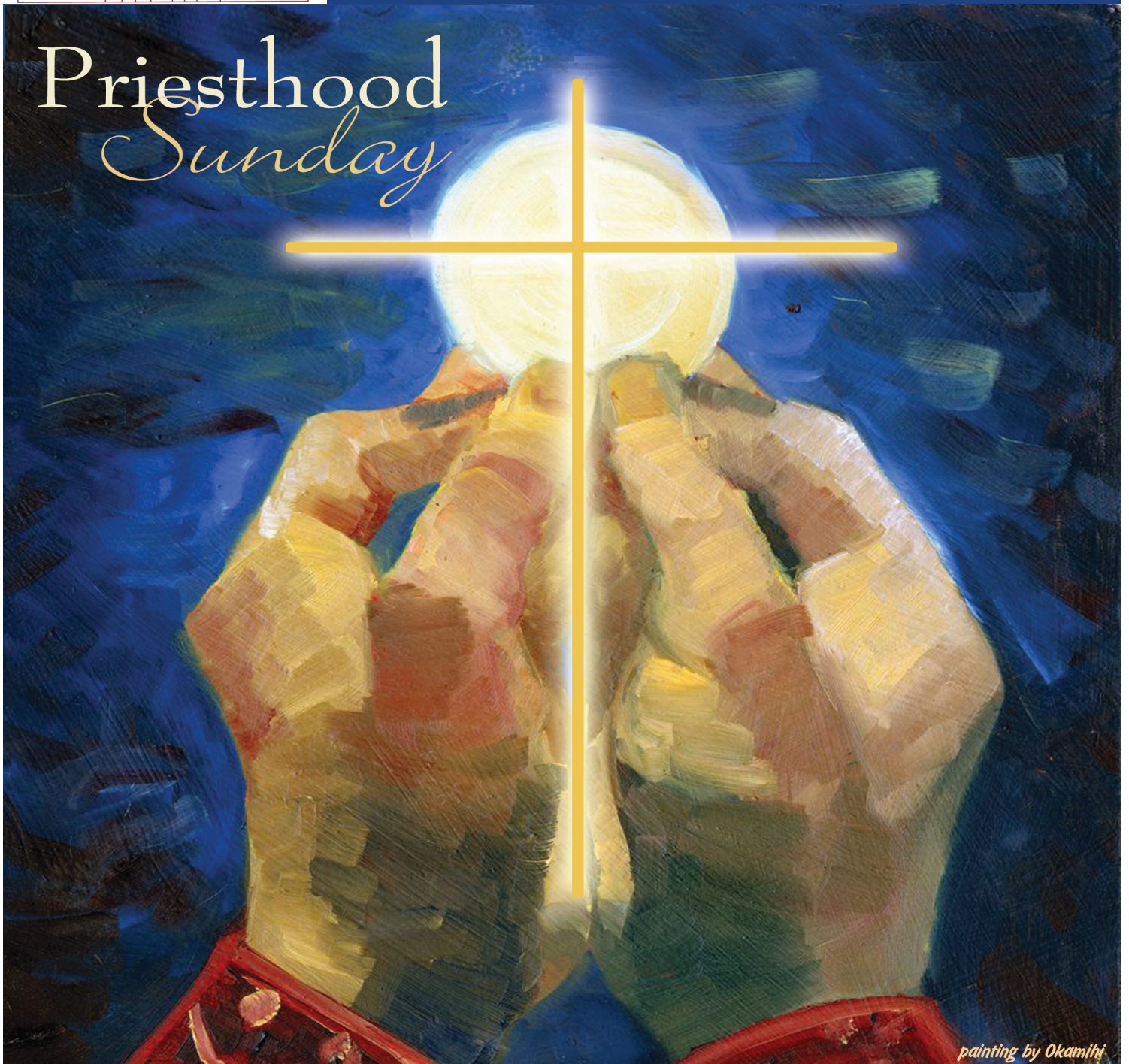




September 24th, 2023

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priesthood Sunday



painting by Okamithi

How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me?
I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
Lord, I am your servant.

Mass Intentions for the Week



For the Week of September 24, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

Saturday September 23 5:00pm	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15 †John Ninh Tran by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen †Peter Quan by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen †Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen †Maryy Rose Zarzecki by Laurie Emelander To give thanks to God
Sunday September 24 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a Family Simic by Anita Sime Family Juric by Anita Simic Family Ivcevic by Anita Simic †Brandon Micheal White by Craig family †Ricardo Managuio by Lynie Huynh †Lourdes Torre by Lynie Huynh †Ben Rich by Margo Rich
Monday September 25 8:00am	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18 The Priests of our Diocese
Tuesday September 26	Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday September 27 8:00am	Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4bfgnh, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6 The Diocese of Grand Rapids
Thursday September 28 8:00am	Memorial of Saint Wenclaus, Martyr and Saint Lawrence Ruiz, and Companions, Martyrs Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 9:7-9 John Ott by Mike & Carol Wood
Friday September 29 8:00a ^{qm}	Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51 All Those in Need of Prayer
Saturday September 30 5:00pm	Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45 †John Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen
Sunday October 1 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32 The People of Our Parish †Slobodan Simic by Anita Simic Velid & Irena Kavara by Anita Simic †Madeline Quinn by Ball family All volunteers of St Mary Magdalen Parish

Music Director Position Available

St Mary Magdalen Parish is seeking a Music Director to plan and coordinate the Parish Music Program including overseeing a couple of Musical Choirs and cantors; leading and accompanying music for weekend Masses, some Holy Days, weddings, and funerals. Requirements include: instrumental and vocal skills, strong knowledge of Roman Catholic Liturgy, and interpersonal communication and management skills. Salary and benefits commensurate experience and skills. Send resume with references to Search Committee for Music Director: pvu@stmmagdalen.org or 1253 52nd Street SE, Kentwood, MI 49508. Resumes will be accepted through October 9th, 2023.

“Thus, the Last will be First...”



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

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 Facebook
St. Mary Magdalen Parish

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

Parish Office 616-455-9310**Pastor**

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Deacon Mike Wood dwood@stmmagdalen.org

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Phil Martin, ext 107/112 witness@stmmagdalen.org

Council Representatives

Phil Martin Pastoral Council
 Patricia Snyder Financial Council

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

ĐT: 616-455-9310

Email: mdo@stmmagdalen.org

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 24th

Saturday, 5pm Judy Haisma
 Sunday, 9am Chris Maday, Laura Moore
 Sunday, 11am Marie Abner, Arlette Uwarugira
 Sunday, 5pm Mark O’Gorman

Lectors for the Week of October 1st

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

Cantors for September 24th

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

Cantors for October 1st

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



An Important Reminder

Father Peter will be gone to the Annual Priests' Conference from Monday, after Morning Mass on September 25th to Thursday afternoon on September 28th. There will still be Morning Mass at 8am on Monday, but only Communion services on Wednesday and Thursday at 8am by Deacon Mike Wood.

Also, COVID-19 is still around & Flu season is approaching soon. If you are sick or not feeling well, please stay home and follow your doctor's instruction. Please help us keep our Church Community safe & stay healthy!

**Join us for Coffee
& Donuts on
Sunday after the
9am & 11am
Masses!**



Widow & Widower's
Luncheon

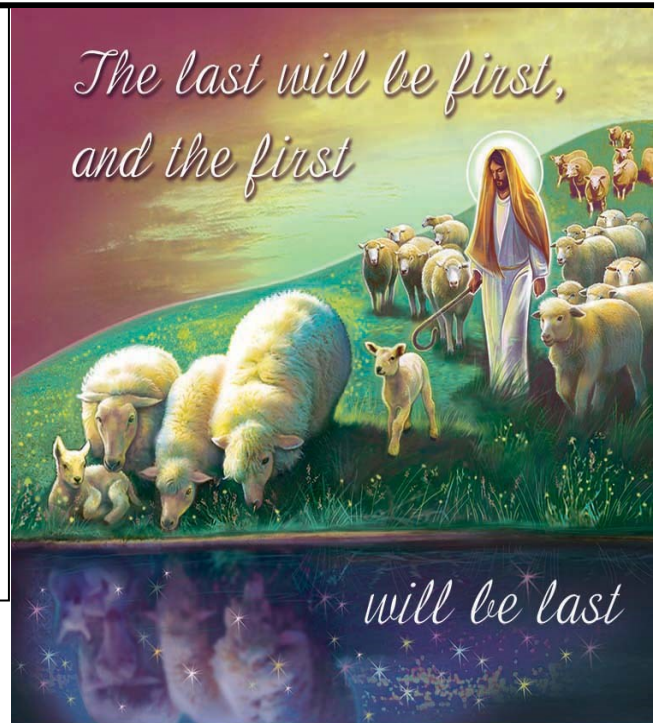


The Widow/Widowers group will be meeting at:
76th St Truck Stop & Diner
460 76th Street SW
Byron Center, 49315
on Monday, 9/25 at 1pm.



**Come to Night at the Races!
Dinner Tickets on Sale Now!
September 30th, 6-10 p.m.
\$20 in advance/\$25 at the door**

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 the Gathering Area to learn more about the event!
You can join us for dinner, the races, or BOTH!



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Pray for our Priests

While they're away, the faithful of our diocese are invited to gather in community on Tuesday, Sept. 26th to pray in a special way for our shepherds. A rosary will be led in participating churches at 6:30 p.m. followed by time for silent prayer. All are welcome to come and pray fervently for our priests.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Belmont
Holy Family, Caledonia
Holy Family, Sparta
Mary Queen of Apostles, Sand Lake
St. Isidore, Grand Rapids
St. John Paul II, Cedar Springs
St. Patrick, Parnell



Somebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

The highlight of this week is the feast day of three archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael on Friday, September 29, 2023.

Archangel Michael is often depicted as a warrior angel, leading the heavenly forces against the forces of darkness and evil. His name, "Michael," means "Who is like God?" which reflects his loyalty to God and his role as a protector of the faithful. We often turn to St. Michael for strength, courage, and protection in times of spiritual battle and adversity. It is a great way to start our day by seeking his protection.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares
of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do
thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of
God,
thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of
souls. Amen.

Archangel Gabriel is known as the messenger angel. His name, "Gabriel," means "God is my strength," underscoring his role as the one who brings messages from God to humanity. Gabriel is most famously known for announcing the birth of Jesus to the Virgin Mary in the Annunciation. He symbolizes communication, guidance, and the revelation of God's will to individuals.

Archangel Raphael is recognized as the angel of healing. His name, "Raphael," means "God heals," emphasizing his role in providing physical and spiritual healing to those in need. We often invoke Archangel Raphael when seeking healing, whether it be for physical ailments or spiritual wounds.

Let us express our gratitude to God for the gift of the archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael as messengers and protectors in our lives. May we turn to them and seek the grace we need.

Many blessings,
Sr. Mai Do



We All Receive More Than We Deserve

The parable of the landowner and the laborers hired to work in his vineyard is, on one level, about abundance. The landowner had a large enough vineyard that he needed to hire laborers repeatedly throughout the day to get the work done. As evening approached and the men lined up for their pay, the landowner paid all of them a denarius each. A "denarius" was a silver Roman coin used as payment for a full day's wage. The owner of the vineyard didn't need to scrimp and save. "Are you envious because I am generous?" he asked those who complained that all had been treated with equal generosity.

The landowner's actions depict the endlessly loving heart of the Father that poured itself out onto his undeserving creation with the incarnation of his Son, the Word-made-flesh, God-with us. Jesus Christ became our brother, our Savior, our Friend, the Lamb of God, our Eucharistic Lord, generosity without limits. As he one day multiplied the loaves and the fish for a crowd of 5000, Jesus abundantly multiplies the gift of his presence to us in the Eucharist all over the world until the end of history. Generous abundance is a hallmark of the Kingdom. Jesus said: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10).

Against the backdrop of this image of extravagant magnanimity the parable paints the stinginess and selfish demands of the workers of the first hour. They assumed that they would get more than what had been agreed upon because the landowner was doling out a full day's wage to those who had come at the last hour and who had clearly done far less work. As these tired laborers watched I can imagine them muttering among themselves that these latecomers were absolutely unworthy to be treated the same as they. The unexpected reversal of the parable is this: no matter how much or little we work, we are all equal recipients of God's generous abundance, of the gifts of his forgiveness, holiness, mercy, salvation, eternal life.

How many times have I thought that I deserved more than the others because I had given more of my time, energy, and love than they. I have fallen into the trap that the others deserved less because of how little they worked or how selfish they had been. This parable frees us from thinking we need to win God's endless love. This love is abundant and freely given to us all according to God's own generous determination. Let us not be upset that others receive what we have been given, but rejoice that others have been gifted, included, loved, and blessed, for we all receive more than we could ever deserve.

Jesus, you surprise me by your love for me and your love for others who I sometimes feel don't deserve that love. I am amazed at how you keep me in existence through your bounteous mercies, even when my love is so small and stingy compared to yours. Take my heart, O Lord, and make it just like yours. Amen.

By Sr. Kathryn James

Faith Formation

Hello Everyone,

I have to say it feels as if there has been a lot of change in my life lately! Some of it has been wonderful and exciting. Some of it has been difficult, and some of it has been just, well, CHANGE, neither good nor bad just different. I usually roll with the punches pretty well, and don't mind adjusting to the needs of the moment, but like most people I am not always immediately comfortable with change and drag my heels a little. That brings me to some information regarding people coming into the Church through the process formally known as the RCIA, (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). A couple of years ago, the USCCB announced that it would be changing the name to OCIA, (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). It might seem like a small change and definitely one that will take me a little time to get used to, but it really is an awesome thing! The change, which is actually closer to the original translation, speaks to the fullness of the conversion of those entering the Church. It takes the focus off the celebrations of the individual rites, and reminds us that this is a lifetime of conversion and dedication.

I know that it will take me some time and more than a little effort to change a 25 year old habit of calling it RCIA, but this is a change that I appreciate for all those who will be celebrating the Easter Sacraments with us. Blessings,
Molly Wisdom

Fellowship Breakfast

The women of St. Mary Magdalen Parish are cordially invited to a Fellowship Breakfast immediately following Mass on Monday, September 25th.

Come and enjoy breakfast & the company of other women of the parish.

Email RSVP: kleeuwen830@gmail.com

Phone RSVP 616-531-1113 (please leave a message with name and number attending).

Catechetical Conference

Diocesan Assembly 2023: Share Your Encounter

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Cathedral Square Center

360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids, MI

We would like to gather and participate virtually as a group if you would like to join us contact Molly Wisdom at the Parish Office.

Information and registration found at
<https://grdiocese.org/diocesan-assembly/>

Christian Services

This month the Healing Rosary will be on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30pm in the chapel. This event is sponsored by the Men's group and a Men's Group meeting will follow at 7pm in room 3. Everyone is welcome to attend the rosary and all the men of the parish are invited to attend the meeting.

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This year, it was decided that we should have a set menu for Wednesday night Dinner. These will be on a 5-week rotation so if one or two are favorites you will have more than one chance to enjoy it. As always hot dogs and salad will be offered and ice cream for dessert.

Week 1-Meatloaf

Week 2-Pasta with marinara sauce or white sauce

Week 3-Tacos

Week 4-Chef choice

Week 5-Breaded chicken

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October is the month of Mary.

Please join us October 15th at 12:30pm when Kevin Mathews will be here to tell 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. Encourage your friends and family to come. Remember everyone is invited to attend.



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Our next Versiti blood drive will be October 15th. Our goal is 15 units, which will help meet the high demand from local hospitals. Every donation is needed!

To make an appointments go to the following link: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/150460. **Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcomed.**

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The Feeding America West Michigan Food truck will be here Saturday, September 30th. 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.

BY PRACTICING CHARITY, I FIND I HAVE NO TIME FOR ENVY. WOULD YOU LIKE ANOTHER?



Jesus concluded the parable: "I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your eye envious because I am generous?" So the last shall be first, and the first last." Mt 20:14-16

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SCRAP METAL DRIVE

SPONSORED BY THE ST MARY MAGDALEN MEN'S GROUP



GET RID OF THE CLUTTER! PERFECT FOR THE FALL CLEANUP!

October 7, 2023 9am to 1pm

We will take any metal you may no longer need: STEEL, COPPER, ALUMINUM, BRASS, CAST IRON, Etc.

Lawn Mowers, Grills, Pipe, Exercise Equipment, Nuts, Bolts, File Cabinets, Appliances, & Electric Motors, Etc.

Upcoming Events for the Week of 9/24 to 9/30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>9:00am Mass w/ CLW</p> <p>10:00am Coffee & Donuts</p> <p>11:00am Mass w/CLW</p> <p>12:00pm Coffee & Donuts</p> <p>12:15pm Children Choir</p> <p>1:00pm Mass-Vietnamese</p> <p>5:00pm Mass</p>	<p>8:00am Mass</p> <p>8:40am Women's Fellowship Breakfast</p> <p>1:00pm Widow/Widower Lunch</p>	<p>10:00am Morning Bible Study</p> <p>3:00pm GreifShare Mtg</p> <p>6:30pm Healing Rosary</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts</p> <p>7:00pm Men's Group</p>	<p>8:00am Communion Service</p> <p>9:00am Scripture Study</p> <p>5:15pm Family Dinner</p> <p>6:15pm Faith Formation</p>	<p>8:00am Communion Service</p>	<p>8:00am Mass</p>	<p>9:00am Feeding America Food Truck</p> <p>3:30pm Confession</p> <p>5:00pm Mass</p> <p>6:00pm "A Night at the Races"</p>