



The Visionary

A Newsletter of St. Mary Magdalen Parish

FIFTY DAYS

At the Easter Vigil, we joyfully welcomed through the waters of Baptism, Troy Tivy, Tim Bias, and Steve Scott. Then, along with Sarah Kulesza, Kris Eckman, Dave Konye, Christine Scott, Jillian Killian, and Charlotte Syke, received the Gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Then, along with these newest members of the church: Grace Scott, Sawyer Scott, and Sebastian Ritsema, all joined us at the table of the Lord for the first time and received the Holy Eucharist.

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 Greg Milosek. The selection of new members of the council will take place on Pentecost Sunday, June 4.

FROM THE FINANCE COUNCIL

July 2016- June 2017

For Month Ending February 28, 2017

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Feb 28</u>	<u>Actual Fiscal</u> <u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Fiscal</u> <u>Budget</u>
Church	114,410	992,593	1,516,100
Capital Campaign	4,364	86,707	179,000
Religious Ed/Preschool	12,340	119,437	111,000
TOTAL INCOME	131,114	1,198,737	1,806,100
 <u>EXPENSES</u>			
Church	76,539	587,664	941,000
Building Mortgage	41,801	334,411	501,600
Religious Ed/Preschool	34,865	236,360	363,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	153,205	1,158,436	1,806,100
INCOME/(LOSS)	(22,091)	40,302	

REMAINING BALANCE 4/1/17 - Building Mortgage - \$2,890,019

July 2017 - June 2018

Projected Budget for 2017-2018

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Actual Fiscal</u> <u>Month</u>	<u>Annual Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>
Church	127,417	1,528,900
Capital Campaign	18,333	220,000
Religious Ed/Preschool	10,417	125,000
TOTAL INCOME	156,167	1,873,900
 <u>EXPENSES</u>		
Church	81,133	973,600
Building Mortgage	41,801	501,500
Religious Ed/Preschool	33,233	398,800
TOTAL EXPENSES	156,167	1,873,900

Members of Finance Council

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

Members of Pastoral Council

Fr. David F. Howell	Sr. Maryetta Churches	Jeri Gawlowski	Clarence Kroll
Bob Metz	Tim Mulcaster	John Robison	Lauren Trapp
Terese Banas	Douglas Fekete	Peter Kelly	Diane Whiton, Secretary
Greg Milosek	Mary Beth Potrykus	Mike Rhoads	

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy Easter to everyone. As we celebrate the season of Easter the children are done with class so parents and grandparents please talk to the children in your family about the Easter Season. Here are some important highlights to discuss. Easter is the longest season of the liturgical year. 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 is Monday-Saturday following Easter Sunday. The Second Sunday of Easter is also called Sunday of Divine Mercy. We celebrate the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. On the Wednesday following the Seventh Sunday of Easter, we celebrate The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin of Mary (Feast Day). We close the Easter Season with Pentecost Sunday on June 4.

First Eucharist Weekend 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 30 to be used in the church for the weekend. They will then be planted outdoors. We will gather these plants near the Saint Mary Magdalen statue in the Gathering area.

Calling All School Teachers of the Parish

I am reaching out to all of you who teach during the day or are retired from teaching school. Please pray over making a commitment to the following request: would you become a catechist if you only had to teach 6 times over the entire year? My desire is to build a team to teach middle school formation to our students. I have used this model successfully in another parish. This is how it works: each person on the team has 2 chapters they teach and they teach each chapter 3 times. This year we would use this model for 7th grade. Another area where I would like to place a few teachers by trade, is in our Confirmation Program. This too would be a minimal commitment of 4-6 Sunday evening sessions and you would not need to be the lead. Please contact me right away if this is an area you would be able to share your time and talent with the parish.

Family Program Have you heard of our Religious Formation Family Program? This is a delivery in which the children go to class and the parents have a speaker or presentation during the class time. The family will work on a few service projects and activities during the year as an entire group. This method is a bi-weekly Sunday morning program that takes the place of the traditional weekly formation program. We request these families attend the 9 am Liturgy on the weeks of class. If you are interested in this format please register soon as we have openings for 14 families.

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.



Journey with Jesus July 31 - August 4

This year our theme is "Fun Factory". Registration forms are in the gathering area for children to attend and teen/adult volunteers. Please register right away for this awesome week of fun.

Adult Confirmation

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation completes the initiation sacraments making a person a full member of the Catholic Church. One can now be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation and can be a witness in a Catholic wedding. We are offering six weeks of confirmation prep for adults and high school students who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The high school students need permission from their pastor. Classes will be on Tuesday evenings beginning April 25. Confirmation will be celebrated here at St. Mary Magdalen on Pentecost Sunday (June 4) at the 11 am Liturgy. Please contact Sr. Joyce if you plan to participate.

50 + Seniors Lunch and Gathering

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 27, 12 - 3 pm, in the Community Room for a free lunch, a presentation on medications, and information on "Give Kids the World" international program. Bring in your old or unused medicines that will be taken to the Red Barrel.

Women's Retreat: April 28-30

Each year the Lansing Diocese offers retreats of various lengths for Parish members to get away for a while to rest, pray and attend to your relationship with your Creator and Redeemer. The women and friends of St. Mary Magdalen Parish are invited to the following retreat experience. Give yourself this gift.

Theme: Mass Matters: We Are Called To Glory

Director: Father David Rosenberg

Friday, 6 pm with dinner following until Sunday 1:30 pm. Suggested Donation \$175.

To Register: call 517-669-8321 or www.stfrancis.ws or see Sr. Joyce. The St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt is offering this retreat for women of several parishes including St. Augustine, Howell, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti parishes. Carpooling is an option.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

FEBRUARY - MARCH - APRIL

Lori & David Walbeck Chris & Maria Brighton	Megan Tierney Fenton	Gwendolin & Michael Weinberger Hartland	Jennifer & Anthony Valdez Olivia & Grace Brighton
Chris Hughes Brighton	Ashley & Joe Fransted Bennett & Harrison Milford	Sue Shepanek Brighton	Kelly & Brian McVeigh Luke Howell
Krystin & Nick Ritsema Sebastian & Evelyn Brighton	Diane & John Schandavel Kyle & Kevin Brighton	Lauren & Ben Stephenson Benjamin Highland	Leigh & Brandon Harter New Hudson
Michelle & Ron Kroll Owen & Reid Howell	Andrew & Cay Pinchen Jude, Felicity & Nicole Brighton	Lori & Phil Sabon Ryan & McKenna Brighton	Molly Murphy Wixom
Carrie & Glen Barnett Cara Fenton	Laura Barr South Lyon	Donna & Tom Masterson Howell	Karen Tracy Brighton



Volunteering On Sat. April 22 and 29 we are scheduled to make and serve dinner at the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor for the families of patients. Please contact me if you are interested in helping on either or both dates. We arrive at 4pm and are done by 7.

On Saturday May 6, we are scheduled to do the planting and some light garden work at the Senior Village Manor Retirement Home in Hartland. We met with some of the residents in April when they came to watch the Passion reenactment . If you are interested in helping us, plan to meet us there on Saturday, May 6 at 10am. Come ready to get your hands dirty, only if you decide NOT to wear gardening gloves!

Annual YG Car Wash Again on Mother's Day, May 14, we will be in the parking lot washing your cars. This is one of our annual fundraisers that we do to help with the cost of our summer work service trip with the National Relief Network. We have a good time and in the process we get to know one another better while earning a little bit of money for the trip.

For Boys Only A one-of-a-kind retreat, "50 Shades of Black and White, Sexual Responsibility in a Gray World" is an afternoon for high school young men to talk about dating, sex and to engage in conversation about real life situations through thought provoking games and activities. Mark your calendar for Saturday May 20 from 10am-2pm. Contact me at yminister1@gmail.com with questions or to learn about this opportunity. The cost is only \$10 (includes a light continental breakfast and lunch).

Graduating Class of 2017 Make sure to sign up in the gathering area in May for the Liturgy and reception on Sunday June 4 in your honor! Attend the 9am Liturgy and be sure to wear your cap and gown with any ropes and awards you have earned. This is a great way to celebrate all of your accomplishments, pray for your future and for us to congratulate you! Many of you have grown up here where we have seen you grow into the fine young people you are! Junior parents are encouraged to help with the reception from set up on Sat., June 3 to clean up on June 4. Contact Margaret Callaghan at yminister1@gmail.com.

YG Meetings We are winding down the year with just a few more weeks left of meeting on Sunday evenings. In May we only meet two Sundays, May 7 and 21. This year we are doing something new and inviting all current 8th graders to join us on May 7 from 7-9pm We are excited to welcome you and to introduce you to the high school Youth Group!

Our last meeting for the year is June 11. This is typically a meeting we hold offsite from 6-9pm. The location has yet to be determined as this is a celebration of the year with a BBQ, Potluck dinner and swimming if a pool is made available. (Hint hint... anyone? Bueler?) Please contact me if you are interested in hosting us at your home on June 11 at yminister1@gmail.com or in the parish office at 810-229-8624.

EDGE (for 6, 7 8 Grades)

Our next and last meeting is April 24. We had a great year! We have met and made new friends and have sent off "old" EDGE'ers with prayer for their high school years. It is always bittersweet to see them move on from EDGE. Thank you to everyone who donated snacks this year! We appreciate the help and look forward to the goodies!

MAGDALEN'S PRESCHOOL *from Kathie Anderer*

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

Finally... I do believe that winter is behind us. 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 have our trip to the farm coming up! We go to Real Life Farm in Canton. In all the years of teaching that I have had... I must say this is my FAVORITE trip to a farm ever! We have a visit from the fire department planned as well as a fire drill and a tornado drill.



We are working on class lists for the school year 2017-2018. We offer a Pre-kindergarten/"Young 5's" class for children who miss that new cut-off date of September 1 or 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. Give us a call if you might be interested. You can download an application from www.saintmarymagdalen.org under Preschool. Our phone line is 810.229.0010. We would love to have you join us. We also offer tours if you want to drop by for a visit but we need to know when you are coming so please call to let us know. We have field trips and days off and we don't want to miss you!



At the end of May we complete our school year. I will be in and out during the summer (more out... I am thinking... but "in" none the less). Our last day of school is Wed., May 24. We are planning a Field Day with ALL students in attendance. 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 Gene Golbiw, St. Mary Magdalen Council 12295

What does being a member of the Knights of Columbus mean? For veterans, we support Stiggy's Dogs, an organization that links a dog to a veteran, both of who need support. For our mentally challenged persons, we have our annual Tootsie Roll Drive to collect money to assist them. For prisoners trying to get a new start in life, we provide backpacks and basics necessities. For struggling pregnant women, we work with Pregnancy Help Clinic to insure the women get the help they need. For our wives and our church, we become better Catholic men when we give of ourselves.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Mom-to-Mom sale on Sat., April 29. This is a great way to pick up slightly used clothes, toys, etc., at a fraction of the cost of new ones, or to put your own items up for someone else to purchase.

Join the Knights in the chapel as we recite the Rosary on the fifth Sunday of April.

The final breakfast before summer is upon us will be on Sunday, May 21.

As you consider what you have given up for the Lenten season, have you considered joining the Knights of Columbus and giving something to the church, community, and our families-ourselves. Gentlemen, being a Knight at SMM is a gratifying way to give to others, and have a little fun at it. Call (313-580-3729), email me gk12295@mikofc.org, or ask any other knight for more information or to join.

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 Jan Carpenter, Lisa Klien, Sue Weir, Bob Jacobs and Bob Denyer for their work organizing the week of volunteering at the [Severe Weather Center](#) in March. [We are grateful to the many parishioners](#) who filled over 100 opportunities to serve and gave their time and skills to transport, shelter and feed the people at the Center.

The Easter Season 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

[Women Serving Women Veterans Appeal](#) in May helping local women adjust to life after military service

Please watch for these activities in the parish bulletin.

It's still April and April is Environmental Awareness Month. Care for your Home Sweet Home. Please take advantage in April and recycle your used batteries. And remember to Reduce - Reuse - Re-purpose - Recycle your household goods.

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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SERVANT OF MANY *from Gary Prise*

I am not a reader. I typically read when I am backed into a corner. And, well, I was, sort of. It was probably 2008 when a friend and fellow deacon strongly recommended a book to me. I blew him off and never read it. Fast forward to 2017. I am a member of a small faith sharing group composed of all women. Very interesting because all I get is a woman's perspective, but not a bad thing. Our small group leader said we would be reading a book she read a few years ago. Lo and behold it was the same book the guy recommended nine years ago; what do men really know any way. As I started reading the book the parallels to some of my life experiences was frightening. I couldn't put it down, I'm not a reader! The book made me laugh out loud at times and tear up at others. It helped me to see God from another perspective. It gave me a deeper appreciation for the Holy Spirit. It reminded me that Jesus was a real guy. The book challenged me regarding my judgmental attitude and my perspective on forgiveness. I'd give it five out of five stars. Even if you happened to see the movie, I'd still encourage you to read the book:

"The Shack" by Wm. Paul Young. It is a great resurrection story.

THE DEACONS BENCH

from Dave Scharf

Did you ever hear about Doctors Without Borders? It's the daily experience of over 31,000 Doctors Without Borders staff 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

Words to live by this SPRING - BE IMPECCABLE WITH YOUR WORDS: Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using the word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your words in the direction of truth and love. **DON'T TAKE ANYTHING PERSONALLY:** Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream. When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering. **DON'T MAKE ASSUMPTIONS:** Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness, and drama. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life. **ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST:** Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret.

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:

Fielek & Shantz Families	Katherine Panning	Nives MacDonald
Adil Shafi	Joseph Crocker	John Kelso
Anthony & Antoinette Grieco	Robert & Viola Cauley	Frank & Helen Dinda
Marie Batten	Anna Koch	Stanley & Margaret Lickfold
Martha & John Stafiej	Jack Branch	Irene & Bill Straitor
Teresa Dubicki	Doris C. Zaragoza	Ositha & Arthur Sans
Steve Dubicki	James Little	Marvin Gentner
Arlene & Jack Hynes	David Spitzley	Phil Skender
Spencer & Louise Hardy	David & Ruth McAdam	Evelyn Kaminski
Gerald & Helen Carey	William Fekete	Don Burns
Libby Hardy	Irene Fekete	Ron Schmidt
John James Renehan	Harry & Gladys Scharf	Vincent Visco
Doyle & Walker Families	Deacon Alex Jones	Tony Altermatt
Kronk & Grace Families	Tony & Giga Zarb	Dennis J. Vahovick
Barazsu & Greilach Families	Roy & Elnora Herrmann	Jack & Mary Galleher
Maes Family	Michael Kane	Carl & Mary Bangert
The Sarna Family	Margaret Moilanen	Fred Preiss
Lottie & Edward Czarnecki	Lillian Joseph	Gust & Schiller Families
Hilda & Joe Mancini	Stan & Ann Domanik	Frank Gajeski
Joe & Mary Biga	Jean & Larry Treppa	Helen Goebel
Adam Schaub	Tony & Rita March	Keith Dunn
Jeanne Carpenter	Deb Reske	Jan Jandasek
Ray & Elizabeth Riems	Patti Conahan	Michael Leech Sr.
Albert & Mabel Royer	Haley Larson	Grulilkowski & Urenn Families
Dean & Mary Lou Sheibley	Robert & Patricia Gustitus	Jean Galazyn
Walter & Eleanor Panning	Anthony & Emma Aiello	The Laginess, Pellerito, Goniea & Riddel Families
Henry & Helen Castleman	Carolyn McMakin	

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.

*Volunteers for this ministry make a **three year** commitment to it. There are nine meetings annually, plus members of the council take on a monthly meeting with another council or a ministry team.*

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.

*Volunteers for this ministry make a **three year** commitment to it. There are nine meetings annually, plus members of the council act as liaison to another council or a ministry team.*

*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 22-May 7

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).

Called to *Serve*

Saint Mary Magdalen Parish

MARKING THE CALENDAR

April 29 (Saturday) MOM TO MOM SALE

Baby and child rearing items from 9 am to 1pm (early bird admission at 8:30am)

April 22—May 7 SPRING MINISTRY FAIR

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

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

May 6 / 7 (Saturday-Sunday) FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS 4:30, 9 and 11am

May 12 (Friday) CATECHIST OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY

May 14 (Sunday) MOTHERS DAY

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Prepared by the Knights 9:30am—1pm on Sunday

June 4 (Sunday) FEAST OF PENTECOST

9am Liturgy: We honor our High School Graduates 11am Liturgy: Adult Confirmation

June 28 (Wednesday) 24TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH AND DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH

We will celebrate Liturgy at 7pm followed by a reception in the Community Room hosted by our Worship Ministry Team