



St. Mary + Magdalen



April 3rd, 2022

The 5th Sunday of Lent

Sculpture by Timothy P. Schmidz
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Masses For The Week



Readings and Mass Intentions for the Week of April 3, 2022

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| Saturday April 2 5:00pm | Memorial Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53 †Gloria Evans by her family |
| Sunday April 3 9:00am | Fifth Sunday of Lent Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11 †Bob Dodde by Maria Balks †Jim Sichterman by Tom & Barb Nawrocki †Phaolo Tran Long by Cao Thi Nga |
| 11:00am 5:00pm | †Martine Badiane by the Coly family All those in need of prayer |
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| Monday April 4 8:00am | Memorial Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn8:12-20 †Terry Harvey by Luu Harvey †James Andrie by Pat Andrie |
| Tuesday April 5 | Memorial of Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30 |
| Wednesday April 6 8:00am | Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42 Phaolo Tran Long by Cao Thi Nga †Phil DiCesare by Tom & Barb Nawrocki |
| Thursday April 7 8:00am | Memorial of Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59 The people of our Parish and the Diocese of Grand Rapids |
| Friday April 8 8:00am | Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42 Family Bartolovich by a friend |
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| Saturday April 9 5:00pm | Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56 †Ray Miller by Bob & Betty Galdys |
| Sunday April 10 9:00am | Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23: 1-49 †Ruth Rene by Joan Derr & family †Cynthia Wiest by Mary Roberts †Simic family by a family friend |
| 11:00am 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

Nếu quý vị nói Tiếng Việt, xin liên lạc với Sơ Mai Do

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

The Second Best Sale, sponsored by the Women's Guild, is scheduled for this Wednesday 9am to 7pm, 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 4th starting at 9am.



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



Don't forget Easter Flower envelopes are available at both screening tables. Envelopes are due to the office by Good Friday.

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

| Date | Contributions | Budget (Under) |
|---|---------------|----------------------|
| Weekend of March 27 th | \$ 13,132 | \$ 12,000 \$ 1,132 |
| Fiscal Year To Date | \$ 414,830 | \$456,000 (\$41,170) |
| <i>148 envelope contributions and 71 electronic contributions</i> | | |
| Benevolent Fund envelopes: | \$ 128 | |
| Maintenance Fund envelopes: | \$ 235 | |

Thank you for your gifts to CSA 2022! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that support our seminarians, provide training for teachers and faith formation staff, and brings assistance to our brothers and sisters in need. To date 82 families, representing 8% of our parish households have pledged \$33,940 or 29% of our parish goal of \$115,782. Please keep in mind that any amount raised over our goal is returned to the parish! Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.

Thank you for your generous support of the CSA!
To give online please visit: stmmaqdaalen.org/donate

Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

The Stations of the Cross is a beautiful expression of our faith. Each time, when meditating these traditional prayers, I am drawn to Jesus on His journey to Calvary. I watch Him closely: how He is condemned to death unjustly, carries the cross, a punishment for a criminal; He falls down several times under the burden of my sins... Sometimes, I linger longer with a broken heart to witness him stumbling painfully at the merciless brutality of the Roman soldiers. Why does he fall three times, as described in the way of the cross prayers, but not in the bible?

Historically, it derives from a popular medieval German devotion known as "the Seven Falls of Christ": Jesus falls the first time; Jesus met His mother; Simon of Cyrene shouldered His cross; Veronica wiped His face; Jesus falls the second time, the women of Jerusalem weep; and Jesus on the ground under the cross". Now they are the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth Stations of the Cross.

Prof. Plinio Correa de Oliveira explains the meaning of those falls as the three degrees of exhaustion. In the first degree, Jesus falls due to the weight of the cross. He expresses his willingness to continue carrying it, and then he makes an effort to stand up. In the second degree, his willingness is still there, but finds no strength to stand up. The goal of Calvary motivates him, and he draws strength from above through prayer to stand up again. In the third degree, Jesus is totally exhausted, has no energy at all. Prof. Oliveira compares it to the dark night. His perseverance moves him to stand up.

I am keenly aware that Jesus loves me and loves you. He willingly suffers for love of us all. Yes, at the foot of the cross, He gazes at me and at you saying: I LOVE YOU TILL THE END!

Blessings,
Sr. Mai Do



STATIONS of the CROSS

Collection of Vietnamese Masses
Vietnamese March Mass Collection: \$ 524.00
Thank you for your donations & generous support of the Vietnamese Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres. May the Lord return to you abundantly & continue to bless St. Mary Magdalen's Parish.

Xin chân thành cảm ơn quý vị đã quảng đại nâng đỡ quý Sơ Dòng Thánh Phaolô thành Chartres. Xin Chúa trả ơn dồi dào cho quý vị & tiếp tục chúc lành cho Giáo xứ St. Mary Magdalen.

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.



On Saturday April 9th, we will be delivering the Easter food baskets. Come to door "F" at 10am, select a family, load up, and head out.

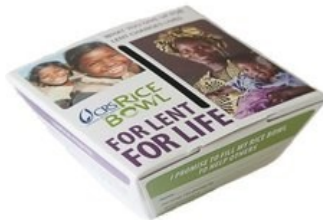
This is a wonderful family volunteer opportunity.

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



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 for more information.

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice bowls at Easter.



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt Is Back!

Join us in the Family Center at noon on Holy Saturday, April 16th, for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, for ages under 12. This event is sponsored by the St Mary Magdalen Men's Group.

Candy can be donated in the box outside the office.



I wanted to thank the children and parents of our St Mary Magdalen Children's Choir. I was so pleased with their work at rehearsals and how they did this past Sunday. They sang, they chanted, and they used 3 different languages last week! Excellent work!

I would like to specifically thank Shay who cantored the Communion hymn verses of Taste and See, Bede who cantored the Kyrie, and Ketri who does so much, including conducting the choir!

May 22nd at 11am will be the final Mass of the choral season at which the children will sing.

This is Part 2 of 3 of our examination of the hymn Crux Fidelis, found in the Roman Missal prescribed for use during the Adoration of the Cross. The first three verses detailed the original sin of Adam but also that God had a plan to "outwit" the tempter after the fall. Verses 4-6 are the story of the Incarnation. You may find the whole text at icelweb.org.

Refrain:

Faithful Cross the Saints rely on,
Noble tree beyond compare!
Never was there such a scion,
Never leaf or flower so rare.
Sweet the timber, sweet the iron,
Sweet the burden that they bear!

4. So the Father, out of pity
For our self inflicted doom,
Sent him from the heavenly city
When the holy time had come:
He, the Son and the Almighty,
Took our flesh in Mary's womb.

5. Hear a tiny baby crying,
Founder of the seas and strands;
See his virgin Mother tying
Cloth around his feet and hands;
Find him in a manger lying
Tightly wrapped in swaddling bands!

6. So he came, the long expected,
Not in glory, not to reign;
Only born to be rejected,
Choosing hunger, toil and pain,
Till the scaffold was erected
and the Paschal Lamb was slain.

Emily

Youth Ministries

Hello everyone,

Both of our readings today have sections dedicated to the past and our relationship to it. “Remember not the events of the past,” it says in Isaiah, “and the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!” Philippians echoes this theme with verses 13-14: “Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling, in Christ Jesus.”

I think it’s important to recognize what Scripture is saying this week. It’s not that we should completely forget everything that happens each day and continue without knowledge. Dismissing the past entirely leads to lives without wisdom and without the value of learned experience. In reality, reflecting on our pasts is incredibly useful when it comes to learning, and we need to reflect on it and our life experiences in order to make decisions and have better judgment going forward.

That said, our readings today remind us that to dwell unnecessarily on the past and to agonize over our past actions is unhelpful—especially when Christ is continually showing us a beautiful way forward. He encourages us at all times, but especially throughout Lent, to look forward. He reminds us that nothing is impossible for Him, and that includes the transformation of our own lives. How can we embrace that gift and move forward this week?

Peace,
Allison

Hymnals and Missals

We are still conducting our cleaning process and are therefore not putting our missals and hymnals out. This avoids damage to the books. However, there have been some requests by parishioners to have their dedicated missal for use during Mass during this time. If you have a dedicated hymnal or missal that you would like to use at Mass, please contact Allison in the office.

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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Our next Young Adult meeting is this Monday, April 4th at 7:30pm in the BAC. We will be continuing *Sanctuary*, our series on mental health.

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Registration forms for our Cincinnati mission trip are due
THIS FRIDAY, April 8th!

If you have registration forms, please get them in ASAP!
Thank you!

Faith Formation

Hello Everyone,

My family and I spent last Sunday traveling between here and the Detroit area where we spent the day attending a ceremony and Mass with our youngest daughter as she prepares to graduate from college. My mom and my sister joined us for the trip and I realized how long it had been since I had been able to spend that much time with either of them. The conversation was relaxed and filled with a mixture of humor and seriousness and made me grateful for the opportunity to simply be together.

As I collapsed into bed that night, a light came on, (figuratively), and it amazed me that simply spending time with one another could remind me that we are called to be intentional about our lives and our faith. We are called to be attentive to our journey, to be mindful of the present as well as reflect on the past. Lent is the perfect time to do just that. During this season we pray the Stations of the Cross and we listen to the Passion of Christ to remind us the price that was levied for our salvation. We also have the opportunity to delve into our own experiences and take stock of what we want to hold onto and nurture and what we want to leave behind. I encourage you to take the rest of this Lenten Season to reflect and reminisce on your own life as we remember Christ’s journey to the cross. Think about those who have offered comfort and help, as Simon of Cyrene and Veronica did for Jesus. Think about those who have caused you pain, such as the soldiers and the crowd did for Jesus and what it means to offer forgiveness. Think about those who have loved you unconditionally, as Mary and the disciples loved Jesus. Even though it may be uncomfortable, think about what is at the end of your journey. Jesus surrendered himself to death, knowing he would soon be with the Father again, and that sacrifice made our salvation possible. Maybe these reflections will help you hold onto what is good and pure in your life and allow the rest to wither away as we prepare for the resurrection and new life.

God’s Blessings,
Molly Wisdom

Prayer Garden

Now that the weather is beginning to show signs of spring, we would like to remind you that the prayer garden located behind the church, is a beautiful place for prayer and reflection. The benches offer a place to sit, surrounded by the wonders of God’s creation, and spend time in conversation with him. The original cross that survived the fire is located in the garden offering a reminder of the strength of God’s love.

(The garden is located near door “I”.)



Washing of Feet

We are calling forth people from the parish community to assist us in the celebration of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper.

If you would be willing to have your foot washed, please contact Molly Wisdom at the Parish Office.

Faith Formation Information:

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 April 3rd

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

Lectors for the Week of April 10th

Saturday, 5pm Mary Roberts
 Sunday, 9am Tony Bilecki
 Sunday, 11am Kodi Schulist
 Sunday, 5pm Theresa Taggart

Cantors for April 3rd

Saturday, 5pm Michelle Seguin
 Sunday, 9am Allison Hawkins
 Sunday, 11am Michelle Seguin
 Sunday, 5pm Kodi Schulist

Cantors for April 10th

Saturday, 5pm Kathy Miller
 Sunday, 9am Barbara Kozachik
 Sunday, 11am Sandy Soresi
 Sunday, 5pm Mary Thompson



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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| 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 4/3 to 4/9

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 5th Sunday of Lent 8:30am 1 st Sunday Rosary 9:00am Mass 10:00am Coffee & Donuts 11:00am Mass-RCIA 3 rd Scrutiny 12:00pm Coffee & Donuts 12:15pm Children Choir 5:00pm Mass | 8:00am Mass 8:30am Confession 6:00pm Confession 7:30pm YA Meeting | 7:00pm K of C Mtg 7:00pm Boy Scouts | 8:00am Mass 8:30am Confession 9:00am 2 nd Best Sale 9:00am Scripture Study 6:00pm Confession | 8:00am Mass 8:30am Confession 9:00am 2 nd Best Sale 6:00pm Handbell Choir 6:00pm Confession 7:15pm Adult Choir | 8:00am Mass 8:30am Confession 7:00pm Stations of the Cross by the Prayer Ministry | 10:00am Easter Food Delivery 3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass |