

I AM WITH YOU

ALWAYS UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE

— THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD —



St. Mary + Magdalen



7th Sunday of Easter
May 21st, 2023

Masses For The Week



For the Week of May 21, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

Saturday
May 20
5:00pm

Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest, Religious
Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
†Ed Thomas by Linda Thomas & family
†Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

†Agnes & Pierre Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen
Anna Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

Sunday
May 21
9:00am
11:00am
5:00pm

Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
†Tom Maurer by his family
†Deb Pelletier by family
†Evan Nawrot by St Mary Magdalen Parish

Monday
May 22
8:00am

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
†Bunup Jeong by Paul & Clara Jeon

Tuesday
May 23

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday
May 24
8:00am

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
†Shane Laugerman by Tom Begerow

Thursday
May 25
8:00am

Venerable Bede, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Gregory VII, Pope, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8. 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
†Shane Laugerman by Tom Begerow

Friday
May 26
8:00am

Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest
Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
†Dave Jones by Joan Derr

Saturday
May 27
5:00pm

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25
†Marjorie & Herman Dean by Monica Dean
†Agnes & Pierre Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

†Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen
Anna Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen

Sunday
May 28
9:00am
11:00am
5:00pm

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 20, 30; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13, Jn 20:19-23
†Jack & Ida Blackert by Joe & Lois Levan
John Tran by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen
†Gloria Kenzie by St Mary Magdalen Parish
The People of Our Parish

†Michael Thai by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen
†Kenton Kurth by Sarah Kurth
†Evan Nawrot by Mary Ade

May the eyes of your
hearts be enlightened

Ephesians 1:18

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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

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Patricia Snyder

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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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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 May 21st

Saturday, 5pm Judy Haisma
Sunday, 9am Graduation Mass
Sunday, 11am Marie Abner, Paula Ward
Sunday, 5pm Arlette Uwarugira

Lectors for the Week of May 28th

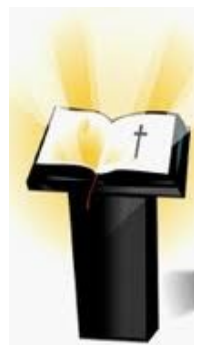
Saturday, 5pm Jeanine Bryant
Sunday, 9am Anthony Bielecki
Sunday, 11am Stephen Herman, Peggy Jacobs
Sunday, 5pm Laura Moore

Cantors for May 21st

Saturday, 5pm Kathy Miller
Sunday, 9am Michelle Seguin
Sunday, 11am Shay Williams-Blair
Sunday, 5pm Mary Thompson

Cantors for May 28th

Saturday, 5pm Michelle Seguin
Sunday, 9am Barbara Kozachik
Sunday, 11am Hue Nguyen
Sunday, 5pm Annie Schneider



A Time to Review & A Time to Rebuild

We all know the popular Bible Passage from the Book of Ecclesiastics, Chapter 3 verse 1 to 8. This passage has been read at graduations, baptisms, funerals, & other occasions. Recently our parish had an opportunity to look back & honor one of our charter members & generous benefactor, Dolly Konwinski. She loved the game of baseball & wanted the future generations of St Mary Magdalen Parish to come together & enjoy it. She set out with that vision & inspired others around her to help create the ball fields in the back of our church, so many generations could experience this great American game. I have been able to talk to many parishioners & non-parishioners who have played ball on our "field of dreams" for many generations. In fact, the entire Kentwood community has been blessed with these fields & come together to play baseball from spring to early summer for over 50 years. Now, the Kentwood Baseball League (KBL) has decided to expand its program & include softball. Hence, its new name is Kentwood Baseball & Softball League (KBSL).

In honor of Dolly Konwinski for her vision & tireless effort, the parish & I have had a small ceremony & a plaque dedicated to her. It is located in the back of the church, close to the Diakonai sign and is available for you to check out. We have also used this occasion to repair & fix up all of our existing signs. Some of them were in bad shape or not helpful in showing you were to go. We have been blessed to have Valley City Sign (located at 5009 Grand River Rd, Comstock Park, MI 49321) help us with this project. This company has donated over half of its cost & done a great job for us. I ask you to keep them in your thoughts & prayers. However, we still have half of it's cost to be paid yet, roughly about \$9,000. If you can make a donation to this project, we would be very grateful for it.

Our tent was started around the time that our church was built with the intention of being a rental for all sorts of occasions. Unfortunately, it has been a money sucking black hole for our parish. We have had to spend three to five thousand dollars to clean & repair it every year for almost 15 years. Furthermore, the tent company that helps us with that only puts it up & requires us to take it down. Our volunteers are getting older & cannot climb the ladders to take down the tent every year. That job is a big liability to our volunteers. Besides, we have not had many people who want to rent except using it for our Parish Festival. That's why before Covid-19 we conducted a parish wide survey about the tent & 90% of our parish would like it converted to a permanent structure to save us its annual cleaning & repairing costs & allow us to use it year round.

I wanted to begin this building project 3 years ago, but the Diocese required us to participate in its big fundraising for "Our Shepherd Our Future" campaign to support seminarian training. Then, Covid-19 came along & turned our church worshipping experience upside down. Although our church attendance is not back to the level before Covid-19, I cannot wait any longer for the right time to convert our tent to a permanent structure. I ask you to make sacrifices & contribute to this building project "A Time to Review & A Time to Rebuild", Ecclesiastics 3:1-8, as I work with the Diocese & our parish on this endeavor. With your commitment & God's help, we will complete this project for the future of St Mary Magdalen Parish. With much appreciation & prayers,

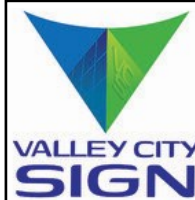
Fr. Peter Vu



Thank You to Mr. & Mrs Daniel & Beverly Seyffert & A-1 Asphalt Inc's staff (4634 Division St, Wayland, MI 49348 (800)871-4401) for your generous donation & help with restriping our church parking lot. We appreciate your kindness & may the Lord bless you & all your work.
Fr. Peter Vu & St Mary Magdalen Parish & Staff



Thank you to everyone that supported our Annual Spring Flower Sale!
St Mary Magdalen Staff



Thank You to Mr. Randy Czubko, Doug Emmet, & Valley City Sign's staff (5009 West River Dr. Comstock Park, MI 49321 (616)784-5711) for your generous donation & help with redoing our church signs. We are grateful for your kindness & may the Lord bless you & all your work
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Homebound Ministry

Happy Feast of Ascension!

In the Gospel, Jesus frequently uses the word "Amen." We also conclude our prayers with "Amen" and respond with "Amen" when receiving Holy Communion. So, what does "Amen" mean? "Amen" is a Hebrew word that signifies agreement, emphasis, and truth.

When Jesus says "Amen, amen, I say to you..." in the Gospel, he is emphasizing the importance of the words he is about to teach. It can be translated as "truly, truly" or "verily, verily."

At the end of a prayer, "Amen" can be translated as "So be it" (CCC 2856). When we say "Amen" after the celebrant's prayer, it not only signifies our desire for those prayers to be accepted but also indicates that the prayer is our own, which we offer wholeheartedly. Particularly in the Mass, there is the Great Amen, often sung solemnly together at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer when the priest elevates the host and the chalice, he says, "Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever." We respond with the Great Amen, signifying "Yes! Truly, I believe!"

Lastly, "Amen" means "I believe." When the priest or minister proclaims, "The Body of Christ," and we respond "Amen," it signifies, "Yes! I am convinced that Christ has come to dwell in me in the form of this bread and wine." Therefore, there is no better response than this simple and beautiful "Amen."

I hope that understanding the meaning of "Amen" can help us respond with greater awareness during Holy Mass and in our daily prayers.

In Christ,

Sr. Mai Do

Vietnamese Mass

Join us for Rosary at 12:30 pm and Vietnamese Monthly Mass at 1PM on May 28, 2023

Kính mời quý vị tham dự Lần Chuỗi Mân Côi lúc 12:20 chiều và Thánh Lễ Tiếng Việt lúc 1 giờ chiều ngày 28 tháng 05 năm 2023.

Christian Services

Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed coffee and donuts this year. We offered donuts after Sunday Masses at 9am & 11am, they were enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the teams who helped organized everything each week: Mason family, Kenzie and Schauer families, Cadorniga family and the Kurth family helped at the 9am Mass. The Garber family, Duiven and Countryman families, Reeder family and the Derr family helped with the 11am Mass. If you or your family would like to help we are always looking for families to help on the months that have 5 weeks, to fill in if one of the other families can't make it, or to add to our rotation.

Thank you all again and see you in the fall.

• upcoming • events

To continue our summer event, we are having Bingo night on Friday, June 16th beginning at 6pm running until 9pm. We will be offering dinner and many different prizes for kids and adults. This is a family game night, for everyone to come and enjoy.

For July we will have our traditional St Mary Magdalen Parish Festival on July 23rd. This is the day where we celebrate who we are as a diverse parish. If you have a dish you would like to share with the parish, please contact Ruth in the office to make arrangements on increasing the ingredients and logistics of making it.

During the afternoon we will have our Annual Raffle. Start thinking about a basket and putting it together. A suggestion would be if you don't have the time to create a basket, how about donating a gift card to local businesses. We enjoy seeing all the different baskets and it's a great way to encourage shopping local.. We will start to accept baskets in early June. This is one of our most anticipated events.

In August we will be having a Family Fun Water Day, look for more information in upcoming bulletins. If you are interested in helping with any of the upcoming events, please contact the office. We would love to have more help with planning and helping with events for our community.

Music Ministry

Happy Ascension Sunday! Though most of the Roman rite celebrated this feast on Thursday, our diocese is one of a few in America that have chosen to move it to Sunday. It's a little odd that the US Bishop Conference can move such a great feast around, but the pastoral option does allow more people to observe this great feast. It reminds me of a conversation I had with a fellow parent at my children's Catholic school. When we returned to school after break I asked her if she had had a good Easter. She somewhat jumped back and said, "Not yet!" I then learned she was Orthodox and Easter was not celebrated for another week. She was still in Lent! Though unity is important, I realized that until that day I had not known they were practicing Orthodox because our faiths shared a great deal in common. Even more so, that all Catholics acknowledge the "final work" of Christ and his ascension into heaven and passing the work on to us regardless of the calendar date.

A great big thank you to the children who sang for our Masses this year. We are finishing the year off with a pizza and slushie party. Thank you to those who supported them.

JEAN-FERMENT ABNER

SHAY HERRMANN

NANCY IGINOEF

XUAN MAY LE

SOPHIE NGUYEN

BERNADETTE UUNSE

OPHELIA WAGNER

ROAN WAGNER

Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Don't forget to wear red if you want to match the liturgical color!

Lastly, it's time for some fresh music! We will be learning a new Alleluia; Holy, Holy; Memorial Acclamation; Amen; and Lamb of God. We will stick with our usual Gloria for now. New Mass settings will be run through before Mass on June 3rd & 4th and June 10th & 11th and will be sung during the Mass beginning June 10th & 11th.

Emily



The Widow/Widowers group will be meeting at Village Inn, 2215 44th Street SE, Kentwood, on Monday, 5/22 at 1pm.



INTO THE Mystery

June 10
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
\$10 per person / \$40 per family
Purchase tickets & learn more at:
CDiocese.org/eucharistic-revival

at Aquinas College

Sturuss Sports & Fitness Center
1580 Fulton St E - Grand Rapids, MI - 49506

Guest Speakers



Fr. Jonathan Kelly
Rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary

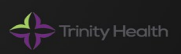


Meg Hunter-Kilmer
Missionary

All Catholics are invited for a diocesan-wide day of dynamic speakers, Mass with Bishop Walkowiak, and a Eucharistic procession to publicly witness to our faith. Stay afterward for a festival with live music and food available from local food trucks!



Sponsored by:



Saturday, June 10 | 9:30am to 5:30pm

Aquinas College - Sturuss Sports & Fitness Center

Join Catholics from across the diocese for a day to celebrate our unity in faith and sacrament. The special day, called *Into the Mystery* will strengthen the foundation of your faith through the following opportunities:

Celebrate Mass with Bishop Walkowiak

Experience the Lord's mercy in the sacrament of confession

Join the public Eucharistic procession

Explore the Vatican display of Eucharistic Miracles

Participate in Eucharistic Adoration in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel

This event marks the transition into the parish year of the National Eucharistic Revival. Join us for this daylong celebration and stay afterward for a festival with live music and food available from local food trucks!

Registration is \$10/person or \$40/household. To learn more, visit grdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival or scan the QR code.





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

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 | Gorkowski, Henry | Kulczyk, Ray | Sobczak, Ed |
| Asplund, Diane | Gwizdak, Micheal | Levan, Joe | Sobczak, Bobbie |
| Bigalke, Gretchen & Steve | Hekman-Terpstra, Nelly | Lawson, Norma | Stephan, Janet |
| Bristol, Howard | Herrmann, Jerimiah | Le, Bao Tien | Stephan, Ron |
| Brown, Ron | Herrmann, Benny | McCormick, Davis | Terpak, Dorothy |
| Bunker-Lloyd, Lynda | Herrmann, Marilyn | Minerva, Antonina | Toohey, Paul |
| Campione, Dolores | Hojnacki, Jim | Nawrocki, Barbara | Waldron, Karen |
| Church, Robert | Ivos, Zdravko | Nelson, Dorothy | Wedge, Matthew |
| Crowley, Robert | Jacobs, Ed | Nguyen, Truc | Wilson, Laurie |
| DeLing, Richard | Jacobs, Peggy | Oliver-Schauer, Mary | Wingeier, Pat |
| Downey, Sally | Jelens, Dan | Partridge, Therese | Witgen, Max |
| England, Christine | Kaiser, Marvin | Pelletier, Tim | Wittkowski, Michael |
| Fraher, Kathy | Kastenholz, Jean | Petrich, Alice | Young, Sharon |
| Gabourie, Tom | Kastenholz, Mark | Reynolds, Sue | |
| Galic, Slava | Kaminski, Marilynn | Rhoades, Michelle | |
| Glennie, Paula | Knight, India | Ringeisen, Richard | |
| | Kulikowski, Joseph | Rings, Michael | |
| | | Roberts, Sandra | |

Upcoming Events for the Week of 5/21 to 5/27

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7th Sunday of Easter 8:30am Rosary 9:00am Graduation Mass w/CLW 10:00am Graduation Breakfast 11:00am Mass w/CLW 12:15pm Children Choir End of Year Party 5:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass 1:00pm Widow/Widowers Group	10:00am Morning Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Rosary 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Men's Group Mtg	8:00am Mass	8:00am Mass	8:00am Mass	3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass