

St. Mary + Magdalen



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



The vineyard of
the LORD
of hosts is the
house of Israel

October 8th, 2023

Isaiah 5:7

Where Are the Grapes?

Jesus' parable is a little different from the one in the first reading. Isaiah has the vineyard under good and faithful care, but still it produces wild grapes. In the Gospel, the vineyard presumably had a good harvest, but the workers refuse to give any of the grapes to the landowner. The question for us is, which parable is about me?

Do I ignore all that God does to help me be a good disciple? Am I too busy to take time to pray or read the Bible? Do I hold onto grudges instead of forgiving and releasing them? Do I only go to church when someone drags me there, or only at Christmas and Easter? (If that were true, I probably would not be reading this bulletin.) Do I decline the invitations to go on a retreat? Am I afraid to share my faith with someone who needs encouragement? If any of these are true, I might be like the vineyard in the first reading, producing no fruit despite all the opportunities God has given me.

Or we may be the other side of the coin. We had our children baptized when they were babies, sent them to the parish school or religion classes. We went to church every Sunday and took them with us. We gave them as good an example as we could, teaching them to love others and be generous with what they have. Yet they grew up and drifted away from the faith. Then we have to remember how patient God is with us, God's people who don't always produce the fruits of faith.

The Gospel is a little more difficult to relate to. The tenants in the parable refer to those who mistreated or killed the prophets sent by God or the people who would have Jesus crucified. Yet the kingdom of God is still being proclaimed in spite of them. God is patient with them. Look what happened to Saul, who persecuted many Christians before he became one himself. In our second reading he tells us to follow his example as he follows Christ. Then, he says, the peace of God will be with us, too (Philippians 4:6-9).

Tom Schmidt

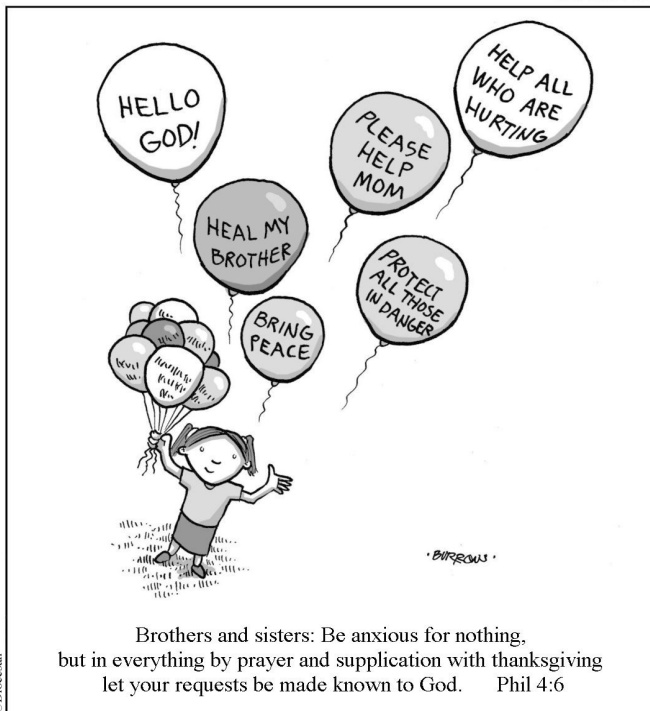
Craft Show & Bake Sale 2023 Bulletin Announcements

Craft Show & Bake Sale

It's time to bake and freeze! Help support the Holiday Craft Show and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 18th, from 10am to 3pm. Donations of any of your favorite goodies (i.e. muffins, fancy breads, cakes, cookies, brownies, pies, candies, etc.) will be greatly appreciated. Sponsored by SMM Women's Guild. Profits from sale will benefit the parish and several charities.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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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 16th, 2023.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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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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 October 8th

Saturday, 5pm Bill Kelly
 Sunday, 9am Chris Maday, Maria Saenz
 Sunday, 11am Mark O’Gorman, Mary Roberts
 Sunday, 5pm Bernardo Abner

Lectors for the Week of October 15th

Saturday, 5pm Michael Bush
 Sunday, 9am Laura Moore, Maria Saenz
 Sunday, 11am Marie Abner, Michelle Martin
 Sunday, 5pm Bill Kelly

Cantors for October 8th

Saturday, 5pm Kathy Miller
 Sunday, 9am Michelle Seguin
 Sunday, 11am Bedi & Hellen Komera
 Sunday, 5pm Mary Thompson

Cantors for October 15th

Saturday, 5pm Michelle Seguin
 Sunday, 9am Allison Hawkins
 Sunday, 11am Sandy Soresi
 Sunday, 5pm TBD



Mass Intentions for the Week

For the Week of October 8, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

Saturday October 7	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24 †Peter T Nguyen by ToTam Nguyen †Peter P Nguyen by ToTam Nguyen †Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen †Agnes & Peter Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen †Jim & Trudy Wagner by Carol Dwyer Mira Ivos by Angie Lucic
Sunday October 8	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43 Mira Ivos by Slava Galic †Frank Spica by their cousin †Gina Nester Anderson by their cousin
11:00am 5:00pm	The People of Our Parish Eleanor & Douglas Rings by Patricia Tawney & Robert Aalders
Monday October 9	Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs, and Saint John Leonardi, Priest Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37 Volunteers of St Mary Magdalen Parish
Tuesday October 10	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:28-42
Wednesday October 11	Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4 The Priests of our Diocese
Thursday October 12	Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 11:5-13 John Ott by Mike & Carol Wood
Friday October 13	Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 & 16; 8-9; Lk 11:15-26 †Alvin Smarzinski by Mark Kastenholtz family †Rose & Al Mirandette by Pam Kosten
Saturday October 14	Memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope & Martyr Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28 †Dave Perry by Joe & Lois Levan †John That by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen †Theresa Tran by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen †Ed Thomas by Linda Thomas & family †Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen †Agnes & Peter Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen
Sunday October 15	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5- 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 †Bob Lane by Karen Lane †Breen family by Pam Kosten The People of Our Parish

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:

*Elío Steven Benvenuto
Olivia Grace Burgess
Dominic James Daniels
Yovan Jose Marquez*

Thank You!

The parish would like to thank all of the sponsors and volunteers who made this year's Night At the Races possible!



Thank you to all who came out to support this exciting event!

Winner of the Auction Race;
Brenna's Big Day



Thank you to Star Racing for a fantastic evening!

Somebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

The month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary, holds a special place in our hearts as it brings us closer to God through the beautiful and accessible prayer of the Rosary. Our experience of praying the Rosary reveals the many spiritual blessings bestowed upon us by our loving Mother.

Alanus de Rupe shares the 15 promises of the Blessed Mary to those who pray the Rosary devoutly. One of the promises that particularly resonates with me is the fourth promise: "The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things."

This promise reminds us of the transformative power of the Rosary in our lives. Through its devout recitation, we not only cultivate virtues and perform good works but also receive the boundless mercy of God. As we meditate on the Rosary mysteries concerning Jesus and Mary, we are called to follow their virtues and their path to holiness.

In a world often filled with distractions, the Rosary provides a means to help us reorient our lives toward the pursuit of goodness, virtue, and eternal values. It guides our hearts away from worldly distractions and towards a profound yearning for eternal, spiritual matters. Praying the Rosary before Holy Mass is an effective way to prepare our souls to enter into the mystery of the Eucharist. The Rosary is a powerful tool through which souls can find sanctification.

As we embrace this month of the Holy Rosary, let us offer our Rosaries in prayer for the Assembly meetings of the Synod of Bishops, asking that our Mother may accompany the Church on its synodal journey.

In Christ,
Sr. Mai Do

Wedding Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Richard and Pat Wingeier give thanks to God for their 50 years of marriage. Please join them in thanking God and continue to keep them in our prayers.



**Pray the
Holy Rosary
the month of
October**

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, Jeremiah
- 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
- Partridge, Therese
- Pelletier, Tim
- Petrlich, Alice
- Reynolds, Sue
- Rhoades, Michelle
- Ringeisen, 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

Upcoming Events for the Week of 10/8 to 10/14

Sunday

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am	Rosary
9:00am	Mass w/ CLW
10:00am	Coffee & Donuts
11:00am	Mass w/CLW
12:00pm	Baptism
12:00pm	Coffee & Donuts
12:15pm	Children Choir
5:00pm	Mass

Monday

8:00am Mass

Tuesday

9:30am	Rosary Makers
10:00am	Morning Bible Study
3:00pm	GriefShare Mtg
7:00pm	Boy Scouts

Wednesday

8:00am	Mass
9:00am	Scripture Study
5:15pm	Family Dinner
6:15pm	Faith Formation

Thursday

8:00am Mass

Friday

8:00am Mass

Saturday

3:30pm	Confession
5:00pm	Mass

Christian Services

Saturday, September 30th, the Feeding America West Michigan food truck was here. We provided food to 186 families consisting of:



- 298 children,
- 141 seniors
- 12 veterans.

Thank you to all who came out to help. Many of our usual volunteers were unable to help, so I posted on the St. Mary Magdalen Facebook page for help and thankfully a good number of people come to help. Thank you for hearing the Holy Spirit.

Currently, I am in need of an early morning volunteer for Food truck days. If you are able to be here at 7:30am and can hand out registration forms, this is the opportunity for you!

If you are interested, please contact Ruth at rbush@stmmagdalen.org or call the office at 616-455-9310.

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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 and appreciated!

There is still time to make an appointment just 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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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. Kevin will also have his book available for purchase. If you are interested the cost is \$10 and only cash will be accepted. Thank you

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It took only 12 people to bring it down! Our summer season is officially complete with us taking down our tent. Thank you to everyone that came out to help on very short notice. Thankfully, it comes down a lot easier than it goes up. Again, thank you and we look forward to putting it up again in the spring.



Thank You!



Stewardship of Treasure

Week ending October 1st	Fiscal YTD 7/1/23—6/30/24
Offertory Regular \$ 7,499	Offertory Actual \$ 144,833
<u>Electronic Giving</u> \$ 6,183	<u>Offertory Budget</u> \$ 149,500
Total Collection \$ 13,682	Over/(Under) \$ (4,667)

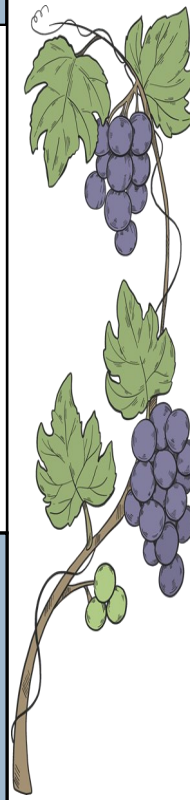
Benevolent Fund: \$ 170 Maintenance Fund: \$ 450

*Seeking Christ in Others; We Find Christ in Ourselves.
Thank you for your faithful stewardship of treasure in
support of St. Mary Magdalen Parish!*

To donate online please visit: stmmagdalen.org/donate

Diocese of Grand Rapids—Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)

# of households that have returned a pledge card:	220
St. Mary Magdalen 2023 CSA Goal:	\$104,094
Total pledges thru September 11, 2023:	\$ 84,105
Goal achieved: 81%	Participation percentage: 22%



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



Father Peter's homilies can be
found every week on our website,
www.stmarymagdalen.org
Go to "about" click on bulletins
and scroll down for every homily
from this year.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out nations and planted it

Psalm 80:9