



The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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St. Mary + Magdalen



March 19th, 2023

Masses For The Week



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

Saturday

March 18
5:00pm

Saint Cyril, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

†Marie Bennett by St Mary Magdalen Parish

†James Andrie by the Andrie family

Sunday

March 19
9:00am

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Clara Jeon by the Jeon family

†Helen & Bill Vunesky by the Chatlosh family

†Bernie & John Polacek by the Chatlosh family

11:00am

The People of our Parish

5:00pm

†Henry & Tillie Gorkowski by the Gorkowski family

All Those in Need of Prayer

Monday

March 20
8:00am

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Davor Lucic by Anelka Lucic

Tuesday

March 21

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

March 22
8:00am

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Volunteers & Benefactors of St Mary Magdalen Parish

Thursday

March 23
8:00am

Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

†Joseph Minerva by the Minerva family

Friday

March 24
8:00am

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

†Ed Kaminski by the Kaminski family

Saturday

March 25
5:00pm

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

All Those in Need of Prayer

Sunday

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

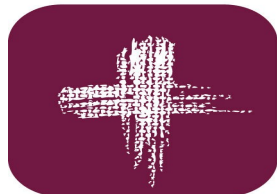
†Mary Tien by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen

†Vien Tran Hoa & Muoi Nguyen

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The People of our Parish

Lent



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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 March 19th

Saturday, 5pm Mike Bush
Sunday, 9am Paula Ward
Sunday, 11 am Mary Roberts
Sunday, 5pm Bernardo Abner

Lectors for the Week of March 26th

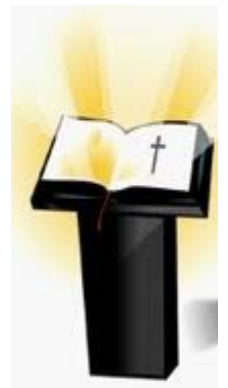
Saturday, 5pm Judy Haisma
Sunday, 9am Anthony Bielecki
Sunday, 11 am Kodi Schulist
Sunday, 5pm Deanna McGowan

Cantors for March 19th

Saturday, 5pm Emily Rushmore
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Sunday, 11 am Emily Rushmore
Sunday, 5pm Emily Rushmore

Cantors for March 26th

Saturday, 5pm Kathy Miller
Sunday, 9am Anne Click
Sunday, 11 am Hue Nguyen
Sunday, 5pm Mary Thompson



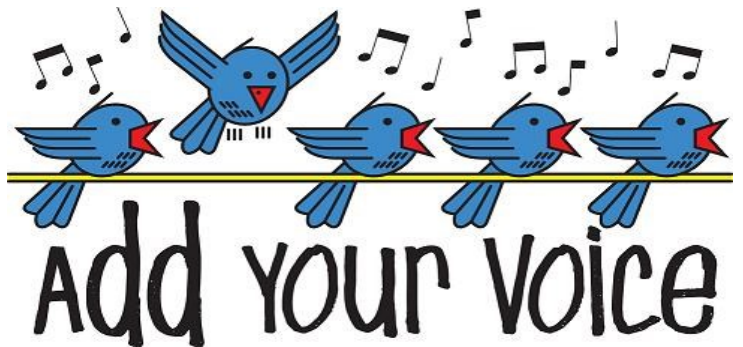
Music Ministry

There is only one more weekend after today until Holy Week. The choirs have been diligently rehearsing old favorites and new pieces. I appreciate their showing up and all their work to prepare for the upcoming solemn celebrations.

One thing we continue to struggle with in choir is low numbers. There are several handbell songs where we could use an additional ringer, and of course, our adult choir has no tenor or bass singers. If you are able to support us with your time and talents, please take this time, between now and the beginning of choir in the fall, to seriously consider doing so. Ask questions of myself or other music members. Attend the Triduum services (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil) to experience the many styles of music we sing (hymnody, chant, spiritual, folk, contemporary compositions, and beloved songs from the *Gather* hymnal, etc) I know there are many talented singers in the pews. I would also bet there are people that can follow along with music and keep a beat (many of our handball ringers were in band years ago in school).

Increased participation in choirs will improve our sound, expand the repertoire we can ring in bells, and will give increased enthusiasm to our long term musicians, some who have been holding the torch for a very long time. The best way you can show your support is to work alongside us. I'd love to hear from you.

Emily



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Join us in the Family Center at noon on Holy Saturday, April 8th, for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, for ages under 12. This event is sponsored by the St Mary Magdalen Men's Group.

Join us for Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7pm

March 24th – Women's Ministry,

March 31st – Men's Group



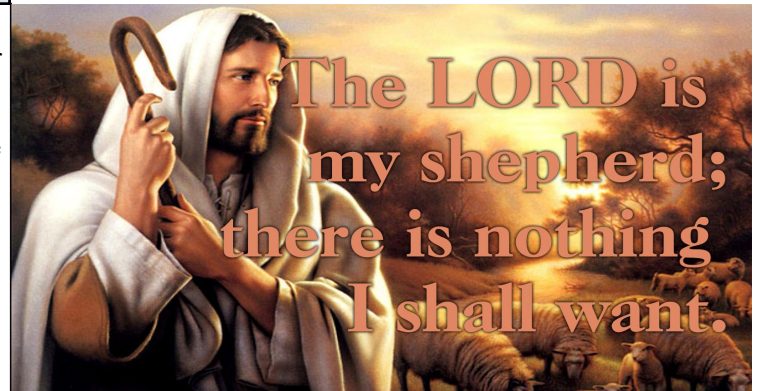
You're Invited

The reception for the newly baptized after the Vigil is more than a reception. It flows from Communion as the Easter breakfast that breaks the paschal fast of the Church. The newly baptized and the newly received are the guests of honor.



The Second Best Sale, sponsored by the Women's Guild, is scheduled for April 5th from 9am to 6pm, and April 6th from 9am to 1pm. Donations may be dropped off to the family center stage, beginning Monday, March 27th until Sunday, April 2nd. The east door (door D) will be open for your convenience.

We are unable to accept donations before these dates. The Guild would appreciate any help moving donations from the stage to the proper tables on Monday, April 3rd at 9am.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week ending March 12th	Fiscal YTD 7/1/2022—6/30/2023	
Offertory Regular	\$ 8,327	Offertory Actual \$ 412,163
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,428	Offertory Budget \$ 421,120
Total Collection	\$ 9,755	Over/(Under) (\$ 8,957)
Benevolent Fund:	\$212	Maintenance Fund: \$ 310
Ukraine Support:	\$ 20	

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

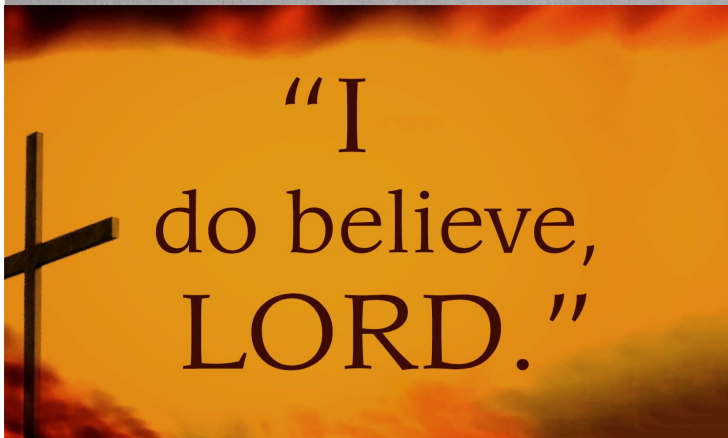


Easter Flower envelopes are now available at both entrances. Envelopes are due to the office by Good Friday.



Ash Wednesday
RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday	Regular Schedule	3:30-4:45pm
Thursday, 3/23	The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance	5-8pm
Monday, 3/27	Lenten Reconciliation	8:30-10am & 6-8pm
Wednesday, 3/29	Lenten Reconciliation	8:30-10am & 6-8pm
Thursday, 3/30	Lenten Reconciliation	8:30-10am & 6-8pm
Friday, 3/31	Lenten Reconciliation	8:30-10am
Wednesday, 4/5	Lenten Reconciliation	8:30-10am & 6-8 pm



Faith Formation

Blessing of the Food

In keeping with our tradition there will be a Blessing of the Food on Holy Saturday at 10am in the chapel. Everyone is invited to bring part of their Easter meal to have it blessed as we anticipate the end of our fasting and prepare to celebrate Christ resurrected with a special feast.

While any food for your celebration is welcome, here is an explanation of the traditional food that is blessed;

Eggs which are the symbols of eternal life, of new life, of Christ's Resurrection.

Butter reminds us of God's goodness and is often molded into the form of a paschal lamb reminding us that Jesus is the Lamb of God.

Bread as Jesus is the bread of life, (this is often a round loaf symbolizing eternal life).

Horseradish & pepper remind us of the bitter herbs offered to Christ on Calvary.

Sausage links or Kielba showing that Christ broke the chains of death.

Ham or bacon are signs of God's abundance.

Lamb, the meat eaten as Passover.

Salt reminders of hospitality and prosperity.

A candle, Christ as the light of the world.

Two nails tied in the shape of a Cross.

The food is covered with linen reminding us of the linen cloth that covered Jesus' head.

As the food is blessed we remember prayerfully the sadness of Jesus' Passion and death knowing that it will soon be over and we will celebrate the joy of Resurrection!

Please note that in keeping with our desire for safety, food will be held by the families during the blessing and all food must be covered.

Blessings,
Molly Wisdom



Holy Thursday
Washing of Feet

On Holy Thursday we celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper and rejoice in the gift of the Eucharist. As part of that celebration we also experience the washing of feet. This reminds us of Jesus' call to serve one another with love and humility not just in the ministerial priesthood of the ordained but also in the ordinary priesthood into which we are baptized as Catholics. We are calling forth people from the parish community to assist us in the celebration.

If you are interested in having your foot washed, please contact Molly Wisdom at the Parish Office.

Congratulations!!

The parish would like to congratulate the 2nd & 3rd grade students that celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week!

Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

This year, the feast of Saint Joseph falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent, so it is moved to the following Monday, March 20th instead. St. Joseph is known as a carpenter and a silent person in the Bible. Celebrating his feast day, I recall a true story relating to his silence: The Miraculous Staircase.

In 1853, the Sisters of Loretto in Santa Fe, New Mexico had a small chapel built by a French architect. However, the architect passed away before building an access to the choir loft. The sisters prayed fervently a novena to St. Joseph to ask for guidance and help. On the last day of the novena, a mysterious man appeared at their door with only a hammer and a carpenter's square. He offered to take over the work.

During the next three months of consecutive and hard work, the man utilized simple tools and wooden pegs. He used spruce wood that was not native to the area. Surprisingly, after finishing it, he disappeared without asking for payment nor uttering a word. The Sisters tried to contact some lumber stores around there, but it was impossible to find out where he bought the special wood.

It is believed that St. Joseph was the man who built the stairs for the sisters since they prayed for his help. Let us not hesitate to come to St. Joseph with our struggles and ask for his powerful intercession; absolutely, he will intercede for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Blessings,
Sr. Mai Do

Vietnamese Mass

Join us for **the Stations of the Cross at 12:30pm & the Vietnamese Monthly Mass on March 26, 2023**, at 1pm

Kính mời quý vị tham dự giờ suy ngẫm **Đàng Thánh Giá lúc 12:30 chiều & Thánh Lễ Tiếng Việt** ngày 26 tháng 03 năm 2023, lúc 1 giờ chiều.

Citizenship Classes and English Language Tutoring

The Asian Community Outreach starts citizenship and ESL classes in the BAC of St Mary Magdalen on Saturdays March 18th from 3:30pm-5pm. The classes will end in May. If you are interested in these classes, please contact Alison Hawkins at allison.m.hawkins@gmail.com

Chương trình Tiếp cận Cộng đồng Á Châu bắt đầu các lớp học ôn thi công dân Hoa Kỳ và học Tiếng Anh cơ bản tại phòng BAC của giáo xứ St. Mary Magdalen vào các ngày thứ Bảy, ngày 18 tháng 3, từ 3:30 chiều - 5 giờ chiều. Lớp học sẽ kết thúc tháng 5. Nếu quý vị muốn tham dự các lớp học này, vui lòng liên hệ với Alison Hawkins tại allison.m.hawkins@gmail.com

March 19, 2023

Christian Services

MEMBER OF
**FEEDING
AMERICA**

The Feeding America West Michigan Food truck will be here Saturday, March 25th. Everyone is invited to come and help with the

distribution of food to others in the community. Come at 8:30am to the BAC to help organize and bag the food and distribution will begin at 9:00am. Remember to dress for the weather.

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Our next blood drive is April 30th, 8:00am to 12:30pm in the BAC.

Our goal is to collect **15** blood products, which will help us meet the high demand from hospitals in our community. Every donation is needed and appreciated!

You can sign-up by using the link below:

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/145172

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I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

40 CANS FOR LENT



Thank to everyone who has donated to the Knights of Columbus 40 cans for Lent food drive. I took inventory of what is still needed. We could use: muffin mixes, canned fruit, frosting, and jello to complete our holiday baskets.

Help will be needed to deliver the holiday baskets on Saturday, April 1st at 10:00am. Please park in the back of the Family Center and come in door 'F'.

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The Men's Group is collecting candy for their annual Easter Egg hunt. They are looking for individually wrapped candy that will fit inside a plastic Easter egg. There is a bin by the office for your donation.

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There are a couple of dinners that are popular on Wednesday night. I haven't made them recently as I am short on servers. There is a sign-up sheet to help on



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wednesday night for serving (5:00pm- 6:00pm) if you would like to help, please sign up on the kitchen door. Help is also needed for food prep for the Easter Vigil reception. We will begin on Wednesday, April 5th. Stop by to take a look, maybe there is a time you can help.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A



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

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

Upcoming Events for the Week of 3/19 to 3/25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4th Sunday of Lent 9:00am Mass w/CLW 10:00am Coffee & Donuts 11:00am Mass w/CLW & 2 nd Scrutiny 12:00pm Coffee & Donuts 12:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	7:00pm Boy Scouts	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 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	9:00am Feeding America 10:00am Lector Retreat 3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass