	Michelle Turner
Henrik Firek	Marianne Nason	Gloria Zarb
Norm Gregor	Jack O'Connell	Elaine Zawisa
Bob Hemmi	Stella Paweski	Cathy Zremski
Sr. Joyce Hoile	Joel Peters	Tom Zremski
Carolyn Keough	Carolyn Phillips	Artie
Kathleen	Kathy & Tony	Hailey
Koprowicz	Riccardi	Jeanette
Carrie Kulasa	Marino Sarti	Kathleen
Herb Langer	Karie Schifko	Kristine
Declan Lowery	Cindy Sultana	Margaret
Hannah Metcalf		

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!



Please remember in your prayers:

Gretchen Buslepp and family in the passing of her husband, Larry Buslepp.

Jeanette Martin and family in the passing of her mother, Mary (Jean) Renick.

Dennis Wagener and family in the passing of his sister-in-law, Sally Wagener.

DRIVE IN MASS 9am & 11am

Celebrating the weekend Liturgies OUTSIDE enables all who wish to come the opportunity to do so, rather than taking reservations in advance and limiting the number of people attending Mass.

If you are age 65 and older or 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!

We will continue to record a Liturgy on the weekend for those who do not attend the Liturgy. It will be available for viewing on Saturdays beginning at 6:30pm on our website; www.saintmarymagdalen.org, our Facebook page and YouTube.



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

Our parish reopening guide is a map – not an exact science or a rigid plan – to lead us toward gradually reopening at a pace following 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 weekend 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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND INTENTIONS**Monday, June 22**

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5
9:00 am + Gwen Maes

Tuesday, June 23

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 24**The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
7:00 pm + Helen Kronk

Thursday, June 25

2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29
9:00 am + Charles Bacon

Friday, June 26

2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4
9:00 am + Alex & Elizabeth Bast

Saturday, June 27

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17

Sunday, June 28, Thirteenth Sunday

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
4:30 pm + Gene Osowski
9:00 am + Margaret Cruz
11:00 am The People of St. Mary Magdalen

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**WEEK OF 6/14/20**

Env/Cash	\$ 7,603
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,110
EFT/Online	\$ <u>9,530</u>
TOTAL	\$ 18,243

Your parish contributions are appreciated and very important, especially during this time. Sunday contributions may be mailed to the parish office. Now might be a good time to consider setting up online giving. Please visit our website, www.saintmarymagdalen.org, click on Online Giving, Donation-Payment to safely set up contributions made directly to our parish.

You may also contribute directly by texting the amount you would like to donate to
844-928-0075.

Thank you for your generous support!

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16 Elisha, who lived about 800 years before Christ, succeeded the great prophet Elijah, and was noted for his miraculous deeds. Today we hear of one such deed performed in gratitude for the hospitality given to him and his servant Gehazi.

Romans 6:3-4,8-11 In a previous section of his letter to the Romans, Paul taught that we sinners are reconciled to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now Paul notes we experience this reconciliation when in the traditional form of Baptism, we are symbolically "buried" in the water and emerge to new life.

Mathew 10:37-42 In this instruction Jesus teaches the Twelve the meaning of Discipleship. As desirable as are family ties, the new family formed in him must take priority. Paradoxically those who take up the cross will find life, even as they lose it for his sake. Disciples are included among the little ones, not the prophets or righteous.

Reflect: Are you willing to be a disciple for Christ?

**Raise your words, not your voice.
It is rain that grows flowers, not thunder.**

~Rumi

**2020-2021
First Grade
Religious Formation
Registration**



We look forward to welcoming into religious formation all children who will start first grade in the fall of 2020.

Our First Eucharist program prepares children in first and second grade to receive their First Eucharist in the spring of second grade.

**Registration will take place outside
under the main entrance canopy:**

Tuesday: June 16 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Wednesday: June 17 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Thursday: June 18 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Information on class days and times and tuition rates can be found on the Religious Formation page

on the Saint Mary Magdalen website.

For more information, please contact Karen MacDonald in the church office at 810-229-8624 or by email at sect2@saintmarymagdalen.org.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS



God took the strength of a mountain, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea and the generous soul of nature. Satisfied, He called it...Dad

In addition to celebrating fathers this weekend, we also celebrate the official start of summer! Below is a beautiful prayer reminding us of all the blessings summer brings.

PRAYER FOR SUMMERTIME

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure. Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in park, families gathered around picnic tables and the increased time to spend with family and friends. As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as a gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. And warm our souls with the awareness of your presence. Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation. Amen.

Prayer found on: Marquette.edu/Faith at Marquette

YOUTH NEWS



While Youth Group is unable to meet, there are still plenty of opportunities to connect faithfully with other youth in our community! Through our Band app and Zoom meetings we

have managed to see friendly faces and talk about our experiences during this tenuous time. If you are interested in joining the Band app, please contact Ann Kehn (annkehrn@gmail.com).

Project YM - Sundays @ 8pm

Also, collaborating Diocese across Michigan have created a weekly program called **ProjectYM Live!** Every Sunday at 8pm Eastern, Youth can join the broadcast, have fun, listen to inspirational speakers, and worship together. You can log on and watch live at **PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH**

Calling all men of St. Mary Magdalen

Are you interested in developing a deeper relationship with God and Jesus?

Please consider joining our **Men's Faith Formation & Fellowship Group**. We meet on successive **Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm**.

Each week we review the next Sunday mass readings, and then discuss episodes from "The Wild Goose" video series from the **Formed** website:

<https://watch.formed.org/the-wild-goose-with-fr-dave-pivonka>.

Feel free to contact Mickey Tucker at kayak.haus@gmail.com, or just join us using Zoom with the following link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79087342733?pwd=dGx5YzlrK1I2VC9rL1NKTWdXM1liUT09>

Meeting ID: 790 8734 2733

Password: smmmen

Or one tap voice only mobile phone connection:

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CHARITY & JUSTICE

A PRAYER FOR JUSTICE

Lord, your love extends to people of all races and nations without distinction. All are one and equal in your Kingdom. Heal tensions between people of different races whenever they arise. Drive from us all prejudice and divisions. Give courage to those who stand against racist abuse that together we may rejoice and delight as coheirs in Christ and brothers and sisters adopted in your grace. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. Amen.

Bountiful Harvest—Brighton Update

St. Mary Magdalen Parish generously donated 630 pounds of food to Bountiful Harvest for the months of January, February and March.

Thank You to St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

It seems so long ago, in a galaxy far away, but the SMM Lenten Giving Tree was a wonderful success despite the Covid-19 pandemic. We scrambled a bit to get the gifts to the Senior facilities as we were interrupted with the lock-down, but we did it. It is amazing that parishioners continued to get those gift cards to the parish office one way or another. The total number of gift cards was 175 and there were also several gifts. The expressions of joy about you, the parishioners of SMM, who continued to support these Seniors groups during the pandemic was so very evident. Excitement was heard in the voices of those at the facilities we called, smiles were seen on the faces of the staff who received the gift cards, grateful emails were sent, and relief was expressed.

It is our privilege to be part of SMM and the Lenten Senior Giving Tree, but it is YOU who made the lives of those Seniors better.

~The Charity and Justice LENTEN Senior Giving Tree Committee-Barb Kowal, Bernie Tucker, Michelle Dorrington

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OFFICE HOURS

THE OFFICE IS CURRENTLY

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

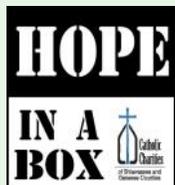
8:30am-4:30pm

Thursday

1pm-4:30pm

STAFF

- Pastor Fr. Shaun Lowery
Deacon H. David Scharf
Deacon James Chevalier
Deacon Devon Wolfe
Pastoral Minister Sr. Maryetta Churches, OP
R.C.I.A. & Infant Baptism Erin Wolfe
Liturgist/IT Specialist Diane Kubus
Pastoral Musician Steven H. Schulte
Director of Preschool Amanda Faiola
Bookkeeper Jeri Gawlowski
Rel. Formation Coordinator
Karen MacDonald ...sect2@saintmarymagdalen.org
Rel. Formation Asst.Stasia Eisenhut
Administrative Asst.Gayle Zawisa
Administrative Asst. Sandi Phillips
Facilities Maintenance



HOPE IN A BOX NEEDS:

- MEN'S PERSONAL ITEMS INCLUDING:
MEN'S DEODORANT
MEN'S RAZORS
TOOTHPASTE
TOOTHBRUSHES
SOAP



I Sara Wagener & Randall Smith

THE WEEK AHEAD**ALL CAMPUS NON-ESSENTIAL
ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED****Monday, June 22**

- 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout only
 6:30 pm Women's Faith Sharing-ZOOM
 7:00 pm Properties Team-Outside-under Canopy

Wednesday, June 24

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

MINISTERS OF PRAYER**June 21 — June 27**

Sunday	Nancy Nychpor
Monday	Barb Dolkowski
Tuesday	Rachel Tuzinsky Jean Glowacki
Wednesday	Colleen Atwood
Thursday	Diane Davidson Lisa Klein
Friday	Clarence and Ginny Kroll
Saturday	Judy Brown



**“HAPPY THE ONE WHO,
TRUSTS IN THE LORD!”**
PROVERBS 16:20

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. **Thus far we have reached 49.17% of our DSA goal. 229 families (approximately 15% of our registered St. MM families) have contributed to this year's appeal.**

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge,

you may submit your gift online at
www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa.

Thank you for your generous support!