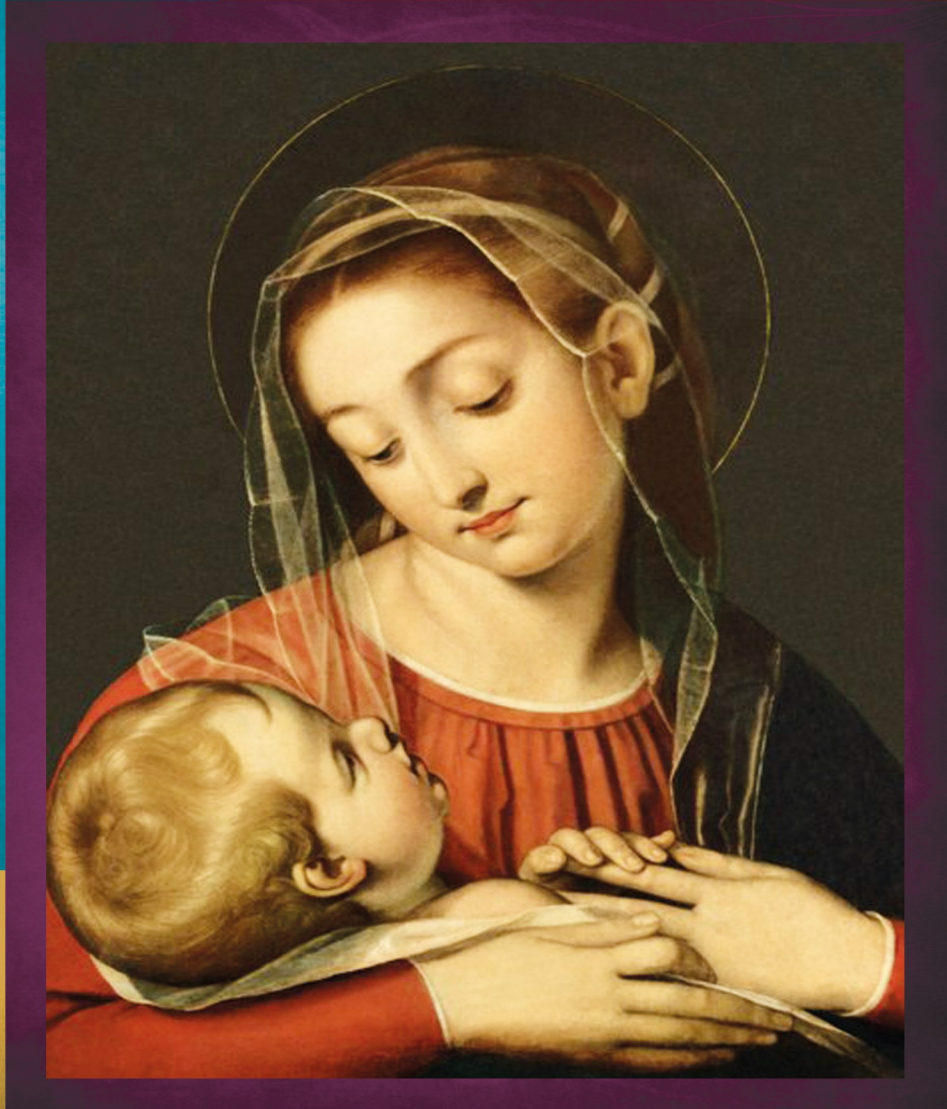


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St. Mary + Magdalen



January 1st, 2023
Solemnity of Mary

Masses For The Week



For the Week of January 1, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

Saturday

December 31 5:00pm 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
†Joseph Jeon Sangsun by Jeon family

Sunday

January 1 9:00am **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
The People of Our Parish †Tom Maurer by Pamela Louis
11:00am †Robert Wilson by Karen Hanson
5:00pm All the Staff and volunteers of St Mary Magdalen Parish

Monday

January 2 8:00am **Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
†Jacobe by Thinkh Nguyen

Tuesday

January 3 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday

January 4 8:00am **Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
†Gene Maly by Loretta Saunders

Thursday

January 5 8:00am **Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop**
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51
†Gioan Kim Nguyen Van Doi

Friday

January 6 8:00am 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11
†James Andrie by Pat Andrie Jim Zier by Paula Glennie

Saturday

January 7 5:00pm 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 & 6a & 9b; Jn 2:1-11
All those in need of prayer

Sunday

January 8 9:00am **The Epiphany of the Lord**
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
†Tom Maurer by Arlene Dale
11:00am †Gene Maly by Loretta Saunders Mary Burdo by Paula Glennie
5:00pm †Lee & Vicki Plonske by Margo Rich †Kathy Lundgren by Margo Rich



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MASSES & SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm
4th Sunday 1:00pm in Vietnamese
Mon, Wed - Fri 8:00 am

Adoration

1st Friday of the month
8:30am to 6:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday
3:30-4:45 pm
Or by appointment if necessary

Baptism

1st Sunday of the month
12:00 pm
Call Parish Office,
prep necessary

Wedding

6 months preparation necessary.
Call Parish Office

Funeral

Call Parish Office

LỊCH THÁNH LỄ VÀ Bí TÍCH

Thánh Lễ

Thứ Bảy 5:00 chiều
Chủ nhật 9:00 sáng, 11:00 sáng và 5:00 chiều
Thứ Hai, Thứ Tư-Thứ Sáu
8:00 sáng

Chầu Thánh Thể

Thứ sáu đầu tiên của tháng
8:30-6:30 chiều

Giải tội

Thứ Bảy 3:30-4:45 chiều
Hoặc lấy hẹn nếu cần thiết

Rửa tội

Chủ nhật đầu tiên của tháng
12 giờ trưa
Gọi Văn phòng Giáo xứ, để chuẩn bị
trước

Lễ cưới

6 tháng để chuẩn bị trước
Gọi Văn phòng Giáo xứ

Lễ an táng

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on our website, **www.stmmagdalen.org**, or call
the office, **616-455-9310**.

Lectors for the Week of January 1st

Saturday, 5pm Deanna McGowan
Sunday, 9am Maria Saenz
Sunday, 11 am Judy Haisma
Sunday, 5pm Mark O'Gorman

Lectors for the Week of January 8th

Saturday, 5pm Mike Bush
Sunday, 9am Paula Ward
Sunday, 11 am Peggy Jacobs
Sunday, 5pm Mary Roberts

Cantors for January 1st

Saturday, 5pm Kathy Miller
Sunday, 9am Michelle Seguin
Sunday, 11 am Bedi Komera
Sunday, 5pm Emily Rushmore

Cantors for January 8th

Saturday, 5pm TBD
Sunday, 9am TBD
Sunday, 11 am TBD
Sunday, 5pm TBD



Please note the following important dates:

Sunday, January 8th is the Epiphany of the Lord,
Masses at 9am, 11am, & 5pm

Monday, January 9th is Baptism of the Lord,
Mass at 8am in the chapel

Sunday, January 15th beginning of Ordinary Time,
Masses at 9am, 11am, & 5pm



NEED HOLIDAYS READING? You can check out these Books or other ones written by Fr. Peter Vu in the back of church. Happy reading!



The Book “**Inspiration Coffee and Wisdom Tea for a Hectic Day**” is a self-help book to give you the tools and daily exercises that can create the right condition for your body and spirit to restore itself with the divine help and deal with your mental health. As you go through your daily routine of relying on the external stimulants to get you through your day, just imagine how much more your spirit might need encouragement to stay focused and get inspired each day. That is how I have come up with the idea of having two sayings each day for this book. One is to inspire you like

coffee or latte in the morning, while another is like tea giving you wisdom to help you face your “hectic day” with confidence. I assign each day with two sayings: one in the morning from various inspiring sources and the other in the afternoon from mainly the Bible as the ultimate source of wisdom. I also label the interpretation of the inspiration saying as “Inspiring Morning Mojo” to give you the energy boost as the coffee or latte would do to you. Meanwhile, I label the interpretation of the wisdom saying in seven wise sources: Wisdom of God, God’s Whisper, Voice of an Angel, Advice of a Counselor, Words of Encouragement, Reassuring Spirit, and Good Karma. That way you can feel the collective wisdom as you sip a cup of tea every afternoon.

Family Prayer for a New Year



O God our Father, by the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith. May we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son. May we be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Music Ministry



As Catholics, we have several feasts (and titles!) that honor Our Lady throughout the year. Throughout the Advent and Christmas season, however, she is mentioned and honored in the church’s liturgy:

December 8th - Immaculate Conception

December 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe, 4th Sunday of Advent readings

Today’s solemnity recognizes her under the title of Mary, Mother of God. She is an important figure in salvation history and she can be, if we let her, an important part of our own spiritual lives as well.

Sadly, there is much confusion and sometimes even a shroud of suspicion surrounding Mary’s role in Christianity. Though much dialogue has been made between Catholics, Mary remains a stumbling block for many non-Catholic Christians. In my opinion, most of the objections I hear stem from misunderstanding of Catholic belief. Even some Catholics have difficulty understanding or believing in the Immaculate Conception or her perpetual virginity. Today, as both a Marian feast day and New Year’s Day, is a great day to make a resolution to grow deeper in our understanding of Mary. It is a great time to seek to understand any personally difficult teachings that confuses or even upsets us. God responds to our seeking and our struggle. I’d love to suggest an episode of one of my favorite podcasts, *Pints with Aquinas*, called *EVERY* Objection to Mary Answered. It came up as I was looking for inspiration to write my bulletin article, so I’m passing this inspiration on to you! If this isn’t your cup of tea, there are numerous other sources. Check out the CDs and books about Mary in the Narthex (the gathering area) and I’m happy to share more resources as well!

May God bless you this year and always!!

Emily



Christian Services

Our next blood drive will be January 15th at 8:00am to 12:30pm in the BAC. Appointments are recommended, but walk-in are always welcome. Help save a life this winter. <https://bit.ly/SMMgivebloodJan15>

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Our annual Chili Cook Off is next Saturday, January 7th!



We are looking for chili cooks and chili tasters! Make your favorite chili or experiment with a new recipe. All you need to do is make a standard size batch. We will provide small tasting cups, cheese, crackers, and corn bread the night of the cook off. If you enjoy chili, but can't or

don't want to make it, come enjoy tasting and voting. Cost is only \$1 per person. Come and enjoy. It is always a fun night.

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Earlier this month we had a bowl painting party. Those bowls will be used for God's Kitchen annual "Soups on for All" event on January 30th, 2023 at the BOB, located in downtown Grand Rapids! Come enjoy delicious soups from local restaurants and our God's Kitchen chefs, Panera artisan bread, and live music! Proceeds go directly to God's Kitchen and help feed the hungry throughout West Michigan.

Each day, Catholic Charities West Michigan's food programs address the needs of the most hungry and vulnerable in our communities. As such needs are ever-changing and evolving, so too are the programs dedicated to combating hunger and food insecurity, allowing us to practice our mission of providing help and creating hope for our hungry neighbors. At *Soup's On For All!*, we celebrate our programs that fed more than 50,000 meals last year alone.

For more information or event questions, please contact Karol Maurer at kmaurer@ccwestmi.org or 616.356.6207



January 1, 2023

Homebound Ministry

Hello Everyone,

Greetings of Peace and Joy of the New Year 2023

A New Year with new hope and new life is an opportunity to refresh our resolutions. The old year has passed; A new page of our life history has been turned, on which we'll write down our new to-do-list. One of those items to be done would be Loving our blessed Mother more intimately. January 1st is dedicated to the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and our Mother.

Mary obtained the privilege to be called Mother of God, Mater Dei or Theostokos. What a joy and honor for us to be her children. We entrust this New Year to our Mother and ask for her support and protection. May she intercede for us today and this entire year. May she draw us closer to her Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

On this very first day of the year, the Church encourages us to pray for peace throughout the world, especially in war torn countries. Peace is a gift from God, let us unite with each other and together we whole heartedly sing the prayer of Saint Francis Assisi: **"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy"**.

With Mary our Blessed Mother, let us boldly start this New Year with confidence. Under her protection, we are certain that no matter rain or shine, we will always be witnesses of God's love.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, grant us your peace. Mary Mother of God - Pray for us.

Wishing you and your loved ones a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Best wishes,

Sr. Mai Do

Pope Francis' intention for January 2023

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

You are invited to The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Time: 3:00 pm, during Eucharistic Adoration

Place: In the Chapel

Date: January 6th, 2023 - First Friday of the month

Let us strive to be pure and holy like our Heavenly Mother. All mothers want their children to inherit or acquire their good qualities. Our Heavenly Mother is no exception. With Joseph, she succeeded in training the Child Jesus, so that He grew in holiness and in "favor before God and man." Hence, our best way of celebrating this feast and honoring our Heavenly Mother would be to promise her that we will practice her virtues of Faith, obedience, purity and humble service. In this way, we will be trying to become the saintly sons and daughters of our Heavenly Mother, the Holy Mother of God.

The Solemnity of Mary, Year A

Thank you for your generosity!

If you would like to contribute via automatic donations, whether by bank account, credit card, consider signing up for ONLINE GIVING, via our website at www.stmmagdalen.org/donate or the QR code below.



Your continued support of St. Mary Magdalen Parish is greatly appreciated!

Larry Cadorniga, Office Manager



Eucharistic Adoration is on the 1st Friday of the month from 8:30am to 6:30pm. We need to have 2 at all times, so our Lord is never unattended. We will be led in the prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. Please sign up outside the chapel.

Chầu Thánh Thể Thứ Sáu đầu tháng từ 8:30 sáng -6:30 chiều. Chúng ta cần 2 người cam kết chầu Chúa mỗi giờ. Nếu quý vị sẵn sàng giờ nào, xin vui lòng đăng ký. Để có ngày Chầu Thánh Thể, chúng ta cần có đủ người đăng ký. Chúng ta sẽ cầu nguyện chuỗi Lòng Thương Xót Chúa lúc 3:00 chiều.

Feelin Sick? Stay Home



If you feel sick or have symptoms of a cold, a flu, or Covid-19, please stay home and help keep everyone gathering in church for worship SAFE. Also, please consider receiving Holy Communion by hand. Some of our Eucharistic Ministers have health conditions or concerns that make them feel uncomfortable giving Communion by tongue. Moreover, if they have contact with your tongue or saliva, they will have to stop everything to go wash their hands. Please make a sacrifice by receiving Communion by hand to keep everyone safe. We are NOT free from Covid-19 or other serious illnesses yet. Let's keep working together and keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your sacrifice and consideration,

Faith Formation

Hello Everyone,

Today, we celebrate the Feast of Mary the Mother of God. Over the past few weeks in preparation for the Children's Christmas Program, I have read and reread the account of the visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary. This story never ceases to amaze and inspire me! In her desire to be a good and faithful servant of the Lord, Mary openly accepted his call to conceive and bear the Son of God. What must it have been like to embrace the unknown, to welcome such a challenge, to be so selfless? Her devotion leads me to want to be a better mother, and a better servant of God! Later during her visit to Elizabeth we come to understand more about how Mary feels when she openly rejoiced at the fact that God had found favor with her. It was with wonder and innocence that she embraced God's will and sang his praise:

The Magnificat

"My soul magnifies the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

He has regarded the humility of His handmaid, for behold, for henceforth all generations shall call me Blessed, the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

He has shown his mercy to those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the conceit of their hearts.

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

(Luke 1:46-55)

As we observe the Feast of Mary the Mother of God let us call to mind what it is to love and serve the Lord with an open and faithful heart, without condition or reservation. Let us remember that we are called by name by God and in answering we find joy.

Have a safe and happy New Year!

God's Blessings,

Molly Wisdom

Middle School Retreat 2022

High School Leader meetings begin soon!

If you are a high school student and would like to be a leader for the Middle School Retreat in February, come to the meetings in the Family Center, Sunday afternoons from 12:30-3:30pm January 22, 29, February 5, 12, & 19.

Faith Formation News/Dates:

Wednesday, January 4th, FF Classes Resume



Josh Lemke, Alex Beauchamp, Thomas Church,
 Egan Simmons, Lindsey Garrett,
 Paul Beauchamp, John Beauchamp,
 Steve Jacobs, Sean Branagan, Jon Fraher,
 Daniel Yonker, Carl Simmons, Devon Roche
 Louis Carlson II, Cpt. Andrea Shefferly,
 Gage Dionne, Larry P. Meeusen, Stephen Galdys,
 Zachary Ralston

Upcoming Events for the Week of 1/1 to 1/7

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Solemnity of Mary 8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 12:00pm Baptism 5:00pm Mass	Office Closed 8:00am Mass	7:00pm KofC Mtg 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8:00am Mass 9:00am Scripture Study 5:15pm Family Dinner 6:15pm Faith Formation	8:00am Mass 3:30pm CORE Mtg 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Adult Choir	8:00am Mass 8:30am Eucharistic Adoration	3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass 6:00pm Chili CookOff

If you have a need for prayer, please use our website,
www.stmmagdalen.org, under Christian Services, or call the office at
 616-455-9310 to submit a prayer for either the bulletin or the prayer chain.
 If you have any questions or are in need of assistance, please call the office
 so we can help.

*Note: Names will stay on the list until the end of the month, if you are still in need of prayer,
 please let the office know.*

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| Arby, Christopher | Hermann, Jerimiah | Minerva, Antonina | Sobczak, Bobbie |
| Asplund, Diane | Herrmann, Benny | Nawrocki, Barbara | Stephan, Janet |
| Bunker-Lloyd,
Lynda | Herrmann, Marilyn | Nelson, Dorothy | Stephan, Ron |
| Campione, Dolores | Ivos, Zdravko | Nguyen, Truc | Terpak, Dorothy |
| Church, Robert | Jacobs, Ed | Oliver-Schauer, Mary | Toohy, Paul |
| Crowley, Robert | Jacobs, Peggy | Partridge, Therese | Waldron, Karen |
| DeLing, Richard | Jelens, Dan | Pelletier, Tim | Wedge, Matthew |
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| Gorkowski, Henry | Kulikowski, Joseph | Rings, Michael | |
| Glennie, Paula | Kulczyk, Ray | Roberts, Sandra | |
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