

*“You are*  
*the*  
*Light*  
*of the*  
**WORLD”**

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:14

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*St. Mary + Magdalen*



*February 5th, 2023*

*The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time, Year A*

# Masses For The Week



For the Week of February 5, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

## Saturday

February 4  
5:00pm

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34

†Bill Derr by Joan Derr & family  
†Peter & Agnes Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

Mary Rose & Edwin Zarzecki by Laurie Zarzecki Emelander  
Jacques Joseph Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

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## Sunday

February 5  
9:00am  
11:00am  
5:00pm

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

†Catherine Biondi by the Minerva family  
All those in need of prayer  
The People of our Parish

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## Monday

February 6  
8:00am

### Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c; Mk 6:53-56  
Benefactors of St Mary Magdalen

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## Tuesday

February 7

Gn 1:20 --:2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

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## Wednesday

February 8  
8:00am

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23  
Volunteers of St Mary Magdalen Parish

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## Thursday

February 9  
8:00am

Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30  
†James Wittkowski by Carol & sons

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## Friday

February 10  
8:00am

### Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37  
Special Intentions by Patricia Andrie

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## Saturday

February 11  
5:00pm

Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

†Ed Thomas by wife & family  
Jacques Joseph Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

†Peter & Agnes Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

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## Sunday

February 12  
9:00am  
11:00am  
5:00pm

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

The People of our Parish  
†Wava Mieras by the Reeders  
All Those in Need of Prayer

†Kenton Kurth by Sarah & family



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## MASSES & SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

### Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm  
4<sup>th</sup> 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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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 February 5<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, 5pm Mary Roberts  
Sunday, 9am Mark O'Gorman  
Sunday, 11 am Arlette Uwarugira  
Sunday, 5pm Jeanine Bryant

### Lectors for the Week of February 12<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, 5pm Joan Miller  
Sunday, 9am Maria Saenz  
Sunday, 11 am Peggy Jacobs  
Sunday, 5pm Theresa Taggart

### Cantors for February 5<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, 5pm Michelle Seguin  
Sunday, 9am Barbara Kozachik  
Sunday, 11 am Kodi Schulist  
Sunday, 5pm Allison Hawkins

### Cantors for February 12<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, 5pm Kathy Miller  
Sunday, 9am Emily Rushmore  
Sunday, 11 am Children's Choir  
Sunday, 5pm Mary Thompson



## Music Ministry



It is true that life is a good, beautiful gift, but it also can be complicated, confusing, and burdensome. The same world in which we can view the wonder of a mountain vista, feel the touch of a newborn's hand, or witness an act of selfless charity is also the same world in which we suffer natural disaster, mourn the death of our loved ones, and experience abuse at the hands of others.

Even when life is going well there are many things, good things, that demand our attention. Many of us are exhausted or depleted, just making it through each day. Sometimes the intense suffering from around the world that we hear about can depress or overwhelm us, or a personal, deep pain can immobilize us. Life can feel like a very heavy cloak at times. If we are too inwardly focused on our own lives, we ignore or never notice the pain of others; if we hyper-focus on the world's problems we become cynical; if we only focus on our own pain, we become depressed.

Instead, the Lord shows us a more abundant way of life: release those bound unjustly, set free the oppressed, share bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, care for your family. (par. Is. 58:6-7) We must also remove *the accusing finger and malicious speech* from ourselves (Is 58:9b). In doing this, *Then the light shall rise for you in the darkness and the gloom shall become for you like midday* (Is. 58:10) and *your wound shall be quickly healed* (Is. 58:8) This may have been written about the nation of Israel, but it is absolutely essential to our Christian lives. Christian service is both a cause *and* effect of Christian joy.

If you are feeling stuck in any way, especially pain or a stagnant spiritual life, commit to small acts of service. Seek out ways to feed the poor or assist those in need. Opportunities to do so present themselves to us every day. Ask the Lord to open your eyes to them. Step into a new ministry. Curb your anger and mind your speech. *Then the LORD will guide you always and satisfy your thirst in parched places, will give strength to your bones And you shall be like a watered garden, like a flowing spring whose waters never fail.* (Is 58:11)

Emily



# BUILDING A LEGACY

## CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 | @ ST. ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER

Register today on [www.buildingalegacy.org](http://www.buildingalegacy.org)

### FEATURED



Dr. Edward Sri



Sr. Miriam James  
Heidland SOLT



Fr. Dominic Couturier

### SPEAKERS

## Christian Services



Usable Glasses Give New Life: Refractive errors can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions living in low and middle income countries lack access to basic eye care services. The Lions club has recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and collect usable glasses in their communities to support the Lions Recycle For Sight Program. We have a box by the office for you to drop your old, unused glasses in.

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There is a basket in the Gathering Area where you can place last year's blessed palms. These palms will be burnt and added to our ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Masses will be at 9am and 7pm.



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On Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be decorating the church for Lent. Please come at 5:00pm if you would like to help with this project.

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I have been seeing a couple of coats hanging on the coat racks for quite a while. Please remember if you're missing a coat or other items, check the lost and found box. A few, smaller items may be in the office.

If you are missing an item, please give us a call  
(616) 455-9310.

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Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, we had our monthly Feeding American food truck. We distributed food to 178 families, which includes 721 individuals, 143 seniors, 311 children, and 15 veterans. Thank you to all of the volunteers that came out on a very cold, but beautiful morning.

## Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

This coming Saturday, Feb. 11th, we will celebrate the feast of our Lady of Lourdes which is also the World Day of the Sick. On this special day, Pope Francis' message focuses on the theme: **"Take care of him"** taken from the parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:35). He encourages us to learn from our loving Jesus to accompany the sick with closeness, compassion, and tenderness.

"Take care of him" is the request of the Samaritan to the innkeeper. Usually, our perception for the Samaritan is the one who renders care and compassion to the victim. The innkeeper gets involved in it as well. After performing the needed treatment to the stranger, the Samaritan carries the victim on his horse back to a close inn. He asks the innkeeper to continue to take care of him. Jesus as the good Shepherd always wishes to cure his sheep physically, mentally, and spiritually. Jesus invites all of us to extend his care as we visit, care and encourage our vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Reflecting on the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Pope reminds us of the reality of loneliness and abandonment. These conditions happen when we fail to pay attention to the needy. Only when we are sick, ill or weak, do we truly appreciate a phone call, a get-well card, a prayer for healing or a word of encouragement. Indeed, few minutes of care can bring a difference to others and make them feel cared for and supported.

Let us keep in our prayers all our brothers and sisters who are sick, especially those in our prayer list. We also pray for all caregivers; may God increase their love and zeal to serve with heartfelt compassion.

For the full message of our Holy Father, please visit the website: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20230110-giornata-malato.html>

Blessings,

Sr. Mai Do



### **\*Collection at the Vietnamese Masses\***

Vietnamese Lunar New Year Mass Collection: \$ 850.00

Vietnamese January Mass Collection: \$ 340.00

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.

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.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week ending January 29 <sup>th</sup>	Fiscal YTD 7/1/2022—6/30/2023	
Offertory Regular	\$ 14,914	Offertory Actual \$ 336,305
Electronic Giving	\$ 763	Offertory Budget \$ 351,000
Total Collection	\$ 15,677	Over/(Under) (\$ 14,695)

*131 envelope contributions and 17 electronic contributions*

Benevolent Fund: \$ 35      Maintenance Fund: \$ 105

*Thank you for generous financial support of St. Mary Magdalen Parish and your faithful Stewardship of Treasure!*

To donate online please visit: [stmmagdalen.org/donate](http://stmmagdalen.org/donate)



### **Join us for Stations of the Cross** **Every Friday during Lent at 7pm**

February 24<sup>th</sup>-Music Ministry

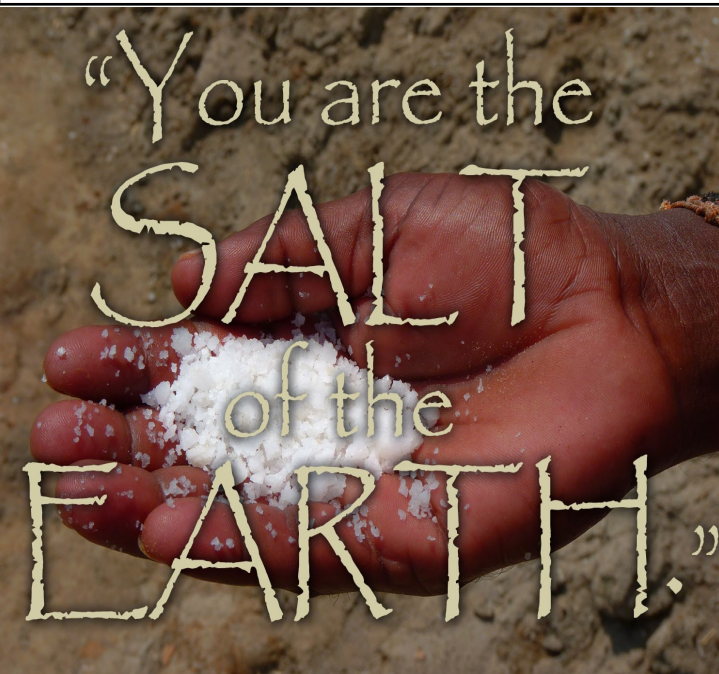
March 3<sup>rd</sup>-Knights of Columbus

March 10<sup>th</sup>-Women's Guild

March 17<sup>th</sup>-Sisters of St Paul de Chartres

March 24<sup>th</sup>-Women's Ministry

March 31<sup>st</sup>-Men's Group



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## Faith Formation

### Middle School Retreat 2023

**High School Leader meetings have begun!**

**It's not too late to be a leader!**

If you are a high school student and would like to be a leader for the Middle School Retreat in February, come to the Sunday meetings in the Family Center from 12:30-3:30pm on February 5<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, & February 19<sup>th</sup>

This is a great way to get to know other HS students, develop leadership skills, connect with your faith, and even earn service hours.

***Retreat Weekend is February 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>.***

Middle School Retreat

February 24-26, 2023

### PHAT HOUSE INFORMATION

#### ***Parishioners Housing Active Teens***

One of the most important needs we have during the MS Retreat is that of providing a safe environment in which to house the students. We are hoping that we will be able to safely continue this tradition. We would like to be able to offer each retreat participant the option to stay at a PHAT House during the retreat if they choose to. To do this we truly need your support. Please consider the information below and discern whether or not you would like to open your home to some teens.

In the hopes of strengthening existing friendships, forging new ones and establishing ties to the community we encourage the students to stay together. Each PHAT HOUSE is assigned High School Retreat Leaders who are responsible for making sure that all rules are observed and that the Middle School Students get the rest they need.

As PHAT HOUSE parents, you are asked to transport the students to and from the church during the weekend, allow them to sleep and shower at your home. To ensure everyone's safety, you would agree to complete a Protecting God's Children session and allow background checks.

If you are willing to help us fulfill this important need or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at (616)455-9310, and a Retreat Team Member will return your call as soon as possible.

Blessings,  
Molly Wisdom

### ***Couples Retreat***

***Saturday, February 11, 2023***

***6 PM to 9 PM***

This retreat is an evening of dining, reflection and conversation that focuses marriage as a sacrament. Couples will have the opportunity to mingle with friends, share an intimate dinner and embark on a journey that will reaffirm the vows that they made. Registration available in the Gathering Area.

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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](http://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    | Hekman-Terpstra, Nelly | Le, Bao Tien         | Sobczak, Bobbie     |
| Asplund, Diane       | Hermann, Jerimiah      | Minerva, Antonina    | Stephan, Janet      |
| Bunker-Lloyd, Lynda  | Herrmann, Benny        | Nawrocki, Barbara    | Stephan, Ron        |
| Campione, Dolores    | Herrmann, Marilyn      | Nelson, Dorothy      | Terpak, Dorothy     |
| Church, Robert       | Ivos, Zdravko          | Nguyen, Truc         | Toohy, Paul         |
| Crowley, Robert      | Jacobs, Ed             | Oliver-Schauer, Mary | Waldron, Karen      |
| DeLing, Richard      | Jacobs, Peggy          | Partridge, Therese   | Wedge, Matthew      |
| Downey, Sally        | Jelens, Dan            | Pelletier, Tim       | Wilson, Lorie       |
| England, Christine   | Kaiser, Marvin         | Petrlich, Alice      | Wingeier, Pat       |
| Fraher, Kathy        | Kastenholz, Jean       | Reynolds, Sue        | Witgen, Max         |
| Gabourie, Tom        | Kastenholz, Mark       | Rhoades, Michelle    | Wittkowski, Michael |
| Galic, Slava         | Kaminski, Marilyn      | Ringeisen, Richard   | Young, Sharon       |
| Gorkowski, Henry     | Knight, India          | Rings, Michael       |                     |
| Glennie, Paula       | Kulikowski, Joseph     | Roberts, Sandra      |                     |
| Gwizdak, Micheal     | Kulczyk, Ray           | Sobczak, Ed          |                     |
| Heartwell, Tom & Sue | Lawson, Norma          |                      |                     |

**Upcoming Events for the Week of 2/5 to 2/11**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass w/CLW 10:00am Coffee & Donuts 11:00am Mass w/CLW 12:00pm Coffee & Donuts 12:00pm Baptism 12:15pm Children Choir 12:30pm MSR Leader Mtg 5:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	3:30pm CORE team Mtg 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 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm YA Mtg 7:15pm Adult Choir	8:00am Mass	3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass 7:00pm Couple's Retreat