Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill Amen I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law intil all things have taken place Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the Kingdom of heaven but whoeve Kingdom of heaven of the seribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the Kingdom of heaven.



February 12th, 2023
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time, Year A



For the Week of February 12, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

Saturday

February 11 Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

5:00pm †Ed Thomas by wife & family †Peter & Agnes Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

Jacques Joseph Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12 Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

9:00am Shirley Miklusicak by AnnaRose Masson The People of our Parish

11:00am †Wava Mieras by the Reeders †Kenton Kurth by Sarah & family

5:00pm All Those in Need of Prayer

Monday

February 13 Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

8:00am †Michael Calvarusso by Tony & Carol Bourgeois †James Andrie by Pat Andrie

Tuesday Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

February 14 Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a & 2; 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10; Mk 8:41-21

Wednesday

February 15 Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

8:00am †Gene Maly by Loeretta Saunders

Thursday

February 16 Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

8:00am †Dorothy Allwood by Joan Derr & family

Friday

February 17 Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13; 14-15; Mk 8:34—9:1

8:00am †Deanna Dyksterhouse by Donna & John Valente

Saturday

February 18 Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

5:00pm †Douglas Tawney by Patricia Tawney & Robert Aalders †Peter & Agnes Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

Jacques Joseph Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

Sunday Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19 Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

9:00am All Those in Need of Prayer 11:00am †Gene Maly by Loretta Saunders 5:00pm The People of Our 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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Thánh Lễ

5:00 chiều Thứ Bảy

Chủ nhật 9:00 sáng, 11:00 sáng và 5:00 chiều

Thứ Hai, Thứ Tư-Thứ Sáu

8:00 sáng

Chầu Thánh Thế

Thứ sáu đầu tiên của tháng

8:30-6:30 chiều

Giải tội

3: 30-4: 45 chiều Thứ Bảy

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 quí vị nói Tiếng Việt, xin liên lạc với Sơ Mai Do

Dt: 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 February 12th

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

Lectors for the Week of February 19th

Mike Bush Saturday, 5pm

Anthony Bielecki Sunday, 9am Sunday,11 am Stephen Herman Sunday, 5pm Marie Abner

Cantors for February 12th

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

Cantors for February 19th

Saturday, 5pm **Emily Rushmore** Michelle Seguin Sunday, 9am Sunday,11 am Sandy Soresi Sunday, 5pm **Emily Rushmore**



Music Ministry



How is it nearly Lent? We're only 1 ½ weeks away from marking with ashes and burying the Alleluias. I'm usually hyper-aware of the liturgical calendar as a necessity of my work, but I can forget to actually *live in* the spirit of the liturgical year. (Our faith should comprise of head AND heart.) I was reminded of this when multiple twitter posts on my scroll last Sunday pointed out it was (then) **Septuagesima Sunday**. Septuagesima Sunday is the third Sunday before Ash Wednesday and falls approximately 70 days before Easter; the name is derived from the Latin word for "70." This time period between last Sunday and Ash Wednesday is like a "pre-Lent" in which we prepare ourselves for the penitential season of Lent. It's a time of examination of our spiritual lives, our relationship with God, and prayer. A time to consider what God may be asking us to forgo, or take up during Lent. It's similar to preparing our resolutions prior to the New Year. It certainly goes against several secular and cultural influences which say to eat/sin/watch/do everything you can on Tuesday because you can ask forgiveness on Wednesday!



One last thing: Sometimes we simply "tolerate" Lent- we don't like the music, we think it's a shame the flowers are gone, or we might dislike hearing so much about sin. Lent can be a beautiful time of growth. Like any growth there can (and probably should) be growing pains. I encourage you (and myself) to immerse yourself in the spirit of the season with the goal of total surrender to God, reconciliation, and a renewed firmness of your walk with Christ.

Emily

HEARKEN unto the Nystery

A EUCHARISTIC HYMN FESTIVAL

MONDAY, FEB. 20 7-8:15 PM CATHEDRAL OF SAINT ANDREW





Hearken unto the Mystery: A Eucharistic Hymn Festival

February 20 7-8:15 p.m. Cathedral of St. Andrew

Whether seeking new answers or contemplating what we already believe, the way of beauty can lead each of us to deeper faith. All are invited to the Cathedral to contemplate the mystery of the Eucharist through the Church's treasury of sacred music.

By joining our voices in hymnody, meditating on the word of God, and experiencing the richness of our choral tradition, we will renew our commitment to offer ourselves with Christ in all we do.

More details on the diocesan website, **GRdiocese.org** or diocesan Facebook page, **https://www.facebook.com/ DioceseofGrandRapids**

Christian Services

Dear Heavenly Father keep the people of Turkey and Syria in your loving arms as they recover from the devastating earthquakes. Also keep the rescuers safe as they search through the rubble.



Thank you to all who helped with Saturday's couples retreat. You helped with cleaning the dishes and preparing the food. Your work is greatly appreciated.

After the Easter Vigil Mass on April 8th we have a reception welcoming those who have entered the Church. Help will be needed to prepare the food. This will begin on Friday, April 7th, the day before the event. Look for a sign-up sheet on the door in the Family Center kitchen, when you come for coffee and donuts.





Our next Feeding America truck will be Saturday, every month. Help is needed with parking, registering the

clients, and loading the vehicles. Please dress for the weather. We've been doing this for over 12 years and we have not cancelled a distribution. We distribute food in all types of weather.

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The next Men's Group meeting will be Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00pm in room 3. There will be a Rosary for healing, in the chapel, at 6:30pm prior to the meeting.





"Let your

and your

Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

Whenever entering the church, the first thing we usually do is genuflect to adore the Blessed Sacrament present in the tabernacle. Secondly, we bow before the altar, believing that is the sacred place on which the sacrificial offering of Jesus Christ will be held during the celebration of the Eucharist. Do we comprehend the role and the purpose of the altar in our Catholic Church?

The altar is the most important place and the central point of the Holy Mass. It is a place where the sacrifice of Christ is forever offered to God to obtain salvation for humankind. This is the Lord's Table, prepared for the children of God. From there, all are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, to be one with him and to receive necessary graces to fulfill their vocation and their journey on earth.

St. Ambrose teaches that the altar is the body of Christ. Therefore, it is usually made from stone and consecrated with the Chrism oil to indicate that "Jesus is the cornerstone". This gives the reason of why the priest makes a profound bow to kiss the altar, at the beginning of the Mass, as an act of reverence towards Christ and His sacrifice.

Understanding the meaning of the altar, may we be aware of Jesus' presence on the altar.

> Many blessings, Sr. Mai Do

Ashes for the homebound

Lent is coming up very soon. It begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. The blessed ashes, the rite and prayer cards will be available at Church on that day. You are welcome to take them to the homebound and loved ones. After distributing the blessed ashes, the leftover should be put in the ground respectfully.

Holy Communion request

Please contact Sr. Mai Do or the parish office if you or your loved ones are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion. We will send a minister bringing our Lord to you weekly, biweekly or monthly.

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

February 24th-Music Ministry
March 3rd-Knights of Columbus
March 10th-Women's Guild
March 17th-Sisters of St Paul de Chartres
March 24th-Women's Ministry
March 31st-Men's Group





Women's Guild Meeting

The St Mary Magdalen's Women's Guild meeting will be on Thursday, February 16th, at 11:00am. We will be meeting at Village Inn, 2215 44th Street SE. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week ending Februa	ry 5 th	Fiscal YTD 7/1/2022—6/30/2023			
Offertory Regular	\$ 8,626	Offertory Actual	\$ 351,197		
Electronic Giving	\$ 6,26 <u>6</u>	Offertory Budget	\$ 362,700		
Total Collection	\$ 14,892	Over/(Under)	(\$ 11,503)		

80 envelope contributions and 63 electronic contributions

Benevolent Fund: \$80 Maintenance Fund: \$230

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



Faith Formation

Women of St. Mary Magdalen

You are invited to join us on Monday, February 13th from 7–9pm in the Family Center to enjoy wine, cheese, and conversation as Sisters in Christ.

This is an opportunity for us to gather, have conversation, and get to know each other as the women of St. Mary Magdalen parish.

Middle School Retreat 2023

Don't Forget the High School Leader Meetings

in the Family Center from 12:30-3:30pm on February 12th & February 19th

Middle School Retreat February 24-26, 2023

It's About Time!

Registration Forms
Available in the Gathering Area
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

Thank You!

We thank all the engaged couples that participated in last weekend's Pre-Cana Sessions. We are also grateful to the presenting couples that shared their wisdom and guidance in what it is to live the Sacrament of Matrimony with the engaged couples.



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.

Arby, Christopher Asplund, Diane Bunker-Lloyd, Lynda Campione, Dolores Carlon, Fred Church, Robert Crowley, Robert Crynes, Jamison DeLing, Richard Downey, Sally England, Christine Fraher, Kathy Gabourie, Tom Galic, Slava Gorkowski, Henry Glennie, Paula Gwizdak, Micheal

Heartwell, Tom & Sue Hekman-Terpstra, Hermann, Jerimiah Herrmann, Benny Herrmann, Marilyn Ivos, Zdravko Jacobs, Ed Jacobs, Peggy Jelens, Dan Kaiser, Marvin Kastenholz, Jean Kastenholz, Mark Kaminski, Marilynn Knight, India Kulikowski, Joseph Kulczyk, Ray

Lawson, Norma Le, Bao Tien Minerva, Antonina Nawrocki, Barbara Nelson, Dorothy Nguyen,Truc Oliver-Schauer, Mary Partridge, Therese Pelletier, Tim Petrlich, Alice Reynolds, Sue Rhoades, Michelle Ringeisen, Richard Rings, Michael Roberts, Sandra Sobczak, Ed

Sobczak, Bobbie Stephan, Janet Stephan, Ron Terpak, Dorothy Toohey, Paul Waldron, Karen Wedge, Matthew Wilson, Lorie Wingeier, Pat Witgen, Max Wittkowski, Michael Young, Sharon

Upcoming Events for the Week of 2/12 to 2/18

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ordinary Ime 9:00am Mass w/CLW 10:00am Coffee & Donuts 11:00am Mass w/CLW & Children's Choir 12:00pm Coffee & Donuts 12:30pm MSR Leader Mtg 5:00pm Mass 6:00pm Cookies & Coffee	8:00am Mass 7:00pm Women's Wine & Cheese Fellowship	9:00am Rosary Makers 10:00am Morning Bible Study 3:30pm CORE Team Mtg 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8:00am Mass 9:00am Scripture Study 5:15pm Family Dinner 6:15pm Faith Formation	8:00am Mass 11:00am Women's Guild Mtg 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:15pm Adult Choir	8:00am Mass	3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass