

# God Bless

Our Grandparents

I believe that God sent us Grandparents  
As our legacy from above,  
To share the moments of our life,  
As extra measures of His love.

-Author Unknown

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St. Mary Magdalen



September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Mass Intentions for the Week

For the Week of September 10, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

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| <b>Saturday</b><br>September 9<br>5:00pm                             | <b>Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest</b><br>Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5<br>†John Quan by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen<br>†Mary Nguyen by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen<br>†Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen<br>†Joseph Long Van Ngo by David & Loan Nguyen  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>September 10<br>9:00am<br><br>11:00am<br><br>5:00pm | <b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20<br>JoAnn Marsiglia by St Mary Magdalen Parish<br>†Joseph Long Van Ngo by David & Loan Nguyen<br>†Lois Levan by Nancy Murphy<br>†Joseph Long Van Ngo by David & Loan Nguyen<br>†Henry & Tillie Gorkowski by Bob Gorkowski & family |
| <b>Monday</b><br>September 11<br>8:00am                              | Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11<br>Volunteers of St Mary Magdalen Parish  |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>September 12                                       | <b>Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary</b><br>Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>September 13<br>8:00am                           | <b>Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b><br>Col 3:1-11, Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26<br>†Joan Kastenholz by Mark Kastenholz & family   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>September 14<br>8:00am                            | <b>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b><br>Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17<br>Nancy Toner by Donna & John Valente  |
| <b>Friday</b><br>September 15<br>8:00am                              | <b>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</b><br>1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27<br>All Souls by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>September 16<br>5:00pm                            | <b>Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, &amp; Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</b><br>1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49<br>†Ed Thomas by Linda Thomas & family<br>†Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>September 17<br>9:00am<br>11:00am<br>5:00pm         | <b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35<br>†Oswaldo Gutierrez by St Mary Magdalen Parish<br>†Lois Jean Levan by St Mary Magdalen Parish<br>The People of our Parish   |

If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.



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](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.*

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, Marilynn  
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

*"For where two or three are gathered  
together in my name, there am I in  
the midst of them."*





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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](http://www.stmmagdalen.org), or call the office, **616-455-9310**.

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**Council Representatives**

Phil Martin Pastoral Council  
 Patricia Snyder Financial Council

**Lectors for the Week of September 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Lectors for the Week of September 17<sup>th</sup>**

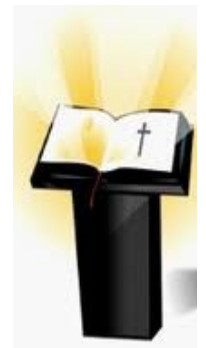
Saturday, 5pm Laurie Emelander  
 Sunday, 9am Chris Maday, Maria Saenz  
 Sunday, 11am Michelle Martin, Arlette Uwargira  
 Sunday, 5pm Mary Roberts

**Cantors for September 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Cantors for September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday, 5pm Emily Rushmore  
 Sunday, 9am Emily Rushmore  
 Sunday, 11am Bedi Komera  
 Sunday, 5pm Emily Rushmore



## Welcome Back to a New School Year!

I hope you had a relaxed & enjoyable summer with your family & friends. The Parish staff & I have tried to enjoy our summer as much as possible. For we have been so busy with funerals, weddings, baptisms, church maintenance, & church issues since this past Easter. It means our parish is alive & growing. Yet, we still need a lot of your participation in ministries at Mass such as Eucharistic ministers, Lectors, Choir members, & ushers as well as financial contributors.

These needs are mostly at the 5pm Sunday Mass, one of the very few offered in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Other parishes & their volunteers are done after the 11am Mass but here at St Mary Magdalen, the parish and I have committed ourselves to keep the 5pm Sunday Mass available year round. We ask you to sign up to be our parishioners & to help us out with the ministries for that Mass, so we continue to have the resources to provide it.

As the Diocese lets me stay at St Mary Magdalen Parish for another term of 6 years, I ask for your participation & financial contributions to help me provide good spiritual services for the parish.

First, we have worked hard all summer long on our frequently used kitchen. A new tile floor and paint job have completed the drain and new dishwasher projects. Your financial contributions for this work is greatly appreciated. Hopefully, we can do the same for the rest of the Family Center and replace it's old floor & carpeting that has been here since it was first built in the 50's.

Secondly, as we have grown a bit older, anniversaries mean a lot more to us, especially in this uncertain time. The staff & I have talked about helping the parish celebrate your wedding anniversaries with a formal acknowledgement of Papal Blessing from the Holy Father. We will post a couple of certificates in the back of church for you to check out. All you have to do is call the Parish Office & let us know when & at which Mass you would like to renew your wedding vows.

Thirdly, our Faith Formation programs, including Sundays "Children's Liturgy of the Word", will begin soon. We need lots of volunteers to help run the Wednesday night classes & the Sunday CLOW sessions. Please help us with those needs.

Finally, after four years at St Mary Magdalen Parish, our music director has chosen to seek employment at another church with better compensation to support her family. In spite of our moderate annual pay increase, our parish budget cannot match the pay of the other church for her position. I want to thank Emily for her ministry here & wish her the best at her new employment. As I put together the search committee for her replacement, I want to suspend all the choirs temporarily, & ask you to provide me the financial resources needed to find the next best Music Director & keep me in your prayers. I trust that God will lead the right candidates to us & help us build a better music program than before.

May God bless you & your loved ones and continue to guide our parish in the new school year.

Thank you,

Father Peter



*Welcome Back to another year of  
Faith Formation &  
Children's Liturgy of the Word*

**Homebound Ministry**

Hello everyone,

Three weeks ago, I attended a conference led by Father Paul Shelton, S.J., one of the 50 priests chosen nationwide to be an official Eucharistic Preacher during the National Eucharistic Revival. He emphasized the importance of living a Eucharistic life through four words spoken during the Mass consecration: taken, blessed, broken, and given. The word "taken" deeply resonated with me and has profoundly influenced how I approach Mass.

Indeed, Jesus took bread and blessed it to become His body, an act of His own free will. Similarly, we are chosen by God for a unique role in His story. Jesus desires to take our lives and sanctify them. He invites each of us to offer our lives to Him so that He can bless us and be present within us. Every time we attend Mass, He encourages us to present something to Him: our lives, our gifts, our daily sacrifices, our weaknesses, our sickness, our concerns, our struggles, the intentions of others, and the needs of the world.

The question I ask myself before Holy Mass is, "What do I offer to God today?" We may not expect to gain anything from Mass if we offer nothing at all. Let us present our lives to Jesus, beseeching Him to take and bless them so that they may become blessings for ourselves and for the world.

Blessings,  
Sr. Mai Do

**Holy Communion request**

Please contact Sr. Mai Do or the parish office if you or your loved ones are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion. We will send a minister bringing our Lord to you weekly, biweekly or monthly.

**GriefShare Group**

Our GriefShare group will begin this Tuesday (9/12) at 3:00pm in Room # 3 of the Family Center. 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](http://griefshare.org/findagroup). This is an open group, you are welcome to join us whenever you are available.

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

**Music Ministry**

The tongue is a powerful thing. Proverbs 18:21 says "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." For the past year or so I've come to consider more the words I speak. My conscience has been perking up more and more when I come close to that line between venting and seeking support into gratuitous sharing. Reading this week's gospel prompted me to see what the Church officially taught about our speech. It was eye opening and convicting.

The CCC says, "Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. He becomes guilty:

- of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor;
- of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them;
- of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them (2477).

(To be clear, we are not talking about hiding or covering up abuse, speaking to authorities in an investigation or the like. These are pursuit of justice, which is good.)

As a culture, we don't think twice about sharing our personal grievances or giving our opinion on other's situations. In fact, numerous "content creators" make a living doing just this. Even Catholic websites, blogs, and social media platforms build their following based on tearing down one figure or another in the church. We eat it up and fight each other in the comments. Even 400 years ago St. Francis de Sales warned, "*The detractor, by one blow of his tongue, commonly commits three murders; he kills his own soul, and the soul of him who listens, and by a spiritual homicide takes away the civil life of the person whom he slanders;*

This was more serious that I had realized. But the CCC gives us a way forward, quoting St. Ignatius of Loyola. "To avoid rash judgment, everyone should be careful to interpret insofar as possible his neighbor's thoughts, words, and deeds, in a favorable way" (CCC 2478). "But if he cannot do so, let him ask how the other understands it. And if the latter understands it badly, *let the former correct him with love. If that does not suffice, let the Christian try all suitable ways to bring the other to a correct interpretation so that he may be saved*" (Spiritual Exercises 22). To learn more I recommend reading the above section of the CCC and the article "The Terrible Sin of Telling the Truth" by Matthew Leonard.

Emily

**Faith Formation**

**Baptism**

We know that God has loved us since the moment of our conception. During the Rite of Baptism we embrace that love. We would like to thank the parents and Godparents of the children Baptized for allowing us as a faith community to offer our support to these children in their journey of discipleship. Please welcome into our faith family:

- Leighton Mae Fowler*
- Marcel James Lehouïller*
- Elena Dinh Nguyen*
- Destiny T Pham*



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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:

- 5:15-6:00pm- Dinner is served in the Family Center. (\*please note the correction to the prices for dinner; \$4 for children, \$5 for adults with a maximum of \$15 per family).
  - 6:15-7:45pm- 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.

**Christian Services**



It was a great golf season. It was too hot to have the championship match on the last night of golf, so the two teams agreed to play the following weekend, which was much cooler! Congratulations, on back to back wins, to Mike Bush and Phil Martin who are this year’s champs.

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Join us Wednesday nights for dinner, starting at 5:15pm and serving until 6pm. This week, will be week one on the rotating menu, we are having meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls, and salad. Hot dogs will also be available. If you are available to help we need assistance with food prep at 3pm, serving from 5pm to 6pm, and clean up from 6pm to 7pm. Come to door ‘F’ if you would like to help.

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**Save the date!**

October is the month of Mary, join us Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm, when Kevin Mathews will be here telling the story of how he discovered the “Broken Mary” and how she has changed his life.

Come for coffee and donuts and stay to hear Kevin’s story.

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Outside the office you will find a box for old eye glasses and hearing aids. The Lion’s Club collects these items and gives them to those in need.

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The Feeding America West Michigan Food truck will be here Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to come and help with the distribution of food to others in the community. Come at 8:30am, to the B.A.C, to help organize and bag the food. Distribution will begin at 9:00am. Remember to dress for the weather. This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity for the whole family.





# Fundraiser

Russ' Restaurant will be sponsoring a fundraiser for the Grand Rapids Home of Veterans. From Monday, September 12th through Saturday, September 17th, Russ' will donate 20% of all proceeds for meals purchased using this St Mary Magdalen Women's Guild Voucher. The Vouchers are good for Dine-In or Take-Out and are available in the office. Vouchers are good at the Russ' Restaurant in Cutlerville and SE Grand Rapids, by Woodland Mall. Thank you for your support!



**R U S S'**  
**FUNDRAISER**

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Women's Guild

Mon., Sept. 12 – Sat., Sept. 17

Valid at the Cutlerville & Southeast Locations  
Russ' will donate 20% of your total bill to:  
**G. R. Home of Veterans**  
Amount of bill: \_\_\_\_\_

RussRestaurants.com  
Not valid with any other coupons, discounts or specials.  
Printed coupon must be presented to the cashier upon paying.  
Dine-in or Take out. Taxes payable by bearer.

**Russ' serving homemade goodness since 1934!**



**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



| Upcoming Events for the Week of 9/10 to 9/17   |                        |  |  |                        |                        |   |
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| Sunday   | Monday                 | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday               | Friday                 | Saturday  |
| <p><b>The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></p> <p>9:00am<br/>Mass w/ CLW</p> <p>10:00am<br/>Coffee &amp; Donuts</p> <p>11:00am<br/>Mass w/CLW</p> <p>12:00pm<br/>Coffee &amp; Donuts</p> <p>5:00pm<br/>Mass</p> | <p>8:00am<br/>Mass</p> | <p>9:30am<br/>Rosary Makers</p> <p>10:00am<br/>Morning Bible Study</p> <p>3:00pm<br/>GreifShare Mtg</p> <p>7:00pm<br/>Boy Scouts</p> | <p>8:00am<br/>Mass</p> <p>9:00am<br/>Scripture Study</p> <p>5:15pm<br/>Family Dinner</p> <p>6:15pm<br/>Faith Formation</p> | <p>8:00am<br/>Mass</p> | <p>8:00am<br/>Mass</p> | <p>2:00pm<br/>Wedding</p> <p>3:30pm<br/>Confession</p> <p>5:00pm<br/>Mass</p> |