

Epiphany of the Lord

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come, the glory of
the Lord shines upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1



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St. Mary + Magdalen



January 8th, 2023
Epiphany of the Lord,
Year A

Masses For The Week



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For the Week of January 8, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

Saturday

January 7
5:00pm

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 & 6a & 9b; Jn 2:1-11
†Ruth Rene by Joan & family

Sunday

January 8
9:00am
11:00am

5:00pm

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

†Gene Maly by Loretta Saunders

Mary Burdo by Paula Glennie

Raymond Bizimana

†Lee & Vicki Plonske by Margo Rich

†Kathy Lundgren by Margo Rich

Raymond Bizimana

Monday

January 9
8:00am

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

†John & Sophie Kozarski by Dolores Hulsebus

Tuesday

January 10

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

January 11
8:00am

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

Paula Glennie by her friends

Thursday

January 11
8:00am

Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

†James Hulsebus by Dolores Hulsebus

Friday

January 12
8:00am

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

Families near & far, passed away & here

Saturday

January 13
5:00pm

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

†Ed Thomas by wife & family

Andrie family by Pat Andrie

Sunday

January 14
9:00am
11:00am
5:00pm

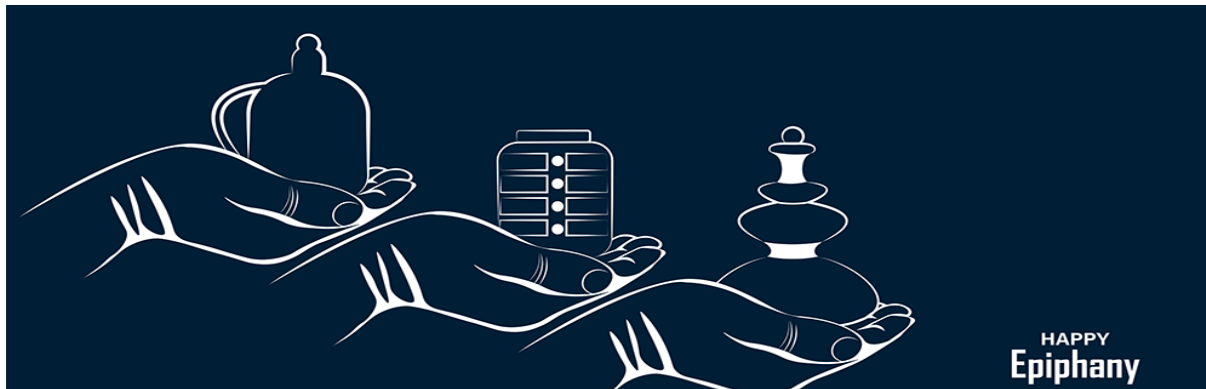
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

†Tom Maurer by Arlene Dale

The people of our parish

All those in need of prayer



HAPPY
Epiphany

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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

Nếu quý vị nói Tiếng Việt, xin liên lạc với Sơ Mai Do
Đt: 616-455-9310

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For prayer requests, you may submit them online
on our website, **www.stmmagdalen.org**, or call
the office, **616-455-9310**.

Lectors for the Week of January 8th

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

Lectors for the Week of January 15th

Saturday, 5pm Joan Miller
Sunday, 9am Anthony Bielecki
Sunday, 11 am Stephen Herman
Sunday, 5pm Theresa Taggart

Cantors for January 8th

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

Cantors for January 15th

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





DIocese OF GRAND RAPIDS
Office of the Bishop

January 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to ask for your prayerful support for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), as part of the Diocese of Grand Rapids participation in the Triennial National Collection on **January 14-15, 2023**.

The AMS was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the Archdiocese is, "*Serving Those Who Serve*," providing the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic diocese to Catholics serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in the U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. This includes members of our own diocese.

While the salaries and retirement of military chaplains are paid for by the government, the AMS receives no funding from the military or the government in support of programs and services vital to the mission and ministry of its mission, including *Vocations, Evangelization and Catechesis, Sacramental Records, Tribunal and Veterans Affairs*.

Unlike a conventional diocese, the AMS has no parishes or parish registries. The AMS has no weekly collections and relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its aforementioned programs and services.

Your support of the Triennial National Collection for the AMS will bring the Gospel, the sacraments, and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our Country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from your own parish family.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids



Thank you to the Men's Group, children of St. Paul the Apostle School and last but never least, the St. Mary Magdalen Rosary Makers for their diligent and hard work. We have shipped over 6,000 rosaries all over the world in 2022 surpassing the last two years amounts. Be confident in knowing that Our Lady is smiling at all your efforts for her!

The missionaries and I can't thank you enough.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH

Music Ministry



I once worked for a priest who had a strong background in Scripture and languages, including Latin and Greek. He sometimes lamented on how shifting language usage diluted or influenced our understanding of an aspect of the Faith. His example was the overuse and misuse in pop culture of the word *icon* and *iconic*, i.e. "pop icon" or "an iconic event." *Icon* is a Greek word that means "image" and St. Paul would use it numerous times to express something about an unseen God, perhaps most notably "*He [Jesus] is the icon of the invisible God*" (*Colossians 1:15*). I used to think this was nitpicking, but I now see he was right that language can affect our understanding and even our beliefs.

Another religious word that has been borrowed colloquially is the word *epiphany*. This is often used to describe a revelation or even just a great idea. The word *epiphany* comes from the Greek "to show forth," "to display," "to appear," or "to bring light." The Eastern Church uses the word *theophany*, "appearance of God," to describe the feast we're celebrating today. Although observances weren't universal in early Christianity, the celebration of Epiphany commemorated multiple events of God's revelation of himself to humanity: the Baptism of Jesus, the miracle at Cana, the Nativity, and the visit of the Magi, all the times when God revealed himself to humanity. Collectively this feast was theologically rich, teaching us that God became man (Nativity), God's saving power extended to the gentiles, i.e. the whole world (Magi), the dual nature of Christ as God and Man and the Trinitarian teaching (Baptism of Jesus), and the marking of his public ministry and manifestation to his disciples and the public at his first public miracle (Cana). Throughout the centuries the church separated these into their own feast days and in the US the celebration of Christmas has eclipsed that of Epiphany, I think to our detriment. The baby in a manger is just the beginning of God coming to us. Let's continue to unpack how God revealed himself to us in Christ at that time in history and what that means to us now. Let us also consider how God continues to reveal himself to us in the Church, in the Scriptures, in the Sacraments, and in our prayers. God is not only with us, *Emmanuel*, but God wants us to know him, which is why he reveals himself to us. Happy *Epiphany*.

Emily

LORD,
every nation on earth
will adore you.

1253 52ND ST SE, KENTWOOD, MICHIGAN

Christian Services

I recently went to Versiti on Fuller to give platlets. As I was comfortable in the chair, I read a poster about a woman who gave birth to twins and needed a blood transfusion. She was so grateful for those who donated so that she could be a mother to her babies.

Our next blood drive will be January 15th from 8am 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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A couple of weeks ago I wrote about the meaning of the 12 days of Christmas. I know that Christmas is a season, not just one day, but recently I saw a post that put it into perspective. The Christmas season is celebrated Christmas day (12/25) through Epiphany (1/8).

Epiphany is when the Magi visit the Holy Family and offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This is the time we celebrate the appearance of Jesus coming into this world as man.

With the end of this Christmas season, we need to take down our Christmas decorations and prepare for Ordinary time. Please come and help with this task on Tuesday, January 10th at 6pm.

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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

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I know it's only January, but we are already planning for upcoming events! We would like to have several activities (concerts, cookouts, etc.) beginning in May and going through October. If you would like to help with planning and organizing these events or if you would like to offer a service, please let Ruth know at (616) 455-9310 or rbush@stmmagdalen.org.

Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

The feast of Epiphany was traditionally celebrated on January 6th, has now moved to the Sunday between Jan. 2nd and Jan. 8th. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#528), "The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee". The Baptism of the Lord usually is a week after Epiphany. This year, it is celebrated on Monday January 9, right after the Epiphany. This feast day is another Epiphany that God manifests the divinity of Jesus in the Jordan River.

As we wrap up the Christmas season and enter the season of Ordinary time, let us extend our thanksgiving for the gift of Jesus who is the light of our life and for the gift of being children of God through the sacrament of Baptism. May we always treasure these gifts and collaborate with God to bring Jesus' light to others.

May the light of Christ shine on us and all people in the world!

In Christ,
Sr. Mai Do



*Lunar New Year celebration & Vietnamese Monthly Mass

Join us for 2 Vietnamese Masses:

- Lunar New Year Mass at 1:00 PM & the Lunar New Year celebration right after Mass on Sunday, January 22, 2023.
- Vietnamese Monthly Mass 1:00 PM on January 29, 2023.

Kính mời cộng đoàn tham dự 2 Thánh Lễ Tiếng Việt của tháng Giêng 2023:

- Thánh Lễ Tân Niên lúc 1 giờ chiều và tiệc mừng Tết Quý Mão sau Thánh Lễ tại Hội Trường Giáo Xứ ngày 22 tháng 01 năm 2023.
- Thánh Lễ Tiếng Việt hằng Tháng lúc 1 giờ chiều ngày 29 tháng 01 năm 2022.

Chúng ta sẽ tổ chức tiệc mừng Tết theo hình thức "đóng góp & tham gia", nếu được, ban tổ chức kính mời cộng đoàn chung vui với một vài món ăn truyền thống. Mọi chi tiết xin liên lạc anh chị Chúc Diễm (616-318-6533/ 616-490-7038)

Collection of Vietnamese Masses

Vietnamese December Mass Collection: \$ 837.00

Thank you for your kind donation & support of the Vietnamese Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres. May the Lord repay you abundantly & continue to bless St. Mary Magdalen's Parish.

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

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.

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,

For many years our children’s program was held on the Feast of the Epiphany, so the Magi did in fact follow the star reaching their destination and encountered the infant Messiah. But now that we present the program just before the first Mass on Christmas Eve, the Magi are still en route, not yet setting their gaze upon the most precious gift. So, last week I found myself thinking as much about the journey as the discovery. We don’t really know much about the Magi. What we do know is that their journey could not have been an easy one. They were searching for something that they did not yet understand. That realization raises some questions in my mind. For instance, how does one go about searching for the fulfilment of a prophecy, something that they cannot really yet explain? Were they excited, confused or afraid? Were the Magi prayerful during their journey?

Did the Magi understand when they began their search for the unknown that God was truly calling them to him, and understand that the call may be a difficult one because our ways are not his ways? Did the Magi experience a wide range of emotions during their journey, because when you open yourself to God’s call, you submit yourself fully to God’s will, leaving yourself totally in God’s hands? Finally, were they prayerful when they began the journey to follow the star? Was it in prayer that they found the strength to continue such a long and exhausting journey into the unknown? These are all questions that we can apply to our own lives. How faithfully do we follow God’s plan for us when we are uncertain of his call and his ways? How readily do we fully place ourselves in God’s hands and not try to control our own lives? Do we recognize that prayer is where we find strength and encouragement for our journey?

In today’s Gospel, we hear that the Magi reach their destination and encounter the Christ Child. A revelation in a dream led the Magi to alter their route home in order to protect the infant Jesus by avoiding Herod. This raises one final question for me; how will our encounters with God alter our journey?

God’s Blessings,

Molly Wisdom

Middle School Retreat 2023

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.

Please note that the meeting on 1/22 will be held in the BAC due to the Lunar New Year Celebration in the Family Center.

Baptism Preparation Class; Parents and godparents preparing to have a child baptized are invited to participate in a preparation class on Saturday, January 14th from 9 to 10:30am in the Family Center. Please call the Parish Office for registration information.

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

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 | Herrmann, 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 | Toohey, Paul |
| Crowley, Robert | Jacobs, Peggy | Partridge, Therese | Waldron, Karen |
| DeLing, Richard | Jelens, Dan | Pelletier, Tim | Wedge, Matthew |
| Downey, Sally | Kaiser, Marvin | Petrich, Alice | Wilson, Laurie |
| Fraher, Kathy | Kastenholz, Jean | Reynolds, Sue | Wingeier, Pat |
| Gabourie, Tom | Kastenholz, Mark | Rhoades, Michelle | Witgen, Max |
| Galic, Slava | Kaminski, Marilyn | Ringeisen, Kathleen | Wittkowski, Michael |
| Garety, Katie | Knight, India | Ringeisen, Richard | Young, Sharon |
| Gorkowski, Henry | Kulikowski, Joseph | Rings, Michael | |
| Glennie, Paula | Kulczyk, Ray | Roberts, Sandra | |
| Heartwell, Tom & Sue | Lawson, Norma | Sobczak, Ed | |
| Hekman-Terpstra, Nelly | Le, Bao Tien | | |

Upcoming Events for the Week of 1/8 to 1/14

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Epiphany of the Lord 9:00am Mass w/CLW 10:00am Coffee & Donuts 11:00am Mass w/CLW 12:00pm Coffee & Donuts 5:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	9:00am Rosary Makers 10am Bible Study 6:00pm Decorate for Ordinary Time 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	8:00am Mass	9:00am Baptism Prep 3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass