

*I am the*  
RESURRECTION  
*and the LIFE*

JOHN 11:25



**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**St. Mary + Magdalen**



**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

# Masses For The Week



For the Week of March 26, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

## **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

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## **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  
†Jocelyn Fernandez Sorongon by Lynie Huynh  
Family Alivic by Anita Simic  
†Henry & Tillie Gorkowski by the Gorkowski family  
†Vien Tran by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen  
†Kathleen Ringeissen by her family  
Family Simic by Anita Simic  
The People of our Parish

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## **Monday**

March 27  
8:00am

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11  
All Those in Need of Prayer

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## **Tuesday**

March 28

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

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## **Wednesday**

March 29  
8:00am

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42  
†Larry Barcheski by Joan Derr & family

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## **Thursday**

March 30  
8:00am

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59  
The Diocese of Grand Rapids and our Parish

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## **Friday**

March 31  
8:00am

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42  
†James Andrie by Andrie family

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## **Saturday**

April 1  
5:00pm

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10; 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56  
†Wayne Stone by Andrie family

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## **Sunday**

April 2  
9:00am  
11:00am  
5:00pm

### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66  
The People of our Parish  
Family Simic by Anita Simic  
†Henry & Tillie Gorkowski by the Gorkowski family



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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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Pastoral Council

Patricia Snyder

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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 26<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Lectors for the Week of April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Saturday, 5pm Jeanine Bryant  
Sunday, 9am Chris Maday  
Sunday, 11 am Marie Abner  
Sunday, 5pm Luisa Ortiz

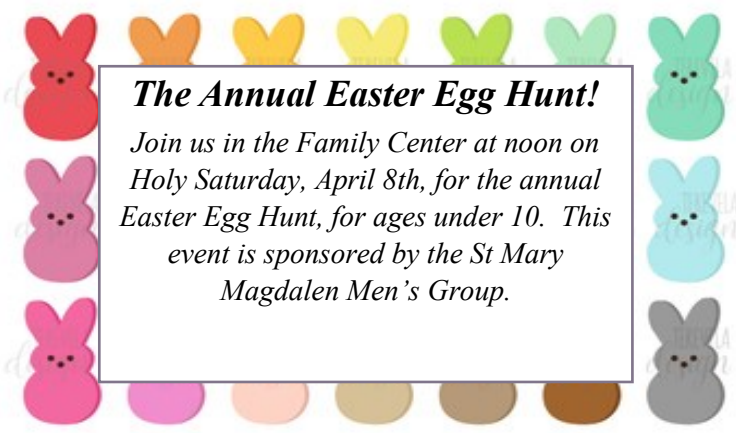
#### Cantors for March 26<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Cantors for April 2<sup>nd</sup>

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





### ***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 10. This event is sponsored by the St Mary Magdalen Men's Group.*

### **Join us for Stations of the Cross**

**Every Friday at 7pm**

March 31<sup>st</sup>—Men's Group

Join us for Living Stations, Good Friday at 7pm



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 6pm, and April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. Donations may be dropped off to the family center stage, beginning Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am.

### **Music Ministry**



I want to acknowledge the children's choir again and thank them for singing at Mass last weekend. It is a joy to hear your voices. Special acknowledgement goes to Shay Williams-Blair and Sophie Nguyen, cantors.

The children will sing one last time on May 21<sup>st</sup> on the Feast of the Ascension at 11am. Once again, my deep thanks to Ketri Herrmann and Hue Nguyen for their weekly help with the choir.

# Triduum



I want to encourage as many of you as possible to attend the celebration of the Holy Triduum this year. This unique liturgical season is actually one liturgy spanning three days. This liturgy begins here at St. Mary Magdalen at 7pm on Holy Thursday with **the Mass of the Lord's Supper**. It continues through **Good Friday** with a service at 1pm (come early at 12 pm to pray the Stations of the Cross or come back for the Living Stations later that evening at 7pm), and culminates in the greatest celebration on the holiest night of the year, **the Vigil Mass of Easter**, at 9pm. The Easter Vigil "is the greatest and most noble of all solemnities." (Roman Missal, Easter Time, Par. 2) During this Great Vigil we acknowledge Christ as the light of the world (Lucernarium), the priest proclaims a special paschal song of praise used only once a year (Exultet), we follow salvation history as told in the Word of God, and celebrate the newest members of our Christian community in the baptism and confirmation of our candidates and catechumens.

Many people shy away from the Mass after hearing about the length, but I encourage you to not let that deter you. Things of great importance take time! A special reception hosted by the parish follows the Mass and everyone is invited to attend. The experience of the Holy Triduum liturgy is edifying to one's faith and to the faithful who will be baptized and confirmed at the Vigil. It would be wonderful to celebrate this great feast with as many of our parish as possible. Please come!

Emily



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

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<b>Week ending March 19<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Fiscal YTD 7/1/2022—6/30/2023</b>	
Offertory Regular	\$ 7,319	Offertory Actual	\$422,401
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,119	Offertory Budget	\$432,800
Total Collection	\$ 10,238	Over/(Under)	(\$ 10,399)
<i>121 envelope contributions and 36 electronic contributions</i>			
Benevolent Fund:	\$ 30	Maintenance Fund:	\$ 350
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](http://stmmagdalen.org/donate)

### FACILITIES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Thank you for your continued stewardship of treasure in support of St. Mary Magdalen Parish! Without your support, our parish facilities would continue to deteriorate and our beautiful campus would suffer in being able to welcome people and support all of the wonderful ministries we offer in our local community.

Due to your generosity, we were able to repair the clogged kitchen drain pipes in the Family Center as well as replace the aging dishwasher with a brand new one! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

When you get a chance, stop by the Family Center to see and experience the recently painted and updated lighting in the main gathering space. Also, if you poke your head into the kitchen, you'll notice that the repairs made to floor must now be addressed. Since old cast iron pipes were replaced, a new layer of concrete was installed over the new pipes. Now the kitchen floor needs to be addressed. The flooring in the nearly 800 square foot kitchen space needs to be retiled with either ceramic or vinyl flooring. We are not allowed to operate the kitchen long term with bare concrete as the floor. One of our parishioners in the flooring business estimated a cost of \$4,000—5,000 to grade and retiling the floor.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this special project by making your donation to the Maintenance Fund. As with all things, we give thanks to God for the generous gift of our lives and blessings. We are thankful for this faith-filled parish community of St. Mary Magdalen and the generosity and stewardship of our collective time, talent and financial resources! May God continue to bless us always!

Larry Cadorniga



The Widow/Widowers group will be meeting at Pizza Ranch, 3858 28<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Kentwood, on Monday, 3/27 at 1pm.

### Faith Formation

Hello Everyone,

During the Lenten season, you may have heard Fr. Peter speak about the fact that we are celebrating something special with the Elect. What we celebrate is a Scrutiny, and there are three of them in all. This Sunday marks the celebration of the third Scrutiny in the RCIA process. A scrutiny is a celebration in which we encourage the moral preparation of catechumens through prayers and minor exorcisms, (I know this sounds bad because we tend to think of what we see in the movies, but minor exorcisms are prayers used to break the influence of evil and sin in a person's life.). Following this we dismiss the RCIA participant for a time of reflection. As I thought about this weekend, I decided that a little scrutinizing might be good for all of us. Now having said that, I want you to know that the ritual of the scrutinies are reserved for those who have not yet been baptized, but the feeling and momentum surrounding them may help all of us in our Lenten preparation.

What really interests me about these particular celebrations is what they are meant to uncover. They are actually calling people into reflection on the things in their lives that create barriers in their relationship with God. That in itself is something we are all called to do in our examination of conscience, but the scrutiny goes even further and reminds us that whenever we open ourselves to the pure love of God, we have to be protect ourselves from the influence of evil. What this does is opens our eyes to how evil uses deception to entice us into sin and our vigilance helps us be more aware of what surrounds us that can adversely affect our lives.

Along with this serious and maybe even scary reflection, goes the realization through reflection of the pure, loving and holy things in our life. This offers us the opportunity to be thankful for the goodness that God brings to our lives.

Often during this period in the RCIA process you will hear petitions offered for those awaiting the reception of the sacraments. It is our way as a parish community to support them while they are preparing but it can also reminds us to look a little deeper into our relationship with God and those around us as we experience the Lenten Season.

God's Blessings,  
Molly Wisdom

#### Washing of Feet



On Holy Thursday we celebrate 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.

## Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

Recently, I listened to a discussion by Dr. Marlon De La Torre about the Eucharist. He addressed the relationship between: “Metanoia” and “Eucharist”. It is suitable for us to reflect on this topic in this Lenten journey.

Metanoia! We don't hear this term very often. So, what does it mean? It is a Greek word for repentance. Metanoia is not only about returning to God, but it is a complete way of changing the mind and heart. Through the sacrament of reconciliation, God calls us to return to him to receive forgiveness and peace of heart. From there, he invites us to change our mind, our own way of life to live for Him and according to His teaching.

Metanoia is associated with the recognition of the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. If sin pulls us away from God and prevents us from living in his love, God's grace and mercy brings us back to Him. The more we repent for our sins and walk in His ways, the more we recognize and believe Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

In the last week of Lent, Fr. Peter offers extra hours for this healing sacrament throughout the week. Let us draw closer to God to be showered with his love and mercy through confession. May God open our eyes to contemplate Him in the Most Holy Sacrament and in each other.

Many blessings,  
Sr. Mai Do

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training

As part of the Eucharistic Revival, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) are expected to be trained in updated diocesan norms for ministry. The nearest training session will be offered at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Rapids on Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 8:30pm** and at **St. John Vianney, Wyoming on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 - 8:30pm**. A full schedule of trainings are available on the webpage of the diocesan Office for Worship (<https://grdiocese.org/ministries/worship-3/>), where all EMHCs, whether they serve during Mass or minister to the sick, are asked to register for the session they plan to attend.

If you are bringing Holy Communion to your loved one or if you're interested in being Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, you are invited to attend the training as well.

## Christian Services

Across the communities that Versiti serve, more than 2,400 donors are needed every day to maintain a safe and adequate blood supply for patients. While about 38% of the population is eligible to donate blood, fewer than 5% do.

Our next blood drive is April 30<sup>th</sup> from 8am 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!

Please sign-up by using the link below:

[https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/145172](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/145172)

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The Men's Group is collecting candy for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. They are looking for individually wrapped candy that will fit inside a plastic Easter egg. Please put your donations in the bin outside the office doors.

The Easter Egg hunt will be Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at noon and is for children 10 and under. Please gather in the Family Center for instructions. In case of bad weather this event will be held inside.

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The Men's Group will be saying a Rosary of Healing Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. If you or someone you know are in need of healing, please meet them in the chapel, everyone is invited to come.

Following the Rosary, the Men's Group will have their monthly meeting in the Family Center, room 3. All men 18 years old and above are invited to join them.

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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 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 5<sup>th</sup>. Stop by to take a look, maybe there is a time you can help.

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As we near the end of Lent and our Rice Bowls are filling up. Please turn in your Rice Bowl to the CRS boxes or the office during the week. You don't need to convert the coins into bills this year. Thank you for your generosity.



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   | Kulczyk, Ray         | Sobczak, Ed         |
| Asplund, Diane      | Hekman-Terpstra, Nelly | Lawson, Norma        | Sobczak, Bobbie     |
| Bunker-Lloyd, Lynda | Campione, Dolores      | Le, Bao Tien         | Stephan, Janet      |
| Carlson, Fred       | Herrmann, Jerimiah     | McCormick, Davis     | Stephan, Ron        |
| Church, Robert      | Herrmann, Benny        | Minerva, Antonina    | Terpak, Dorothy     |
| Crowley, Robert     | Herrmann, Marilyn      | Nawrocki, Barbara    | Toohey, Paul        |
| Crynes, Jamison     | Hojnacki, Jim          | Nelson, Dorothy      | Waldron, Karen      |
| DeLing, Richard     | Ivos, Zdravko          | Nguyen, Truc         | Wedge, Matthew      |
| Downey, Sally       | Jacobs, Ed             | Oliver-Schauer, Mary | Wilson, Lorie       |
| England, Christine  | Jacobs, Peggy          | Partridge, Therese   | Wingeier, Pat       |
| Fraher, Kathy       | Jelens, Dan            | Pelletier, Tim       | Witgen, Max         |
| Gabourie, Tom       | Kaiser, Marvin         | Petrich, Alice       | Wittkowski, Michael |
| Galic, Slava        | Kastenholz, Jean       | Reynolds, Sue        | Young, Sharon       |
| Gorkowski, Henry    | Kastenholz, Mark       | Rhoades, Michelle    |                     |
| Glennie, Paula      | Kaminski, Marilynn     | Ringeisen, Richard   |                     |
| Gwizdak, Micheal    | Kenzie, Gloria         | Rings, Michael       |                     |
|                     | 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 3/26 to 4/1**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 9:00am Mass w/CLW 10:00am Coffee & Donuts 11:00am Mass w/CLW & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny 12:00pm Coffee & Donuts 12:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal 1:00pm Mass-Vietnamese 5:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass 8:30am Confession 1:00pm Widow/Widowers Group 6:00pm Confession	10:00am Morning Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Rosary 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Men's Group	8:00am Mass 8:30am Confession 9:00am Scripture Study 5:15pm Family Dinner 6:00pm Confession 6:15pm Faith Formation	8:00am Mass 8:30am Confession 6:00pm Confession 6:30pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	8:00am Mass 8:30am Confession 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	10:00am Easter Basket Delivery 3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass