

St. Mary + Magdalen



November 5th, 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



*What Will
Separate Us From the*
LOVE OF CHRIST

Lucille Meier

John Kibler

Orcelle Fordham

Thomas Maurer

Steven Wansten

Kathleen Ringisen

Marie Bennett

Edward Croskey

Gloria Kenzie

Jacques Long Nguyen

David Jones

Evan Nawrot

James Bryant

Gregory Clemons

Irmgard Russo

Elisabeth Fazio

Max Witgen

Ronald Brown

Angela Long

Lois Levan

Oswaldo Gutierrez

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OUR LOVED
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DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

November 11/12, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ ,

Each year we have the opportunity to support the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection. This program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops seeks to educate on domestic poverty issues and supports organizations that are creating local solutions to eradicate poverty. In addition to making an impact nationally, 25 percent of the collection remains in our diocese to support local anti-poverty projects. This year's collection will take place in our parishes during the weekend of **November 18-19**.

Through your generosity, more than \$50,000 was distributed amongst 12 local organizations this past year.

As a universal and culturally diverse church in West Michigan, we welcome newcomers with the joy that the Good News brings. Integrating new families into our communities necessitates comprehensive efforts. The ESL (English as a Second Language) Program at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Wyoming creates a classroom experience to help non-native speakers become more confident in their ability to speak, read, and write English. With funding from the CCHD collection, Holy Name of Jesus Parish is able to lead the way in providing the necessary tools for individuals to integrate into West Michigan and access wider employment opportunities in the local economy.

Your support for this collection funds important work, like the ESL Program, that makes a direct, positive impact upon the lives of those seeking to escape poverty. Your support also helped to fund emergency food assistance at The Bread of Life Pantry at St. Ann- St. Ignatius Parish in Baldwin and Caritas Food Pantry at St. Mary Parish in Custer. These are just a few of the ministries that are working to fight poverty in our own backyard.

Thank you for being a part of this effort! Projects that receive funding must adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Please prayerfully consider giving this year. For more information about the CCHD collection, and the programs it supports, please visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak

Bishop of Grand Rapids

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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

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Council Representatives

Phil Martin Pastoral Council
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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 November 5th

Saturday, 5pm Judy Haisma
 Sunday, 9am Jeanine Bryant, Stephen Herman
 Sunday, 11am Deanna McGowan, Kodi Schulist
 Sunday, 5pm Arlette Uwarugira

Lectors for the Week of November 12th

Saturday, 5pm Bill Kelly
 Sunday, 9am Stephen Herman, Laura Moore
 Sunday, 11am Marie Abner, Mark O’Gorman
 Sunday, 5pm Mary Roberts

Cantors for November 5th

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

Cantors for November 12th

Saturday, 5pm TBD
 Sunday, 9am Michelle Seguin
 Sunday, 11am Kodi Schulist
 Sunday, 5pm TBD



Mass Intentions for the Week

For the Week of November 5, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

Saturday November 4 5:00pm	Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11 All Souls by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen †Ed Thomas by Linda Thomas & family †Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen †Agnes & Peter Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen †Anthony Xuong Vu †Mary Tran by ToTam Nguyen Briella Mutoni by her family
Sunday November 5 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12 Paul Jeon by Jeon family †Robert Alvarez by St Mary Magdalen Parish †Robert J Herrmann by Mr & Mrs Herrmann The People of Our Parish Jane Brown by Peggy Horn All Souls in Purgatory by Peggy Horn
Monday November 6 8:00am	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14 †Anthony Xuong Vu
Tuesday November 7 8:00am	Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday November 8 8:00am	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2,4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33 †Anthony Xuong Vu
Thursday November 9 8:00am	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday November 10 8:00am	Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8 †Lois Levan by The Mermaids †Anthony Xuong Vu
Saturday November 11 5:00pm	Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15 †Cora Smarzinski by Mark Kastenholz family †Anthony Xuong Vu †Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen †Agnes & Peter Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen Deceased Nguyen family by ToTam Nguyen
Sunday November 12 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1Thes 4:13-18, Mt 25:1-13 †Lena Minerva by the Minerva family †Kristin Rober by Mom & Dad †Robert J. Herrmann by Mr & Mrs Herrmann †Tom Buettner by St Mary Magdalen Parish The People of Our Parish

Faith Formation

Hello Everyone,

I was reading an article and because of the content, I have been thinking a lot about loyalty, integrity and justice. It seemed strange to me at first that those three things are always lumped together in my mind. Then I began to realize that it isn't so strange after all. All of these qualities have to be held in tension. If someone is loyal, they will strive to act with integrity and treat others justly. If a person has integrity then they seek justice for those around them and act out of a sense of loyalty. If someone is known to be a just person, it is because they *understand* what it is to act with integrity and offer their loyalty out of respect or regard for others.

What happens when we fail to hold these things in tension? What happens when our loyalty to one person leads us to treat another unjustly or we put our integrity on the back burner out of a misleading sense of fidelity? Is it realistic to believe that we can live in this world without ever knowing the pressure of feeling as if we cannot be true to all of these qualities at the same time? It is during these times of doubt that true discernment is needed. It is also during these times that it may be the most difficult and the most painful. Our questions must go to the heart of our faith. If we are meant to live the Gospel and bring people to the Word, then can we do that without asking what those people really need from us? What they need from us may not be what we want to offer them; comfort, support, care. Loyalty may have come in the form of brutal honesty that allows them to truly see themselves and forces them to grow. Acting with integrity may mean that we step away, allow them to falter and struggle to find and utilize their own gifts. Being just may mean that we call to attention their limitations and offer our support in seeking another path. The lesson for me her is that if we are acting faithfully and with the best of intentions, then these things will naturally be held in tension, because without each component, the others cannot exist. The question that we must continually ask ourselves is whether we are exhibiting these qualities so that we can be proud of ourselves, or because we are called to serve those around us?

God's Blessings,
Molly Wisdom



Attention Parents of 2nd Grade Faith Formation Students

There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday, November 29th at 7:15 in the Family Center Dining Area. Information about the preparation for and celebration of the Sacrament will be given. Please contact Molly Wisdom if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendars!

Ladies Advent Night
December 5th, 2023
7-9pm



Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who joined us at the Remembrance Service this weekend to honor and remember our departed loved ones. During this time of grief, we continue to pray for them and their families, asking the healing grace and comfort of our loving Lord.

As we enter the month of November, we turn our hearts and thoughts towards our deceased loved ones, especially in our prayers. There are various ways to offer prayers for the departed souls.

One of the most meaningful ways is through the Holy Mass. We can request Mass intentions for them, particularly on significant occasions such as birthdays and death anniversaries. As the Catechism teaches us: "From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all in the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." (CCC # 1032)

In addition to the Mass, praying the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are effective means to intercede for the holy souls. After each decade of Rosary, we recite the Fatima prayer for their souls: "Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need of your mercy."

Short and simple prayers can also be powerful. We can pray for them by saying: "*Jesus, Mary, I love you. Save souls!*" or recite: "*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*" We can repeat these prayers as often as we wish, and consider offering them whenever you pass by the cemetery.

Let us demonstrate our love and gratitude for our departed loved ones through our prayers, and may they find eternal peace.

Blessings,

Sr. Mai Do

Pope's intention of November

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Collection of Vietnamese Masses

Vietnamese October Mass Collection: \$ 545.00

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.

Craft Show & Bake Sale

Support the Holiday Craft Show and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 18th from 10am to 3pm.

Donations of your favorite goodies (i.e. muffins, fancy breads, cakes, cookies, brownies, pies, candies, etc.) will be greatly appreciated. **Please deliver your Bake Sale items on Friday, November 17th to the Family Center kitchen or Saturday morning to the sales counter.** Sponsored by St Mary Magdalen Women's Guild. Profits from sale will benefit the parish and several charities.



All veterans, spouses of veterans and current serving military personnel are invited to attend a lunch on November 12th in the BAC. at 12pm. Please RSVP to the office by Wednesday, November 8th.

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
 Hojnacki, Jim
 Ivos, Zdravko
 Jacobs, Ed & Peggy
 Jelens, Dan
 Kaiser, Marvin
 Kastenzholz, Jean & Mark
 Kaminski, Marilyn
 Knight, India
 Kulikowski, Joseph
 Kulczyk, Ray
 Lawson, Norma
 Le, Bao Tien
 Lovell, Laura
 McCormick, Davis
 Minerva, Antonina
 Mutoni, Briella
 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 11/5 to 11/11

Sunday

The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
 5:00pm Mass

Monday

8:00am Mass

Tuesday

3:00pm GriefShare Mtg
 7:00pm K of C Meeting

Wednesday

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

Thursday

8:00am Mass
 3:30pm Core Team Mtg

Friday

8:00am Mass

Saturday

9:00am Feeding America Food Truck
 1:00pm Wedding
 3:30pm Confession
 5:00pm Mass



Help us with our Holiday Food Drive!

Christian Services

It was a cool, but thankfully dry morning last Saturday. We distributed food to a record number of families, 242! The families consisted of:

- * 929 people
- * 369 children
- * 174 seniors
- * 13 vets

Thank you to everyone who came out to help. You did a great job!

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Note change of date and location.

Due to several events that are happening the Veterans lunch has been moved to the BAC. All veterans, spouses of veterans and current serving military personnel are invited to attend a lunch on November 12th in the BAC. at 12pm. Please RSVP to the office by Wednesday, November 8th.

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Our Annual Holiday Food Drive begins November 4th & 5th and will go through November 11th & 12th. Suggested non-perishable items that are needed to fill the holiday baskets are:

- boxed/canned potatoes, boxed rice/pasta mixes, and stuffing mixes
- canned fruits, vegetables, sweet potatoes, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, gravy, and cranberry sauce
- cake mix and frosting
- boxed rice/pasta mixes
- muffin mixes and pie crust mix
- evaporated milk

All other items are accepted and any that we do not use will be given to The Green Apple Pantry.

This is a wonderful family activity from the start, when buying items, to the finish, when we deliver the baskets to families. Please consider signing up to help sort the food on Sunday, November 12th at 12pm and again to deliver the baskets on Saturday, November 18th at 10am.

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Usually, Advent begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving, but this year it begins a week later on December 3rd. We will decorate the church for the Advent season on Monday, November 27th at 6:00 p.m. Please come and help if you can.

The 4th Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve, so we will decorate for Christmas on December 24th at 12pm (noon). If you are able to help, please gather in front of the church, as many hands are needed for this task to go as quickly and smoothly as possible. Thank you.

Our next Wednesday Faith Formation Dinner will be November 8th. We will be serving from 5:15pm to 6pm. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children, with a \$15 max for a family.

Our next meal will be:



Stewardship of Treasure

Giving thru October 23rd

Offertory Regular \$ 7,268
Electronic Giving \$ 417
Total Collection \$ 7,685

Fiscal YTD 7/1/23—6/30/24

Offertory Actual \$ 200,917
Offertory Budget \$ 207,000
Over/(Under) \$ (6,083)

Benevolent Fund: \$ 65

Maintenance Fund: \$ 235

*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

Striving for Humility

Have you ever prayed the Litany of Humility? It is probably one of the most radical pleas I've ever encountered. Its power lies in how deeply it embodies Jesus' desire for us to serve. We must strive for this: to be not the greatest, but the least. For everything will be overturned when we face eternal life. Those who are last will be first. Think of Christ's parents on Earth. Joseph, who has not a single spoken phrase recorded in the Bible, and our Blessed Mother, who was also barely mentioned, but within her brief words exclaims, "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done unto me according to your word". We must recall our **littleness** in comparison to Christ, without whom we can achieve nothing.

It is so important to also beware of preaching but not practicing. Is the way we appear to others more important than our image in the sight of God? Do we want to be recognized and praised by people, or by God? In actuality, we can't have both. The first truth the Beatitudes declare is "Blessed are the poor in spirit". Let us strive for true piety through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, in private, since God sees us in secret.

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh



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.