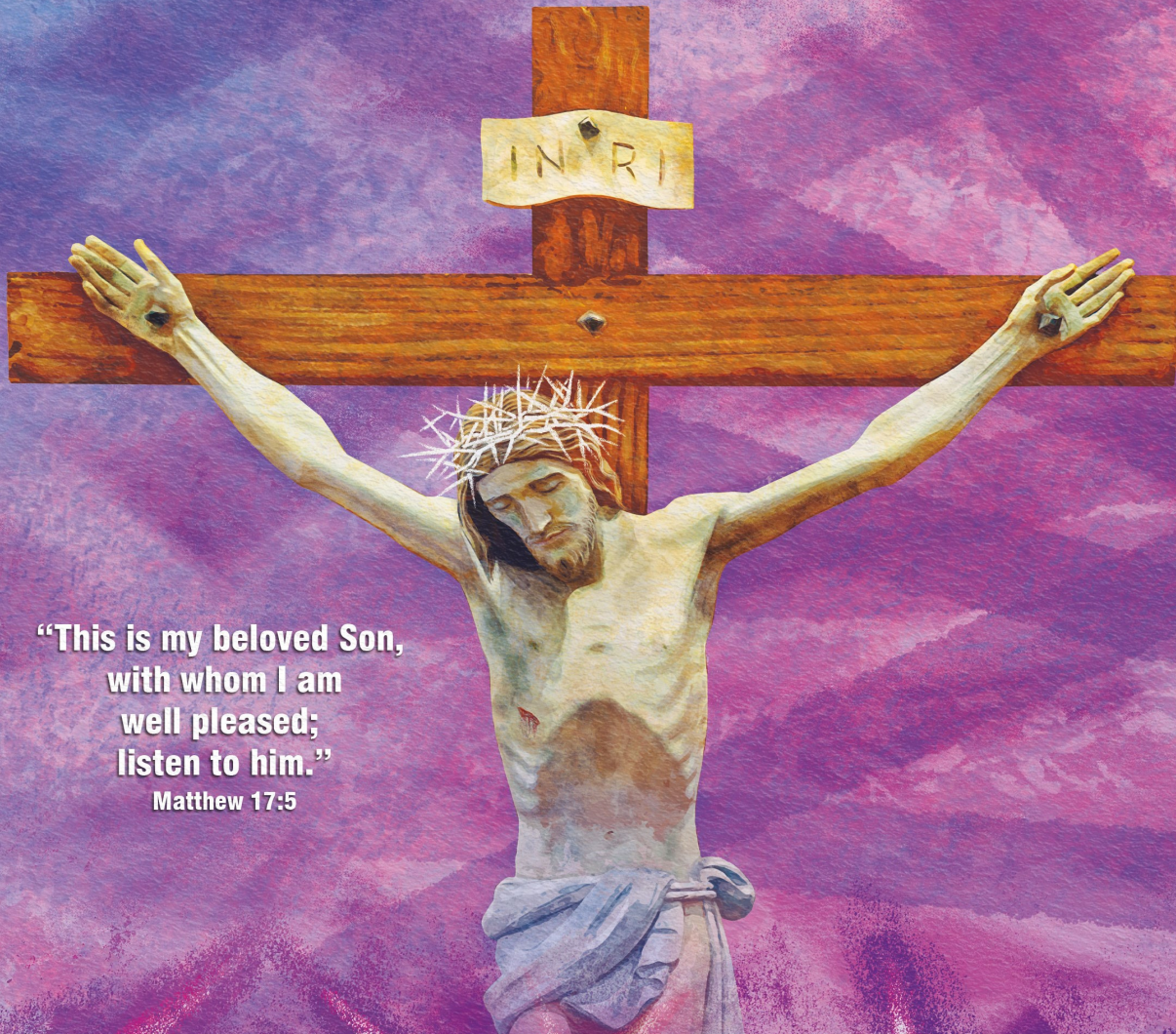


# Second Sunday of LENT

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“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am  
well pleased;  
listen to him.”  
Matthew 17:5

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March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# Masses For The Week



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

## Saturday

March 4  
5:00pm

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
†Edward Croskey by St Mary Magdalen Parish

†Ed Lipski by the Lipski family

## Sunday

March 5  
9:00am  
11:00am  
5:00pm

### Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9  
Mark & Jean Kastenholtz by St Mary Magdalen Staff  
All Souls in Need of Prayer  
The People of our Parish

## Monday

March 6  
8:00am

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Lk 6:36-38  
†Donald Kastenholtz by Mark Kastenholtz & family

## Tuesday

March 7

### Memorial of Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt 23:1-12

## Wednesday

March 8  
8:00am

### Saint John of God, Religious

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28  
†Dorothy Allwood by Joan Derr & family

Our Parish & the Diocese of Grand Rapids

## Thursday

March 9  
8:00am

### Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 16:19-31  
All those in Need of Prayer

## Friday

March 10  
8:00am

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43. 45-46  
†Kenton Kurth by Donna & John Valente

## Saturday

March 11  
5:00pm

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

†Ed Thomasby his wife & family

†James Andrie by his family

## Sunday

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

### Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42  
The People of our Parish  
†Kenton Kurth by Sarah & family  
†Douglas Tawney by Patricia Tawney & Robert Aalders



# LENT

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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 March 5<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, 5pm Jeanine Bryant  
Sunday, 9am Mark O'Gorman  
Sunday, 11 am Peggy Jacobs  
Sunday, 5pm Marie Abner

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

Saturday, 5pm Joan Miller  
Sunday, 9am Maria Saenz  
Sunday, 11 am Stephen Herman  
Sunday, 5pm Theresa Taggart

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

Saturday, 5pm Michelle Seguin  
Sunday, 9am Michelle Seguin  
Sunday, 11 am Bedi Komera  
Sunday, 5pm Kathy Miller

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

Saturday, 5pm Michelle Seguin  
Sunday, 9am Michelle Seguin  
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## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week ending February 26<sup>th</sup> Fiscal YTD 7/1/2022—6/30/2023

Offertory Regular \$ 9,071 Offertory Actual \$ 387,145

Ash Wednesday \$1,729

Electronic Giving \$ 1,208 Offertory Budget \$ 397,800

Total Collection \$ 12,008 Over/(Under) (\$ 10,655)

131 envelope contributions and 19 electronic contributions

Benevolent Fund: \$ 70 Maintenance Fund: \$ 125

*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

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



The Light is  
ON for You.



*Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

As we begin the season of Lent, the Diocese of Grand Rapids will once again offer a special opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

**“The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance”  
Thursday, March 23**

**5 - 8 p.m. in almost every parish of the diocese**  
Visit [GRdiocese.org/penance](http://GRdiocese.org/penance) for details

**GET YOUR  
RED OF  
STUFF**

The Second Best Sale, sponsored by the Women's Guild, is scheduled for the first week in April. Please start saving your donations of clean clothing, housewares, small appliances, books, etc. for this event. More information and drop off dates will be announced at a later date. We thank you for any donations you are able to give to us.

## Music Ministry

He saved us and called us to a holy life... (2 Timothy 1:9a)

Of all the readings for this Sunday, this is what jumped out at me personally the most.

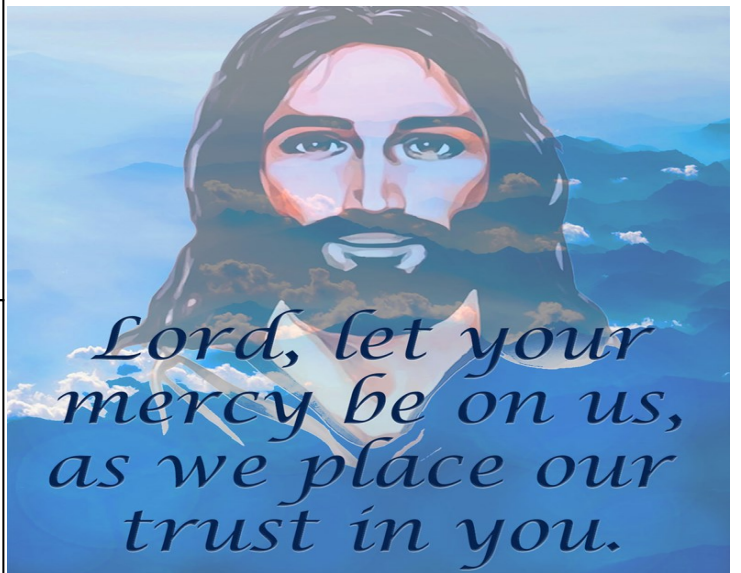
This is the “why” to a lot of questions we all have.

I hope to present my children with a very different world view and moral compass than the world offers. As my children have grown up, they continue to be exposed to the wider world around them. Sometimes what they are exposed to doesn't line up with our Catholic faith. As a result, I take the opportunity to have a pretty matter-of-fact conversation about what we believe. One child in particular will always immediately ask, “why?” Sometimes it flusters me because I don't always feel prepared to dig deeper. At this point I either do my best to explain the reason for our belief, or I tell them I would like to understand better myself and will share with them when I learn more.

When this verse jumped out at me, my mind immediately went back to a conversation with my children this weekend. Even though the teaching made sense to me, I stumbled over my answer to my child, and even I wasn't satisfied with my own explanation. Although I think it's important to share our faith in a well-reasoned manner and not simply an “I said so,” I realize that the rules and most disciplines we have as Christians can be boiled down to 1) “he saved us and called us to a holy life” and 2) because he asks this of us. We must know our faith, but our knowledge must be anchored in the love of God from which comes the desire to do what he asks. In our weaknesses as humans we may slip away from that which our faith teaches. In essence, we ask ourselves, “Why not?” The answer is “because he saved us and called us to a holy life.” What beautiful simplicity. We don't have to be armchair theologians. We simply live as he asked.

This lent is a time to re-orient ourselves toward holiness. Let us through the liturgy, through Scripture and the Eucharist, in prayer and song be buoyed up in this earthly journey towards heaven where we will finally all be “holy as God is holy.”

Emily



## Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

Last weekend, we basically reviewed the history of the Stations of the Cross. Since there are some concerns relating to this Lenten devotion. This weekend, I would like to focus on its flexibility as we join in this weekly devotion during the Lenten season.

We are encouraged to pray the Stations of the Cross frequently at any time throughout the year to meditate on Christ's Passion. It is popular that we pray this devotion on Fridays during Lent, especially on Good Friday. To me, I choose to deepen my prayer life by meditating one station each day of Lent.

The Way of the Cross comprises of 14 stations. In 2000, Pope, Saint John Paul II added a 15th station, the Resurrection of the Lord. However, it is only optional and not required. Yet, the 15th station will not be said on Good Friday.

We are in March, the month dedicated to Saint Joseph. Let us come to him more fervently and ask for his protection and intercession. Your prayers will be answered as St Teresa Avila confirm by her own experience: "I cannot call to mind that I have ever asked him at any time for anything which he has not granted; and I am filled with amazement when I consider the great favors which God hath given me through this blessed saint, the dangers from which he hath delivered me, both of body and of soul."

Through the intercession of St. Joseph, may we spend this time of grace wisely to renew our spiritual life, to draw closer to our Lord and our neighbors.

In Christ,  
Sr. Mai Do

### **Homebound Ministers Meeting**

*If you have volunteered to be the Ministers to the Homebound or Nursing Homes, please join our meeting on Sunday March 12, 2023, after 11am Mass (12:30 pm) to get updates of this ministry. If you're interested in volunteering for this meaningful ministry, you are most welcome to join us. See you then.*

### **Collection of Vietnamese Mass**

Vietnamese February Mass Collection: \$ 336.00

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

March 5, 2023

## Christian Services

Last Saturday was chilly, but the wind was calm when we distributed food from the Feeding America truck. We gave food to a record number of families 196 consisting of 358 children, 148 seniors, and 17 veterans totaling 807 individuals. This monthly distribution is made possible through your generous weekly donation and a bunch of dedicated volunteers.

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If you provided salads or desserts for the last funeral, please reclaim your dish from the ministry room next to the office.

Thanks

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The lost and found has been growing. There are a number of coats, books, and glasses in the box under the coat rack.

If you are missing something please take a look.

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The Men's Group is once again sponsoring our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! They will be collecting individually wrapped candy donations. There is a bin outside the office for you to put these items in.

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Pray for those in Turkey, Syria, and Brazil, may God comfort those affected by these natural disasters.

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I will be making a schedule for food prep for Easter Vigil and hang it on the door in the kitchen. When you come to donuts or Wednesday night dinners, please take a look and sign up when you can.

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The festival committee will be meeting soon. We need more members on the committee who are committed to making this year's summer events great. Please contact Ruth if you are interested in being on the committee.

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The Knight of Columbus are holding their annual 40 Cans for Lent food drive. They are accepting canned and non-perishable food. With these items we will fill our Holiday baskets and what is leftover will be given to the Green Apple pantry and The Little Free Pantry at the Kentwood Rec Department.

Please bring your items and place them in the grocery cart in front of the office.

Suggested items for the Holiday baskets are:

muffin mix, canned fruit, cake mix/frosting, pie crust/pie filling, boxed potato/rice side dishes, canned vegetables, Jell-O, & any type of canned or shelf stable protein.



The Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

# Middle School Retreat 2023: *IT'S ABOUT TIME!*



Thank you everyone who made this weekend a success!

And the biggest thank you of all to our Core Team, and every middle school and high school student who participated in the retreat this year! We are so blessed to have wonderful students!

Come to the Family Center next week to see all the pictures and a note of thanks to all the volunteers!



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

**Upcoming Events for the Week of 3/5 to 3/11**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass w/CLW 10:00am Coffee & Donuts 11:00am Mass w/CLW & Rite of Sending Forth 12:00pm Coffee & Donuts 12:15pm Children's Choir 3:00am Rite of Election-Cathedral 5:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Knights of Columbus	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 Meeting 7:15pm Adult Choir	8:00am Mass 8:30am Confirmation Retreat 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass