

January 2nd, 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord,
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EPIPHANY

Masses For The Week



Readings for the Week of January 2, 2022

Saturday	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God	
January 1	Nm 6: 22-27, Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2a)/ Gal 4: 4-7, Lk 2: 16-21	
9:00am	†Anthony Xuong Vu	†Simic family by the Simic family
5:00pm	All souls †Richard Flicarman by St Mary Magdalen Parish	†Gloria Evans by her family
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord	
January 2	Is 60: 1-6, Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13, Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6, Mt 2: 1-12	
9:00am	†Carole Hojnacki by Jim Hojnacki	Evelynn Mai Anh Pham by her parents
11:00am	†Matine Badiane by Coly family	
5:00pm	Blessings for the New Year by the Moore family	The staff of St Mary Magdalen by Bob Alder
Monday	Monday after Epiphany	
January 3	1 Jn 3: 22- 4: 6, Ps 2: 7bc-8. 10-12a, Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25	
8:00am	†Terry Harvey by Luu Harvey	
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	
January 4	1 Jn 4: 7-10, Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4. 7-8, Mk 6: 34-44	
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop	
January 5	1 Jn 4: 11-18, Ps 72: 1-2. 10. 12-13, Mk 6: 45-52	
8:00am	†Thomas & Donna Krell by Kathy Leeuwenburg	
Thursday		
January 6	1 Jn 4: 19-5: 4, Ps 72: 1-2. 14 and 15bc. 17, Lk 4: 14-22	
8:00am	The Volunteers of St Mary Magdalen Parish	
Friday		
January 7	1 Jn 5: 5-13, Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Lk 5: 12-16	
8:00am	Joseph Klemeks by the Moore family	
Saturday		
January 8	1 Jn 5: 14-21, Ps 149: 1-2, 3-4, 5, and 6a and 9b, Jn 3: 22-30	
5:00pm	†Ed Thomas by his wife & family	†Richard Fiearman by Duane & Rita Lowing
Sunday	Baptism of the Lord	
January 9	Is 40: 1-5. 9-11, Ps 104: 1b-2. 3-4, 24-25, 27-28. 29-30 (1)/ Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7/ Lk 3: 15-16. 21-22	
9:00am	Evelyn Mai Anh Pham by her parents	
11:00am	James Fraher by St Mary Magdalen Parish	
5:00pm	Visitors of St Mary Magdalen Parish	

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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

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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

Gọi Văn phòng Giáo xứ

Pray for our Seminarians



Pray for:

André W. Klaes

Mundelein Seminary
1000 E. Maple Avenue
Mundelein, IL 60060

Heavenly Father,
We give you thanks and praise for your son,
Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire
holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord,
we pray for our seminarians, especially André.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

Face Covering Facts

FACT: Face coverings are an effective way to slow the spread of COVID-19.

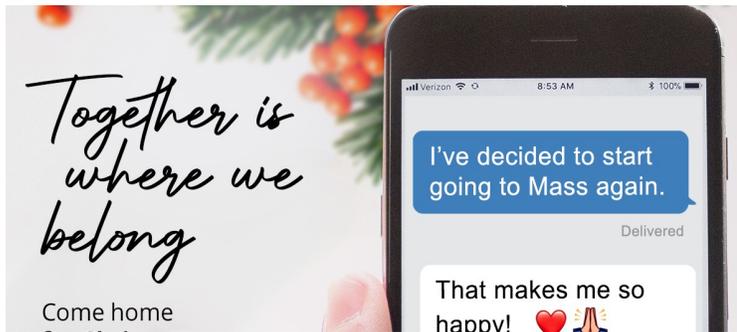
Masks of all types help to contain the droplets and aerosols that spread COVID-19. When combined with physical distancing and hand washing, masks are an excellent way to reduce the spread of disease.



Masks are not required, however they are strongly encouraged while inside.

2022

Happy New Year



What is your experience with the Catholic Church?

Bishop Walkowiak and our parish want to hear from you, both practicing Catholics and yes, individuals who are not currently active in their Catholic faith! As preparations begin for an international gathering of bishops (synod), we invite you to share your experiences with the Catholic Church – both the positive and areas where improvement is needed.

Join us for shared reflection, prayer and dialogue after the New Year. Listening sessions will be held in January and February with exact dates to be shared soon.

More details are available here on the diocesan website:

<https://grdiocese.org/synod-21-23-communication-participation-mission/>

ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH

Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

Every year, at the Christmas season, I receive many cards from family, friends or neighbors with warm greetings and wishes. One of those cards came from a gentleman whom I incidentally met on a summer day at our convent's front yard. We had a brief chat. During that short conversation, he asked me to pray for him. I promised that I would do so and shared with him some words of comfort and encouragement. Recently, I received a card from him, expressing his gratitude for my prayers. Honestly, I do not remember his face nor the encounter with him earlier, yet the words in his card touched me deeply. I realize that no matter who I am, God always uses me as his instrument of peace. *"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will act"* (Psalms 37:5)

Trust in God is the powerful message of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. In 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II imparted a special blessing to those who do this devotion during the Adoration for the sick and the dying. For a couple months now, our parish has resumed the monthly Adoration Day which occurs on the first Friday of the month, from 8:30am to 6:30pm. At 3:00pm, we pray the Divine Mercy chaplet. My intention while praying this is for the healing of the sick and the dying. May God increase our trust in His love and mercy.

Thank you, Ofelia and Peggy Horn for their willingness to serve in our homebound ministry this new year. Training will be coming soon.

Contact Sr. Mai Do if you are interested in visiting the homebound and bringing them the Holy Communion.

Please contact Sr. Mai Do or the parish office to receive needed pastoral care, if you or your loved ones are homebound, or if you are moving to a care facility.

Blessings,

Sr. Mai Do



**Join us for the
Chaplet of Divine
Mercy**

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: Chapel of St. Mary Magdalen Church

When: The first Friday of each month.

1253 52ND ST SE, KENTWOOD, MICHIGAN

Christian Services



Thank you to everyone who came out to decorate the church recently. It looks beautiful.

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We have several social events throughout the year and one of my favorites is the chili cook-off. We are looking for cooks who have a chili that they think is award winning. In the past we have had a variety of chilies (chicken, vegetable, cheesy, hot, plain), make what you like or experiment with something new, that's what I like to do.



But not everyone wants to make chili. We also need judges! Come after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, January 8th and taste all the different types of chili. You will receive a small portion of all the chilies you want to try and you vote for your favorite. At the end of the night the votes are tallied and the winner is announced. Come and enjoy an evening of chili with all the fixings and lots of great fun!

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How would you feel if you gave an hour to donate blood and later found out that it helped save a life? I've heard stories of gunshot victims, so severely wounded that a hospital employee had to mop up all the blood that they were losing. How about the children diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia or many other types of cancer? They survive with the help of blood donations. You can be a silent hero by signing up to donate blood at our January 16th, 2022 blood drive.

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Help will be needed on January 10th, when we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. Please come and help at 5pm.

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THANK YOU!

Over the past 18 years, we have had several different cooks making dinner on Wednesday night for our Faith Formation Family suppers. I want to say **THANK YOU** to all those who have helped. Everyone has enjoyed getting together with friends and enjoying a great meal at a low cost. But this year has been difficult. With so few people attending, we will be **cancelling** Wednesday night suppers for the remainder of the year.

We will reevaluate everything again in September 2022 as we know this is something that everyone appreciates.

Thank you to everyone who has come to enjoy a meal over the years. I will miss seeing everyone.

Ruth



Happy New Year and Happy Epiphany!

It is to our detriment that we have lost our sense of celebration of the feast of Epiphany in the US. In many places around the world, this feast is celebrated with as much vigor as Christmas; in fact, in much of the world, the feast of The Magi is the customary day to exchange gifts. In nations with a historically strong Catholic or Orthodox Christian background, this day is a day for gathering, feasting, and celebrating.

Liturgically, the celebration of the birth of Christ, the revelation to the magi (ie announcement to the non-Jewish world of a messiah) and Christ's baptism were traditionally celebrated all on Epiphany, but over the centuries of liturgical reform were separated out into individual feasts that have become the liturgical season of Christmas that we have today. Unfortunately in America, the commercialization of Christmas is so strong that it has shifted our celebration of Christmas from Christmas-Baptism of the Lord to Thanksgiving-Dec 25.

At Christmas we specifically consider the incarnation- God becoming flesh. At Epiphany we understand through the magi that this Salvation through Christ is for all the world- gentiles and Jews- and at the Baptism in the Jordan we see Christ enter his public ministry for us- his saving work is begun. All of these feasts reveal something of the nature and purpose of Christ in the world. All of it comes back to God's love for us and the saving work of God in Christ. That is something to celebrate indeed!

Emily

LORD, every nation on earth
WILL ADORE YOU.



Youth Ministries

Happy New Year, everyone!

I hope that you were all able to spend some quality time with friends and family over the holidays and are looking forward to a fantastic 2022! I know that this past year has not been the easiest for everyone, and I pray that 2022 brings whatever it is that your family and our community most need to continue our journey toward healing, peace, and greater faith. One bit of awesome news that I received over the last few weeks was an update from Lydia Olvera our 2021 Breitenstein scholarship recipient who has been traveling through National Evangelization Teams (NET) Ministries. NET is a non-profit Catholic organization that focuses on sharing the Gospel with 6th-12th grade students through retreats. In the interest of continuing to support her in her year of missionary work, I've copied her update and appeal below. I hope that everyone will continue to pray for her and for all who work to spread the Gospel!

Peace,

Allison

An Update from Lydia Olvera

I have been working with NET for four and a half months now. I was put on a retreat team of eleven missionaries. We were assigned to give retreats on the East Coast, where we've served in New Jersey, Maryland, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Virginia. On our way out there, we put on a few retreats in South Dakota and Minnesota. On our way back at the end of the semester, we served in Ohio, Indiana, and Iowa. Before Christmas break, we put on a total of 55 retreats and ministered to thousands of middle school and high school students.

To help cover costs of training, room and board, healthcare, and transportation, each NET missionary is asked to raise a minimum of \$6,000-\$7,000 dollars in ministry partnership. If you feel called and are able to help support me in this mission, you can donate by going to www.netusa.org/donate and clicking "support a missionary."

NET has been such an amazing experience of personal growth for me, especially in my relationship with God, and I cannot thank enough, those who have already helped support me both financially and with prayer. I hope to give back to the Catholic community whatever I can over the next five months of service with my team. Thank you all so much for giving me your time and please continue in prayer for the ministry, the youth, and myself.

Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

Need to get rid of paper from your Christmas festivities? Bring it to our Paper Gator! Our Paper Gator is located right next to the BAC garage and is open year-round. All proceeds go toward Youth Ministry.

Faith Formation

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year!

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about the joy of the interaction between Mary and Elizabeth as they met as expectant mothers. Then last week during our Christmas Eve Mass, we told the story of the visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary. In her desire to be a good and faithful servant of the Lord, she openly accepted his call to conceive and bear the Son of God. In my mind, these two events are so intertwined that I can not reflect on one without the other and remember the words that Mary uttered. It was with wonder and innocence that Mary embraced God's will and sang his praise:

The Magnificat

(Luke 1:46-55)

"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."

We just observed the Feast of Mary the Mother of God on January 1st, let us call to mind what it is to love and serve the Lord with an open and faithful heart in the new year. Let us remember that we are called by name by God and in answering find joy.

God's Blessings,

Molly Wisdom

Faith Formation Information:
January 5th-FF CLASSES RESUME

February 25th to 27th-Middle School Retreat

The Core team is busy planning the theme of the retreat so watch for more information coming soon!

*Please continue to watch your Constant Contacts and the parish website for updates.

Lectors for the Week of January 2nd

Saturday, 5pm Joan Miller
 Sunday, 9am Chris Maday
 Sunday, 11 am Peggy Jacobs
 Sunday, 5pm Jeanine Bryant

Lectors for the Week of January 9th

Saturday, 5pm Mary Roberts
 Sunday, 9am Maria Saenz
 Sunday, 11 am Arlette Mizero
 Sunday, 5pm Theresa Taggart

Cantors for January 2nd

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

Cantors for January 9th

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



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.

Albright, Les	Hermann, Jerimiah	Pelletier, Tim	Wilson, Laurie
Asplund, Diane	Ivos, Zdravko	Petrlich, Alice	Wingeier, Pat
Bunker-Lloyd, Lynda	Jacobs, Ed	Reynolds, Sue	Witgen, Max
Church, Robert	Jacobs, Peggy	Rhoades, Michelle	Wittkowski, Michael
DeVries, Peggy	Kastenholz, Jean	Ringeisen, Kathleen	
Dodde, Bob	Kastenholz, Mark	Ringeisen, Richard	
Downey, Sally	Kaminski, Marilynn	Rings, Michael	
Fraher, James	Kulczyk, Ray	Sobczak, Ed	
Fraher, Kathy	LeMeiux, Therese	Sobczak, Bobbie	
Gabourie, Tom	Maly, Gene	Stephan, Janet	
Galic, Slava	McGovern, Judy	Stephan, Ron	
Garber, Michele	Nawrocki, Barbara	Terpak, Dorothy	
Garety, Katie	Nelsen, Andrea	Toohy, Paul	
Glennie, Paula	Nelson, Dorothy	Waldron, Karen	
	Partridge, Therese	Wedge, Matthew	



Upcoming Events for the Week of 1/2 to 1/8

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Epiphany of the Lord 8:30am 1 st Sunday Rosary 9:00am Mass 10:00am Coffee & Donuts 11:00am Mass 12:00pm Baptisms 12:00pm Coffee & Donuts 5:00pm Mass	Office Closed 8:00am Mass		8:00am Mass 6:15pm Faith Formation	8:00am Mass 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Men of Emmaus	8:00am Mass 8:30am Adoration	3:45pm Confession 5:00pm Mass 6:00pm Chili CookOff