



The Visionary

A Newsletter of St. Mary Magdalen Parish

THURSDAY, JUNE 28 - THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH AND DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH
ALL ARE INVITED! We will celebrate Liturgy at 7pm followed by a reception in the Community Room

FIFTY DAYS

At the Easter Vigil, we joyfully welcomed through the waters of Baptism, Joshua Wildermuth, Patrick Marshall, Colton Lucente, and Sullivan England-Golbiw. Patrick and Joshua, along with Marie Parker, Tasha Kissau, Kayla Gutjahr, Ryan Skomial, and Spencer Trapp, received the Gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Then, these newest members of the church, along with AnnaMaria Ivezaj, Nadia Sadowski, and Gabriella, Emma, and Nico Lucaj, all joined us at the table of the Lord for the first time and received the Holy Eucharist. We also congratulate Mollie Kissau for walking the RCIA journey with her daughters, Tasha and Kayla.

With Easter Sunday, these adults and children (the Neophytes), and all of us, enter into the fifty days after Easter known as the time of "Mystagogia", meaning, "the mysteries revealed". The fifty days of the Easter Season; from Easter to Pentecost, are one great Sunday celebration. We experience pure joy in the resurrection and we want it to last. Surely the first disciples experienced this inexpressible joy when Christ rose from the dead. It's the same joy we sometimes see on the faces of the newly baptized at the Easter Vigil, as they are washed clean of sin and rise to a new life of grace. It's a joy that can't be contained in just a moment. We discover once more the irrevocable love of God and not only do we want to continue to celebrate, we want to explore its meaning. Our Neophytes will meet weekly in our mystagogia sessions to discover and look more closely at the gift we have received and what it means for us in our lives. This is not



unique to those who were received into the Church at Easter. This time is for all of us and we do it together year after year. Mystagogia is a lifelong endeavor to recognize God's presence in all of life experiences. It's the time when we experience what "resurrection" means. It's the season when we hear about the beginnings of our Church, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the meaning of discipleship, on what joining in the Eucharist really means; what it commits us to be and to do. And, for no matter how glorious this 50-day taste of the heavenly banquet is meant to be, God eventually calls us out of the celebration and reminds us to live what we've celebrated in all the moments of our lives. A joyful Easter to all!

PASTORAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES

The terms of four Pastoral Council members will soon be coming to an end, making these positions available to all registered and Confirmed members of St. Mary Magdalen. Members of the Pastoral Council are expected to demonstrate leadership and enthusiasm and solicit the opinions of other parishioners. Each member also serves on a ministry team, acting as liaison between the Pastoral Council and the team. They facilitate communication and understanding, so that together they work toward the fulfillment of our vision for the parish. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in serving on the Pastoral Council or if you have questions, contact Terese Banas. The selection of new members of the council will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 20.

FROM THE FINANCE COUNCIL

July 2017- June 2018

For Month Ending December 31, 2017

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Dec 31</u>	<u>Actual Fiscal</u> <u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Fiscal</u> <u>Budget</u>
Church	171,101	807,782	1,528,900
Capital Campaign	0	0	220,000
Religious Ed/Preschool	11,671	91,749	125,000
TOTAL INCOME	182,771	899,531	1,873,900
 <u>EXPENSES</u>			
Church	92,626	446,550	973,600
Building Mortgage	41,801	250,808	501,500
Religious Ed/Preschool	37,110	186,948	398,800
TOTAL EXPENSES	171,538	884,306	1,873,900
INCOME/(LOSS)	11,234	15,224	

REMAINING BALANCE 4/1/18 - Building Mortgage - \$2,540,120

July 2018 - June 2019

Projected Budget for 2018-2019

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Actual Fiscal</u> <u>Month</u>	<u>Annual Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
Church	132,008	1,584,100
Capital Campaign	16,667	200,000
Religious Ed/Preschool	11,017	132,200
TOTAL INCOME	159,692	1,916,300
 <u>EXPENSES</u>		
Church	82,967	995,600
Building Mortgage	41,800	501,600
Religious Ed/Preschool	34,925	419,100
TOTAL EXPENSES	159,692	1,916,300
INCOME/(LOSS)	-	-

Members of Finance Council

Jill Angell	Ray Hlavaty	Mario Maravolo	Bob Sinke
Dominic DiCicco	Sue Hlavaty	Marsha McBride	Matthew Uphoff
John Hammang	Fr. David F. Howell	Holly Moltane	Dave Wisniewski-
Danny Hazen	Edward Loniewski	Cary Schmidt	Bookeeper

Members of Pastoral Council

Fr. David F. Howell	Jeri Gawlowski	Bob Metz	Betty Socia
Terese Banas	Russ Gentner	Greg Milosek	Lauren Trapp
Sr. Maryetta Churches	Bruce Heatley	Mary Beth Potrykus	Rachel Riesser
Douglas Fekete	Valerie Maravolo	Terry Davidson	Diane Whiton, Sec.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy Easter to everyone. During our celebration of the season of Easter, the children will be wrapping up another year of Faith Formation. As we journey through the Easter season, parents and grandparents please talk to the children in your family about the liturgical season of Easter. Here are some important highlights to discuss. We celebrate Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation). The holiest day of the entire year! Then we have the Octave of Easter, which begins Easter Sunday and ends the Sunday following Easter Sunday. This Second Sunday of Easter is also called Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) on Sunday, May 13 on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, this is a movable feast day which can be celebrated on the week day or moved to the following Sunday. On Thursday, May 31 we celebrate The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin of Mary (Feast Day), then we close the Easter Season with Pentecost Sunday.

Sacrament of First Eucharist The children and parents will be attending a retreat Saturday, April 21 8:45 am – noon. This retreat is our final formation session for the sacrament of First Eucharist or First Holy Communion. We will be celebrating First Eucharist at all 3 Liturgies the weekend of May 5/6. We encourage each of these families to bring a spring potted flower/plant by April 29 to be used in the church for the weekend, then they get planted outdoors. We will gather these plants near the Saint Mary Magdalen statue in the Gathering area.

Alpha for YOUTH

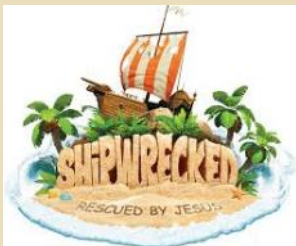
Our 9th Grade Confirmation Candidates & various other High School youth of the parish have been gathering since February attending Alpha for Youth. With the help of many adults Margaret and I have been able to host this program for over 80 youth of the parish. This has been a great experience for most of the attendees. Without the help of all the adults and youth leadership team we would not have been able to provide such a great opportunity for our Candidates prior to the sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you Sir Cheese, Dwayne Bilicki, Mike Finelli, Kateri Eisenhut, Stasia Eisenhut, Teddy Eisenhut, Cliff Jackson, Hannah Riesser, Dave Schlueter, Megan Tierney, and Cathy Zremski for being adult table Helpers. Thank you to Marcia Petersen for being our chef, and Jen Preiss for being her back up, and to Bill Ross and Jill Joyce for leading our kitchen crew.



Religious Formation Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year

We are taking registrations in the parish office between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm from now through August. There will be a few weekends we will take registrations before and after Liturgy. Watch the bulletin for these dates. We are looking for a few additional adult aides, hallway monitors, and nursery helpers.

Journey with Jesus – VBS – July 30 - August 3



This year our theme is “Shipwrecked”. We need 4-6 more adults to be a part of our core team. It is very important that we recruit these adults to host this program. We will begin taking children registrations and teen/adult volunteers the first week of May. Journey with Jesus will be the week of July 30- August 3. Please consider being an adult member of our team. I promise the commitment will meet your expectations.

OF FAITH & SERVICE *from Sr. Joyce Hoile OSF*

50+ Senior Ministry Reinstated

Please come on Tuesday, April 17, 1:30pm -3:30pm in the East Room for Food, Fun, Fellowship. We will also talk about future activities. Spring is here and days are longer so we can more warmly consider getting out and sharing with each other.

On Thursday, April 26, we have planned for a lunch at Tyme Well Spent Tea Room in Hartland. The cost of a meal is about \$12 each. Prior Reservations must be made through Sr. Joyce.

Spring Cleaning Kitchen Wednesday, April 25, 10 am –Lunch Provided.

We ask for a couple people from each group who regularly use the kitchen to come this day to give the kitchen a thorough cleaning. Anyone who is able and willing to help with this is absolutely welcome. More hands mean less work for everyone! We appreciate some men to do some heavier tasks. Special Blessings will be awarded to each of you.

OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE *from Devon Wolfe*

Over our first 25 years hundreds of couples have been married at St. Mary Magdalen. In recognition of this, we will be honoring all couples who were married at St. Mary Magdalen during the liturgies of the weekend of June 9/10. If you were married at St. Mary Magdalen, we invite you to attend the 4:30pm or the 11am Liturgy that weekend for a special blessing. Whether or not you're able to attend, we invite couples married in the parish to submit "then and now" pictures from their wedding day and today (if you have children it would be great to have a picture with the whole family) so we can display those during the communion meditation. In addition to this special recognition, all married couples will be invited to renew their vows during those liturgies.

Since many of our couples have moved away over the years, we're also asking family and friends to pass this message on so that we can have as much participation as possible. Please mark the date on your calendar and send digital copies of your photos (along with your wedding date) to marriage@saintmarymagdalen.org so we can honor you on that day!

NEW MEMBERS

FEBRUARY-MARCH-APRIL

Dan & Rebecca Voltattorni Brighton	Ed & Ellyn Dominiak Brighton	Jack & Alyssa DiGiovanni Milford	David & Stacy LaPlant Emma & Lucy Brighton
Darrell & Peggy Woodard Commerce Township	Sarah Jabari Mackenzie Brighton	Greg & Rosemary Fournier Brighton	Steve & Sandy Lombardi Howell
Brian & Jennifer Armstrong Lillian & Charlotte Brighton	Rich & Linda Marth Brighton	Ron & Jan Howard Hartland	Jeremy & Erin Raben Jack & James
Ken & Monica Capilla Olivia, Magdalena, Kingston Brighton	Jim & Mary Rinkus Brighton	David & Liza Ivezaj Giselle Brighton	Michael Romkema & Tracy Baumgart Brighton
	James & Nicole Slawek Shelby Howell	Kim Keenan Hartland	Scott & Rachael Szymanski Milford



It's hard to believe that this year is winding down and that soon everyone will be on summer break! Before that happens however, we still have things to do. We will finish our Youth Alpha program this month with only four meetings in April. It has been a great learning experience for everyone involved. Our high school table hosts have gained new skills and learned about themselves in the process. The small group participants enjoyed conversation and also learned something about themselves. Hopefully some of them have created new friendships during these sessions.

With Youth Alpha coming to an end, our **regular Youth Group meetings** will pick back up starting on May 6 from 7-9pm. We already have a great, fun meeting planned so I hope you will plan to join us. We are looking forward to having more of you join us and hope you will become a part of what we do on a weekly basis as we share our joys and our challenges with friendships, family or at school. Sometimes life is difficult and we struggle with seeing God in it all, we lose sight of him in the mundane things that happen every day, day in and day out. Join us Sunday evenings starting in May to continue building your relationship with one another and with God as we help one another grow.

We have 2 meetings in May, (6th and the 13th). In June we meet only one time (June 3). On June 10 we are offsite celebrating the year together. If you'd like more information and to sign up to bring food, please email Margaret Callaghan at yminister1@gmail.com

Starting Memorial Day weekend, I will have the graduation reception signup sheet in the Gathering Area. Please take a second to sign up so we know you will be attending the 9am liturgy on Sunday, June 3. It's tradition that you come wearing your cap and gown and any ropes you have earned. This also helps to plan for the reception that immediately follows this liturgy.

Being that we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary this year and we all have been asked to write stories of what St. Mary Magdalen has meant to us, I am asking that you as a past or present member of the youth group take some time to write a reflection about your involvement here. It would be great to hear from you! You can email your memory to this email address for Skip Dorrington at maskip25@gmail.com If you have old photos of youth group and your involvement here please email them to: photos@saintmarymagdalen.org.

EDGE (for 6, 7 8 Grades)

We only have one meeting left of the 2017-18 school year! Plan to make the most of our time together by being a part of the fun we have planned for you on Monday April 23 from 7-8:30pm in the youth room. All 6, 7 and 8th grade students are welcome to join us.

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

The first day of spring has come and gone, but I am not sure that spring knows that it is time to start singing. We have so much to fit into the last two months of preschool. Our Spring Break was in March this year... so that is behind us. Our Mother's Day Teas and our Daddy Donut Days are being planned. The children are so excited to share time at school with their moms and dads. We also will have our last field trip on the last day of school. We will be going to The Potter Park Zoo in Lansing. If you have never been to that zoo... it is so nice! We will also be having a fire drill and a tornado drill.

We are working on class lists for the school year 2018-2019. You can download an application from www.saintmarymagdalen.org and go under Preschool. The preschool phone line is 810.229.0010. We offer tours if you want to drop by for a visit. We need to know when you are coming so please call and let us know. We have field trips and days off planned and we don't want to miss you. We would love to have you join us. Please know that we offer a “Young 5's/DK class now for children who just miss the state cutoff date of 5 years old by September 1st. Our young 5's class is a good fit for children who may not be ready for a full day of school or that need another year of growth/learning before heading into a full day of Kindergarten. We also offer an Extended Day class (12pm-3pm). Let us know if you would like more details.



At the end of May we complete our school year. After 32 years of working with preschoolers, I will be retiring at the end of this school year. My replacement has not been hired yet so I will be around until that hire is complete. As my friend, Winnie the Pooh said... “How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.” It has been a wonderful run. Our last day of school is Wednesday, May 23rd. All of our students will be in attendance that day. **HAPPY SPRING!!** Enjoy the nice weather and new growth.

“Flowers appear on the earth; season of singing has come...” Song of Solomon 2:12

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

Welcome to Spring! First off, I would like to jump ahead to and invite the entire parish family to join the Knights as we host the annual “St. Mary Magdalen Golf Classic” on Saturday, June 9th. This event is not just for Knights, it's for the whole parish! This year the outing will be at the fantastic Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford. Your foursome's donation to join this scramble event gets you 18 holes with carts, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, and an awards banquet dinner to wrap up the day. Please contact any Knight for more details and to get signed up.



Other events coming up this spring are a Family Rosary on Sunday April 29th and our annual trip up to CMU for the Special Olympics Summer Games the first week of June. The rosary is held in the chapel immediately following the 11am Mass. This is a great opportunity to come and pray with your family and fellow parishioners for twenty minutes after Mass. What better way to pray together than with the rosary, the “weapon for these times”?

The Michigan Special Olympics Summer games are coming up on Friday and Saturday, June 1-2, on the campus of Central Michigan University. Every year, our council sets up a tent by the main athletic field where we hand out ice water and fruit snacks to the athletes and their coaches/families. We've been doing this long enough now that many of the athletes remember and look forward to seeing us. We enjoy re-connecting with them, watching events, and hearing stories of all the medals won. You are all more than welcome to join us! Men, I implore you to join us as a member of the Knights. You will find, as I did, that you have more time than you expected available to serve others. You will also find a brotherhood of fellow Knights who are more than willing to assist you in a time of need. Please contact me at: gk12295@mikofc.org or any other Knight at Saint Mary Magdalen if you are interested in joining!

CHARITY AND JUSTICE *from Ken Kuna*

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

Thank you to all of you who supported the **Senior Giving Tree** through Lent. The response was gratifying and the organizations and recipients were very grateful. Thanks especially to Liz Nugent and Patty Mitchell for their organizational skills to make this work.

Special thanks to Lisa Klein and Jan Carpenter for their work organizing the week of volunteering at the **Severe Weather Center** in February. We are grateful to the many parishioners who filled the opportunities to serve and gave their time and skills to transport, shelter and feed the people at the Center. Thanks also to Trish Zupko for organizing a project to support women veterans through Women Serving Women Vets. All of Charity and Justice appreciates the support of the Knights of Columbus on this project.

The Easter Season also brings with it many opportunities to rejoice and be grateful. During this season and beyond, we are offering opportunities to share with others.

St. Vincent de Paul clothing drive in May.

Right to Life Carnation Sale on Mother's Day weekend.

The Community Garden will again be located along Whitmore Lake Rd. south of Costco. Magdalen's Kitchen is a direct beneficiary of this project. Please watch for announcements of these activities in the parish bulletin.

April is Environmental Awareness Month. In June, 2015, Pope Francis published his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Based on the Pope's letter and ideas proposed by parishioners, a project has been arranged at Kensington Metro Park to clean up some of the trails and help address invasive species threatening native plants in the park. The project will take place on **April 21 from 10am-2pm** in the park. To participate or for more information, sign up on the Charity and Justice table in the Gathering Space or contact Ken Kuna at ken.kuna@gmail.com or by phone at 734-751-4100 and you will be contacted. Be sure to wear closed toed shoes, long sleeve shirts and long pants. Prepare to be out doors. The park has some tools but bring your favorite gloves and tools, like pruning shears, rakes or hand saws.

Your continued support of **Hope in a Box for Flint** is appreciated. The need of the people in Flint continues year-round. Charity & Justice members will continue to distribute shopping lists for each month's featured items on the first weekend of the month. And finally, are you interested in helping others in the community? Are you looking for a service project? The Charity and Justice Team posts Opportunities to Serve on our website and in the Gathering Area. Please look there often. We update the list regularly.

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THE DEACONS PAGE

SERVANT OF MANY *from Gary Prise*

When I look around the United States at the extreme weather we are witnessing, (fires, floods, hurricanes, nor'easters, and tornadoes) our weather locally has been relatively unremarkable... thank God! A number of scientists theorize these extremes are the result of global warming. A number of people simply cannot accept this explanation. I'd like to take another approach, not my own, but information I've been pondering. God is in all things. The physical and material is the hiding place of God and also the revelation place of God, in the same moment or event. The whole of creation flows from the very "substance" of God. All things carry within them the essence of the One Creator. The substance of the earth and all its creatures carries within itself the life of the Holy One. Each creature is not merely one member of a genus and species, but a unique aspect of the infinite Mystery of God. God is continuously choosing each created thing specifically to exist, moment by moment. St. Irenaeus (2nd century) and Blessed John Duns Scotus (13th century), theologians and philosophers, provided these thoughts. Spend some time in nature, be it in your backyard or a park. The Book of Genesis, Chapter 1, says God gave us dominion over all living things that exist on the earth. Knowing God is in all things, how are we relating to creation? How are each one of us caring for it? The Sacred is everywhere and in everything, not just the place we worship in on Sunday.

THE DEACONS BENCH

from Dave Scharf

Did you ever hear about Doctors Without Borders? It's the daily experience of over 31,000 Doctors who act to deliver lifesaving emergency medical care to people trapped in desperate circumstances. In Nigeria where people are trapped due to conflict between Boko Haram and the Nigerian military they save lives when they treat children for malnutrition, vaccinate against measles and deliver needed medical care. In Yemen and Syria they are saving lives when the medical teams reach communities caught in the daily crossfire of indiscriminate shelling. In Haiti they save lives of thousands of people with cholera, injuries, and medical conditions after hurricane Matthew struck.

Some statistics for Doctors Without Borders: 8,132,100 outpatient care, 2,299,200 Malaria, 1,537,400 Measles vaccinations, 594,900 inpatient care, 333,900 HIV/AIDS care, 219,300 deliveries and cesarean sections, 181,600 childhood malnutrition, 32,600 cholera victims, 20,100 Tuberculosis patients, and 11,100 sexual violence treatment.

If you want to know more about or areas to get involved in by donations and/or support. On Web: doctorswithoutborders.org or (888) 392-0392.

THE OTHER BENCH

from Jim Chevalier

On Easter Sunday we gathered to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We sang wonderful hymns that speak of our praise, adoration, and joy! But, in reality, every Sunday in the Christian Church is an Easter Sunday because we remember Christ's resurrection each week. We all know that Christ loves us, and that nothing will ever separate us from His love. We can choose to separate ourselves from God, but that is our choice. Sometimes we say that God doesn't love us as much as we had hoped, but deep down inside, each one of us knows that the love of God has no bounds. And we need to focus on that unconditional love of God. As St. Paul said "I consider that the sufferings of the present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us." During the Easter Season, and indeed every season, we need to love God by loving one another.

Happy Mother's Day

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In Memory. . . In Honor

An Easter flower was donated in memory or in honor of these, our loved ones:

John James Renehan

The Sarna Family

The Maes Family

Christopher Crowley

Deb Reske

Marie Batten

Anthony & Emma Aiello

Jim and Marie Carney

Patrick Hackett

John Kelso

Nives MacDonald

Kalwasinski & Eagle Family

Doyle & Walker Family

Lottie & Edward Czarnecki

Hilda & Joseph Mancini

Margaret Moilanen

Lillian Joseph

Stan & Ann Domanik

Tony & Rita March

Jean & Larry Treppa

Joseph & Mary Biga

Adam Schaub

June Closser

Katherine Glasovatz

Mr. & Mrs. William Gawura &

Son

Roy Marr

Chris O'Connell

Cindy Milburn

Bob & Ann Heitjan

Carl & Mary Bangert

Jack & Mary Galleher

Paul Robert Funk

John & Martha Stafiej

Steve & Teresa Dubicki

Ron Schmidt

Don Burns

Patrick Quain

Adil Shafi

Angel Bella Noelle Trupiano

Judy Ann Trupiano

Tony & Gigia Zarb

Roy & Elnora Herrmann

Irene & Bill Straiter

Ositha & Arthur Sans

Baldori & Kutzer Families

Mary Ann Barton

Barazsu & Greilach Families

Patti Lynn Conahan

Anna Koch

Bob & Vi Cauley

Jack Branch

Riley Katherine Rohrhoff

Bob & Pat Gustitus

Charles Hauser

Keith Dunn

Jan Jandasek

Jeanne Carpenter

Walter and Stella Pekarski

Ann Petrini Lindamood

Fielek & Shantz Families

Luigi & Rose Rossi

Lucille Cubr

Wallace & Stella Kurdunowicz

Lisa Lizak

Marilyn Tarrant

Helen Askew

Sarand & Duff Families

David Spitzley

Spence & Louise Hardy

Libby Hardy

T.Gerald & Helen Carey

The Gralikowski Family

Doris Zaragoza

Musten & Molitoris Families

Kronk & Grace Families

Phillip Skender

Marvin A. Gentner

PLANNING MINISTRIES

*None of these ministries need special training or experience.
All that is truly needed is a desire to serve and a willingness to serve!!*

PASTORAL COUNCIL (Staff Rep. Fr. David Howell)

On Pentecost Sunday four of our registered and Confirmed members are chosen by lot to serve on Pastoral Council. The Council works with our pastor and the various ministry teams to guide our parish according to our Vision Statement. Specifically, council members seek to grow through their own continuing education. Secondly, we send members as liaisons to each of the ministry teams. Thirdly, we create opportunities for all our parishioners and ministry teams to participate in discerning the needs of the parish and in the setting of goals and projects to fulfill these needs.

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TIME & TALENT COUNCIL (Staff Rep. Fr. David Howell)

The Time & Talent Council is composed of parishioners committed to the Biblical concept of stewardship. They recognize that our time, our gifts, our talents and our treasure ultimately come from God, and they thank the Lord by returning to God, some of what they have received. More importantly, the T & T Team is committed to helping all of our parishioners to become good stewards.

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*All who sign up for any of the following ministry teams is asked to make a **ONE** year commitment.*

WORSHIP TEAM (Staff Rep. Diane Kubus)

The Worship Ministry Team plans and coordinates the Liturgical celebrations of our parish. Bringing together our Liturgical ministries, pastoral musicians and members of the Art & Environment team, they work to plan and coordinate prayerful celebrations of the Liturgy. They also strive to enrich our people's understanding of the Mass. *This Ministry Team has about 9 meetings a year (on the first Wednesday of the month).*

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM (Staff Rep. Fr. David Howell)

The Spiritual Development Team is committed to the spiritual development and growth of our parishioners; to awaken and enhance a desire for a deeper relationship with God. Members plan and coordinate opportunities through a variety of prayer forms, studies, encounters and experiences in response to the needs of parishioners. *This ministry team meets approximately 5-6 times over the year.*

MARRIAGE MINISTRY TEAM (Staff Rep. Devon Wolfe)

The Marriage Ministry is composed of parishioners who are dedicated to supporting strong, loving marriages and families. The team plans and coordinates programs, prepares informational materials, and sponsors and promotes events that relate to marriage. They also support programs and outreach to those who are divorced or separated. *The Marriage Ministry meets on Thursday evenings throughout the year.*

COMMUNITY LIFE TEAM (Staff Rep. Sr. Joyce Hoile)

In a sense, this ministry team might be called the ministry of fun and frolic! This team is committed to enhancing the social and communal life of the parish through an assortment of gatherings throughout the year, including the September Picnic, as well as fun events for families and adults.

This Ministry Team has about 9 meetings a year. It works with other volunteers to plan and put about 9 events over the course of the year.

Spring Ministry Fair

April 8-22

Sign up in the gathering area or online at www.saintmarymagdalen.org

All who sign up for any of the following ministry teams is asked to make a **ONE** year commitment.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (Staff Rep. Margaret Callaghan)

Adult men or women are welcome to be a part of this exciting ministry. Our Youth Group meetings are Sunday evenings, September to mid-June. The adult team is made up of people who want to stay involved with what their teenagers are doing and a few kid-free adults who just have a love for sharing their faith. We look to these adults for input, advice, and help with behind the scene things that need to be done. You will have a positive impact on their journey through these important years of a teen's life and formation. Our adult team meets with our high school youth leadership team about twice a month Sunday mornings between Liturgies in the youth room and are a part of the 33 weekly Youth Group meetings, plus optional participation in retreats, diocesan wide events, overnight planned meetings, Cedar Point trip in the summer, work service trips and community service.

(Virtus training and a back ground check are necessary for this ministry.)

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (EDGE) (Staff Rep. Margaret Callaghan)

This team is committed to creating a spiritual and accepting home for middle school students in grades 6, 7 and 8. EDGE provides a safe place for middle schoolers to learn who they are and to be community to one another. We provide a place of refuge away from the stress of school and family and share our Catholic faith to aid in the middle school student realizing that our faith can be fun! This team meets 8 times a year to plan for 14 meetings.

(Virtus training and a back ground check are necessary for this ministry.)

RELIGIOUS FORMATION TEAM (YOUTH) (Staff Rep. Roxanne Hundsrucker)

The Formation Ministry Team looks for ways to develop communication between the parish, youth and our families. We are committed to embracing our children as our younger brothers and sisters in Christ. Our mission is to support a strong Religious Education program and our Youth Groups that will excite our youth into learning and sharing our faith fully.

This ministry team meets once a month, usually on the third Monday, 9 times a year.

PARISH WELLNESS TEAM (Staff Rep. Fr. Dave)

This is a ministry team of health care professionals and other caring, service oriented people whose concern is the care and well being of our parishioners. They coordinate services to those in need (food, transportation, light housework, etc.). They also share their knowledge with the community through a variety of informational and service programs geared to our better health.

This ministry team meets once a month, usually on the third Monday, 6 times a year.

CHARITY & JUSTICE TEAM (Staff Rep. Deacon Gary Prise)

The Charity & Justice Ministry Team plans and coordinates our parish's effort to reach those in immediate need by providing assistance and works toward building a more just society. Major social teachings of our Catholic faith are promoted through parish education, prayer, and by joining our greater community in events that promote and provide justice.

This Ministry Team has about 10 meetings a year (on the second Tuesday of the month).

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MARKING THE CALENDAR

April 8 - 22 SPRING MINISTRY FAIR

Sign up for the councils and the planning ministry teams in the Gathering Area and online at www.saintmarymagdalen.org

- PASTORAL COUNCIL
- WORSHIP TEAM
- COMMUNITY LIFE TEAM
- WELLNESS TEAM
- TIME & TALENT
- SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM
- HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
- CHARITY & JUSTICE TEAM
- MARRIAGE MINISTRY TEAM
- RELIGIOUS FORMATION TEAM (YOUTH)
- MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP (EDGE)
- JOURNEY WITH JESUS VOLUNTEERS

April 24 - May 12 25TH ANNIVERSARY CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS
Register for your photo session online (Monday—Friday) at www.ucdir.com.

May 5/6 (Saturday-Sunday) FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS 4:30pm, 9 and 11am

May 12 (Friday) CATECHIST OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY

May 20/21 (Saturday-Sunday) SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

May 20 (Sunday) FEAST OF PENTECOST 11am Liturgy: Adult Confirmation
The selection of 4 new members of the Pastoral Council

June 28 (Thursday) 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH AND DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH
We will celebrate Liturgy at 7pm followed by a reception in the Community Room.