

St. Mary + Magdalen



The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15th, 2023

GO OUT INTO THE MAIN ROADS
& invite to the *feast*
whomever you find.

MATTHEW 22:9





DIocese of Grand Rapids

Office of the Bishop

October 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On October 22, as we observe World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with the Missions of the Church in this annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration.

Pope Francis chose “Hearts on fire, feet on the move” as this year’s theme. The Holy Father invites us to kindle the fire of Christ’s love in our hearts and to actively share this warmth with the world around us. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we go forth and bring the Good News to all corners of the world.

Founded by French laywoman Blessed Pauline Jaricot in 1822, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is an essential source of aid for the Church’s missionary work. In the United States, we benefited from these donations: up until 1908, we received close to 7 million dollars, the equivalent of over 250 million today. The dioceses in our country considered mission territories have continued to receive subsidies. Fairbanks, Alaska, was the last of those dioceses and received its final subsidy payment this year!

The World Mission Sunday collection assists the Holy Father meet his Petrine obligation to build up the Church in over 1,100 dioceses and territories that are too young and/or too poor to sustain themselves. Offerings support the formation of seminarians and religious men and women, assist in the construction of schools and orphanages, and enables missionaries to build churches in remote and resource-limited areas, and to meet essential works to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

Embodying this year’s theme, I urge you to keep your hearts aflame and your feet moving this World Mission Sunday. Your prayers are invaluable, and your financial support provides life-giving aid to our brothers and sisters in the world’s most vulnerable communities.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

Music Director Position Available

St Mary Magdalen Parish, a thriving, diverse, and faith-filled community in the metropolis of Kentwood, Michigan, 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@stmmdalolen.org or 1253 52nd Street SE, Kentwood, MI 49508. Resumes will be accepted through October 30th, 2023.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Fax **616-455-4139**
 Email address **witness@stmmagdalen.org**

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www.stmmagdalen.org
 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

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

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Council Representatives

Phil Martin Pastoral Council
 Patricia Snyder Financial Council

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 15th

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

Lectors for the Week of October 22nd

Saturday, 5pm Laurie Emelander
 Sunday, 9am Anthony Bielecki, Mark O'Gorman
 Sunday, 11am Stephen Herman, Peggy Jacobs
 Sunday, 5pm Bill Kelly

Cantors for October 15th

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

Cantors for October 22nd

Saturday, 5pm Kathy Miller
 Sunday, 9am Barbara Kozachik
 Sunday, 11am Hue Nguyen
 Sunday, 5pm Mary Thompson



Mass Intentions for the Week

Faith Formation

For the Week of October 15, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

Saturday	Memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope & Martyr
October 14	Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
5:00pm	†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	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5- 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14
9:00am	†Bob Lane by Karen Lane †Lois Levan by Mark & Merelise Drelles †Gloria Kenzie by Mark & Merelise Drelles Andrew Drelles by Mark & Merelise Drelles
11:00am	†Breen family by Pam Kosten
5:00pm	The People of Our Parish Family Simic by Anita Simic
Monday	Memorial of St. Hedwig, Religious, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
October 16	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
8:00am	†Norman Lee by Dorsie Lee
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
October 17	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist
October 18	2Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
8:00am	Volunteers of St Mary Magdalen Parish
Thursday	Memorial of Sts John deBrébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, Companions, Martyrs
October 19	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
8:00am	†Mary Rose Minerva by the Minerva family Thank you for prayers by Dorsie Lee
Friday	Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
October 20	Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
8:00am	Kosten family by Pam Kosten Engvall family by Pam Kosten
Saturday	
October 21	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
5:00pm	†Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen †Agnes & Peter Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen †John the Baptist by Viet Le & Nguyet Dinh All Souls by Viet Le & Nguyet Dinh
Sunday	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21
9:00am	†Lois Levan by Patricia Wolterstorff †Frank Hanba by his family
11:00am	Stockreef family by Pam Kosten John the Baptist by Viet Le & Nguyet Dinh All Souls by Viet Le & Nguyet Dinh
5:00pm	All Souls in Need of Prayer by Anonymous

Hello Everyone,

When I walked into the office this morning, I caught sight of the pumpkins and Halloween decorations on the desks and was overcome with a joyful memory. When the girls were little, we would make the annual trek to a local pumpkin patch to select their pumpkins and it was a trip that I looked forward to. There were times however, that I wondered how it could take so long to pick out a pumpkin, but the girls would search for just the right one. One year our oldest daughter chose one that had scars, bumps, and dirt all over it. It was caved in on the front side and leaned so far over that it looked like it would fall at any moment. When I saw the one she wanted, I questioned her and her answer floored me. I asked, “honey, why did you pick that one?” She answered, “because no one else will.” The look on her face, the sadness in her eyes allowed me to witness kindness. In her 4 year old mind, she was so sad that this pumpkin might not find a home because it wasn’t perfect and people wanted pretty, perfect pumpkins to carve and display. I know it was just a pumpkin, but to her it was more than that. She couldn’t stand the idea of unhappiness in the world and was willing to sacrifice for someone/something else. In a world that seems to talk about and report on anger, violence, and selfishness, it is important that we remember that we are called to spread love and peace, and act selflessly.

Blessings,
Molly Wisdom



You're Invited!
Join Us to Pray
the Rosary

Time: 8:30 am

Place: Chapel of St. Mary Magdalen Church

When: Every Sunday in October

Special Intention Book available for prayer requests.

For those who are praying the Rosary in the chapel, I wanted to give you a little insight into the image that is there of Our Lady of Perpetual Help adapted from an article from Catholic Straight Answers ;

Look at the beautiful way, the Child Jesus grasps the hand of the Blessed Mother. He is seeking comfort from His mother, as He sees the Archangels holding instruments of His passion. Look at the position of Mary's hands— she both holds her child and our savior, (who seems like a small adult), and she presents Him to us. This conveys the reality of our Lord's incarnation, that He is true God who became also true man. In iconography, Mary here is represented the one who guides us to the Redeemer. She also is our Help, who intercedes on our behalf with her Son. The star painted on Mary's veil, centered on her forehead, highlights her role in the plan of salvation as both the Mother of God and our Mother.

Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

Thanks be to God, our church bell has been restored recently. It is truly beautiful to hear the church bells joyfully ringing at noon. To me, it reminds me to pause for a minute to turn my mind and heart to the mystery of the Incarnation through the Angelus.

The Angelus is one of the very old Catholic devotional prayers. Its short biblical verses narrating the Annunciation of the Archangel Gabriel when he was sent to Mary to announce God's message that she will conceive in her womb and bear the Son of the Most High (Luke 1:28). The Church has a tradition to say this prayer three times daily, at 6 am, noon and 6 pm. Therefore, conveniently, we can say the Angelus wherever we may be during these designated times of the day.

During this month of Rosary and all year round, let us listen to God's call to ponder his love to humankind through this beautiful devotion of the Church to our Blessed Mother. May our Lord and the blessed Mother walk with us in our journey of faith.

Many blessings,
Sr. Mai Do



Have you noticed the presence of Carenotes in our gathering area? Carenotes are small booklets that offer helpful and supportive information relating on various topics, including grief, loss, relationships, depression, and more. We have updated on many new topics. Please take a moment to check on them, and feel free to select booklets that might provide strength, solace, and healing for you and your loved ones through their uplifting messages. Please contact Sr. Mai Do, if you need further care and support.

Procedures for taking Communion to the homebound

Thank you for serving in our ministry to the homebound and nursing homes. If you are bringing Holy Communion to your loved ones, the homebound or nursing homes, we kindly request that you follow the following procedures instead of taking Communion in the Communion procession:

*During weekends:

1. Please sign in at **the liturgical ministers room**, the room next to the Parish Office, before Mass.
2. After Mass, receive Communion from the assigned minister near the altar.

During weekdays, please see the office staff for assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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.



At 11am on Thursday, October 19th, the Women's Guild will be meeting at Brann's Steakhouse Located at: 4157 Division Ave S. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

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, Marilynn
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
Wingecier, Pat
Wittkowski, Michael
Young, Sharon

Upcoming Events for the Week of 10/15 to 10/21

Sunday
The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am	Blood Drive
8:30am	Rosary
9:00am	Mass w/ CLW
10:00am	Coffee & Donuts
11:00am	Mass w/CLW
12:00pm	Coffee & Donuts
12:15pm	Children Choir
12:30pm	“Broken Mary”
5:00pm	Mass

Monday

8:00am	Mass
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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
11:00am	Women’s Guild Mtg

Friday

8:00am	Mass
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Saturday

1:00pm	Leaf Raking
3:30pm	Confession
5:00pm	Mass

Christian Services



Thank you to everyone who contributed to and helped fill the two dumpsters at the Men’s Group Scrap Metal Drive. Those who brought metal and those that unloaded the metal, **Thank You!**

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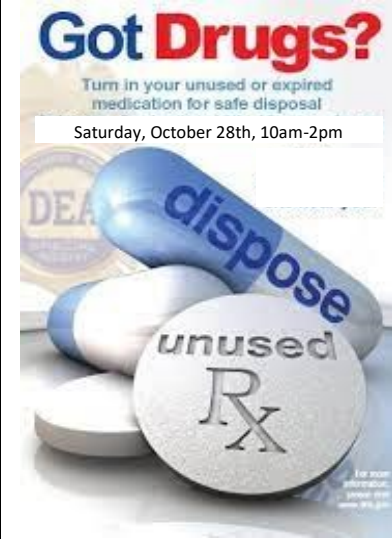


The Feeding America West Michigan Food truck will be here on Saturday, October 28th. Everyone is invited to come and help with the distribution of food to others in the community. Come at 8:30am to the BAC to organize and bag the food, distribution will begin at 9:00am. Remember to bring the whole family and to dress for the weather.

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Have you replaced your tattered flag and don’t know what to do with the old one? We have a box near the office where you can place your old flag to have it properly disposed of. We will bring them to the AMVets Post 23.

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Our Police Department will once again host a Drug Take Back Day Event on Saturday, Oct. 28th from 10am until 2pm at the Kentwood Police Department, 4742 Walma Ave. SE. Residents are encouraged to drop off any unwanted or expired pills or patches during this event, which is free and anonymous.

Liquids, needles and sharp objects are not accepted. To learn more about Kentwood’s Drug Take Back program, visit kentwood.us/DrugTakeBack.

Stewardship of Treasure

Week ending October 8th

Offertory Regular \$ 8,528

Electronic Giving \$ 857

Total Collection \$ 9,385

Benevolent Fund: \$ 134

Fiscal YTD 7/1/23—6/30/24

Offertory Actual \$ 154,218

Offertory Budget \$ 161,000

Over/(Under) \$ (6,782)

Maintenance Fund: \$ 326

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



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

Stewardship of Talent Opportunity

As the snowy season draws near, we are in need of snow shovelers to assist in clearing the sidewalks and walkways when inclement weather happens. When there is imminent snow, an email/text would go out to all volunteers when snow removal help is needed.

If you would like to serve in this capacity, please send a note to the parish office at witness@stmmagdalen.org letting us know that you'd like to assist with this ministry.



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.

I can do all things in him
who strengthens me

Philippians 4:13