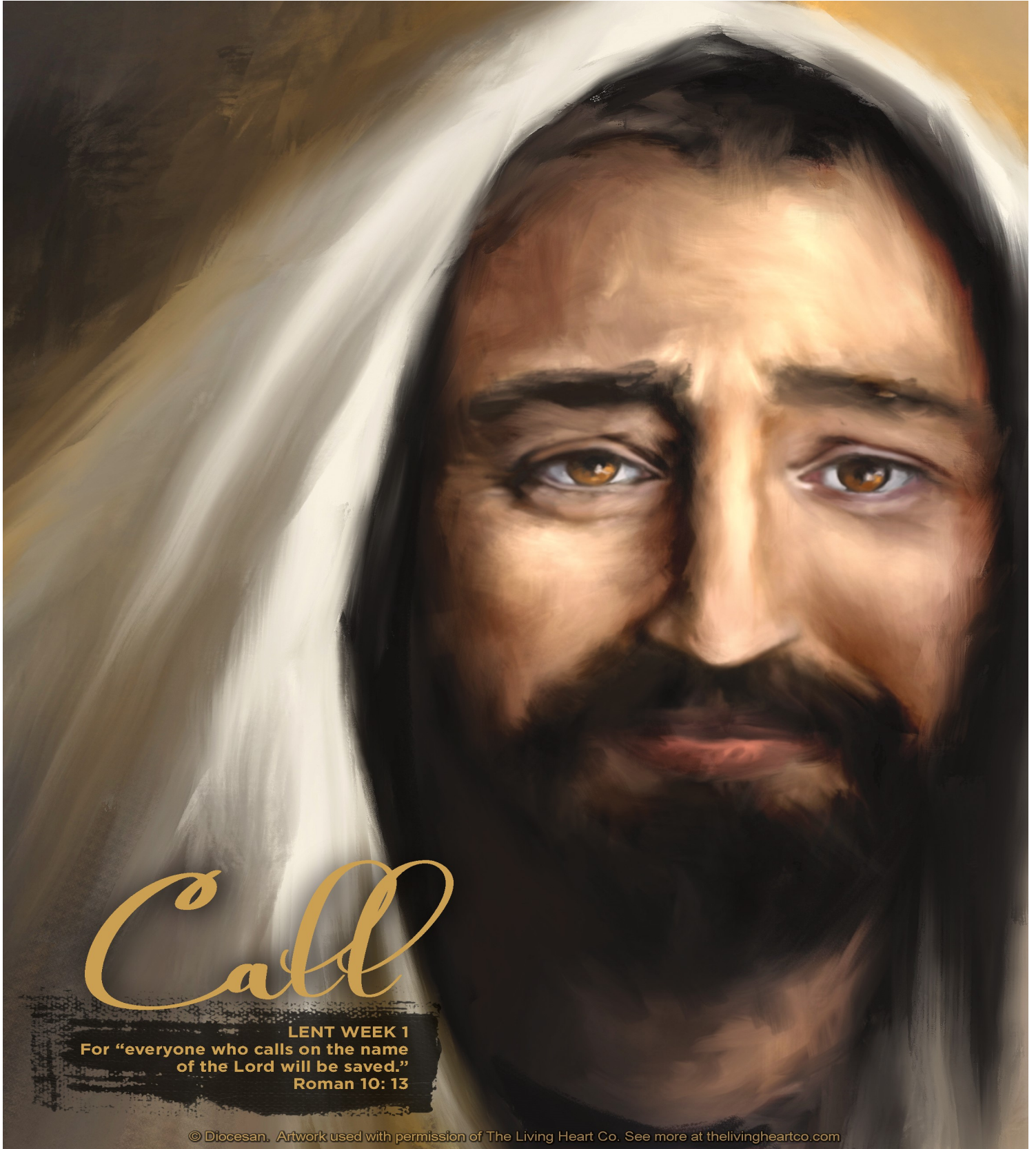


St. Mary + Magdalen



March 6th, 2022

The 1st Sunday of Lent



Call

LENT WEEK 1
For "everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord will be saved."
Roman 10: 13

Masses For The Week



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

Saturday

March 5

5:00pm

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

†Gloria Evans by her family

†Ray Miller by AnnaRose Masson

Sunday

March 6

9:00am

First Sunday of Lent

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

†Bob Dodde by Bob & Sandy Enders

†Ray Miller by Marty, Nancy, Therese & RuthMary

†Therese LeMeiux by Patrick & Sharon Young

11:00am

†Martine Badiane by the Coly family

5:00pm

†Bill Giarmo by Tom Begerow

†Evelyn Grace Oom by Grandma

Monday

March 7

8:00am

Memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

†George Laugerman by Tom Begerow

Tuesday

March 8

Memorial of Saint John of God, Religious

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5,6-7,16-17,18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

March 9

8:00am

Memorial of Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

†Chuck Forgar by Tom Begerow

Thursday

March 10

8:00am

Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

†James Andrie by Pat Andrie

†Ruth Rene by Joan Derr & family

†Ray Miller by Kathy Leeuwenburg & family

Friday

March 11

8:00am

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

†Ray Miller by Marty, Nancy, Therese & RuthMary

Saturday

March 12

5:00pm

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

†Ed Thomas by wife & family

†Timothy Michael Murphy by his family

Sunday

March 13

9:00am

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.; Phil 3:17-4:1

†Francesco Baio by the Minerva family

†William Uher Sr. by Bob & Anne Click

11:00am

†Bill Giarmo by Tom Begerow

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

WHY IS THIS LENT & HOLY WEEK 2022 SO MEANINGFUL TO ME?

On Wednesday, March 2nd, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday & begin a new liturgical season of Lent. You will find our Parish Lenten & Holy Week Schedule on a separate Church bulletin insert, including Stations of the Cross every Lenten Friday & Reconciliation hours. I want to make sure you will be well-prepared & get a lot out of this Lent & Holy Week amidst our on-going Covid pandemic.

Everyone is tired of the Covid pandemic & all the requirements we have to do for it. We are frustrated with all the vaccinations & mandate of mask wearing & social distancing. Our patience is wearing thin while our mental well-being is falling apart. Time like this brings me back to the period after the Viet Nam War. Everything was turned upside down; & I did not know how my future will be. But, I continued to put my trust in God & tried to live one day at a time & keep my head up. I also worked hard on my daily duties & tried to do many good deeds as possible. Looking back on that tough period of my life, I thank God for His help & my resilience to follow His guidance. Without that trial time, I would not be able to work on certain virtues & gain many good qualities that make me the person I am now. Some of you who have been through the Depression, or the aftermath of a war, or a tough period of your life can relate to my experience. You need to rely on the help from above & work hard on the tasks at hand to help you move forward & find hope for your life. I hope you can use those examples as the template to help you & everyone around you pull through this tough period in our human history. We will look back on this time later & see how it has changed us for the better. Hopefully, you'll be stronger & more compassionate as a Christian.

I've seen our parish has had a high percentage of Mass participation in person since the re-opening of public gathering. Your enthusiasm & courage in Mass attendance in spite of our Covid pandemic makes me proud as your pastor. That's why I've joined my staff & volunteers to keep you safe by keeping the safety procedures before & after Mass. I've also projected our Weekend Masses to the Chapel & Family Center in case you want to social distance from the crowd. Recently I've added seven worship screens around our Church to enhance our participation & experience in Mass. I want to thank the staff & volunteers that have helped me with that project. Hopefully these additions will keep you safe & enhance your worship experience at St Mary Magdalen, especially this Lent & Holy Week. Your suffering & sacrifice in this season along with your fasting & abstaining from meat will be joined with the one of Our Lord on the Cross to bring salvation to our world. We can't wait to see our victory on Easter Sunday!

Fr. Peter Vu

Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

2021 was the year dedicated to Saint Joseph. It seems that all the highlights about the Saint still echo in my mind and that of many Catholics. March is here again and it reminds us of coming to him with all our love and devotions.

The Scripture says very little about Saint Joseph. He truly is a quiet and humble man, yet Father Steve Gronow pointed out that "the silence of Saint Joseph speaks louder than any words". As head of the family, he takes good care of Mary, his spouse, and the Child Jesus. The month of St. Joseph and his feast day, March 19th, usually falls in the Lenten season. However, his intercession is powerful as St. Teresa of Avila confirms: "I have never known anyone who ... honored him by particular services who did not advance greatly in virtue, for he helps in a special way those souls who recommend themselves to him"

A couple of weeks ago, I had the honor of accompanying Tom Gabourie in his last days. I brought the Holy Communion to him and prayed with him. Tom had a great devotion to Saint Joseph. He asked me to pray with him a prayer of the Saint that he had been daily praying for years. I found out that Pope Francis prays this prayer every day too and recommends us to do the same. Let us entrust our needs and intentions in Saint Joseph's loving hands for he cares for us.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.

Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome.

My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

Let us remember and pray for Ray Miller and his family. His funeral was celebrated on Monday, February 28, 2022.

Blessings,

Mai Do

Collection of Vietnamese Mass

Vietnamese February Mass Collection: \$ 554.00

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.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE FOR CATHOLICS

WHEN: Ash Wednesday & Good Friday = Fasting & Abstinence
Every Friday = Abstinence

WHO: Catholics 14+ practice abstinence
Catholics 18-59 practice fasting

What is fasting?

One full meal &
Two smaller meals ≠ one full meal

What is abstinence?

No meat

Christian Services



The Men's Group is looking for individually wrapped candy to put in Easter Eggs for their annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 16th at noon. There will be a box outside the office for candy.

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We all need food to nourish us and keep us healthy. Without food, we find it hard to concentrate, study, do our work or even play. Jesus often shared meals with friends and even strangers, and he teaches us to be generous in sharing what we have to eat with others.

It's 5 a.m. in the village of Xequemeyá, Guatemala, but Raúl and Lilian Chanchavac are already starting their day. First, they thank God for all he has given them—their two sons, a field full of plants and a successful business. They certainly have a lot to be thankful for. It all started with a dream to flourish and to help others do the same.

"All things are achieved when one sets out to do so," Raúl says.

In their village, malnutrition is high, which is especially dangerous for children. The community also struggles with water scarcity, poor education, poverty and a changing climate. But Raúl and Lilian believe all this can be overcome.

They started working toward change by growing tomatoes. They dedicated long hours in their field, but plant diseases and other problems destroyed their crops. They felt defeated and humiliated, Raúl says. But they pushed onward.

Then Lilian heard about Catholic Relief Services' SEGAMIL program and how they could receive agriculture training and nutrition education for their children. Raúl and Lilian learned to manage and care for their crops. From there, they began growing for their business—adding onions, chili peppers and oranges to their crops. Produce was plentiful, but they continued to struggle—this time with selling it at markets.

Still determined, they entered CRS' Nuestra Cosecha program that helped them register with the government to begin selling their produce to 16 local schools. Soon, they hired family and community members to harvest and pack the food. Today, they are proud to be able to help others in their community—especially children.

"It helps them be stronger and to learn better ... and to avoid malnutrition in our village," Lilian says.

Today, Lilian and Raul are looking forward to the future.

Together with Lilian, Raul says, "Now that I am living a dream, other dreams come. Now, my dream is to expand the business ... so other people can benefit too."



March 6, 2022



The season of Lent causes us to examine our lives and specifically our walk as Christians. Because of this, Lent has a feel of "New Years" to me. I've never been great at keeping resolutions about self improvement for New Years. However, I find myself looking forward to the self examination and sacrifice that Lent calls for. Part of this is because we have the Church to guide us with its tradition of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; part of this is because we are walking the path of Lent together as a Church community, worldwide, and part because the goal is our greater union with God. God desires this unity with him and our sanctification, so he is eager to help us on this journey. He doesn't "meet us halfway." He leaves the 99 to come get us. He doesn't just forgive us. He throws a banquet in our honor. What a beautiful God we serve.

Our music this Lent will be focused on our lenten journey, our change of heart, and praising of God for his mercy. It will be more subdued and calm.

*Be with me, Lord,
when I am in trouble.*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE SEASON OF LENT—SUNDAY GIVING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Budget (Under)</u>
February 26 th & 27 th	\$ 14,994	\$ 12,000 \$2,994
Year To Date	\$369,770	\$408,000 (\$38,230)

221 envelope contributions and 23 electronic contributions

Maintenance Fund envelopes: \$ 40

Benevolent Fund envelopes: \$ 85

Thank you for your continued support for the Maintenance Fund! We have recently sprung leaks in the church and in the Family Center. Your donations cover the cost to repair and maintain our campus facilities.

The 1st Sunday of Lent, Year C

Middle School Retreat 2022: **L O S T**



"For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."
Luke 19:10



Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this weekend a success.

And the biggest thank you of all to 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!

Lectors for the Week of March 6th

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

Lectors for the Week of March 13th

Saturday, 5pm Deanna McGowan
 Sunday, 9am Maria Saenz
 Sunday, 11am Arlette Uwarugira
 Sunday, 5pm Mark O’Gorman

Cantors for March 6th

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

Cantors for March 13th

Saturday, 5pm Kathy Miller
 Sunday, 9am Anne Click
 Sunday, 11am Sandy Soresi
 Sunday, 5pm Kathy Miller



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.

Albright, Les	Jacobs, Ed	Reynolds, Sue	Wittkowski, Michael
Asplund, Diane	Jacobs, Peggy	Rhoades, Michelle	Young, Sharon
Bunker-Lloyd, Lynda	Kastenholz, Jean	Ringeisen, Kathleen	
Church, Robert	Kastenholz, Mark	Ringeisen, Richard	
Downey, Sally	Kaminski, Marilyn	Sobczak, Ed	
Fraher, Kathy	Kulczyk, Ray	Sobczak, Bobbie	
Gabourie, Tom	Le, Bao Tien	Stephan, Janet	
Galic, Slava	Maly, Gene	Stephan, Ron	
Garber, Michele	Nawrocki, Barbara	Terpak, Dorothy	
Garety, Katie	Nelsen, Andrea	Toohy, Paul	
Gorkowski, Henry	Nelson, Dorothy	Waldron, Karen	
Glennie, Paula	Nguyen, Truc	Wedge, Matthew	
Hermann, Jerimiah	Partridge, Therese	Wilson, Laurie	
Ivos, Zdravko	Pelletier, Tim	Wingeier, Pat	
	Petrlich, Alice	Witgen, Max	



Upcoming Events for the Week of 3/6 to 3/12

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Sunday of Lent 8:30am 1 st Sunday Rosary 9:00am Mass 10:00am Coffee & Donuts 11:00am Mass 12:00am Coffee & Donuts 12:15pm Children’s Choir 5:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass 9:00am Synod Listening Session 7:00pm Synod Listening Session 7:30pm YA Meeting	9:00am Rosary Making 9:30am Morning Bible Study 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Confirmation at the Cathedral of St Andrew	8:00am Mass 9:00am Scripture Study 6:15pm Faith Formation	8:00am Mass 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:15pm Adult Choir	8:00am Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm PreCana Class	9:00am PreCana Class 3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass