

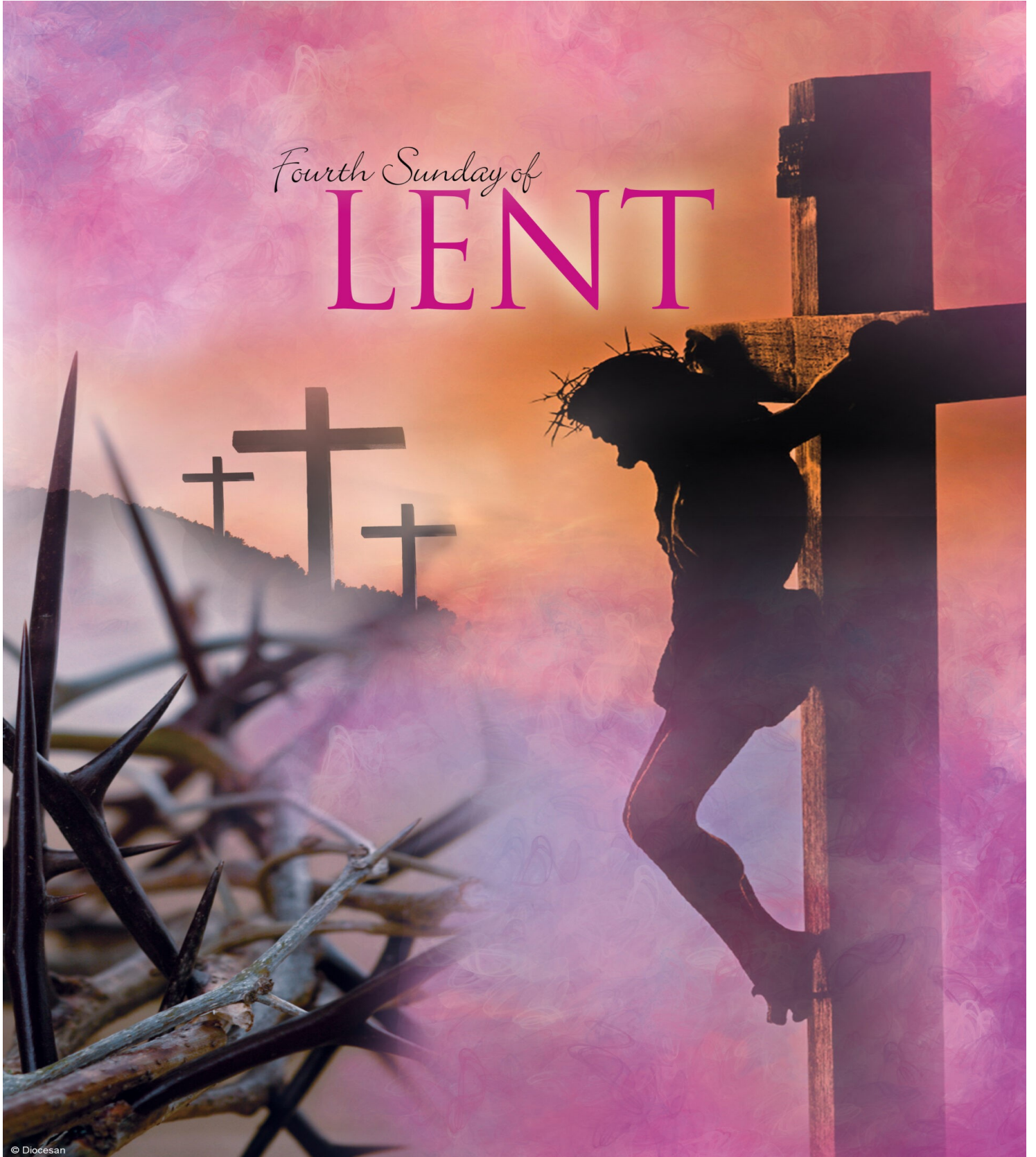
St. Mary + Magdalen



March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

*Fourth Sunday of*

LENT



# Masses For The Week



## Readings and Mass Intentions for the Week of March 27, 2022

### Saturday

**March 26**

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

5:00pm

†Bob Dodde by Tom & Barb Nawrocki

†Gustav & Margaret Zier by Paula Glennie

### Sunday

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 27**

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5,6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

9:00am

†Ray Miller by Marty, Nancy, Theresa, & RuthMary

†Shirley Maurer by Thomas Maurer

†Kenton Kurth by Gary Novak

11:00am

†Cynthia Ann Wiest by Mary Roberts

1:00pm

Phaolo Tran Long by Cao Thi Nga

5:00pm

†Henry & Tillie Gorkowski by Gorkowski family

Anthony Moore by Laura & Connor Moore

### Monday

**March 28**

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; Jn 4:43-54

8:00am

All those in need of prayer

### Tuesday

**March 29**

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

### Wednesday

**March 30**

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

8:00am

†Ray Miller by Marty, Nancy, Theresa, & RuthMary

### Thursday

**March 31**

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

8:00am

The people of the Ukraine

### Friday

**April 1**

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

8:00am

†Claire Meehan by Ralph & Sharon Shefferly

### Saturday

**April 2**

#### **Memorial Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit**

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

5:00pm

†Gloria Evans by her family

### Sunday

#### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**April 3**

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

9:00am

†Bob Dodde by Maria Balks

†Phaolo Tran Long by Cao Thi Nga

†Jim Sichterman by Tom & Barb Nawrocki

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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The 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Sale, sponsored by the Women's Guild, is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 7pm, and April 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. Donations may be dropped off to the family center stage, beginning Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The east door (door D) will be open for your convenience.

The Guild would appreciate any help moving donations from the stage to the proper tables on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

Throughout the year, we are frequently asked "how can we help the office, the church, or various ministries." After a lot of thought, we have put together a small list of items and projects that we would really appreciate help with. Here are two of those items. We really feel that having a cement walkway to the tent is greatly needed. It aides in accessibility as well as convenience. Also, our sound system in the Family Center has not been working properly for a few years, it is in dire need of updating. We all appreciate any help that can be put towards these projects.

Thank you,

St Mary Magdalen Staff



Please join us every Friday of Lent at 7:00pm for the Stations of the Cross.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
SEASON OF LENT—SUNDAY GIVING**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Budget (Under)</u>
March 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 9,948	\$ 12,000 (\$2,051)
Fiscal Year To Date	\$ 401,698	\$ 444,000 (\$42,302)

*envelope contributions and electronic contributions*

Benevolent Fund envelopes: \$ 381

Maintenance Fund envelopes: \$ 402

*Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge commitment to the annual Catholic Services Appeal! Please prayerfully consider a pledge in support of the CSA if you have not yet made your commitment. Even if you are unable to financially support the CSA this year, please make a pledge to support the appeal with your prayers.*

*Complete and return your pledge card today!*

*Catholic Services Appeal Goal for 2022: \$115,782*

*Pledge total: \$21,970 Number of Pledges: 45*

*Thank you for your generous support of the CSA!*

**Homebound Ministry**

Hello everyone,

The parable of the prodigal son in this Sunday's Gospel makes me recall a touching story of when I was an intern in Vietnam in 2015.

It was on a Holy Saturday, the Sisters in the community and myself, made a trip to a tribal village to visit and deliver food with some basic home supplies to the lepers in that village. When everything was done and we were ready to leave, a 12-year-old boy with ruffled hair, dirty, old clothes, and bare feet, timidly approached us. We invited him to come with us. He eagerly nodded. After a short conversation with his parents, they consented to let the boy come with us to the boarding house administered by our Sisters.

On the way home, I learned that he grew up in a poor family with leper parents. The sisters had brought him to their boarding house a couple of years earlier to start his initial education, he stayed for six months. But after the New Year vacation, he quit and didn't return. The sisters went to his house trying to persuade him to come back. However, they failed to do so because whenever he saw the Sisters, he ran away.

Looking at him sitting quietly in the car, the picture of the prodigal son came to my mind. He returned home no luggage, no sandals but a longing heart for home. Indeed, it was not an accident that happened on that Holy Saturday. It reminded me of a dire need to go home. At some level, like the prodigal son and the little boy, we all need to go back to our Father's house in which our Christian lives are nurtured and grown.

As we joyfully celebrate the Laetare Sunday, may we taste the joy and happiness of living in God's house.

Blessings,  
Sr. Mai Do

**Join us for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy**



Time: 3pm  
Date: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
First Friday of the month  
Place: In the Chapel, during Adoration

**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

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

# 40 CANS FOR LENT



The Knights of Columbus **40 Cans for Lent food drive** continues until Easter. Food that comes in is sorted and is used to fill holiday baskets, then anything extra is given to The Little Green Apple pantry. We are currently in need of **muffin mixes, canned fruit, frosting, and boxed potato or rice.**

Thank you for helping those that are less fortunate.



Spring is here and it's time to start thinking about summer and golfing. The SMM golf league has openings for people of all skill levels. If you are over 18 and would like to join this Wednesday league, please contact Mike Bush at [mlbgolf63@gmail.com](mailto:mlbgolf63@gmail.com) for more information.

We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Lots of help will be needed!



The Light is ON for You.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation



## Spend Time with God this Week!

Here's your last-minute reminder that our parish is participating in **"The Light is On for You: An Evening of Penance" THIS THURSDAY, March 31.** Join Father Peter from **5-8pm** in the confessional as we prepare for the Lord's resurrection.

Visit [GRdiocese.org/penance](http://GRdiocese.org/penance) for details

## The Annual Easter Egg Hunt Is Back!

The Men's Group is looking for individually wrapped candy to put in Easter Eggs for their annual Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at noon.

There is a box outside the office for candy donations.



We are still in need of volunteer worship screen people to assist at all masses. I am looking for people who can help regularly as well as people who can help as their schedule allows. A recent volunteer commented that this role has helped prevent his mind from wandering at mass and focus on the readings. We currently have volunteers from preteen through grandparents. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to join.

In the second reading today, Paul preaches Christ's ministry of reconciliation. "God was reconciling the world through himself in Christ," and "For our sake he made him be sin who did not know sin."

This brings us all the way back to Eden: heaven on Earth. Heaven, I think, is most easily defined as a perfect union and intimacy with God (a state as opposed to a place). Even as man was expelled from Eden and lost union, God had a plan for our redemption and our reconciliation with Him. This mystery, God's leading us to himself through ancient Israel and then through Christ, has been pondered by the apostles, the Church Fathers, and by saints and mystics. The Roman Missal, the ritual book we use at Mass, includes the lengthy hymn, *Crux Fidelis*, (*Faithful Cross*) for use at the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday. We will sing the hymn on that day, but the text is so rich (and lengthy!) that I will break down the 10 verses into 3 parts, each part to be shared on these remaining Sundays before Holy Week.

*Crux Fidelis*  
(Refrain 1) Faithful Cross the Saints rely on,  
Noble Tree beyond compare.  
Never was there such a scion  
Never leaf or flower so rare.  
(Refrain 2) Sweet the timber,  
Sweet the iron,  
Sweet the burden that they bear.

(1) Sing, my tongue, in exaltation, of the banner and device.  
Make a solemn proclamation of a triumph and its price:  
How the savior of creation conquered by his sacrifice.  
(2) For when Adam first offended, eating that forbidden fruit,  
Not all hopes of glory ended with the serpent at the root:  
Broken nature would be mended by a second tree and shoot.  
(3) Thus the tempter was outwitted by a wisdom deeper still:  
Remedy and ailment fitted, means to cure and means to kill;  
That the world might be acquitted, Christ would do his Father's will.

## Youth Ministries

Hello everyone,

Lent is a beautiful time of reconciliation and repentance as we prepare for Easter. This is a great time to go to Confession and to become (in the words of our second reading) "a new creation."

It's also a difficult time because reconciliation and repentance are often, let's face it, challenging and uncomfortable. While the rewards are well worth the effort, the process of acknowledging our sinfulness and the ways in which we've failed ourselves and one another is not enjoyable. In fact, it's a process that we often avoid *because* it is so uncomfortable, and society at large doesn't help.

Our world today tends to offer us two paths. The first is a path in which we are not meant to hold ourselves or anyone around us accountable for anything for fear of coming across too critical or judgmental. This path allows us to embrace our natural avoidance of discomfort, and often leads to a nurturing of past hurts. The second path involves holding ourselves and others overly accountable, reacting to our discomfort by lashing out. This path often leads to virtue signaling or intense shaming.

But as Catholics, especially during Lent, we are shown a third path, a path of true repentance and reconciliation through Christ. This season invites us to lean into our discomfort, to ask one another and ourselves the hard questions about our thoughts, intentions, and actions. Lent tells us that when we lean in and truly desire forgiveness, the Lord will grant it. By wrestling with our sins rather than avoiding them or continually agonizing over them, we are invited to work through our past and to come out the other side transformed. How can we accept that invitation this week? How can we share this third path with others?

Peace,  
Allison

### Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

It's time to sign up for Living Stations! Living Stations is a shadow play that youth ministry sponsors for Good Friday. The sign-up sheet with additional information regarding rehearsal is in the Gathering Area.

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Youth Ministry is looking to take a group of students to Cor Jesu at the Basilica of St. Adalbert on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. We would leave at 7:30pm from the church and return by 9pm. Cor Jesu is held monthly on first Fridays and involves an opportunity for Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and praise and worship music. Please see the sign up in the Gathering Area for more information.

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Information on our summer Mission Trip to Cincinnati can be found in the Gathering Area. Registration forms are due by Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have registration forms, please get them in ASAP! Thank you!

## Faith Formation

### *Blessing of the Food*

In keeping with our tradition there will be a Blessing of the Food on Holy Saturday at 10 a.m. 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 Kielbasa showing that Christ broke the chains of  
death.*

*Ham or bacon are signs of God's abundance.*

*Lamb, the meat eaten as Passover.*

*Salt reminds us 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



### *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.

### Faith Formation Information:

March 30-Faith Formation Classes

April 6-No Faith Formation Classes-Spring Break

April 13-No Faith Formation Classes-Holy Week

April 21- Faith Formation Classes Resume

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

Saturday, 5pm Stephen Herman  
 Sunday, 9am Kodi Schulist  
 Sunday, 11 am Bill Kelly  
 Sunday, 5pm Theresa Taggart

**Lectors for the Week of April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Saturday, 5pm Mike Bush  
 Sunday, 9am Maria Saenz  
 Sunday, 11 am Judy Haisma  
 Sunday, 5pm Mark O’Gorman

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

Saturday, 5pm Kathy Miller  
 Sunday, 9am Emily Rushmore  
 Sunday, 11 am Emily Rushmore  
 Sunday, 5pm Mary Thompson

**Cantors for April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Saturday, 5pm Michelle Seguin  
 Sunday, 9am Allison Hawkins  
 Sunday, 11 am Michelle Seguin  
 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.*

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



**Upcoming Events for the Week of 3/27 to 4/2**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass-RCIA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny 11:00am Children’s Choir 12:30pm Stations of the Cross-Vietnamese 1:00pm Mass-Vietnamese 5:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass 1:00pm Widow/ Widowers lunch	7:00pm Boy Scouts	8:00am Mass 9:00am Scripture Study 6:15pm Faith Formation	8:00am Mass 5:00pm Lights on For You-An Evening of Penance 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:15pm Adult Choir	8:00am Mass 8:30am Adoration 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass