



2022 Year in Review

St. Mary + Magdalen



*February 19th, 2023
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time, Year A*

Masses For The Week



For the Week of February 19, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

Saturday

February 18
5:00pm

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

†Douglas Tawney by Patricia Tawney & Robert Aalders
Jacques Joseph Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

†Peter & Agnes Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

Sunday

February 19
9:00am
11:00am
5:00pm

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

All Those in Need of Prayer

†Gene Maly by Loretta Saunders

The People of Our Parish

Monday

February 20
8:00am

Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

All Souls in Need of Prayer

Tuesday

February 21

Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

February 22
9:00am

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

†Tom Maurer by his family

†Antonio Maquino by Noel & Sandra Asuncion

†Teodora Cordero by Noel & Sandra Asuncion

†Oksoon Jeon by Paul & Clara Jeon

7:00pm

The People of Our Parish

Thursday

February 23
8:00am

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 9:22-25

†Henry & Judy Gorkowski by family

Friday

February 24
8:00am

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Our Parish & the Diocese of Grand Rapids

Saturday

February 25
5:00pm

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

†Peter & Agnes Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

Jacques Joseph Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

Sunday

February 26
9:00am
11:00am
5:00pm

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Volunteers of St Mary Magdalen Parish

The People of Our Parish

All Souls in Need of Prayer

thanks
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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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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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 19th

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

Lectors for the Week of February 26th

Saturday, 5pm Deanna McGowan
Sunday, 9am Chris Maday
Sunday, 11 am Kodi Schulist
Sunday, 5pm Luisa Ortiz

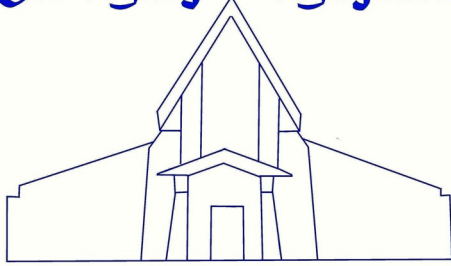
Cantors for February 19th

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

Cantors for February 26th

Saturday, 5pm Michelle Seguin
Sunday, 9am Barbara Kozachik
Sunday, 11 am Hue Nguyen
Sunday, 5pm Mary Thompson





Special Collections

Special collections are how we, as a parish community, go beyond our own parish needs to give to the community and beyond.

Catholic Services Appeal	\$171,185
Benevolent Fund	4,535
Maintenance Fund	5,622
Christmas Decoration/Flower Fund	1,855
Advent Mission	1,479
Archdiocese for Military Services	100
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	270
Retirement Fund for Religious	1,680
Ukraine Support (since Feb 2022)	10,089
World Mission Sunday	1,073

Semi Annual State of the Parish Report

July 1, 2022 - January 31, 2023 (7 months)

Income

Sunday Giving	\$317,901
Donations	2,028
Food Pantry	681
Youth Ministry Fundraising	1,294
Rental Income	2,100
Catholic Services Appeal Rebate (Assessment = \$115,703)	55,482
Adult/Faith Formation Tuition	1,595
Bequests	1,000
Other Income	<u>5,734</u>
	\$387,815

Expense

Wages & Benefits	264,778
Program Expenses	47,502
Assessments/Tuition Subsidy	15,745
Operations & Maintenance	<u>73,459</u>
	\$401,484

Additional financial assistance from:

Men's Group:	\$6,885
Women's Guild	2,530
Knights of Columbus	300

Parish Outreach

A percentage of the income you entrust to us is given in support of our sister parish in Haiti and those in need within our local community.

Sister Parish—St. Agnes—Haiti	\$7,000
Feeding America—Food Truck	4,550
ACCESS/Emergency Assistance	1,075

Special Projects

As our Family Center continues to age, thank you for your continued support in repairing and maintaining our facilities for years to come!

Kitchen Drain and Plumbing	\$15,939
New Kitchen Dishwasher	6,570

St. Mary Magdalen Foundation

provided funds for the following:

Advent Mission w/ Augustinians	\$2,000
Tent Expenses	2,800

Thank you for your generous and faith-filled

Stewardship of Treasure and sharing your financial resources with St. Mary

A Message from Father Peter

Welcome Lent & Holy Week

I hope you had a nice Christmas & New Year celebration with your friends & family. For us Asians, we just celebrated the Lunar New Year (the year of the rabbit). The Asian community at St Mary Magdalen's Parish completed its second annual Lunar New Year celebration with lots of fun. It was a great success. Thank you to Sister Mai, Chuck, Diem, Binh, & the rest of the committee for helping us with the successful event. Another fun parish event that brought many of our parishioners together was the annual chili cook off. Again I appreciate Ruth and her committee of volunteers that organized that fun event for our parish.

Now those fun events are behind us, and we as Catholics, have begun to welcome the season of Lent & Holy Week with Ash Wednesday. We also have additional times for reconciliation to help you prepare for this spiritual season, hopefully you will come early & remain in a state of grace for the Holy Week. The details of Lent & the Holy Week can be found on the Lent 2023 program. Ask the Parish Office and check the bulletin if you did not take one.

As you might know, we practice three things during Lent to help us prepare for the Holy Week, namely, Pray & Fast & Almsgiving. To help you enhance your prayer life, our parish offers Stations of the Cross, sponsored by various Parish groups, every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church. For fasting, we encourage you to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday & to abstain from meat every Lenten Friday. Please call the office if you need more information about the rules for fasting and abstaining from meat. As for Almsgiving, we encourage you to make some sacrifices & to make donations to different charities. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) sponsors the Rice Bowl Operation every Lent to help the poor & the misfortunate around the world and in our local communities with a low administration cost. Hopefully you will take part in this operation to help get yourself ready for Holy Week.

Finally, our Diocese usually kicks off its annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) to help fund the various services in our community. Our Parish has been assigned a portion of that funding. I hope you will continue to support our CSA drive & help us achieve our assigned target. I thank you for your generous support & sacrifices for this spiritual home. May our good Lord repay you abundantly & help you prepare well & get a lot out of this Lent & Holy Week for your spiritual life.

Fr. Peter

Christian Services

Thank you for all that you do and give. We are a vibrant and active parish that takes many volunteers and generous donations to keep it going.

With your donations we are able to provide food through Feeding American for 140-160 families every month. These families are given fresh produce to help them to feed their family. We start to distribute at 9am, but they start to line up at 7am.

After a funeral Mass, when a loved one passes away, we are able to offer a luncheon where we serve chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable and salad. We ask for volunteers to help prepare and serve, but we also ask people for side salads and desserts. The family is asked to make a donation, but your weekly donations help cover the remainder of the cost for this comforting meal.

On Sundays, after the 9am and 11am Masses, we offer coffee and donuts. This ministry has been going on for many, many years. Volunteers come in early to put the donuts on trays and get the coffee ready for after Mass. Your weekly donation helps cover the difference between what is in the donation jar and the cost of the donuts.

Every year we give about 20 food baskets to families in need at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Along with the canned goods that you donate we are able to give the families a holiday dinner, including meat and fresh produce.

During the different seasons, we decorate the church. Through your donations we are able to make our worship space beautiful. To celebrate your great giving of time, talent, and treasure, we have our annual festival and appreciation dinner.

Thank you for all that you do and give.

Ruth

Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

Profiting from this weekend's message, I would like to extend to all of you my heartfelt appreciation for your prayerful support and financial contributions to the Ministry of the Sick and Homebound over the past year. With your generous support, we were able to accomplish our mission of bringing the church to our vulnerable members.

Over the last year, we have been able to continue to visit and bring the Holy Communion to 50 homebound members; extending our ministry to serve in 10 nursing homes and care facilities in the Kentwood area. Your assistance enabled us to share Carenotes with our parish. These thoughtful booklets greatly help to convey uplifting messages of comfort and healing to many recipients. Special thanks to all ministers who faithfully perform this caring task on our behalf.

This weekend, we remember and pray for Marie Bennett and her family. Marie's funeral was celebrated last Friday, February 17, 2023. Thinking of Marie, I cannot forget her great love for our Lord Jesus. She spiritually suffered for not being able to go to church in her last years. She said: "I am not used to not going to Mass". Therefore, Holy Communion always brought her great joy, comfort and healing. I would like to thank Peggy Horn for visiting and bringing Jesus to her every week. Peggy's tender care and support is much appreciated.

Let us give thanks to God for all the good things he has done through us. May we generously respond to His calling to build up His kingdom on earth.

Gratefully,
Sr. Mai Do

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



Join us On Monday,
February 20th, at 5pm to
decorate our worship space
for the season of Lenten.
All help is appreciated.

Music Ministry

The theme of this week's bulleting is gratitude for your stewardship to St. Mary Magdalen Parish over the past year. Due to your support, we continue to offer and grow six ensembles and choirs: Saturday Night Ensemble, 9am Ensemble, Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Resurrection Choir for funerals, and the Hand Bell Choir. These groups support the liturgical life of the parish on Sunday masses, Holy Days, and Funerals. Last year, after several funerals, family of the deceased commented how the choir's presence and song had touched them.

Audio/Visual also falls under the music department. This year we completely updated the sound system in the Family Center. Its clear sound and ease of use will benefit the many parish groups that use the space as well as make it an attractive attribute for prospective renters of the space.

Another large purchase this year was the amplifier for the bell tower. Manufacturing issues have delayed its arrival, but I'm hopeful it will arrive in time to ring for Easter. I've dearly missed the sound of the bells throughout the day, and even non-Catholic neighbors of the Church have called to say they are missed and to inquire why they no longer ring!

You donations also help keep our music library updated and our instruments maintained. Once again, thank you for your support and for showing up to worship each week. I am grateful to you and am thankful to be part of this special community.

Emily

Faith Formation

Hello Everyone,

In keeping with the theme of this week's bulletin, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you for your generosity in supporting the ministries that fall under the Faith Formation & Youth Ministry budgets.

Formation is achieved in many ways, not only through our Children's Liturgy of the Word, student formation classes, adult classes and Bible study groups, but also through sacramental preparation, RCIA, retreats, service projects, and even some social events.

Please know that through your faithful stewardship we are able to prepare parents and godparents for the baptism of their children. We gather couples together to prepare not only to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, but to live the sacrament. Through our classes we offer children, teens, and adults a foundation of knowledge of our faith upon which we can build inviting them to continue to grow in faith. We come together to study and be formed in the Word. We welcome new people into the faith, and invite and prepare the baptized to celebrate the sacraments. We hold retreat times for students of all ages, incorporating a spirit of servant leadership for every age group. We are able to lend our support and facility to a developing Young Adult Group. And we also gather together during Advent and Lent to support and encourage one another in our seasons of preparation.

These few lines cannot begin to scratch the surface in laying out what the Formation & Youth Ministries work to offer and accomplish. Nor can it convey our appreciation for your support through your faithful stewardship, but please know the depth of our gratitude.

Blessings,
Molly Wisdom



Please welcome into our faith family
the children baptized in February:

Blake Lorraine Bilderbeck

Amelia June Bozio

*Thank you for
your support!*

Attention:

If you are planning to attend the 11 am Mass on Sunday, February 26th, we wanted you to know that at 10:45 am the Middle School Retreat Skit Committee will present a short skit that embodies the overall message of the retreat.

Everyone who has led or participated in the retreat will celebrate at this Mass as a fitting end to our experience.



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

Upcoming Events for the Week of 2/19 to 2/25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am Mass w/CLW 10:00am Coffee & Donuts 11:00am Mass w/CLW 12:00pm Coffee & Donuts 12:00pm MS Leader Mtg 12:15pm Children's Choir 5:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass 5:00pm Decorate for Lent	7:00pm Boy Scouts	Ash Wednesday 9:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Young Adult Mtg 7:15pm Adult Choir	8:00am Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross Music Ministry 8:00pm MS Retreat	8:00am MS Retreat 9:00am Food Truck 3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass