



# The Visionary

A Newsletter of St. Mary Magdalen Parish

## OUTDOOR LITURGY AND PICNIC

Mark your calendars for **SUNDAY SEPT. 10**. Our Sunday morning Outdoor Liturgy will be celebrated at 11am (**bring your own chairs**) followed by a potluck picnic, ice cream, hay ride and other fun and games. 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! **BRING A DISH TO SHARE** (in a disposable container if possible). The Knights will be grilling hot dogs and ice cream is for dessert.

The Youth Group Tin Can Raffle offers a variety of items and the money earned is for their service trips. As always we will have a Petting Farm, Hay Rides, Bingo, Cards, Games, and Prizes will be available. The Accelerated Slide accommodates up to 200 pounds, and adults and children 42 inches or taller--wearing socks for this ride is encouraged. Assistance is needed in many ways to make this an enjoyable event for all so please see the Sign Up Sheets at the Community Life Board. Many hands make for light work. Also, we ask you to sign up if you are coming. We need to know if we are preparing for 300 or 800. It makes a difference. Plan to come to enjoy the afternoon with fellow parishioners!

## 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. 11, 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. 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)**

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## FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our new Pastoral Council met on Wednesday, August 16 after the Mass of Remembering. The council commended all the youth and adult leaders who traveled to Tennessee to help clean up after the spring floods. The also commended Jeri Galowski for giving more than 30 hours to embroider sweat-shirts for the Back Pack Project. (which raised over \$2,000 for the project). Fr. Dave discussed the role of the Pastoral Council and then we chose new leadership. Terri Banas was chosen as chair and Geri Galowski was chosen as vice-chair. The rest of the membership expressed their preferences for the council or ministry team that they would like to serve on a liaison. The rest of the meeting was devoted to updates on Witness to Hope (the fund drive); the video system replacement and the bell tower plaza. To date, Witness to Hope has returned almost \$100,000 to the parish for the video and plaza. The video system will be replaced in the next couple of month. Drainage and concrete work will be done on the plaza this fall.

### 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, Secretary

## FROM THE FINANCE COUNCIL

**For Month Ending June 30, 2017**

**July 2016 - June 2017**

	<b>Actual Jun 30</b>	<b>Actual Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>Annual Fiscal Budget</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
Church	108,104	1,464,595	1,516,100
Capital Campaign	10,495	131,682	179,000
Religious Ed/Preschool	80	134,415	111,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>118,679</b>	<b>1,730,692</b>	<b>1,806,100</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Church	90,534	907,882	941,000
Building Mortgage	41,801	516,616	501,600
Religious Ed/Preschool	34,180	377,167	363,500
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>166,515</b>	<b>1,801,665</b>	<b>1,806,100</b>
<b>INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>(47,837)</b>	<b>(70,973)</b>	
<b>REMAINING BALANCE 7/1/17 - Building Mortgage - \$2,815,313</b>			

### 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	Bookkeeper

## FROM THE TIME AND TALENT COUNCIL

Our Time & Talent Council met Wednesday, June 28. Our major task was to introduce new members to the work of the council and to discuss ways that we could attract folks to serve on the Time & Talent Council. Our next meetings will be Wednesday, August 30.

### Members of time and Talent Council

Ed Bixler	Father David Howell	David Rychlick	John Wood
James Chevalier	Mike Olsem	Dan Schiffko	Elaine Tripi
Mary Kay Edoff	Mary Beth Potrykus	Eric Silvestri	Don Powell
Dianne Hardy			

**Religious Formation Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year**

We are taking registrations in the parish office between the hours of 9am and 8:30pm from now through September. The weekend of September 9 & 10 we will register after each Liturgy in the Gathering area.

**GREEN MASS**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 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!!



**“Journey with Jesus” Vacation Bible School:**

This year our theme was “Fun Factory” and boy was it FUN! Each day the participants went to Crafts, Games, Bible-themed Story Time, Snacks and Music. The participants made Popsicle stick crosses; then the older volunteer, KC Darish, put them together into a large cross on a mounted canvas supplied by our Craft leader, Mrs. Jennifer Rau. Tote bags were decorated and filled with trinkets for “Operation Kid to Kid”. These bags and

many outdoor play items collected during the week will be given to the children of migrant workers who live near Gregory, MI during the farming season. The daily average of participants was 167 and we had 108 volunteers of all ages.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JWJ** We will begin planning our next Journey with Jesus in January. We need more adults on the Planning Team. Please consider joining us, or pray for others to come forward.

**Thank you to all our very hard working volunteers:** **Kitchen Crew** Gabe Bidinger, Ben Martin, Joe Wisniewski, Rebecca Black, John Meanly, Rachel Rotay, Avalina Parlove, Rebecca Rotay, Mary Beth Marchant, Laura Pode, Cheryl Wayne, and Megan Tierney. **Story Team** Jordan Linck, Erin Fox, Natalie Pytlak, and Jen Ross. **Music Crew** Evelyn Callaghan, Amanda Sproull, Isabella Belski, Nancy Burrele and Jaqueline Burant. **Hall Monitors** Jan Altermatt and Dave Schueter. **Kid Vid** Allison Laibly. **Game Team** DJ Ross, Cameron Duffany, Nick Duphey, Tegan Chesney, Jean Chesney, Rocco Parlove, Nicholas Fox, Gavin Luce, Luke Kozak, Michele Anderer and Lauren Gilbert. **Craft Crew** KC Darish, Will Darish, Abby Savage, Gianna Silvester, Chloe Kilpatrick, Anne Fox and Jen Rau. **Pre K Leaders** Katy Nist, Alexis Doyle, Rebecca McLaughlin, Abby Rychlick, Martha LeVegue, Diane Ranger, Katheryne Friske, Janice Jay and Jean Glowacki. **Grade K Leaders** Micha Gilbert, Grace Schiefelbein, Brianna Black, Grace Smith, Rebecca Black, Bella Rosa-Fetelea, Olivia Silvestri, Megan Black, Stella Kane, Hannah Davis, Grace Lawrence, Abbey Grose, Rachel Wagner, Sarah Gatza. **First Grade Leaders** Grayce Nist, Abigail Syzmanski, Marc Demers, Sam Ruby, Abbey Rychlick, Maddie Allor, Ian Gilbert, Ryan Doyle, Jodi Haubenstricker, Deb Krivoshia. **Second Grade Leaders** Nena Anderer, Landon Brown, Grace Campbell, Edie Carney, Lyndia Bonney, Amanda Moore, Erin Poliquin, Rachel Black. **Third Grade Leaders** Ben Zawisa, Kolby Miller, Julie Ross, Nevan Anderer, Alex Burant, Rory Serrine, Bobby Burant and Stephanie Nagel. **Fourth and Fifth Grade Leaders** Becca Darrish, John Wisniewski, Aidan Bonney, James Hatty, Chase Butwill, Colin Meany, Madison Schmitz, Kaia Malachino, and Michelle Bonney. Corinne Schilling for taking photos all week and Jennifer Syzmanski for putting together our video. If I missed anyone it was truly an accident.

**Class Registration Deadline is Sunday, September 3**

***The Catholic Biblical School of Michigan* is opening a class at St. Mary Magdalen**



The class is open to adults whose hearts yearn to study the entire Bible. Tuesday evening classes will meet at St. Mary Magdalen from September to May, and will study the entire Bible in four years. All faculty members hold graduate degrees in Catholic theology. They are experienced teachers and are deeply devoted to the Catholic faith. To learn more about this faith-filled Scripture study program, visit [www.cbsmich.org](http://www.cbsmich.org). **The registration deadline for first-year students is on Sunday, September 3.** To register, call (313) 274-4500.

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

All should read this article.

Folks are asking the question: Should we count our Lord among the ranks of refugees? Did the Holy Family qualify for refugee status, given they were forced to leave Israel? Matthew alone recounts the flight to Egypt, which, if historical, would add Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to the epic list of biblical refugees. Joseph of Genesis, too, was forced into Egypt, followed by all of his brothers—a migration that eventually led to the whole nation's enslavement.

Moses, the boy who escaped infanticide, would eventually lead Israel in a triumphant liberation march from Egypt. Israelites in peril made their way to Egypt many times in the biblical record. In a region not generally friendly to migrating folk, Egypt provided sure access to food, water, and the possibility of free trade. If Joseph did determine his family was in danger, Egypt would have been a natural choice for a safe haven.

The idea that the Holy Family once found itself as migrants or even refugees may awaken the compassion of believers who need a reason to consider the humane treatment of undocumented people currently within our borders. If this special family makes the case, how about hundreds more? Scripture is filled end-to-end with wandering, landless people who are beloved of God yet at the mercy of every stranger's kindness. To name a few: Adam and Eve, Cain, Abraham and Sarah, Hagar and Ishmael, Jacob and his wives and children, Moses and the entire population of the Exodus, Naomi and Ruth, David, Elijah, Amos, Esther, Paul, and all the apostles.

In fact, we might consider most biblical actors as undocumented foreigners since everyone who entered the land once known as Canaan lacked the correct papers and was absolutely not welcome. Should we close our doors to refugees and migrants today? Who knows how many of them might prove to be vital to God's unfolding story of grace?

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

We give thanks and praise for all the members of the Properties team who worked so hard and diligently dismantling the deck at the rectory. The job was done efficiently and quickly! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Journey with Jesus was a week filled with excitement, joy and happiness. We give thanks and praise for all those who made the experience so EXCITING! We had awesome people who were craft leaders, music leaders, snack people, video team, games and story folks, leaders for Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, teen leaders, first aide people, security and a roaming photographer! WOW, LOTS AND LOTS OF GREAT PEOPLE! Thanks a million!

**Tin Can Raffle** I am now collecting donation items for the Tin Can Raffle that will take place during the parish picnic on Sunday September 10 immediately following the 11am outdoor Liturgy. All tickets are \$1. You can purchase them the day of. Items for donation could be anything. Be creative and donate something you've made or a themed-basket. Summer items are deeply discounted now, back to school stuff is out and you can find holiday things as well. The more donations, the more choices and the more fun this raffle is!!

**Our weekly Sunday evening meetings** will be underway soon and I cannot tell you how much I am looking forward to seeing everyone and to meeting the incoming freshman. But really we make new friends in all grades. All high school students are welcome to join us from 7-9pm in the youth room every Sunday evening. If you have questions, suggestions for meeting topics or service projects, feel free to contact me at [yminister1@gmail.com](mailto:yminister1@gmail.com).



**Haunted Barn** We will soon be thinking about the annual Haunted Barn and themes. If you are interested in helping to plan and brainstorm, please email at [yminister1@gmail.com](mailto:yminister1@gmail.com). The Haunted Barn will undergo construction beginning in October and will be ready for visitors to walk through it the evening of our parish-wide Halloween Trunk and Treat on Saturday, Oct 28. This is a fun event for the youth. Please consider helping out.

**Catholic Youth Conference** This is the annual Jamboree that the Diocese hosts for our youth. It is no longer called the Jamboree but the "Catholic Youth Conference". The day will be set up differently but it will still be the same gathering of youth for fun, friends and faith! Plan to join us for this newly updated event on Sunday November 5. It is a day-long event that takes place in Lansing. Keep an eye out for more details regarding registration.

One way to keep updated on all the events and deadlines for Youth Group, sign up for reminder texts and emails. Text the message @stmmyg to 81010 and "BAM" your in the know!

I for one love, love, LOVE this time of the year. I love the cooler weather, the Friday Night Lights, the earlier sunsets, the cozy feeling of a blanket, and sitting around a weekend bonfire. I pray that this fall season finds you and your family well. I pray that in the hustle and bustle of all things scheduled, that you find time to enjoy the beauty of nature, the comfort of family and the warmth of good food.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ! AUGUST 2017

Chloe Bauer  
Whitmore Lake

Megan & Patrick Lucente  
Colton & Roman  
Hartland

Jean & Dave Chesney  
Brynn  
Brighton

Marcia & Christopher Petersen  
Rachel & Tara  
Fenton

Shirley Ross  
Brighton

Joanie & Tony Sincic  
Brighton

Rene & Jeff Krueger  
Madeline & Evan  
South Lyon

Joan & Thomas Clauss  
Brighton

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

**Proverbs 22:6**

Greetings from Preschool. It is so hard to believe that the summer is coming to a close. We are busy preparing for the new school year. Our Open House will be Sept. 17, with classes starting that week. We are looking forward to the new school year with great anticipation! We have many fun activities planned for our first month of school. We will be learning/talking about back to school, fall, apples, pumpkins, colors, and of course, Halloween. School Pictures are scheduled for Oct. 3-4.

Our first field trip of the year is scheduled for October 5 - 6. We will be going to Spicers Orchards and picking apples and picking out pumpkins. We will have a hay ride, play in the play area and see the farm animals. It should be great fun!

Our staff this year will be Mrs. Wende Cofield and Mrs. Sherry Mick with our three year olds. Mrs. Michele Anderer and Mrs. Kathy Riccardi will be teaching our 4 year olds. Mrs. Sue Abraham will be teaching our "Early 5's" and our Extended Day students. This is the first year that we are offering the Extended day. We hear that the students are excited to get ready for that... especially the part where they get to buy a lunch box! At this time we still have a few openings (Mon) Wed/Fri classes if you are in need of a preschool or if you know of someone looking.

We are looking forward to another fun filled year. It was a beautiful summer but it's great to be back! There is Fall in the air and with that, all of the beautiful signs of the season to enjoy and explore.

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



"Men wanted for hazardous journey. Low wages, bitter cold, long hours of complete darkness. Safe return doubtful. Honor and recognition in event of success." Historians now debate whether this infamous ad actually ever ran in the newspaper, as Ernest Shackleton's recruitment pitch for his 1914 expedition to the South Pole. We do know that it WAS a hazardous journey and that Shackleton got far more applicants than he needed for the crew. This is because men crave a bit of hazard, and the fellowship of other men.

Which brings me to the Knights of Columbus and the invitation to join us. Will it be hazardous? Unlikely. (Your doctor may disagree after your 5th breakfast sausage in the kitchen working a pancake breakfast!) Will you be challenged? At times, yes. But you will also have a lot of fun serving the parish and community in fellowship with your brother Knights. Please contact me or any other Knight at Saint Mary Magdalen if you are interested in joining us!

Here are some of the events on our council calendar for the end of summer and early fall:

- Parish Picnic: Knights are cooking the hot dogs! - Sunday 9/10
- Pregnancy Help Clinic "5C Chocolate Walk": Knights have a Team - Saturday 9/16
- (Register here to pledge support or walk with us: <http://www.runfortheirlives5c.com>)
- 1st Pancake Breakfast of the Season (Green Mass) - Sunday 9/17
- 2nd Pancake Breakfast of the Season (w/ Blood Drive) - Sunday 10/15
- 5th Sunday Rosary in the Chapel - Sunday 10/29 @ Noon

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## CHARITY AND JUSTICE *from Ken Kuna*

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

The Charity and Justice Team has been busy this past year, with 24 specific projects supporting organizations in and outside the area plus other on-going work in the Parish over the past 12 months.

Thanks are in order to all those of you who've 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.

Over the summer we raised funds for the Prisoner Backpack Project. Sales of the attractive monogrammed sweatshirts went beyond Bob Jacob's expectations and we are very grateful for your support.

We conducted 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.

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 leading the project.

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



This Fall, on October 15, we will once again support the CROP Walk to address hunger. Mike Olsem will be speaking after the Masses on September 23 & 24 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 recently read a prayer from Father Richard Rohr. I've edited it a little, I'd like to share it with you: *God for us, we call you Father. God alongside us, we call you Jesus. God within us, we call you Holy Spirit. You are the eternal mystery that enables, enfolds, and enlivens all things. Even us and even me. Every name falls short of your goodness and greatness. We can only see you in what is. We ask for such perfect seeing. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.* We believe God is the great creator. God created creation with great love because that is who God is. God is to be found in all things. Do I treat the air, the water, the earth with the reverence it deserves considering something of the Creator is revealed in these things? Do I treat animals and plants with the reverence they deserve considering something of the Creator is revealed in these things? Do I treat human beings with the reverence they deserve considering a piece of the Creator is revealed in these individuals regardless of their gender, race, orientation, or ethnic origin? Respect begins with each individual.

### THE OTHER BENCH *from Jim Chevalier*

#### *My Beloved Child,*

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. I know when you sit down and when you rise up. I am familiar with all your ways. Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. For you were made in my image. In me you live and move and have your being. For you are my offspring. I knew you even before you were conceived. I chose you when I planned creation. You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. You are fearfully and wonderfully made. I knit you together in your mother's womb, and brought you forth on the day you were born.

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love and it is my desire to lavish my love on you, simply because you are my child and I am your Father. I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. I am the perfect Father and every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. I am your provider and I meet all your needs.

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope because I love you with an everlasting love. My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore and I rejoice over you with singing. I will never stop doing good to you for you are my treasured possession. I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul and I want to show you great and marvelous things. If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart for it is I who gave you those desires. I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine for I am your greatest encourager. I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes and I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth.

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my Son, Jesus. For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. He is the exact representation of my being to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you, and to tell you that I am not counting your sins. Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. If you receive the gift of my Son Jesus, you receive me and nothing will ever separate you from my love again.

Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. I have always been Father, and will always be Father. My question is... *Will you be my child?* I am waiting for you.

*Love,  
Your Father,  
Almighty God*



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SIGN UP August 20–Sept. 3

**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.

**COFFEE & DONUTS** 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. Those who choose this ministry serve about six times a year (once every other month) and are asked to make a one year commitment.

## 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. 16–Oct. 1**

**WELCOMING TEAM** (Staff Rep. Deacon Dave Scharf) 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*

## MARKING THE CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER 10 (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 potluck picnic, hay ride, games and a whole lot of fun. Don't miss out on this great event!

### SEPTEMBER 11 (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 10 (Week of) RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN!

### SEPTEMBER 16/17-Oct. 1 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 17 (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!

**OCTOBER 1 (Sunday) BLESSING OF PETS AT 2 pm**

**OCTOBER 15 (Sunday) BLOOD DRIVE 9 am - 3:30 pm**

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