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St. Mary + Magdalen



September 3rd, 2023

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

For the Week of September 3, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

Saturday September 2 5:00pm	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30 †Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen Joann Williams by Dolores Campione †Nedra Polkowski by Mike & family
Sunday September 3 9:00am	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 The People of Our Parish †Alan Skrok by Bob & Anne Click The Smith family by Bob & Anne Click †Jinyang Jeon by Jinha Iwatsu
11:00am	All those in Need of Prayer
5:00pm	All souls in Purgatory by Peggy Horn Laura Moore by her family
Monday September 4 8:00am	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30 All those in Need of Prayer
Tuesday September 5	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday September 6 8:00am	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44 Volunteers of St Mary Magdalen Parish
Thursday September 7 8:00am	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11 Our Parish and the Diocese of Grand Rapids
Friday September 8 8:00am	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 All those in Need of Prayer
Saturday September 9 5:00pm	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5 †John Quan by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen †Mary Nguyen by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen †Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen
Sunday September 10 9:00am	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20 Volunteers of St Mary Magdalen Parish
11:00am	†Lois Levan by Nancy Murphy
5:00pm	†Henry & Tille Gorkowski by Bob Gorkowski



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, Major 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.

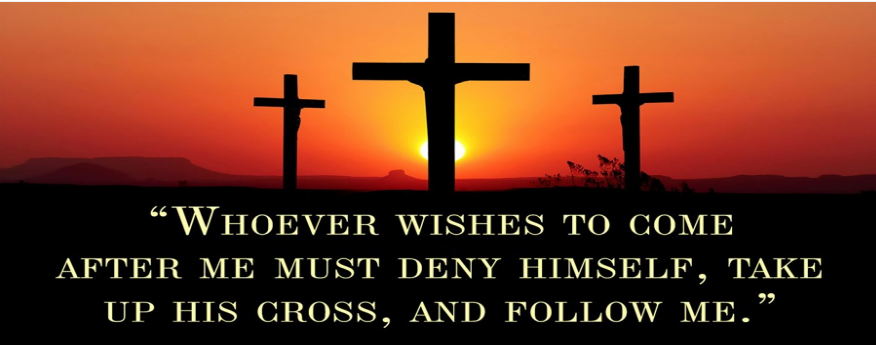
Note: Names will stay on the list until the end of the month, if you are still in need of prayer, please let the office know.

Alters, Jamie
Arby, Christopher
Asplund, Diane
Barber, Carol & Jim
Bristol, Howard
Bristol, Anna
Bristol, Beth
Bunker-Lloyd, Lynda
Campione, Dolores
Church, Robert
Crowley, Robert
DeLing, Richard
Downey, Sally
Drelles Family
England, Christine
Fraher, Kathy

Gabourie, Tom
Galic, Slava
Glennie, Paula
Gorkowski, Henry
Gwizdak, Micheal
Haring, Stephen Paul
Hekman-Terpstra, Nelly
Hermann, Jerimiah
Herrmann, Benny
Herrmann, Marilyn
Hojnacki, Jim
Ivos, Zdravko
Jacobs, Ed & Peggy
Jelens, Dan
Kaiser, Marvin
Kastenholz, Jean & Mark

Kaminski, Marilyn
Knight, India
Kulikowski, Joseph
Kulczyk, Ray
Lawson, Norma
Le, Bao Tien
Lovell, Laura
McCormick, Davis
Minerva, Antonina
Nawrocki, Barbara
Nelson, Dorothy
Nguyen, Truc
Oliver-Schauer, Mary
Partridge, Therese
Pelletier, Tim
Petrlich, Alice

Reynolds, Sue
Rhoades, Michelle
Ringelsen, Richard
Roberts, Sandra
Scott, Jennifer
Sobczak, Ed & Bobbie
Stephan, Janet & Ron
Terpak, Dorothy
Toohey, Paul
Waldron, Karen
Walker, Fran
Wedge, Matthew
Wilson, Henry
Wingeier, Pat
Wittkowski, Michael
Young, Sharon



“WHOEVER WISHES TO COME
AFTER ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE
UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME.”

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MASSES & SACRAMENT SCHEDULE**Mass**

Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm
 Last Sunday of the month 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, 11:00 sáng và 5:00 chiều
 Chủ nhật cuối cùng của tháng 1:00 chiều bằng Tiếng Việt
 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 September 3rd

Saturday, 5pm Mark O’Gorman
 Sunday, 9am Judy Haisma, TBD
 Sunday, 11am Stephen Herman, Peggy Jacobs
 Sunday, 5pm Lauro Cadorniga

Lectors for the Week of September 10th

Saturday, 5pm Michael Bush
 Sunday, 9am Anthony Bielecki, Stephen Herman
 Sunday, 11am Marie Abner, Peggy Jacobs
 Sunday, 5pm Theresa Taggart

Cantors for September 3rd

Saturday, 5pm Kathy Miller
 Sunday, 9am Michelle Seguin
 Sunday, 11am Hue Nguyen
 Sunday, 5pm Emily Rushmore

Cantors for September 10th

Saturday, 5pm Kathy Miller
 Sunday, 9am Anne Click
 Sunday, 11am Kodi Schulist
 Sunday, 5pm Mary Thompson



Faith Formation

Star Night at the Races

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
September 30th, 6-10 p.m.

We are once again hosting a **Night at the Races!**

This is an action packed evening which begins with a delicious dinner and features exciting horse races that are shown on a big screen and called by an MC. You can sponsor races and horses, place wagers, and cheer horses onto victory! Check out the booth in Gathering Area in the upcoming weeks to learn more about the event! You can join us for dinner, the races, or BOTH!

Faith Formation News!

Classes Begin: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.

Fall Adult Faith Formation Class Topics: The continuation of the book, "No Wonder They Call Him The Savior". Watch the bulletin for a new series that will begin in January.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Offered during the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses for children ages 3-8 beginning on 9/10. No registration necessary. Fr. Peter will dismiss children prior to the Liturgy of the Word, children will be led to classrooms in the Family Center and return to parents prior to Communion.

Sacramental Preparation: **2nd grade** students will be preparing for the celebration of the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist**. A schedule and further information will be given to the parents of all students registered in that grade. **8th grade** students will be preparing to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. A schedule of service projects and retreats will be given to the parents of all students registered in that grade. **RCIA/RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation)** classes will take place during our scheduled Wednesday Faith Formation classes. A schedule of **Marriage** and **Baptism** preparation classes can be obtained by calling the Parish Office.

Wednesday Evening Faith Formation Schedule:

5:15-6:00 p.m- Dinner is served in the Family Center. (\$2 for children, \$3 for adults with a maximum of \$10 per family).

6:15pm-7:45pm- Parents of elementary age students drop off and pick up their child/ children at their classroom, middle school and high school students are released from class. Note that HS classes take place in the BAC.

Code of Conduct: All students will be asked to review and sign and adhere to a Code of Conduct document at the beginning of the year outlining the expectations we hold for them during our time together.

Christian Services

Last week, we had our monthly Feeding America West Michigan food truck and it was a beautiful day. We gave food to 219 families consisting of 866 people, 372 children, 153 seniors, and 17 veterans.

There are 399 mobile food pantries in Kent County and we are #5 for pounds of food distributed. The drivers frequently say we are a well-oiled machine. Thank you to all the volunteers who come out every month to help. You are awesome.

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I am down three people on my Wednesday dinner team, two are long term positions and one is a short term position. If you would like to help, please contact Ruth at 616-455-9310 or rbush@stmmagdalen.org. Remember that both short term and long term options are available. Help is needed at 3:30pm to set things up, but also at 5:00pm or later to serve and clean up. We serve dinner from 5:15-6pm. Dinners begin on September 13th. All volunteers that serve in this ministry need to take the online "Protecting God's Children" class.

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We have coffee and donuts after every Mass from September through mid May. The 4th week team for both the 9am and 11am Masses have only one person. It is much nicer to have at least two people, if you would like to be an additional person or couple, please let Ruth know. Also, there is a need for a 5th week team for both the 9am and 11 am Masses, this happens only a couple of times of year. Please contact Ruth, 616-455-9310 or rbush@stmmagdalen.org, if you would like to help.

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Thank you for being a Beacon of Hope by donating at our last blood drive. Your support helps save lives, including those with sickle cell disease. Many of the approximately 100,000 Americans with this painful inherited blood disorder rely on frequent blood transfusions as part of their treatment, sometimes every 3-4 weeks. These fighters and their families are counting on you!

Our next blood drive is October 15th from 8am to 12:30pm in the BAC. Please, consider being a Beacon of Hope.



Almighty God We give you our schools. We give you all the teachers and staff who work there, We give you all the children who study there. We pray our schools would be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May they be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

As we enter the month of September, let us unite with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as we reflect on his intention:

"We pray for those individuals living on the margins of society, enduring inhumane living conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never be considered of lesser importance."

Those living on the margins of society, facing inhumane conditions, encompass a diverse group including the homeless, immigrants, refugees, low-income families, people with disabilities, mental health sufferers, victims of human trafficking, and minorities. Let us keep them in our prayers, and may our prayers translate into tangible actions as we reach out to support them.

Many blessings,
Sr. Mai Do

*** GriefShare Group**

Our GriefShare group will begin next Tuesday (9/12/ 2023). If you have not registered yet, please contact Sr. Mai Do at 616-455-9310 or mdo@stmmagdalen.org. You can also conveniently register online at: griefshare.org/findagroup

More details can be found in the brochure located in our gathering area.

*** A Ride to Weekend Mass Needed**

A senior parishioner living at Samaritas Senior Living on 32nd Street is in need of a ride to weekend Mass once a month. If you are able to assist, please contact Sister Mai Do for further coordination.

*** Collection of Vietnamese Masses**

Vietnamese August Mass Collection: \$ 916.00

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous donation and unwavering support of the Vietnamese Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres. May the Lord shower His abundant blessings upon you and your loved ones.

*** Mừng kỷ niệm Hôn Phối**

Giáo xứ rất vui mừng cùng tạ ơn Thiên Chúa với quý vị về hồng ân đời sống hôn nhân gia đình. Xin liên lạc với Sơ Mai Đỗ (616-455-9310/ mdo@stmmagdalen.org), nếu quý vị muốn xin ý lễ hay xin lập lại lời hứa Hôn Phối nhân dịp mừng kỷ niệm ngày cưới.

Music Ministry

Last week I introduced a new communion hymn called "Make of Our Hands a Throne" by Steven Warner of Notre Dame (Indiana). I learned this song in college and the lyrics and melody have stuck with me all these years. This being the Year of the Eucharist, I thought it was a good time to bring this song to you.

The refrain (and title) references an early Church Father, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, who in the 5th century instructed those receiving the Eucharist to, "...make your left hand a throne for your right hand, since the latter is to receive the king." Despite its name, this song is not to play into the debate about how to receive the Eucharist- since both the ancient practice of in the hands or the later practice of the tongue are both licit- but to meditate upon the mystery and gift God has given us in himself in the Eucharist. The text gives ample food for thought. I am reprinting the text below for you to sing along with or browse later. I hope this song speaks to you as well.

Emily

REFRAIN

Make of our hands a throne to hold the bread of heav-en,
make of our hearts a home to hold the ver - y wine of
life, in this mys - t'ry, Lord, make us one with you.

VERSES

1. Taste of this good - ness! and feast — at this ban - quet;
2. You keep your prom - ise, O God — our — Sav - ior,
3. From clouds a - bove us you send — down your bless - ings,
4. With pa - tient year - ing, we look to you in hun - ger,
5. This bread now 'bro - ken, once grain up - on the hill - side,

1. how blest the faith - ful who find shel - ter in God! —
2. hope of the dis - tant isles and all of the earth. You
3. the bread of heav - en and the wa - ters of life! You
4. and through the length of days you feed all your flock. Your
5. is brought to - geth - er and trans - formed in our midst. So

1. Look to your Mak - er, be ra - diant with glo - ry,
2. crown us with good - ness, your fields decked with har - vest.
3. rain down your boun - ty and kiss us with man - na,
4. hands, with a - bun - dance, are wide with your prom - ise,
5. may all your peo - ple be gath - ered to - geth - er,

To Refrain

1. for those who love the Lord are saved from their fears.
2. Your val - leys clothed in wheat re - sound with your joy!
3. bread of the an - gels for our food and our feast.
4. you grant the long - ings of a peo - ple in need!
5. from ev - 'ry land in - to the king - dom of love!

FACILITIES UPDATE

Family Center Kitchen Floor

Thank you to all who have so generously contributed \$3,435 to help cover the cost of installing new ceramic tile in the Family Center kitchen. Please prayerfully consider giving to support this next phase of the kitchen and family center renovation. The cost of the tiles was \$3,500 which does not include the labor costs for installation.

Thank you to several parishioners who helped with the removal of the old tiles (members of the Men's Group and the Knights of Columbus). Since all of the old floor tiles were removed and the majority of the kitchen furniture and supplies were taken out, it gave us an opportunity to paint the walls a fresh coat of blue. The hope is to have the kitchen floor finished and the kitchen fully operational by September 1st.

Breitenstein Activity Center HVAC Units

Unfortunately, as our buildings continue to show their age with wear and tear, one of the two furnace/AC units has failed. After 21 years of service, Unit #1 is no longer operable. The replacement cost is around \$9,600.

Church/Family Center HVAC System

We continue to have challenges with the heating, cooling and ventilation system in the church/family center building. Even though the church was rebuilt and dedicated in 2014, we are already seeing signs of aging and obsolescence. Issues with the HVAC control systems have continued to plague us over the past couple of years. For this reason, we are doing a Control Commissioning of the HVAC systems. This will cost around \$4,000 and will include the following:

- Site survey
- Onsite equipment and sensor functional testing
- Graphic review and verification
- Retro-Commissioning Report
- Distributed issue log for review
- Sequencing and programming verification

Once completed, we will have a baseline of our system and have a starting point to troubleshoot and hopefully identify the root cause(s) of our HVAC system.

Maintenance Fund envelopes support the costs to repair and maintain all of our campus facilities. As good stewards, we are called to be caretakers of these facilities that allow us to accomplish our mission of sharing the Gospel message with all in our local faith community. Thank you for your continued stewardship of treasure in support of St. Mary Magdalen Parish!

Thank you

Thank You!!!!



Annual Adult Bowl Painting Party
Friday, September 22, 2023 4-8pm

Did you come to last years bowl painting event?
If so, we hope you had a lot of fun because we are doing it
again this year!

If you did not get a chance to experience the fun and would like
to try this year, please join us!

We furnish the bowls & supplies and you
furnish the imagination!

Please RSVP by Monday, September 11th,
so that we have enough
bowls for everyone.

There is a sign up sheet in
the Gathering Area or you
can call the parish office
at 616-455-9310



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week ending August 27th

Fiscal YTD 7/1/23—6/30/24

Offertory Regular \$ 9,772

Offertory Actual \$ 86,613

Electronic Giving \$ 1,412

Offertory Budget \$ 92,000

Total Collection \$ 11,184

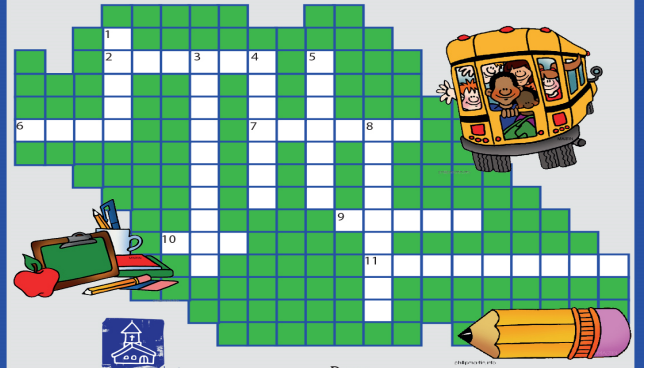
Over/(Under) (\$ 5,387)

Benevolent Fund: \$ 35

Maintenance Fund: \$ 171

Thank you for your faithful stewardship of treasure and for sharing a portion of the financial gifts that God has blessed you with in support of St. Mary Magdalen Parish!

To donate online please visit: stmmagdalen.org/donate



SUNDAYKIDZ

Across

2. Used for writing; and has an eraser.
6. Used for sticking things together, usually in art class.
7. Playtime on the playground.
9. What you read and learn with.
10. Painting, drawing, coloring
11. The bag students use to carry belongings to and from school.

Down

1. Popular fruit given to a teacher as a gift.
3. Large green area on the wall of a classroom.
4. The school room where all the books are.
5. The adult who helps you learn throughout the year.
8. The yellow vehicle used to take children to and from school.

Answers: Across (2 pencil) (6 glue) (9 books) (10 art) (11 backpacks)
Down (1 apple) (3 chalkboard) (4 library) (5 teacher) (7 schoolbus)
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Upcoming Events for the Week of 9/3 to 9/9

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>9:00am Mass</p> <p>11:00am Mass</p> <p>12:00pm Baptisms</p> <p>5:00pm Mass</p>	<p>Labor Day Office Closed</p> <p>8:00am Mass</p>	<p>7:00pm Boy Scouts</p> <p>7:00pm K of C Mtg</p>	<p>8:00am Mass</p> <p>9:00am Scripture Study</p> <p>6:00pm RCIA Welcome Dinner</p>	<p>8:00am Mass</p>	<p>8:00am Mass</p>	<p>3:30pm Confession</p> <p>5:00pm Mass</p>