

*January 9th, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord,
Year C*

St. Mary + Magdalen



BAPTISM of the LORD

“I, the LORD, have called you for
justice, I have grasped
you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you as
a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon,
those who live in darkness.”

Isaiah 42:6-7

Masses For The Week



Readings and Intentions for the Week of January 9, 2022

Saturday

January 8

5:00pm

1 Jn 5: 14-21, Ps 149: 1-2, 3-4, 5, and 6a and 9b, Jn 3: 22-30

†Ed Thomas by his wife & family

†Richard Flicarman by Duane & Rita Lowing

Sunday

January 9

9:00am

Baptism of the Lord

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

Evelyn Mai Anh Pham by her parents

†Bob Gregorski by Tom Begerow

11:00am

†James Fraher by St Mary Magdalen Parish

Raymond by Marie Pascal

To Give Thanks by Marie Pascal

5:00pm

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Monday

January 10

8:00am

1 Sm 1: 1-8, Ps 116: 12-13, 14-17, 18-19, Mk 1: 14-20

All souls in need of prayer

Tuesday

January 11

1 Sm 1: 9-20, 1 Sm 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd, Mk 1: 21-28

Wednesday

January 12

8:00am

1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20, Ps 40: 2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, Mk 1: 29-39

†Bob Gregorski by Tom Begerow

Thursday

January 13

8:00am

1 Sm 4: 1-11, Ps 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1: 40-45

Our Parish and the Diocese of Grand Rapids

Friday

January 14

8:00am

1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a, Ps 89: 16-17, 18-19, Mk 2: 1-12

Volunteers of St Mary Magdalen Parish

Saturday

January 15

5:00pm

1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1, Ps 21: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mk 2: 13-17

†Michael Shinaver by St Mary Magdalen Parish

Sunday

January 16

9:00am

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62: 1-5, Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3), 1 Cor 12: 4-11, Jn 2: 1-11

†Lena Tognocchi by the Minerva family

Evelyn Mai Anh Pham by her parents

11:00am

Our Parish Community

5:00pm

†Joseph Konopka by Karen Hanson

†Michael Lewis by Karen Hanson

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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

Gọi Văn phòng Giáo xứ

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Pray for our Seminarians



Pray for:

André W. Klaes

Mundelein Seminary
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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

Thank You!

I hope you all had an enjoyable and safe celebration with your loved ones. I appreciate your thoughtful cards, best wishes, encouraging words, and kind gifts. Especially your resilient faith & continuous support of St Mary Magdalen Parish. May Jesus, our savior, repay you abundantly and bring you & your family a lot of wonderful blessings & good protection in the New Year!

In Christ's love & prayers,

Fr. Peter Vu

FINANCIAL REFLECTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Budget (Under)</u>
January 1 st & 2 nd	\$ 10,415	\$ 12,000 (\$ 1,585)
Year To Date	\$265,559	\$ 324,000 (\$58,441)

103 contributions and 25 electronic contributions

Maintenance Fund envelopes last week: \$235.00

Benevolence Fund envelopes last week: \$140.00

**"It takes a lot of people to make a winning team.
Everybody's contribution is important."**

Gary David Goldberg

2021 CSA UPDATE

Assessment	\$119,516
Pledged to Date	\$161,499
Pledged over Goal	\$ 41,983
	<i>(to be returned to US, once paid!)</i>
No. of Responses	304 households

Through your donation to CSA, you are able to further the great ministry of the Church, and to communicate God's mercy. With your contribution, you reach thousands through your support of priestly vocations, Catholic education, cultural ministries, Catholic charities, catechist training and diocesan-wide communications. Anything raised in excess of our assessment is returned to the parish.



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

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.



Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

The Christmas season concludes with the Baptism of our Lord, revealing Jesus' identity: divine and human. This feast reminds us of the gift of our own Baptism that we received at an early age or as an adult. To understand profoundly the meaning of this sacrament, Saint Paul affirms: *"For to me, to live is Christ..."* (Phi 1:21). Baptism marks the life of a person, from that moment on he will belong to Christ. When one is baptized in the name of Christ, his whole being is not his but becomes the possession of Christ. Jesus acts inside the Christians. Therefore, to us - Christians, our life is Christ. All our actions, thoughts, and words are for the glory of God alone.

Moreover, through baptism, the baptized, not only belongs to Christ but also becomes another Christ. In other words, he is united in one with Christ without any gap. In Gal 3: 27, Saint Paul states: "Baptize into Christ" as "Putting on Christ". The baptized becomes one with Christ; each single person is the presence of Christ for others.

Through the Holy Spirit, baptism unites everyone in one body of Christ - the Church. Saint Paul writes "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit" (1Cor 12:13). As the gate of the Church, baptism makes everyone members of one community. Christians do not achieve the salvation individually but within the community of faith. Accordingly, we are supposed to love and help each other toward the salvation.

In giving thanks to God for the gift of Baptism, may we live our vocation as God's children to the fullest in our daily life.

This weekend, we remember and pray for Bob Dodde and his family. His funeral was celebrated on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2022. I would like to express my great appreciation for his dedication to our Homebound Ministry. His love and care will be forever remembered.

Blessings,
Sr. Mai Do

Collection at the Vietnamese Mass

Vietnamese Christmas Mass Collection: \$1,050

Vietnamese December Mass Collection: \$849

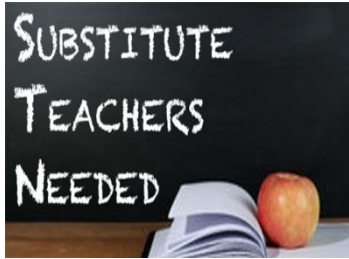
Thank you for your kind donation & support of the Vietnamese Sisters of St. Paul de Chartes. May the Lord repay you abundantly & continue to bless St. Mary Magdalen's Parish.

Xin chân thành cảm ơn quý vị đã quảng đại nâng đỡ quý Sơ Dòng Thánh Phaolô thành Chartres. Xin Chúa trả ơn dồi dào cho quý vị & tiếp tục chúc lành cho Giáo xứ St. Mary Magdalen.

Christian Services

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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Substitute teachers are needed. If you would like to share your faith with children and are willing to help on short notice please contact Ruth in the office. You will need to attend a short training session and interview to find where your gifts lie.

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THANK YOU to everyone who was able to help with the recent funerals. If you would like to continue to help with this ministry, please contact Ruth. You can say 'NO' if it doesn't fit into your schedule, we truly appreciate all of the help. Also THANK YOU to those who helped set up, prep, serve, clean up, and re-set the family center. You are a bunch of awesome volunteers.

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We will be taking down the Christmas decorations **tomorrow** (January 10th) at 5:00p.m. Please come and help. There is a lot to put away.

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Upcoming events:

January 16th – Blood Drive

January 16th – Coffee and Donuts after the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses

January 22nd – Feeding America food truck (please come dressed for the weather)

January 25th – Men's Group Healing Rosary

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Last year our annual festival looked little different, and it may look that way again this year. One of the things that was enjoyed the most was the raffle. If you are out shopping and see a great deal that may be a great raffle prize, go ahead and purchase it. So many great items are donated every year and everyone enjoys putting in their ticket for a chance to win. (If you find an air fryer on sale to donate, I will put a number of tickets in the bag, with the hope of winning it.) Personally, I have 2 or 3 items/baskets I am working on to donate.

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This parish has always enjoyed being a social parish. To continue this tradition, we would like to have several small events through the summer and we are looking for people to help us organize them. Please e-mail Ruth in the office if you would like to help.



I wanted to say thank you to all the people who helped make this Christmas season special for our parish.

The worship screen people, the choirs, the cantors, the instrumentalists, and the parents of our children's choir. Each group came together to add beauty to our liturgies and our parish. Thank you so, so much.

I also want to thank Laura and Michelle, the women who make the church run as smoothly as it does. Laura created the worship aids for me, allowing me to focus on the music, and Michelle helped me keep my schedule straight, helping me to remember details I needed for rehearsals.

A special thank you goes out to Kteri Herrmann who jumped in on day one to help with the children's choir. Her quick study of conducting were the third and fourth hands I needed to keep the choir together while I accompanied. Thank you!

On this last Sunday of Christmas we will sing the ancient text *Corde Natus ex Parentis*, or *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

1. Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!
2. O that birth forever blessed,
When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Spirit blest conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!
3. Let the heights of heav'n adore him;
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!
4. Christ, to you with God the Father,
Spirit blest eternally,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
And unending praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

Text: *Corde natus ex Parentis*; Aurelius Prudentius, 348-413; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866 and Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Youth Ministries

Hello everyone!

It looks like winter has finally arrived in full force! Personally, I have mixed feelings about this, and not just because I now have to get up earlier in order to see whether or not I have to shovel my car out of a snowbank (what can I say? I'm a summer fan).

The weather tends to do a number on me, especially the lack of sunshine. I know that I'm not alone in that. The seasons affect our mood whether we want them to or not, and Michigan's cloudiness and winter weather during this time of year definitely doesn't help our motivation to get up and do what we need to do—whether that's school, work, or household chores.

I think it's important for us to be aware of this lull, which happens to coincide with our liturgical calendar. We are about to enter eight weeks of Ordinary Time—from this Monday until Ash Wednesday in early March. Unlike Advent, Christmas, or Lent, there doesn't seem to be a focus to Ordinary Time except as a means to get us from one "special" season to the next, and I think that feels especially true this year for these first eight weeks. Like January and February, it seems like a lull before we can even hope to get an inkling of spring.

So what we do we do with this information? Rather than explicit preparation, I'm starting to think that it might revolve around cultivating our "ordinary" prayer lives. Rather than taking a break and metaphorically hunkering down until the weather gets better, maybe now is the time for us to find new ways to commit to a daily spiritual practice. Or, if we have this practice already, recommit to it with a newfound appreciation for its ability to ground us in Christ.

Have you ever wanted to get in the habit of praying a daily rosary? How about reading Scripture or reciting the Liturgy of the Hours? The Church offers us so many ways to pray and to more deeply connect with God in our lives. Shaking up our spiritual practices may be helpful in getting us out of the lull or may simply give us more appreciation for the things that we have already found work for us. Either way, perhaps it can help us to see Ordinary Time as just a little extraordinary.

Peace,
Allison

Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

Still 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.

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Get ready, high school students! Leader meetings for the upcoming Middle School Retreat start Sunday, January 23rd. They run from 12:30pm to 3:30pm in the Family Center. We look forward to seeing you!

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Those wishing to support Lydia Olvera on her continuing journey as a NET missionary should contact Allison in the office for instructions. Thank you for all of your support!

Faith Formation

Hello Everyone,

I wanted to take the opportunity to shed some light on an upcoming event, our Couples Retreat. Unfortunately we were not able to gather for the retreat last year, but are planning to offer it again this year. For anyone who is not familiar with the retreat, here is a little background information.

In 2004, as a way of supporting the Sacrament of Marriage, the pastoral staff began offering an annual retreat. From that first endeavor, we have been honored, each February to invite married couples to join us for an evening. The evening begins in a group setting with hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Once couples have had a chance to mingle with friends and meet new people, we proceed to the dining room for the main event. Each couple is seated at one end of a table with a divider in between to offer some privacy. Following an opening prayer, couples are offered a menu for dinner. Our menu is a little different from what you will find in a restaurant. In our menu couples will find the description of a four course meal. With each course the retreat unfolds. As a course is served, couples are asked to reflect and discuss the spiritual offering that accompanies that course. The conversation is private and relates to the couple's relationship. The reflections and conversations change each year with the theme of the retreat but all focus on the marriage. Following the dessert course, couples are invited to a prayer service to complete the evening.

Whether you have been married for one month or for sixty years this evening offers you the opportunity to take time away from the busyness of life and focus on your covenantal relationship. If you are interested in attending the retreat on February 12th, please sign up in the Gathering Area.

God's Blessings,
Molly Wisdom

ATTN: Middle School Retreat-High School Leaders Meetings are beginning; HS students that would like to be leaders for this year's MS Retreat are invited to attend the development meetings from 12:30-3:30 pm in the Family Center on the following Sundays;

January 23rd

January 30th

February 6th

February 13th

February 20th

Retreat Weekend is

Friday February 25th - Sunday, February 27th

THANK YOU!

To the children who participated in this year's Nativity Pageant! You were wonderful!



Lectors for the Week of January 9th

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

Lectors for the Week of January 16th

Saturday, 5pm Deanna McGowan
 Sunday, 9am Paula Ward
 Sunday, 11 am Akira Abner
 Sunday, 5pm Stephen Herman

Cantors for January 9th

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

Cantors for January 16th

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



Upcoming Events for the Week of 1/9 to 1/15

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Baptism of the Lord 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 12:00pm Children Choir 5:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass 5:00pm Remove Church Decorations	9:00am Rosary Group 9:30am Morning Bible Study 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8:00am Mass 9:00am Scripture Class 6:15pm Faith Formation	8:00am Mass 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Men of Emmaus	8:00am Mass	3:45pm Confession 5:00pm Mass