



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S

PASSION

St. Mary + Magdalen



April 2nd, 2023

Year A

Masses For The Week



For the Week of April 2, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

Saturday

April 1
5:00pm
Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10; 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
†Wayne Stone by Andrie family
†Arlene Ball by Pat Ball & family

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
†Larry Gras by Pat Ball & family

Monday

April 3
8:00am
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
All those in Need of Prayer

Tuesday

April 4
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

April 5
8:00am
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Our Parish and the Diocese of Grand Rapids

Thursday

April 6
7:00pm
Holy Thursday of the Lord's Passion
Evening Mass: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Family Simic by Anita Simic
†Armi Maquino by Noel & Sandra Auncion
Family Alivic by Anita Simic
†Teodora Cordero by Noel & Sandra Asuncion

Friday

April 7
1:00pm
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
The Priests and Nuns serving our community

Saturday

April 8
9:00pm
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; Ex 14:15-15:1; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
†Anthony Hoan by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen
†Mary Lam by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen

Sunday

April 9
9:00am
11:00am
The Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
†Tom Maurer by his family
Family Simic by Anita Simic

No 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday, April 9

Truly this was the
SON OF GOD

Matthew 27:54

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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 April 2nd

Saturday, 5pm Jeanine Bryant, Michael Bush
Sunday, 9am Chris Maday, Paula Ward
Sunday, 11 am Marie Abner, Michelle Martin
Sunday, 5pm Luisa Ortiz, Theresa Taggart

Lectors for the Week of April 9th

Saturday, 9pm Easter Vigil
Sunday, 9am Easter Sunday
Sunday, 11 am Easter Sunday

Cantors for April 2nd

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

Cantors for April 9th

Saturday, 9pm Various Cantors
Sunday, 9am Barbara Kozachik
Sunday, 11 am Kathy Miller
Sunday, 5pm No Mass



Music Ministry

We have arrived at Holy Week. Once again, I encourage those of you who do not usually attend Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or the Easter Vigil to experience one or more of these services this coming week. Each part of this 3-day liturgy follows a particular part of Christ's passion and resurrection. In essence, we are able to walk the road with him. In the liturgy we enter into these mysteries of faith. It is possible to completely immerse ourselves in the Passion by reading scriptures (and this is good to do) and in some phases of our lives this may be the easiest or the only way for us to do so. However, if one can make it to any part of the Triduum, it is good to do so. There is no more authentically Christian activity than gathering together in worship. (See Acts 2:42)

As a personal request, please pray for the people in Music Ministry. Please pray for health and calm during this busy season. Please also pray for Father Peter, who has made himself available for many hours to hear confessions in addition to his usual (and large) workload. Please pray for staff and volunteers who all come together to help our worship run smoothly. Lastly, please pray for those coming into the church and receiving sacraments this Easter. Thank you and God bless you.

Emily



Holy Thursday, join us for Mass at 7pm

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**Good Friday**, join us for Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm followed by Mass at 1pm

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Holy Saturday, Vigil Mass at 9pm followed by the Easter Reception

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 Living Stations of the Cross

On 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. Join us after Mass on Saturday, April 8th.



The Second Best Sale, sponsored by the Women's Guild, is scheduled for this Wednesday 9am to 6pm, and Thursday 9am to 1pm. We hope you will come to shop and perhaps find some "treasures". The Guild would also appreciate any help moving donations from the stage and organizing onto the proper tables on Monday, April 3rd starting at 9am.



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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week ending March 26th	Fiscal YTD 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
Offertory Regular \$ 9,505	Offertory Actual \$ 432,844
Electronic Giving \$ 938	Offertory Budget \$ 444,500
Total Collection \$ 10,443	Over/(Under) (\$ 11,656)
<i>137 envelope contributions and 14 electronic contributions</i>	
Benevolent Fund: \$ 30	Maintenance Fund: \$ 350
Ukraine Support: \$ 20	CRS Rice Bowl: \$ 120
<i>Thank you for generous financial support of St. Mary Magdalen Parish and your faithful Stewardship of Treasure!</i>	
To donate online please visit: stmmagdalen.org/donate	

Faith Formation

Hello Everyone,

I was looking at this week's Passion reading and something jumped out at me, actually it didn't just jump out, it bowled me over for a few minutes. I admit it took me awhile to be able to collect my thoughts regarding how I was feeling. The relationships we see in these men are so human in their hopefulness and in their weakness. And yet we see the divine nature of Jesus in his clarity of what must happen, and his acceptance of human frailty and imperfection. So many things flooded into my head when I thought about how often we experience these events and reactions.

Jesus tells the Apostles that their faith in him will soon be shaken and that the prophesy would be fulfilled and they would scatter. How heartbreaking that must have been for Jesus. To know that the people that he loved and trusted would be so easily frightened away. To know that they would harbor doubt about what had been taught, what had been shown, what had been lived during his ministry. But he didn't berate them, he gently foretold what was to be and loved them in spite of it all. It made me wonder how our faith can still be shaken, even when we know that the New Covenant has been fulfilled. How often do we fall victim to the same doubts that the Apostles had when unimaginable, horrible things happen in our world?

Peter cannot comprehend that he would ever have his faith in his Lord shaken. In fact he vehemently denies that it will happen even unto death. Yet it happens, as Jesus knew it would. But again, there is no condemnation, just gentle truth laid at Peter's feet. How often have we as human beings pledged our love and loyalty to someone we cared about, only to allow our own fear and insecurity undermine that promise?

I seem to continually come back to the powerful image brought to mind with, "for it is written: I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed." And this is where I found beautiful hope. Fear, panic, and uncertainty can cause confusion in a flock, and in response they will wildly run in any and every direction. Yet somehow that flock seems to find its way back together. The shepherd will call to them, gather them to himself until they are once again safe, cared for, and protected. This is my hope for all those who are lost in this world, to listen for the Shepherd's voice and find their way back to him.

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.



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

Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

We are in the climax of the Lenten season, which is the Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday. The liturgy of this Holy Week and the Holy Triduum celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Lord Jesus to bring salvation to humankind. Attending these significant liturgical services allows us to understand the sacrificial love of our God for us so that we may respond with love and profound gratitude. In that spirit, I would like to highlight some main points of this Holy Week:

Palm Sunday: The Church commemorates the triumphant entry of Jesus into the temple. Holding palm leaves in hand, we follow Jesus' footsteps to enter Jerusalem to die for ourselves so that we may live with Him in His resurrection. The blessed Palms and the olive branches are kept in the home as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ and in His Paschal Victory.

Holy Thursday: We celebrate the Last Supper of Jesus with two events: Feet washing and the Institution of the Eucharist. The priest repeats the same action of Jesus by washing people's feet. Through this humble act, Jesus left us a lesson of serving each other. To honor the Eucharist and to be with Jesus on that very night in the garden of Gethsemane, we wake with Him through silent adoration.

Good Friday: We commemorate the death of Jesus through the solemn Stations of the Cross. This day is a day of fasting and abstinence to honor the suffering death of Jesus for our sins. There will be no Mass but a liturgy that includes ten intercessions for all people in the world.

Holy Saturday: We wait with the sorrowful Mother. There will be no Mass until the Easter Vigil. It is the most solemn and significant moment that celebrates the new life of the Risen Christ, Jesus vanquished death and rose in glory. The priest blesses a new fire and lights the Easter Candle. In this long and grandiose Vigil liturgy, we will listen to nine beautiful readings that summarize the history of salvation.

Let us ask for the grace of walking closer with Jesus and experiencing in a deeper way His love for each of us through all these beautiful celebrations. Wishing you all a very blessed and Holy Week.

Prayerfully,

Sr. Mai Do

Vietnamese Easter Mass/ Thánh Lễ Phục Sinh Tiếng Việt

Kính mời quý vị tham dự Thánh Lễ Phục Sinh Tiếng Việt vào Chúa Nhật Phục Sinh ngày 9 tháng 04 năm 2023, lúc 1 giờ chiều .

Christian Services

A BIG thank you to the 20 parishioners that really demonstrated God's love by helping those in need. Last week, during our monthly Feeding America West Michigan food truck, the weather was brutal. We experienced wind, rain, and sleet. We still served 227 families consisting of 919 people, 398 children, 193 seniors, and 25 veterans. Again THANK YOU to the volunteers who came out to help. You are AWESOME!

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Plastic grocery bags are needed again. We had an entire bin full of them, then at last week's Feeding American West Michigan food truck we went through all of them! If you have extras building up at your house, please drop some off at the parish office.

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Help will be needed Saturday, April 8th. We will be decorating the church for Easter. Please come at 10:30am if you are able to help.

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

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Across the communities that Versiti serve, more than 2,400 donors are needed everyday 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 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 the hospitals in our community. Every donation is needed and does really help!

You can sign-up by using the link below:

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

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Help with prepping food for the Easter Vigil reception will be this week Wednesday, 1pm to 5pm, Thursday 1pm to 5pm, Friday 10am to 12 pm and 2pm to 5pm, and Saturday, 1pm to 5pm and 8pm to 1am.

Please contact Ruth if you would like help.





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 4/2 to 4/8

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Palm Sunday</u> 8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass 10:00am Coffee & Donuts 11:00am Mass 12:00pm Coffee & Donuts 12:00pm Living Station Rehearsal 5:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm K of C Mtg	8:00am Mass 8:30am Confession 9:00am Scripture Study 9:00am 2 nd Best Sale 6:00pm Handbell Choir 6:30pm Confession 7:15pm Adult Choir	<u>Holy Thursday</u> 8:00am Mass 9:00am 2 nd Best Sale 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00pm Exposition & Benediction	<u>Good Friday</u> 12:00pm Stations of the Cross 1:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00pm Living Stations of the Cross No 1st Sunday Adoration	<u>Holy Saturday</u> 9:00am RCIA Retreat 10:00am Blessing of the Food 10:30am Church Decorating 12:00pm Easter Egg Hunt 9:00pm Easter Vigil Mass 11:00pm Easter Vigil Reception

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.

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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 | Hermann, 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 | | |