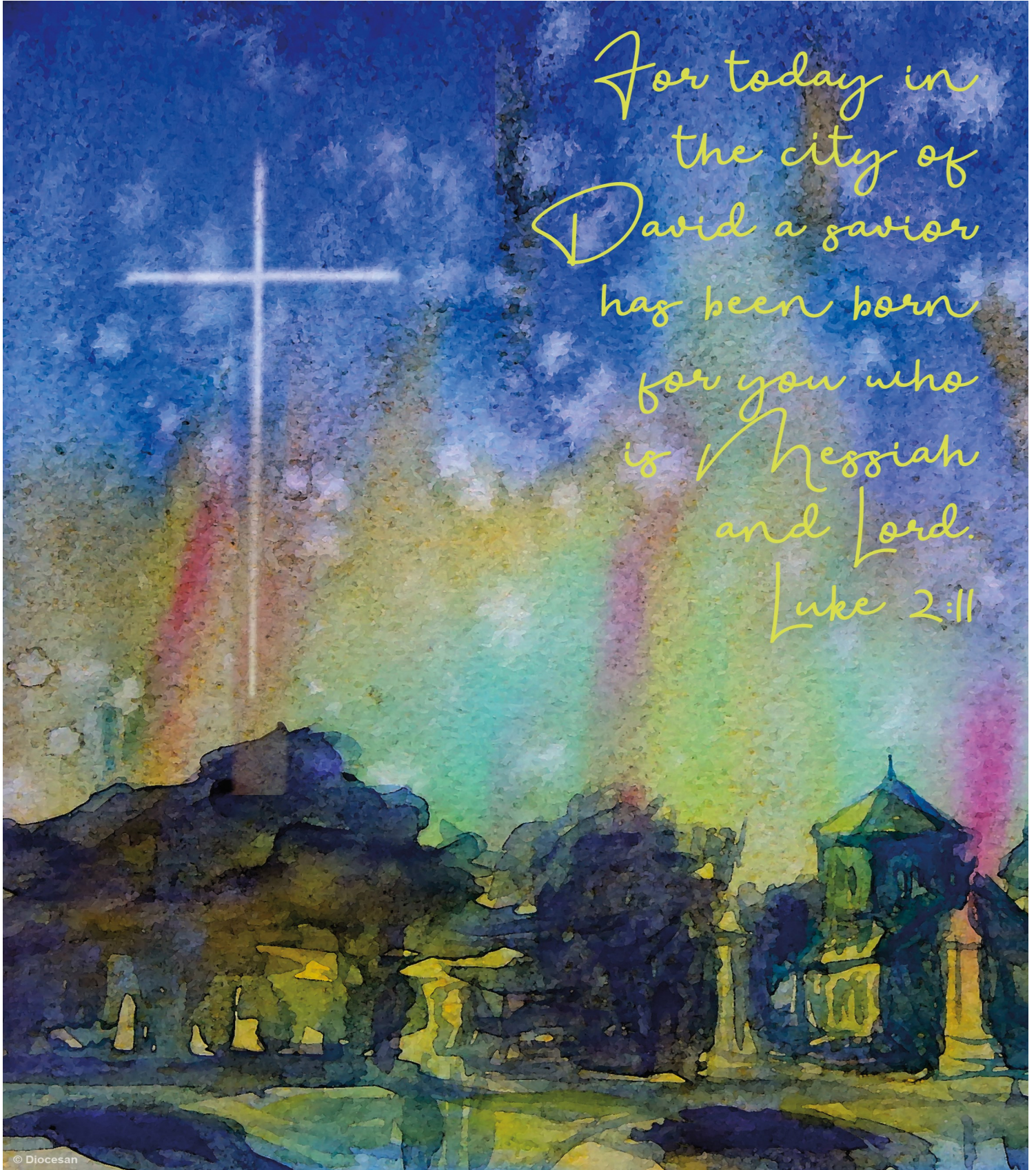


St. Mary + Magdalen



**December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**The Nativity of the Lord**



For today in  
the city of  
David a savior  
has been born  
for you who  
is Messiah  
and Lord.  
Luke 2:11

# Masses For The Week



For the Week of December 25, 2022, Year A, Cycle I

## Saturday

December 24  
4:00pm Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18  
Family Simic by Anita Simic  
10:00pm Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
†Norman Lee by Dorsie & family

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## Sunday

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**  
December 25 Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18  
9:00am †Gene Maly by Loretta Saunders †Tom Maurer by Pamela Lewis  
11:00am Family Simic by Anita Simic Family Bartolovic by Anita Simic  
†Henry & Judy Gorkowski by Bob Gorkowski

**No 5pm Mass**

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## Monday

**Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr**  
December 26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3CD-4, 6 & 8AB, 16BC & 17; Mt 10:17-22  
8:00am All those in Need of Prayer

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## Tuesday

**Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**  
December 27 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8;

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## Wednesday

**Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  
December 28 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18  
8:00am †Bob Dodde by Vel Duiven

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## Thursday

December 29 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35  
8:00am The Volunteers of St Mary Magdalen Parish

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## Friday

**Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
December 30 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  
8:00am The Benefactors of St Mary Magdalen Parish

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## Saturday

December 31 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18  
5:00pm †Joseph Jeon Sangsun by Jeon family

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## Sunday

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**  
January 1 Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
9:00am The People of Our Parish †Tom Maurer by Pamela Louis  
11:00am †Robert Wilson by Karen Hanson  
5:00pm All the Staff and volunteers of St Mary Magdalen Parish



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### MASSES & SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

#### Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 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 sáng, 11:00 sáng và 5:00 chiều  
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

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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 December 25<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, 4pm Joan Miller, Peggy Jacobs

Saturday, 10pm Mike Bush, Chris Maday

Sunday, 9am TBD

Sunday, 11am TBD

#### Lectors for the Week of January 1<sup>st</sup>

Saturday, 5pm Deanna McGowan

Sunday, 9am Maria Saenz

Sunday, 11am Judy Haisma

Sunday, 5pm Mark O'Gorman

#### Cantors for December 25<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, 4pm Shay Herrmann

Saturday, 10pm Bedi Komera

Sunday, 9am Barbara Kozachik

Sunday, 11am Michelle Seguin

#### Cantors for January 1<sup>st</sup>

Saturday, 5pm Kathy Miller

Sunday, 9am Michelle Seguin

Sunday, 11am TBD

Sunday, 5pm Emily Rushmore



## SPECIAL PROJECT—NEW DISHWASHER FOR KITCHEN

To date \$2,780 has been raised for the purchase of a new commercial kitchen dishwasher. The existing dishwasher was procured eight years ago and was purchased used. Unfortunately, we do not know exactly how old it is, but the estimate is that it is nearly 25 years old. The initial cost to repair the dishwasher was \$700 for an new electrical component and \$2,500 for a new motor. However, one estimate to replace with a new dishwasher is \$5,500. We are still working on getting at least one more estimate for a new replacement.

Thank you for your generous financial support of St. Mary Magdalen Parish! As our facilities continue to age, we strive to be the best stewards of the financial gifts entrusted to our care. Our goal is to purchase a new dishwasher that will last another 25 years! This will allow us to continue our wonderful hospitality ministries including: funeral receptions, wedding parties, Family Center events that need full kitchen usage, etc.

*On this Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and blessings this Christmas season!*

Dear Father Peter, staff & St Mary Magdalen parish,

We hope you find these few words in best of your health.

It's very thoughtful of you for sending us a nice Christmas gift. Your love, care, and encouragement greatly help us stay strong in our religious vocation. May the celebration of our Savior bring you joy, peace, and holiness.

With grateful hearts,

Sr. Marie & Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres

Dear Father Peter, Parishioners, & Staff of St Mary Magdalen Parish,

Peace to you from all of us! Our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your Christmas donation to our community. Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated. All of you are in our grateful prayers. This Christmas, may you be blessed with the preace of Christ in your hearts and in your families, now and in the coming year.

Gratefully,

The Consolata Missionary Sisters

## Music Ministry



Dear Choristers and Bell Ringers,  
I'm writing this the morning of one of our last rehearsals. It's been sleeting and the sky is a Michigan winter overcast and will only get darker. This evening when most people are snuggling into their homes, you'll be driving out to church to ring and sing in preparation for Christmas Eve, the same routine you've held for months. While many people will be visiting with family, you'll be here rehearsing and singing at Mass on Christmas Eve. The sacrifice of your time and talent is precious. I am grateful for you.

Dear Ensemble Members,  
While a lot of focus is on the great Vigil Mass of Christmas, you keep the festive feelings going at the Christmas Day Masses. It is a treat for the people to have an ensemble singing where there may have only been a cantor! While many families are spending leisurely time opening gifts or visiting, you have adjusted your holiday celebrations and are here heralding the birth of Christ this morning. Thank you for that.

Dear Children's Choir,  
You're a delight! My heart is full when I hear you sing. Your participation is a special gift to the baby Jesus and he is smiling down on you as you sing for him and his people. Thank you and thank you to your parents who have spent an extra hour at Mass each week to prepare for each Mass. A special thanks to Mrs. Herrmann and Mrs. Nguyen who selflessly give of their time each week. You make the choir run so much more smoothly than I could alone. From the bottom of my heart. Thank you!

Dear Worship screen people,  
You allow the people to see and hear the word of God and follow along more fully with the Mass. You help visitors feel welcome by sharing the cues, responses, and hymns. Thank you for the gift of your time and attention during the Mass.

Dear Parish of St Mary Magdalen,  
I'm grateful for you. It's an honor to share in your sorrow at funerals, in your joy at weddings, and in your worship of our God together each week. Thank you for your presence.

Emily



## Christian Services



The weather has been very pleasant recently and that has helped our volunteers put up the lights on the trees. Thank you guys for making the season bright.

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How would it make you feel if you took an hour to donate blood and you later found out that the pint of blood ,that you donated, helped save a life? I've heard stories of a gunshot victim who was so severely wounded that there was a hospital employee mopping up the blood that they were losing. They survived. How about the child who was diagnosed at age 5 with acute lymphoblastic leukemia and is now 10 years old? You can become a silent hero by signing up for our January 15<sup>th</sup> blood drive.

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We are hearing the different Christmas songs at this time of year, but do you know the meaning behind them? 12 Days of Christmas was written by Catholics in England as a catechism song to teach their children about the Christian faith. The song's "gifts" help remember the teachings of the faith.

"True Love" refers to God. "Me" refers to every Christian. The symbols mean the following:

- 1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ
- 2 Turtle Doves = the Old & New Testaments
- 3 French Hens =Faith, Hope an Charity or the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Trinity
- 4 Calling Birds =The Four Gospels
- 5 Golden Rings =The first Five Books of the Old Testament
- 6 Geese A Laying =The Six days of creation
- 7 Swans a Swimming =The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (1Corinthians 12:8-10)
- 8 Maids a Milking =The eight Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 3-10)
- 9 Ladies Dancing =The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- 10 Lords a Leaping =The Ten commandments (Exodus 20)
- 11 Pipers Piping =Eleven Apostles, not Judas
- 12 Drummers Drumming =The Twelve Points of Doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.



LET US  
ADORE HIM  
*Christ the Lord*

## Homebound Ministry

Hello everyone,

CHRIST IS BORN FOR US. We cannot thank God enough for giving us the Greatest Gift of gifts - JESUS. He is EMMANUEL – God-IS-WITH-US.

With all my heart, I wish you and your family a Holy and Joyful Christmas. May the Light of Baby Jesus shine on us with Peace, Hope and Love. May God's abundant blessings be with you always.

I would like to thank Molly Wisdom and all the children of our parish for the lovely handmade Christmas cards for our homebound members. As we send these beautiful cards, let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless them with good health, joy, and peace during this Christmas Season.

The feast of The Holy Family falls on Friday , December 30<sup>th</sup>. Let us lift our prayers for all families. May God bless all parents and children that they may follow the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth to support each other with mutual and sacrificial love.

Christmas Blessings,  
Sr. Mai Do



## Faith Formation

Dear Father Peter, St Mary Magdalen staff, & parishioners,  
Thank you for supporting our mission with your generous gift. When you walk along with us, we are fortified for mission and strengthened by your presence.

Together, we go forward preaching with words and deeds, God's message of love and peace, truth and justice. There is no roadmap for mission, yet we move ahead, creating a world that fulfills God's dream.  
Thank you for all the ways you are present to us and to all of God's people.

With faith, hope, love, and gratitude,

Sr. Sandra Delgado, OP

Prioress, Dominican Sisters

### *Come to the Eucharistic Presence of the Lord*



Eucharistic Adoration is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 8:30am to 6:30pm. We need to have 2 at all times, so our Lord is never unattended. We will be led in the prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. Please sign up outside the chapel.

Chầu Thánh Thể Thứ Sáu đầu tháng từ 8:30 sáng -6:30 chiều. Chúng ta cần 2 người cam kết chầu Chúa mỗi giờ. Nếu quý vị sẵn sàng giờ nào, xin vui lòng đăng ký. Để có ngày Chầu Thánh Thể, chúng ta cần có đủ người đăng ký. Chúng ta sẽ cầu nguyện chuỗi Lòng Thương Xót Chúa lúc 3:00 chiều.

### *Christmas Prayer for Families*

#### **Loving God,**

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray.

*Amen.*

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Buon Natale!

Our period of preparation has drawn to an end and now we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord, the Word made flesh! As I think about what I truly wish for all of you, as we celebrate the Christmas Season and all that it embodies, I am reminded of a prayer from Pope John XXIII. This prayer eloquently relays my hope for all of you;

*O sweet Child of Bethlehem,  
grant that we may share with all our hearts  
in this profound mystery of Christmas.  
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace  
for which they sometimes seek so desperately  
and which you alone can give them.  
Help them to know one another better,  
and to live as brothers and sisters,  
children of the same Father.  
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity.  
Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude  
for your infinite goodness.  
Join them all together in your love.  
And give us your heavenly peace.*

Amen,

*Pope John XXIII*

I hope that as we enter into the joyful celebrations that the season brings, we truly share fully in the mystery of Christmas, the gift of God love shown through the Incarnation. This gift of the Son, sent to us so that we might know God's love, offering humanity hope and peace in this life and the promise of the life to come.

With gratitude for God's gift, the Wisdom household wishes all of you a blessed Christmas when we say, "Buon Natale"!

God's Blessings,  
Molly Wisdom

### Faith Formation News/Dates:

Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, NO FF CLASS

Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, FF Classes Resume

Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 am Baptism Preparation Class,  
(please contact the parish office to register for class)

## The Birth of Jesus



You will find the baby lying in a \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:12

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"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."  
Luke 2:12

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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, Cpt. Andrea Shefferly,  
 Gage Dionne, Larry P. Meeusen, Stephen Galdys,  
 Zachary Ralston

**Upcoming Events for the Week of 12/25 to 12/31**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 1:00pm Mass-Vietnamese  <b>NO 5pm Mass</b>	<u>Office Closed</u> 8:00am Mass	10:00am Morning Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Rosary 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8:00am Mass 9:00am Scripture Study	8:00am Mass 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Adult Choir	8:00am Mass	3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass

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.*

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| Arby, Christopher    | Hermann, Jerimiah  | Minerva, Antonina    | Sobczak, Bobbie     |
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| Bunker-Lloyd, Lynda  | Herrmann, Marilyn  | Nelson, Dorothy      | Stephan, Ron        |
| Campione, Dolores    | Ivos, Zdravko      | Nguyen, Truc         | Terpak, Dorothy     |
| Church, Robert       | Jacobs, Ed         | Oliver-Schauer, Mary | Toohey, Paul        |
| Crowley, Robert      | Jacobs, Peggy      | Partridge, Therese   | Waldron, Karen      |
| DeLing, Richard      | Jelens, Dan        | Pelletier, Tim       | Wedge, Matthew      |
| Downey, Sally        | Kaiser, Marvin     | Petrlich, Alice      | Wilson, Laurie      |
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| Galic, Slava         | Kaminski, Marilyn  | Ringeisen, Kathleen  | Wittkowski, Michael |
| Garety, Katie        | Knight, India      | Ringeisen, Richard   | Young, Sharon       |
| Gorkowski, Henry     | Kulikowski, Joseph | Rings, Michael       |                     |
| Glennie, Paula       | Kulczyk, Ray       | Roberts, Sandra      |                     |
| Heartwell, Tom & Sue | Lawson, Norma      | Sobczak, Ed          |                     |
|                      | Le, Bao Tien       |                      |                     |