

St. Mary + Magdalen



February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

8<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

"A good person out of the store of goodness  
in his heart produces good..."

Luke 6:45

# Masses For The Week



## Readings and Mass Intentions for the Week of February 28, 2022

### Saturday

**February 26**

Jas 5:13-20, Ps 141:1-2, 3-8, Mk 10:13-16

5:00pm

†William Giarmo by St Mary Magdalen Parish

†Gustav & Margaret Zier by Pula Glennie

### Sunday

#### **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 27**

Sir 27:4-7, Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16, 1 Cor 15:54-58, Lk 6:39-45

9:00am

In gratitude of Fr William Sinatra by Bob Click

Zdravko Ivos by Mira Ivos

11:00am

All the Middle School Retreat Participants, Leaders, & Volunteers

†Thomas Quinn Sr by Mike & Carol Wood

5:00pm

†James Joseph Hayden by Meyers family

### Monday

**February 28**

1 Pt 1:3-9, Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 & 10c, Mk 10:17-27

8:00am

Mary & Jim Wellnetz by Alona Schneider

### Tuesday

**March 1**

1 Pt 1:10-16, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Mk 10:28-31

### Wednesday

#### **Ash Wednesday**

**March 2**

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

9:00am

All in Need of Prayer

7:00pm

†Oscar John Nelson by MaryLou Myers

### Thursday

**March 3**

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

8:00am

†Ray Miller by the Morning Mass Friends

### Friday

**March 4**

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

8:00am

†Terry Harvey by Luu Harvey

### Saturday

**March 5**

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

5:00pm

†Gloria Evans by her family

### Sunday

#### **First Sunday of Lent**

**March 6**

Dt 26:4-10, Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13

9:00am

†Bob Dodde by Bob & Sandy Enders

11:00am

†Martine Badiane by the Coly family

5:00pm

All Those in Need of Prayer

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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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Louis Carlson II, Cpt. Andrea Shefferly,  
Gage Dionne, Larry P. Meeusen



Lent 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

God invites each one of us to a loving relationship with Him. During the holy season of Lent, we focus in an intentional way on turning away from sin and toward God to grow in this relationship. The Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us do this. A simple way to practice these pillars is through the Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Rice Bowl program. This small cardboard box holds many opportunities.

Participating in the Rice Bowl program enables young Catholics to see how small change can add up to become a worthy gift. It provides families the opportunity to create meals from countries whose people benefit from Catholic Relief Services' programs. It provides all of us with an opportunity to reflect on the needs of our sisters and brothers and how we can respond in love. But most importantly, with the support of families like yours, other families will receive an opportunity to reach their God-given potential when they receive the nutritious food needed to thrive.

The Rice Bowl program also has a local impact. Twenty-five percent of contributions collected through the program remain here in our diocese. Last year's CRS Rice Bowl contributions helped four local organizations receive funding for food and poverty alleviation programs, including St. Ann's Bread of Life Food Pantry in Baldwin, Community Food Club of Grand Rapids, the St. Gianna Baby Pantry in Muskegon through Catholic Charities West Michigan, and St. Mary's Caritas Food Pantry in Custer.

The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected the financial situation of many. Thank you for your Lenten sacrifices that allow CRS Rice Bowl to reach people in need. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to find out more. Together, we can respond to Christ's call to help those in need of food and nutrition.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids

## Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

Very soon, we will enter the holy season of Lent, initiating with Ash Wednesday. During this time of grace and of renewing our relationship with God, the church liturgy repeatedly reminds us not to receive God's grace in vain: **"Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" 2 Cor 6: 2.** The Lenten season lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday not including Sundays. Why does Lent last for 40 days? The number 40 has a special meaning in the Bible. Let us explore this to live this holy season to the fullest.

The number 40 symbolizes a period of testing and trials. Through the Bible, we see:

1. The 40-day deluge: "And the rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights. (Gen. 7:12).
2. Moses lived 40 years in the desert after killing the Egyptians (Acts 7:30).
3. Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights (Exod 24:18).
4. Moses interceded on Israel's behalf for 40 days and 40 nights (Deut 9:18, 25).
5. The Israelites went to spy on Canaan for 40 days (Num 13:25).
6. The Jews wandered in the desert for 40 years (Deut 8:2-5).
7. It took 40 days for Elijah to go to Mount Horeb without food or water. (1 Kgs 19:8).
8. Lastly, number 40 reminds us of the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying and to be tempted by Satan before going out for the mission (Matt 4:1-11). May we earnestly enter this season of grace to refresh our relationship with God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

The blessed ashes, the rite and prayer cards will be available in the back of the Church on Ash Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. You are welcome to take them to the homebound and loved ones. After distributing ashes, the leftover blessed ashes should be respectfully buried in the ground.

Wishing you a very holy and prayerful Lent!  
In Christ,  
Sr. Mai Do



The Widow/Widowers group will be meeting at Woody's Press Box, 5656 Clyde Park Ave, on Monday, 2/28 at 1pm.

## Christian Services

We will be decorating for Lent on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm. Please note the time change.

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We are accepting your old palms. These blessed palms are then burnt to make the ashes we use on Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday is on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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We are so happy you're joining us on this Lenten journey to three countries, where we'll learn how to help others through CRS Rice Bowl. When you donate to CRS Rice Bowl, you share your life and your abundance with our

global family in need. Your generosity puts nutritious food on their tables and helps them lead healthy lives and reach their God-given potential.

*God always waits for us.*

Life is a journey back to God. Occasionally we get lost along the way. Sometimes we run from activity to activity and forget about spending time with him. Sometimes we don't do the right thing and that hurts our relationship with him. But God always waits for us.

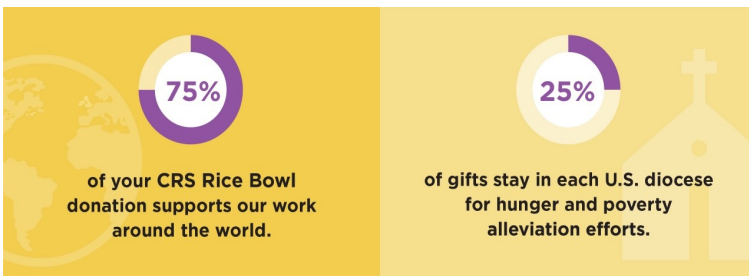
During the 40 days of Lent, we're invited to slow down and focus on our journey and how we can follow Christ's will more faithfully. We do this through the three pillars of **prayer**, **fasting** and **almsgiving**.

Through **prayer** we seek and connect with the Lord and ask him to intercede for the needs of our global family. We grow in our relationship with him and unite with our sisters and brothers around the world.

When we **fast**, we experience a little bit of the hunger that many experience daily. We make room for the needs of others—and room for God's Holy Spirit to work within us.

Finally, through a recognition of the world's needs and a personal commitment to help others, we give **alms**.

This year, with these pillars as our guide, CRS Rice Bowl will introduce us to our neighbors in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda. We'll learn how the dreams of our sisters and brothers are inspiring them to overcome challenges that impact their daily life. To dream bigger. To help their families and communities succeed.



Changes around the Corner during Lent:

As you know, our liturgical worship reflects the liturgical season in which we are. The penitential season of Lent puts away our more celebratory parts such as the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia*. We will highlight this penitential season by singing a longer version of the *Kyrie* as well as replacing the sung English "Lamb of God" with the Latin missal chant (*Agnus Dei*). Music will be more subdued and the tradition at this parish is to replace the recessional hymn with a hand bell. You may stay to pray or leave after Father is at the back of church. There are no preludes during Lent, but we will play a Gregorian chant CD before Mass.

Additionally, I have been hoping to change the "Mass setting," or "Ordinary," which is the collection the people's parts we sing at Mass each week. We have been using the current setting for a *long* time, mainly due to keeping things simple and familiar during the pandemic. We are still in a pandemic, but I think we could all use a change of music! I have been reviewing settings for a few weeks and we will be introducing one in March. Stay tuned!

I invite those who are interested in singing for Easter to attend rehearsal THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup> AT 7:15pm. Our choir does a fabulous job as it is, but they would appreciate the support of new voices. Feel free to show up or email me ahead of time. Easter is only a few short weeks away.

Emily

## Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

9am and 7pm



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### ORDINARY TIME—SUNDAY GIVING

Date	Contributions	Budget (Under)
February 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 13,372	\$ 12,000 \$1,372
Year To Date	\$ 354,776	\$396,000 (\$53,224)
<i>208 envelope contributions and 21 electronic contributions</i>		
Maintenance Fund envelopes:	\$ 726	
Benevolent Fund envelopes:	\$ 726	

*Requests for emergency financial assistance have quadrupled since the beginning of the year. Thank you for your generosity in supporting those in need in our local community!*

*For those who have not yet received their End of Year statement, please contact the parish office and we will gladly email or reprint another copy for you.*

## Youth Ministries

Hello everyone!

I am so excited to have been on retreat with our middle school and high school students this week! I realized once again just how much I missed it last year, and I'm so glad that we were able to once again put on this great event for the youth of the parish. Keep an eye out next week for pictures of our weekend together, and thank you for sending your students on retreat!

In a conversation with a friend this past week, a quote came up about the cycle of human history. We were talking about the ways in which humans can feel lost, purposeless, or generally adrift. This is the quote that came to mind, which I shared with my friend: "Hard times create strong men. Strong men create good times. Good times create weak men. Weak men create hard times."

I think that this quote works exceptionally well with our first reading today, which talks about the relationship between hardship and a show of character. As in the quote, our best, true selves cannot be determined when times are easy. Rather, it is in the difficult times—the shaking of the sieve, the fire of the potter's furnace—that we are put to the test. It is easy for us to put our best foot forward when things are going well for us, but much harder to show that same character when things aren't going well. Our true test of character, as shown in Sirach, is the moment when things are going wrong but we choose the path of righteousness anyway.

"Praise no one before he speaks," this first reading warns, "for it is then that people are tested." The moment we decide to act, especially in a time of tribulation, we are faced with the opportunity to present our true selves to the world. How can we seize that opportunity and ensure that our best selves and true selves are one and the same?

Peace,  
Allison

### Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

Information on our summer Mission Trip to Cincinnati can be found in the Gathering Area. Registration forms are due by the beginning of April—faster than we think!

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Our next Young Adult meeting is Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30pm to 9pm in the BAC.

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High school seniors: you should have received information regarding the Breitenstein Scholarship in the mail. Please contact Allison in the office if you have not yet received it.

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As we look forward to the start of Lent, it's time to start thinking about our annual Living Stations presentation! Keep an eye out for more information and sign-ups in the upcoming weeks.

## Faith Formation

Please consider participating in  
**Synod 2021-2023**

Be a part of a listening session, where you can gather with other parishioners and share your personal experiences with the Catholic Church.

Virtual (Zoom) Session:

Monday, February 28th from 7-9 p.m.

In Person Sessions:

Monday, March 7th from 9-11 a.m.

or

Monday, March 7th from 7-9 p.m.

To reserve your space, please call parish liaison

Molly Wisdom at

(616) 455-9310 or email: [MWisdom@stmmagdalen.org](mailto:MWisdom@stmmagdalen.org).

In reading one of the guides, I came across this paragraph that might help you better understand what is being asked of us as participants in the Synod;

*Pope Francis is asking each local diocese to gather together- clergy, religious and laity- to first listen to each other's joys and hopes, and griefs and anxieties (c.f. Gaudium et Spes no. 1). After we listen to each other, we are called to dialogue together on ways we can accompany each other as we seek to grow in holiness. Listening and speaking within the Church always involves prayer. We are listening, dialoguing, and praying together so that we can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. The "goal" of this journeying together is not to create a new vision or pastoral plan with objectives. Rather, the goal of our journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church.*

\*Please note that if you would like more information, participation guides are available in the Gathering Area and will help you understand the listening session and prepare the thoughts you would like to share.

Blessings,

Molly Wisdom

### **Faith Formation Information:**

March 2– NO FF Class Ash Wednesday

Mass times: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

March 8-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Mass at St. Andrews

March 9-FF Classes Resume, 6:15-7:45 p.m.

March 16-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Reconciliation 6:15-7:45 p.m.

\*Please continue to watch for weather related FF information on the Parish App, Facebook, Constant Contact, WZZM, WOOD TV, & FOX 17.

**Lectors for the Week of February 27<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday, 5pm Jeanine Bryant  
 Sunday, 9am Kodi Schulist  
 Sunday, 11 am Bernardo Abner  
 Sunday, 5pm Arlette Uwarugira

**Lectors for the Week of March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday, 5pm Mike Bush  
 Sunday, 9am Peggy Jacobs  
 Sunday, 11 am Bernardo Abner  
 Sunday, 5pm Jeanine Bryant

**Cantors for February 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Cantors for March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday, 5pm Emily Rushmore  
 Sunday, 9am Emily Rushmore  
 Sunday, 11 am Emily Rushmore  
 Sunday, 5pm Kodi Schulist



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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Asplund, Diane	Jacobs, Peggy	Petrlich, Alice	Wingeier, Pat
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	Partridge, Therese	Wedge, Matthew	



**Upcoming Events for the Week of 2/27 to 3/5**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass w/ Children Choir 1:00pm Mass Vietnamese 5:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass 1:00pm Widow/Widowers Meeting 3:00pm Church Decorating for Lent	7:00pm K of C Mtg 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 9:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:15pm Adult Choir	8:00am Mass 8:30am Eucharistic Adoration 6:00pm Confirmation Retreat 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	9:30am RCIA Retreat 3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass