



# The Visionary

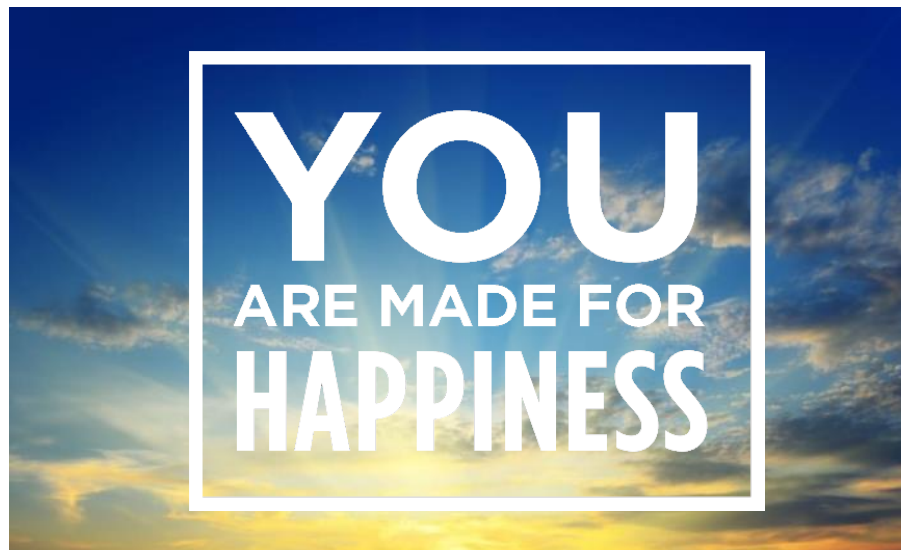
A Newsletter of St. Mary Magdalen Parish

## OUTDOOR LITURGY AND PICNIC

Mark your calendars for **SUNDAY SEPT. 9**. Our Sunday morning Outdoor Liturgy will be celebrated at 11am (**bring your own chairs!!**) followed by a picnic, ice cream, hay ride and loads of fun! Don't miss out on this great event. Come for all or any part of the day. It's a great way to meet your fellow parishioners!

**FOR OUR 25TH YEAR: The meal will be provided by the Parish!**

As always we will have a Petting Farm, Hay Rides, Ga Ga Pit, Bingo, Cards, Games, and Prizes will be awarded. The Accelerated Slide accommodates up to 200 pounds, and adults and children 42 inches or taller--wearing socks for this ride is encouraged. And an Obstacle Course as well! The Youth Group Tin Can Raffle is always a hit and offers a variety of items. The money earned is for their service trips. **Assistance is needed in many areas** to make this an enjoyable event for all so please **see the Sign Up Sheets** in the Gathering Area!!!! Also, we ask you to **sign up if you are coming**. We need to know how many we are preparing for. Plan to come to enjoy the afternoon with fellow parishioners!



**DIOCESE OF LANSING ASSEMBLY**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 • EAST LANSING, MI – FREE Registration!!**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Procession, religious displays, Catholic vendors and ministries, Adoration, kids' activities and games; food concession.

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Inspiring Speakers and Talented Musicians

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. All Diocesan Mass (*The regularly scheduled Saturday Liturgies at all of the parishes will be canceled.*) **REGISTER NOW** at [www.madeforhappiness.com](http://www.madeforhappiness.com)

# OCTOBER THANKS

Our modern world has few equivalents of Harvest Time. While a few industries may have busy seasons, there is no real "harvest time" for most of us. Perhaps the only thing even remotely similar to a harvest time is April 15. On tax day, we can truly see how much we have received as income and then we figure out what percentage of it will be given to the government as taxes.

Perhaps it would be better to ask our parishioners to look at their financial stewardship in April rather than October. But real stewards are not motivated by a law like tax payers. Real stewards are motivated by gratitude and a genuine desire to return to God a portion of what has been received. So during harvest time, we are asked to look again at how much we have received and how much of that is shared with others for the love of God.

The Scriptures ask us to return a tithe to God, a tenth of the time, talent and treasure that has been received. As Catholics, we define the ideal of a tithe as giving 5% to the Church and donating the other 5% to worthwhile charities.

Early next month all our parishioners will receive a letter from me along with a commitment card which we ask every household to fill out and return to the parish. The information helps our Finance Council to budget for the coming year. But more importantly it is a statement of what will be returned to God in thanks for all we have received.

While most use weekly envelopes, many parishioners at St. Mary Magdalen now make their offering electronically. If you would like to use electronic transfer (EFT), look for an EFT form in the Gathering Area, or go to our website, [www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org), click on ABOUT US / REGISTRATION / scroll down and "Print Sunday Offering Electronic Transfer Form". You may drop it in the collection basket on the weekend. You can also use a credit card to make your donation by clicking on "ONLINE GIVING" on the homepage of our website, [www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org).

## FROM THE FINANCE COUNCIL

July 2017- June 2018

For Fiscal Year ended 6/30/2018

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Actual Fiscal Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Fiscal Budget</u>
Church	1,580,689	1,528,900
Witness To Hope	127,121	220,000
Religious Ed/Preschool	133,859	125,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,841,669</b>	<b>1,873,900</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Church	1,037,026	1,106,600
Building Mortgage	369,236	368,500
Religious Ed/Preschool	407,787	398,800
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,814,049</b>	<b>1,873,900</b>
<b>INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>27,620</b>	

**REMAINING BALANCE 6/30/2018 - Building Mortgage - \$2,446,077**

### Members of Finance Council

Jill Angell  
Dominic DiCicco  
John Hammang  
Dan Hazen

Jason Firek  
Sue Hlavaty  
Fr. David F. Howell  
Matt Rolfes

Nancy Little  
Jeri Gawlowski-  
Bookkeeper

## GREEN MASS

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 16 AT THE 11AM LITURGY

We honor, bless and pray for all who serve in any capacity in an educational setting at this special Liturgy! Teachers, catechists, hall monitors, maintenance workers, bus drivers...

And... All who participate will be treated to a free pancake breakfast after the Liturgy hosted by our Knights of Columbus!!

#### Religious Formation Registration for the 2018-2019 school year

We are taking registrations in the parish office between the hours of 9am and 8pm from now through September 10. The weekend of the picnic we will have a registration tent outside where you can register after the outdoor Liturgy. We are asking parents to please register before classes begin. It is difficult for the catechists to begin class on time when there are multiple additions the night classes start.

#### First Eucharist Candidate & Parent Session Kick-off Sunday, Sept. 9

We will gather after the 9am Liturgy for a special session for all our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade families and older children who will be preparing for First Eucharist in the spring of 2019. I encourage each family to attend the Liturgy as there will be baptisms and the focus of our session is Baptism. Each candidate should bring their baptismal candle. Don't worry if you cannot find it, we will have a few tapered candles on hand.

#### Family Program

Our Religious Formation Family Program will kick-off the year on September 9, the morning of the parish picnic. We will begin in the community room with donuts and cider and a brief meet and greet of catechists and families. We will attend the outdoor Liturgy together and have the opportunity to stay for the picnic festivities.



#### JOURNEY WITH JESUS

We had a spectacular time at this year's vacation bible school. With 262 participants and youth volunteers, our adult volunteers were a bit overwhelmed with excitement. We need more adults to support this awesome program we provide. Not only do we have to meet the adult to child ratio for our participants, but for the many youth that come out to help with the program, even though they are volunteers; they are children as well.

## WHAT INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW

*from Erin Wolfe* This month we again begin our "Faith Inquiry" series.

Have you considered becoming Catholic? Perhaps you were never baptized. Or maybe you have been attending Mass and do not receive the Eucharist with your family because you are not Catholic. Have you been baptized in another Christian faith but feel a sense of belonging in the Catholic Church? Come to Inquiry and find out more about what it means to be Catholic.

For many, Faith Inquiry is the first phase of the process that will lead them to become Catholic. We will begin meeting on Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 pm. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith or thinking about becoming Catholic is welcome. Come have your questions answered in a no-pressure, relaxed environment. Even if you are unable to join us right away, come find out more on the Mondays in September and October. We also provide a children's session (for children 7 years of age and older) on Monday evenings.

Contact Erin in the Parish Office if you are interested or if you would like more information. (810) 229-8624 ext. 176. Email: [baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org)



### School for Discipleship

Father Dave will be teaching Salvation History, the overview of the Bible.

Mondays, October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5 & 12. 7-9 pm, in the North Room

Fr. Dave will present the story and history of God's attempt to enter into a saving relationship with humanity, which is the basis of the Bible, so that participants can better understand the story and the gift God offers. This six-week course is excellent for persons still uncomfortable with the Bible.

Sister Joyce will be teaching Theology of God and Church.

Tuesdays, October 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6 & 13, 7-9 pm in the North Room.

Discover an understanding of the Catholic Church from Jesus' life and ministry..

Registration Forms are in the Gathering Space or register online at [www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org)



### **Michigan Catholic Bible School**

It starts at our parish Tuesday, September 19.

**Come One, Come All...  
Saturday October 27**



### 50+ SENIORS GATHERINGS

Please contact Sr. Joyce if you are coming to any of the following events for planning purposes.

#### **Senior Appreciation Mass & Lunch**

Thursday September 20, 11am Mass  
St. Joseph Church, Howell

#### **50+ Lunch & Book Discussion**

##### **"Aging Starts in Your Mind"**

Wednesday, October 17, 11am - 1pm  
St. Mary Magdalen

#### **50+ Thanksgiving Mass & Lunch**

Thursday, November 14, 11am Mass  
St. Joseph, Howell

Please bring a \$5 gift for a Senior to be given at Christmas.

#### **50+ Lunch & Bingo**

Wednesday, December 12, 11am - 1pm  
St. Mary Magdalen

**7 - 8:30 pm**

#### **TRUNK AND TREAT and PARTY BARN**

Dress your dog for a costume judging!

6:30pm Cars will be parked in church parking lot

7pm Canine Costume judging

7:15pm Cars ready for Costumed Creatures

Cider and Donuts outside front doors

Prizes awarded for top decorated cars and pet costumes.

Bring your cameras and enjoy the fun! Want to help? Call Erin at 810-923-8494

### **COUNCIL COMMENDATIONS**

The Council would like to commend Connor Geran and the members of his boy scout troop and their families who participated in creating a beautiful space around the Shrine of Remembering. Thank you for all the time and energy you put forth.

### **THANKS AND PRAISE** *from Sr. Maryetta Churches*

We give thanks and praise for all those who have worked on the funeral luncheons these past few months. All we have to do in the office is make a phone call and everything is taken care of for luncheons for 50 to over 200 people. Thank you to all the workers, organizers, servers, dish washers and cleaner-uppers!

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS *from Margaret Callaghan*

As we approach my favorite season of the year, please allow me to reflect for a second on our summer work service trip. We traveled up to Houghton MI to help families and the community rebuild after the spring floods. It was a great week! The youth worked hard and they worked with happy hearts. Both of the job sites were filled with love, laughter and definitely God's presence. New friendships were made and memories to last a lifetime. The homeowners were touched and the community inspired by these teenagers who gave up a week of their summer and of themselves to help strangers. It truly was a great week filled with big and small successes. Thank you for your support of these young people!

There is so much to look forward to in the fall. The far off smell of bonfires, the cheering of a football crowd and the lights that shine into the sky: Hoodies and wool socks and sometimes an early fall fire in the fire place. The smell and taste of pumpkin everything and the anticipation of Halloween costumes fill the air with excitement. This year our annual haunted barn will be a parish wide Halloween party instead. We will transform the barn into a place of games, music and fun. If you are interested in helping, please contact Margaret Callaghan at [yminister1@gmail.com](mailto:yminister1@gmail.com). The party will be the same night as our Trunk and Treat event in the parking lot.

We are back to meeting regularly now every Sunday evening from 7-9pm in the youth room. All high school aged teens are welcome to attend and participate in our discussions, faith sharing stories, food and games. We have a good time while sharing about God in our life, making new friends and strengthening the bond of others.

I am looking forward to the start of a new year and I hope you plan to join us!

### **EDGE** Our middle school youth ministry program is for students in 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

We meet twice a month (the second and fourth Mondays). On Monday, Sept. 11, we will have an EDGE open house. This gives everyone a chance to pick up the year's schedule, purchase a EDGE hoodie, sign up for snacks and to meet the adult leaders. Speaking of which....

Jeannie Herrell who has been working with me for 10 years will no longer be a regular at our meetings. With two of her four children going to Arizona State University, her and her husband will be spending split time there and here in Brighton. She will be sadly missed! Jeannie we wish you the best of everything and hope to see you again soon. It has been a great and wonderful 10 years working with you and getting to know you.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ! AUGUST 2018

Jason & Sarah Burt  
Harrison  
Milford

Carlo & Tera Capra  
Luca & Liam  
Milford

Matt & Sarah Helmkamp  
Savanna, Jameson & Grace  
Howell

Kathleen Jones  
Howell

Scarlette Jones  
South Lyon

Darren & Fran Kubacki  
DJ  
Brighton

Michael Meyer  
Brighton

Matt & Lauren Nizol  
Dylan, Zach & Tony

Steve & Geri Pepper  
Whitmore Lake

Patrick & Eileen Prihoda  
Howell

Mickey & Bernie Tucker  
Brighton

## MAGDALEN'S PRESCHOOL *from Amanda Faiola*



**"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6**

Magdalen's Preschool is very excited to start our new school year. Our staff has been preparing, planning, and praying for a blessed year ahead. This year we would like to welcome all of our new families and staff members. We are looking forward to seeing all of our returning families and staff.

Our school year will start off on Sunday, September 16 for our "Meet and Greet". Student Information Packets will be available in the Gathering Area on August 27. Packets should be turned in during our Meet and Greet. School starts the week of September 17. We are pleased to announce that we will continue our extended day program. We have some fun and exciting field trips planned for our school year. Our first field trip will be to Spicer's Orchard. The students will have their school pictures taken the first week of October. We look forward to another successful school year!

## KNIGHTS CORNER *from Ryan Bosn, St. Mary Magdalen Council 12295*



"Faith in Action". This is the title of the new way in which the Knights of Columbus have structured our service programs. Everything we do is now divided into the (4) categories of the Faith in Action model: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. This evolution of our service model is a direct result of last year's "Building the Domestic Church" initiative, which refocused our efforts to the parishes, communities, and families we serve. Helping men to model a life of service to their family, while balancing life's commitments, is what we aim to do. The goal is for men to lead their family in service - not leave their family for service.

September and October get us off to a busy start for all of the "Faith in Action" categories. For "Life", we are once again proud to be an event sponsor and a walking team for the Pregnancy Help Clinic "5C Chocolate Walk". For "Faith", we have a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary at the end of September. For "Community", we're donating the proceeds of our October Pancake Breakfast to "Friends of the Master", a Christian organization that helps newly released prisoners integrate back into the community. For "Family", we're hosting a Mom to Mom Sale at the parish. And finally, also in the category of "Family", we're donating the proceeds of our first Pancake Breakfast this fall to the Saint Mary Magdalen MOMS group. This money will defray the cost of parish-provided child care for the mothers that bring children to the MOMS meetings. This support is vital to the MOMS group as they continue to support and enrich the lives of our parish families.

Men: join us and put your Faith into Action! Please contact me or any other Knight at Saint Mary Magdalen if you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus!

Here are the dates for the Knight's key fall events this fall:

- Pregnancy Help Clinic "5C" Walk in Howell 9/15/18
- Pancake Breakfast (to benefit MOMS Group) 9/16/18
- Fall Mom to Mom Sale 9/29/18
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month "Family Rosary" 9/30/18
- Pancake Breakfast (to benefit "Friends of the Master") 10/21/18

Ryan Bosn - Grand Knight - Council 12295 - [gk12295@mikofc.org](mailto:gk12295@mikofc.org)

## CHARITY AND JUSTICE *from Ken Kuna*

*Charity is the response to an immediate need;  
justice seeks to end the need.*

*So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:17*

The Charity and Justice Team has been busy this past year, with 28 projects helping people outside the area plus other on-going work in the Parish.

Thanks are in order to all of you who have supported these projects. Many people received the benefit of your concern and generosity. Thank you, all the volunteers who performed the hard work to make the projects successes. Thank you to all of you who supported these projects through your generosity. And thank you to the Charity and Justice Team, who planned and organized the projects.

The “Fill a Backpack for Kids” project, addressed the needs of local children with donations of basic school supplies to give them a fun and encouraging start to the school year. Thank you Ginny McMullen for your dedication in leading the project.

We helped Deacon Dave Scharf with the annual Migrant Camp Appeal and your generosity provided many personal necessities for the families of seasonal workers in the area camp. The families greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness.

And Doug Fekete organized the parish involvement in the local community garden and recruited volunteers. Produce from this project will go to Magdalen’s Kitchen.

Keep an eye on the bulletin announcements and on our Opportunities to Serve list in the Gathering Space and on the website to find ways to help the many projects that benefit our community.



This Fall, on October 15, we will once again support the CROP Walk to address hunger. You’ll hear more during Mass on September 29 & 30 to explain the project. You will also have an opportunity to join the walk or make a pledge. Please consider participating and supporting this project.

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## THE DEACONS PAGE

### **SERVANT OF MANY** *from Gary Prise*

I came across this very simple yet very profound prayer somewhere. I do not remember who the author is; I Googled it; the author came up unknown. I hope you find it meaningful and helpful as we enter the most colorful season of the year!

*To those who see with loving eyes, life is beautiful.*

*To those who speak with tender voices, life is peaceful.*

*To those who help with gentle hands, life is full.*

*And to those who care with compassionate hearts, life is good beyond all measure. . .*

### **THE OTHER BENCH** *from Jim Chevalier*

Sometime ago a young woman went to see a PRIEST for advice. She was in tears and desperate. She had come to a crisis point, feeling like a hopeless failure. She had stopped coming to mass in her teens. She came to the church not for answers, but rather just for a listening ear. She said she had no use for a God who fought spiritual battles for the confident and the strong. She wanted a God who responded to emptiness and desperation, a God who was willing to simply hold her in his heart without questions. This story is not about faith's power but faith's emptiness. It is a faith of desperation. There are times in our lives when we cannot even find that mustard seed of faith. In desperation comes the realization that faith is very fragile and sometimes almost nonexistent. When we are holding on to the thinnest threads of faith, when fear overwhelms us, it is then that we stand with The Father. We simply try to believe that God will help. A theology of desperation might be the best we can do. The good news is that faith in desperation is not a sign of having no faith at all. Jesus Christ wants us to know that he has compassion for our pleas in this very challenging world. Desperate faith is grounded in a trust that honors God. "I believe; help my unbelief" is a place to start. Receiving Reconciliation or Eucharist is another good place to begin. Lord, help us all in our unbelief!

### **THE DEACONS BENCH** *from Dave Scharf*

I received a poem written by one of our parishioners that I would like to share with all of you. There are six parts so I will only be able to put in three of them.

Father, my Father  
This peaceful garden where I pray  
Is where I wish I could stay.  
But I know it is not to be  
I am the redemption for all humanity.

As I kneel and pray to Thee  
I know what you ask of me.  
It would be easy to get up and run  
Yet I know your "Will be done".

Father, my Father  
I am yours body and soul  
Father, my Father, I am yours.

Good thoughts for the day. Maybe we all should think this way.



## SERVICE MINISTRIES

These ministries require a brief training but almost no meetings!

**Those who choose these ministries make a one year commitment. SIGN UP Sept. 2- Sept. 23**

**WELCOMING TEAM** (Staff Rep. Sandi Phillips) The Welcoming Ministry Team enables new people to become full members of the parish. Team members contact those who have expressed an interest in joining and set a time and date to meet. The member presents a welcome packet that includes our Vision Statement and other information on the parish. After explaining our parish, opportunities for involvement and answering questions, the team member fills out a registration form with the new parishioner. The team member then follows up by meeting the new parishioners at a weekend Liturgy in order to introduce them to other members of the parish. *Members of this ministry arrange their own schedule. They are asked to meet with about 10 people over the course of their year of service.*

**MINISTERS OF PRAYER** (Staff Rep. Sr. Maryetta Churches) Hardly a day goes by without someone asking for prayer for a special need. This is a commitment to pray for the needs of our fellow parishioners and the parish. Ministers of prayer commit themselves to pray for **one hour each month** in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Our prayer requests will be placed there. The prayer minister prays for these during their hour and takes the requests with them to continue their prayer through the rest of the month.

**SAMARITANS** (Staff Rep. Fr. Dave Howell) The Samaritans are a group, who, like the Good Samaritan in the Scriptures, tend to the immediate needs of fellow parishioners. There are four sub-groups:

- transportation
- meals
- household help
- funeral luncheons

When a parishioner is seriously ill or hospitalized, the Samaritans provide short-term help of meals, transportation or other household help. Volunteers provide a dish for funeral lunches and some help serve. (Transportation is provided to those who are unable to drive themselves to Mass, to medical appointments or to shop). We are in need of volunteers, especially those who can help us during the day or weekdays.

**RCIA HOSPITALITY** (Staff Rep. Erin Wolfe) R.C.I.A. hospitality ministers serve the candidates in our community by providing and setting up the refreshments at the sessions and retreats. *Members of the hospitality team serve approximately 5 times a year.*

**RCIA SPONSORS** (Staff Rep. Erin Wolfe) Each year some of our parishioners enter the "Journey of Faith" which leads them to join our Church at Easter. RCIA Sponsors join these candidates in the fall for the rest of their journey. Sponsors participate in the Sunday sessions and offer their candidate support and encouragement throughout the journey. Sponsors are people of faith who are willing to share that gift with others!

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION - CATECHISTS & AIDES** (Staff Rep. Roxanne Hundsrucker)

Our Vision commits us to "*embrace our children as our younger brothers and sisters in Christ. We envision a strong religious education program that will excite our youth into learning and sharing with us fully.*" St. Mary Magdalen has a dynamic program dedicated to this vision. Catechists, Aides, Hall Monitors, Nursery Help and a Religious Formation Team are all vital to St. Mary Magdalen's Religious Formation Program! *This ministry requires Virtus training and a back ground check. There are 24 classes each year plus the formation sessions at the start and over the course of the year.*

**LITURGICAL ART & ENVIRONMENT** (Staff Rep. Diane Kubus)

The Liturgical Art & Environment Task Group works in conjunction with the Worship Ministry Team to enhance our worship space for the seasons and special feasts during the Church Year. Most of the work is done in small groups or by individuals at the change of the Liturgical Seasons.

† WHAT ARE YOU DOING - FOR GOD'S SAKE

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**PARISH HEALTH TEAM** (Staff Rep. Father Dave) This is a ministry team of health care professionals who work with our Parish Wellness Team to share their knowledge with the community in a variety of informational and service programs geared to our better health. Those who join this ministry should be trained health care professionals. Folks are asked to sign up for a specific project of this ministry team.

**BLOOD PRESSURE:** Trained health professionals take blood pressures of their fellow parishioners once a month after Liturgy. *A one year commitment to this ministry can improve lives!*

**BLOOD DRIVES:** We have 6 blood drives annually. These volunteers assist with the registration, canteen and Red Cross staff. *A one year commitment to this ministry can improve lives!*

**MARTHAS TEAM** (Staff Rep. Mary Walker) The role of the Martha's is to assure that all of our sacred spaces are clean and well cared for. Each member of the Martha's is asked to donate about two hours a month to dust, vacuum and clean. On a periodic basis, the group works together for special cleaning projects. Martha's work on teams and receive training. The actual cleaning can take place whenever the team member is able. *This requires about three hours a month.*

**KITCHEN KEEPERS** (Staff Rep. Sr. Joyce Hoile) This ministry team helps to keep our parish kitchen organized and ready for the various groups that use it over the course of a month. Their task is to keep the kitchen in order (filling sugar, creamer, salt & pepper shakers; wiping and counting silverware; organizing equipment and paper products, etc.) in short, keeping everything organized and ready for use.

*This ministry team commits about ONE & A HALF hours a month to this ministry for a year.*

**PROPERTIES TEAM** (Staff Rep. Fr. David Howell) This is a *hands on* ministry team. The Properties Team will be concerned with the maintenance, upkeep, safety and continuing development of our parish buildings and property. The efforts of this team will involve our maintenance personnel. Special projects will require the recruitment and organization of volunteers or the hiring of contractors. Besides the ongoing work of this group, team members will meet about 8 times during the year for planning.

**SPECIAL ABILITIES** (Staff Rep. Sr. Maryetta Churches) There is always a need for folks with special skills. It may be woodworking, sewing, calligraphy, metal working and many others. If you have a special skill and would be willing to place this gift at the service of the community, there will be a sign up sheet for you. Those who sign up would be willing to donate their time and talent to the parish in response to a need that might arise over the next year.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** (Staff Rep. Sr. Maryetta Churches) Everyone who enjoys knitting or crocheting (at any level) is invited to join this ministry of creating shawls, lap blankets, chemo caps and baby blankets for people needing to be enfolded in God's love and care for them (and ours too!) Those who have these skills meet on Wednesday afternoons. This is a drop-in group, so come every week or just as it fits your schedule

**COFFEE & DONUTS** (Staff Rep. Diane Kubus) Each weekend we serve coffee & donuts after the Liturgy, providing the opportunity for us to continue the community we have just celebrated. The role of those hosting is to set up beforehand and to clean up afterward. It requires about 30 minutes before and after the Liturgy. Those who choose this ministry serve about six times a year (once every other month) and are asked to make a one year commitment.

*"People may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do." Lewis C*

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SIGN UP Oct. 7-Oct. 28

**MINISTERS of HOSPITALITY** The role of hospitality is to serve as the hosts/hostesses of our parish family as it assembles for the Liturgy. They greet and welcome and assist people, they help people to find proper seating, they gather the gifts of the assembly and they assist people as they leave. Ministers of Hospitality need to arrive 30 minutes before the Liturgy to make sure that everything needed is set up and ready. After the Liturgy they need to remain to assure that all is in order. Those who choose this ministry may be families, couples or individuals who are responsible, reliable and registered members of the parish.

**MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST** The role of the Minister of the Eucharist is to serve the Assembly, the Body of Christ. That means that we serve both the people of God - the Body of Christ, as well as to distribute the Eucharist to them. Ministers of the Eucharist need to arrive 20 - 30 minutes before the Liturgy to assure that the bread, wine, water and vessels are ready. They then welcome the people of God, the Body of Christ as they enter. After the Liturgy they are responsible for washing all the vessels and returning them to wherever they will be needed. Those who choose this ministry must be responsible people of faith and of service to others who are Confirmed in the Catholic Church and registered in the parish.

**MINISTERS of the WORD** The role of the Minister of the Word is to serve the Assembly by bringing the Word of God to life. Since the assembly does not have the readings, it is all the more important that the minister is well prepared, has clear, understandable diction, and that the readings are proclaimed with vitality and conviction. Ministers of the Word need to arrive 20 minutes before the Liturgy in order to prepare for the proclamation. Those who choose this ministry must be responsible people of faith who love the Word of God. They must also be Confirmed in the Catholic Church and registered in the parish.

**MINISTERS of the ALTAR** (servers) The role of the Minister of the Altar is to serve the Assembly by helping the presider during the Liturgy. They help prepare the server table and light the candles before the Liturgy and assist the presider during the Liturgy. Servers arrive 20 minutes beforehand and remain a few minutes after the Liturgy to help clean up. Those who choose this ministry must be responsible people of faith who have made their First Communion, Penance, are in the 5th grade or older. Adults and parent/child teams are welcome to be a part of this ministry.

**LITURGICAL SINGERS & MUSICIANS** Our Liturgies are prayer, some spoken and some sung. The Liturgical Singers and Musicians lead the assembly in the sung prayer of the Liturgy. Our Liturgical Singers and Musicians meet weekly for rehearsal. Those who choose this ministry make a one year commitment. **RESURRECTION CHOIR:** Singers and musicians in this ministry provide the consolation of musical prayer at funeral Liturgies. If you choose this ministry you need to be available to serve on weekdays, when most funerals occur.

**WELCOME DESK MINISTERS** Welcome Desk Ministers are stationed in the Gathering Area at the Welcome Desk for 15 minutes before and after the weekend Liturgies. They answer the inquiries of visitors and guests to our community and provide them informational material. The Welcome Desk Minister can be one of the Liturgical Ministers for that Liturgy or someone who serves only in this special role. Those who choose this ministry make a one year commitment.

**VIDEO MINISTRY** Our video system is primarily used to give the assembly a closer view of Baptisms during the Sunday Liturgy. Reception Baptism and other Sacraments, Weddings and other special Liturgies may be recorded for distribution on DVD. Those who sign up for this ministry run the video system during these special Liturgies and create DVD's as needed. Members who volunteer for this ministry are asked to make a commitment for one year.

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## MARKING THE CALENDAR

### **SEPTEMBER 9 (Sunday) OUTDOOR LITURGY & PARISH PICNIC!**

This is your chance to get together with the whole of Mary Magdalen. Our parish picnic begins with the Outdoor Liturgy at 11am followed by a picnic, hay ride, games and a whole lot of fun. Don't miss out on this great event!

**SEPTEMBER 10 (Monday) FAITH INQUIRY BEGINS** If you have thought about becoming Catholic and are interested in finding out more, come to Faith Inquiry. It's for adults and children 7 years and older.

### **SEPTEMBER 1/2- Sept. 23 SERVICE MINISTRIES SIGN UP!**

Sign up in the Gathering Area for all new and renewed Welcoming ministers, Health ministers, Art and Environment Ministers, Ministers of Prayer, Properties, Marthas, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Befrienders and Samaritans, RCIA Hospitality and Sponsors, Magdalen Kitchen Team, Catechists & Aides.

**SEPTEMBER 16 (Sunday) GREEN MASS** We honor and bless all those who serve in a Teaching/Educational setting (in any capacity in any location) along with our catechists and aides at the 11am Liturgy. K of C Pancake Breakfast free for participants!

**SEPTEMBER 22 (Saturday) MADE FOR HAPPINESS DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY** all are invited to the Breslin Center!

### **OCTOBER 6/7 LITURGICAL MINISTER SIGN UP BEGINS**

Sign up in the gathering area through Oct. 28 for all new and renewed Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality, Altar Servers, Musicians and Singers, Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders, Video Ministers, Welcome Desk Ministers and Coffee & Donuts Ministers.

**OCTOBER 7 (Sunday) BLESSING OF PETS AT 2 pm**

**OCTOBER 14 (Sunday) BLOOD DRIVE 9 am - 3:30 pm**