



# The Visionary

A Newsletter of St. Mary Magdalen Parish

## ADVENT: THE SEASON OF PRAYERFUL WATCHING

The Season of Advent was added to the Church calendar in the sixth century, as a mini-Lent to prepare us for the coming of Christmas through prayer, fasting and works of charity. Although the penitential character diminished over the years, Advent was still a season of penitential practices until the liturgical reforms of 1969.

Changes to the Lectionary and the liturgical calendar have transformed Advent into a season of prayerful watching. At the start of the season, we await the second *advent or coming* of Christ, the King of the Ages. Only when He does not return in glory do we then turn our attention to His birth, the first coming of the Lord.

The Sacrament of Penance is an important part of our preparation for the coming of Christ. By celebrating the reconciliation Christ gained for us, we open our hearts and lives more fully to His love. During Advent there will be eight communal celebrations within the county and several times for the individual celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.

### COMMUNAL CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Dec 6 (Thurs - 7 pm)	St. Mary in Pinckney
Dec 10 (Mon - 7 pm)	Holy Spirit in Hamburg
Dec 11 (Tues - 7 pm)	St. Augustine in Deerfield Twp
Dec 12 (Wed. - 7 pm)	St. John in Hartland
Dec 13 (Thurs - 7 pm)	St. Joseph in Howell
Dec 15 (Sat. - 10 am)	St. Patrick in Brighton
Dec 17 (Mon. - 7 pm)	St. Mary Magdalen



## CHRISTMAS: A CELEBRATION OF JOY

The original liturgical celebrations of the birth of Christ began in the Holy Land with customs which eventually spread to the rest of the Church. Three special Liturgies proclaimed the good news. The first was celebrated in Bethlehem during the night. Afterwards the participants walked by torch light to Mt. Zion near Jerusalem for a second Mass around dawn, called the Mass of the Shepherds. Later in the day, a third Liturgy - the Mass of the Word Made Flesh - was celebrated in the Church of the Tomb of Christ. For 1700 years, these three separate Liturgies marked the birth of Christ.

In 1969, the liturgical reforms added a fourth celebration: the Vigil Mass. We will have two Vigil Liturgies on Christmas Eve, the first will be at 4 pm and the second at 6:15 pm, At these two Liturgies the children will act out the Gospel Story as it is proclaimed. These Liturgies are very popular, especially for families with younger children. The Mid-Night Mass, which will begin at 10 pm, is the primary Liturgy of Christmas and is especially beautiful. Imitating the Christmas Liturgy of the fifth century, it begins in semi-darkness. Three readings from the Old Testament remind us of how the promise of a Savior guided God's people and prepared us to hear the Good News of Jesus' birth. The morning Mass of the Shepherds (10am) is much simpler, also very beautiful. Liturgies: Christmas Eve 4, 6:15, & 10pm Christmas Day 10am.

## FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Pastoral Council meets on the third Wednesday of the month after the Mass of Remembering. The purpose of the council is to work with the pastor to provide pastoral care to the people of our community. They discuss policies and programs that will best serve our parish. Over the years, they have reviewed our Vision Statement regularly and created goals and strategies that will help bring that vision closer to reality.

Our last Pastoral Plan ended over a year ago, but with Fr. Dave's decision to retire at the end of June 2019, we put further planning for the future on hold until a new pastor is appointed. In the meantime, we will use this time to put together a description of our parish that will, hopefully, introduce our community to our new pastor. (His appoint should be announced by the end of February.)

### Members of the Pastoral Council

Fr. David F. Howell	Russ Gentner	Valerie Maravolo	David Schlueter
Terese Banas	Bruce Heatley	Bob Metz	Deanne Simpson
Sr. Maryetta Churches	Sr. Joyce Hoile	Nicole Micunek	Betty Socia
Bob Denyer	Ann Kehn	Mary Beth Potrykus	Megan Tierney, Sec.

## FROM THE FINANCE COUNCIL

### FISCAL YEAR July 2018 - June 2019

For Quarter Ended 9/30/2018

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Actual Fiscal Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual Fiscal Budget</u>
Church	377,071	1,584,100
Witness To Hope	30,099	200,000
Religious Ed/Preschool	39,111	132,200
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>446,281</b>	<b>1,916,300</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Church	313,183	1,109,100
Building Mortgage	95,224	388,100
Religious Ed/Preschool	79,944	419,100
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>488,351</b>	<b>1,916,300</b>
<b>INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>(42,070)</b>	

**REMAINING BALANCE 9/30/2018 - Building Mortgage - \$2,350,853**

### Members of the Finance Council

Jill Angell	Catherine Hazen	Fr. David F. Howell	John Spalding
Dominic DiCicco	Danny Hazen	Nancy Little	Marilyn VanTiem
Jason Firek	Sharon Hazen	Matt Rolfes	Jeri Gawlowski-
John Hammang	Sue Hlavaty	Betty Socia	Bookeper

## FROM THE TIME AND TALENT COUNCIL

Our Time & Talent Council meets generally on the last Wednesday of the month after the Mass of Anointing. We oversee two Ministry Fairs which seek to engage our parishioners in the work and ministry of the parish. In the Spring, we seek leadership for our parish. New and Renewing members sign up for the ministry teams that direct the work of our service ministry teams, including: our Pastoral & Time and Talent Councils plus our Charity & Justice, Formation, Health, Properties, Spiritual Development and Worship Teams.

In the fall we seek folks to sign up for our task oriented teams, including: Ministers of Prayer, the Martha's and the Samaritans, who provide a variety to services to those with special needs.

### Members of time and Talent Council

Fred Goettsche	Dianne Hardy	Father David Howell	Kathleen Mitchell
Gene Golbiw	Bruce Heatley	Nancy Little	Mike Olsem
			Don Powell

**Advent Focus:**

In our Religious Formation we will focus on the Jesse Tree this Advent Season. Each student grades K-5 will receive a booklet with stickers to place on their very own Jesse Tree each day of Advent. The booklet will have the scripture reading listed along with a daily reflection. This is a wonderful way to reflect on scripture during the season of Advent. Those who apply a bit more time can help their children look up the reading in the Bible and read the scripture along with the reflection. Older students will receive a Jesse Tree reflection sheet and an Advent Daily calendar.

**Jesse Tree Para Liturgy:**

During our regular Religious Formation class times we will host a Jesse Tree Para Liturgy in the church (Para Liturgy may refer to any liturgical celebration outside the normal approved celebrations that would be conducted by a priest or deacon. Novenas, prayer services, Stations of the Cross, etc. could all fall into this category. Once again, they would be conducted by lay persons rather than clergy.) Bob Metz, retired DRE and member of our Parish Council and Formation Team will lead the children in this beautiful service. I encourage everyone to join us at one of the following services: Wednesday, December 12 at 5 pm and again at 7 pm or Thursday, December 13 at 5 pm.



**Advent Reflection:**

Every Sunday of Advent the Hospitality ministers will be handing out our “Family Journey Through Advent”. Each week there will be an Advent reflection, a challenge or recipe for a healthy spirit for adults and a craft or puzzle activity for children.

**Joyous Wishes for a Holy and Festive Christmas**

Add a white candle to the center of your advent wreath on Christmas Day in celebration of Christmas as you begin the Twelve Days of Christmas, which should be the beginning of the Christmas celebration and not the climax. We will celebrate many significant feasts in honor of our Savior and King. I encourage all parents and grandparents to take a spiritual journey with our children during the Twelve Days of Christmas. December 25 we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. December 28 we celebrate Holy Innocents, in which we are celebrating the memory of the children of Bethlehem who were put to death by Herod on this fourth day of Christmas. December 30 we celebrate The Feast of the Holy Family, and on this day we celebrate the family of Jesus. This is a good day to also celebrate your own family, a good day to begin a new family tradition, be creative! On January 1, we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God and on this octave (eighth day of Christmas), we will celebrate Mary’s role in the plan for our salvation. January 6, we celebrate Epiphany, the day of celebrating Christ coming to bring salvation to the Gentiles and the Jews and the bearing of gifts and the arrival of the Magi, who were Gentiles that journeyed from the East to adore Jesus. Sunday, January 13 we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. This is considered the finale of the Christmas season.



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

Halloween was a great time here with all the decorated cars, costumed children and fun for everyone. We give Thanks and Praise to all who made the evening memorable.

## ON THE JOURNEY *from Erin Wolfe*

This fall, eight adults and four children have been finding out more about the Catholic faith by attending Inquiry sessions on Tuesday nights. We have discussed Catholic beliefs, practices, and spirituality and have explored how God is calling all of us. It has been a season of discovery.

Those who choose to continue on the journey will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance on December 9 at the 11 am Liturgy. This is the next step on their journey toward receiving the Easter Sacraments. This journey is not one they will embark on alone. As a community of believers, we have the privilege of being there for them. Please keep them in your prayers, that they will be open to hearing the call of the Lord in their lives and will embrace this journey.



As we enter this Advent season, we remember that even as practicing Catholics, we are all called to be open to the Lord and embrace the journey we are on! The growth is not reserved for those in our RCIA process. May your Advent be filled with the blessings that come from listening for the Lord's voice in your life.



## WELCOME!

### NEW TO THE PARISH SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Barb & Bob Clift  
Howell

Alison & Cory Davis  
Brighton

Kathy & Paul Hain  
Brighton

Ashleigh & Ryan Jones  
Parker, Ava & Jack  
Brighton

Lauren & Matt Miller  
Emmett & Everett  
Fenton

Jan & Tom Mora  
Matt  
Brighton  
Megan & Brian Staley  
Violet  
Whitmore Lake

Cindy & Don Van Gieson  
Adam & Daniel  
Brighton

Marge & Warren Williams  
Brighton

Fred & Laurie Croft  
Brighton

Jason & Robbyn Crooks  
Emery, Maddox & Cade  
Howell

Dan & Becky Esch  
Howell

Chris & Jennifer Krizanek  
Anthony & Sophia  
Howell

Lori Krussman  
South Lyon

Allan Kucab & Amy Hepper  
Anthony, Andrew & Addison  
Brighton

David & Bridgett Murray  
Brighton

Mark & Janette St. Martin  
Elizabeth  
Brighton

Stephen Zelenka, Jr.

Connor Blanch  
Ypsilanti

Dennis & Becky Brown  
Jessica & Emily  
Fenton

Mike & Kathy Derkowski  
Joey & Isabelle  
Brighton

Mike & Molly Haller  
Grace, Joe & Pat  
Brighton

Mark & Theresa Hnilicka  
Brighton

Mason & Alexandra Irvin  
Amelia  
Brighton

Marlee Ketelaar  
Howell

Vince & Antonina Sobieski  
Augustus  
Brighton

Christina & Aaron Wallace  
Connor, Cameron, Carson, & Chase  
Brighton

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS *from Margaret Callaghan*

Wow time sure does fly! Advent begins at the end of the month but if you look around the stores, at your junk mailings or listen to the radio, it'll seem like the stress of just getting ready for the parties, celebrations and gift giving is already too much. Try something new this year and just enjoy it. Embrace the music and sing it loudly. Share the joy with others and get excited. Open your hearts to those in need and spread God's love to the lonely, needy and homebound. Don't fight the joys of the season but instead welcome the sparkle, a childlike awe, and the silly obnoxious songs. God is good all the time!



Our YG Christmas party this year will be an overnight starting on Thursday December 20 and end the 21st. Details about this gathering will be in the weekly bulletin. Mark your calendars now.

Our youth leaders have been working hard all year so far to plan great and meaningful meetings for their peers. We invite you to come and be a part of it all from large group discussions, games, food and faith sharing. It is when we grow in relationship with one another face to face that we begin to see God's presence in our daily walk at school, home and in the community. Don't miss out on a wonderful way to grow in relationship with a God who is just waiting for you to come to him.

If groups are not for you and you enjoy something more quiet and reflective, I highly recommend you check out <https://www.carpeverbum.org/> It's the daily reading followed by an easy applicable reflection that is poignant to today. I have been using it for a little while now and am loving it! I invite you to try it as well. It doesn't cost anything to sign up except your desire to grow, to be challenged and to want to see how God is speaking to you. Spend your advent his year preparing your heart and mind for Him. Say yes to Him as Mary did.

Thank you to everyone who donated socks this past month. They were a welcomed item last year for the Warming Center in Flint and will be again this year.

## MAGDALEN'S PRESCHOOL *from Amanda Faiola*

Greetings from Preschool. We are well into our school year at this point. The children have all adjusted very well to their new classrooms and routines. They are building some great friendships and relationships. We were able to enjoy the fall season during our field trip to the apple orchard and pumpkin patch. The children learned all about the leaves changing colors and the seasons changing.

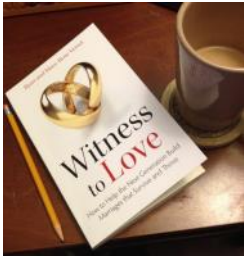
With the colder weather quickly approaching there is only one thing the children can think of... CHRISTMAS. We have been very busy teaching the children about the first Christmas. They have all heard the story of when Jesus was born. We have been busy working on our Christmas program, gifts, nativity sets, and enjoying the season. The children have enjoyed putting on all their snow gear and playing outside with one another. They are learning all about Gods wonderful creations. Our Christmas program will be December 9th at 2:00 pm.



## OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE *from Devon Wolfe*

As explained at the Liturgies of October 13/14, we are implementing a revised Marriage Preparation program for St. Mary Magdalen. For the last 25 years, couples planning for marriage have been required to do the following:

Take a premarital inventory (FOCCUS) and meet with a sponsor couple to go over the results.  
Attend either Engaged Encounter or WeCARE to learn communication skills  
Attend Basic Catholic Teaching to learn about marriage from a Catholic context.



Starting this fall, couples can choose to extend their sponsor couple experience using a program called Witness to Love, which will serve as another alternative for the communication skills requirement. Witness to Love consists of a series of six 2 hour meetings one-on-one with a sponsor couple chosen by the engaged couple. Through this mentoring process, couples learn not just communication skills, but the values, attitudes, and behaviors that contribute to a successful marriage.

As we begin this program, we will need additional veteran married couples willing to work with engaged couples in this process. If you would like to learn more about this, please contact me at [deacon4@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:deacon4@saintmarymagdalen.org).

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## KNIGHTS CORNER *from Ryan Bosn, St. Mary Magdalen Council 12295* [gk12295@mikofc.org](mailto:gk12295@mikofc.org)

The Gospel reading for All Saints Day (“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth” – Matthew 5:5) got me thinking about a misunderstood word that I have become a fan of since learning the proper biblical intent: Meek. Most dictionaries define meek as a synonym for submissive or lowly. As I came to learn about 8 years ago, Jesus used it to mean “Strength under Control”. In this sense, I find it to be an aspirational word for my sons and one of the traits we strive for in the Knights. Meek is strength that knows when to assert itself and when to be passive. One who is meek does not react purely out of emotion. One who is meek can effectively defend himself and what he values, while knowing that even with his strength he is ultimately not in control. Instead, he is a capable and crucial instrument of the one who is: God.



Please contact me or any other Knight at Saint Mary Magdalen if you are interested in joining our council in the Knights of Columbus!

Here are some events that our council will be hosting in support of Faith, Family, Life, and Community in the upcoming Advent and Christmas Season:

- Fall Spaghetti Dinner 11/10/18
- November Planning Meeting 11/19/18
- December Business Meeting 12/03/18
- Council Christmas Party 12/08/18
- December Planning Meeting 12/17/18
- 5th Sunday of the Month “Family Rosary” 12/30/18
- Pancake Breakfast & Free Throw Contest 1/27/19

## CHARITY AND JUSTICE *from Ken Kuna*

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

As we approach the year-end Holy Days and holidays, it is timely to be thankful.

The annual CROP Walk raises funds for local and international food programs. We added a little fun this year with a competition between Sister Maryetta and Deacon Gary. Both are advocates for helping address food insecurity. We have a winner. Sister Maryetta: \$2,428, Deacon Gary: \$1,234. Congratulations and thanks to both! The Preschool also participated and raised \$325 on their own. Thanks! With all the generous support of the many donors, the parish achieved an all-time record contribution of \$5,321.00!! Thank you for your tremendous support of this cause. Thanks especially to Mike Olsem and Jan Carpenter for leading this project.

The response to appeals for the St. Vincent Clothing drive and HOPE in a box continues to be impressive. On behalf of the organizations and Charity and Justice, thank you so much for your wonderful support.

With the Christmas season in mind, if you are moved to get involved helping others, Charity & Justice publishes a list of "Opportunities to Serve" with many volunteer activities listed. We include our upcoming activities and others from around the parish if we know them. Some upcoming projects are:

**Right to Life Christmas Item Sale** - Charity and Justice will be selling Christmas cards and other items to support the local chapter of Right to Life. Look for the table in the Gathering Area after Mass on the weekend of November 17 & 18.

**The Advent Giving Tree** - Once again this year, the Annual Advent Tree will be set up in the gathering space on November 24<sup>th</sup>. As last year, we are continuing to support the Brown Evangelical Ministries in Detroit, St. Anne's in Detroit, Cornerstone Senior Day Care in Clio, LACASA, Livingston County Catholic Charities and the Pregnancy Help Clinic. These organizations all greatly appreciate the support of our parish to make a joyful Christmas for their clients.

**NEW Life Center** - The parish is traveling to the NEW Life Center in Flint on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Sisters Carol and Judy provide gifts to nearly a thousand families who would otherwise have no Christmas celebration. We will wrap gifts from 10 to 2. A car pool will leave from the parish parking lot at 9:00 AM. Pack a lunch and bring a pair of scissors labeled with your name. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Charity & Justice table in the Gathering Area or contact Ken Kuna at 734-751-4100 or ken.kuna@gmail.com.

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

Do you think life, the future, will be different than the past? I thought boy when my kids are grown I'll have more time to relax and not be somewhere or committed to something. It was especially stressful as I approached the Christmas season. Beside family and career there were more things to do and more places to be. What I've learned is we don't think ourselves into a new way of living; we live ourselves into a new way of thinking. The Dalai Lama said it well: "Every change of mind is first of all a change of heart." I would add: "Every change of heart is soon a change of mind." We are invited to change our loyalties from power, success, money, ego, and control to the imitation of a vulnerable God where simplicity, surrender, and servanthood reign. Boy that is very counter cultural. Start now, make one life change. Happy Advent and have a peace filled Christmas.

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

Now that the Advent and Christmas is almost upon us, is our focus going to be on buying and receiving presents, or going to parties, or are we going to think about the coming of the Christ Child and how we will welcome Him into our heart? If we believe that the reign of God is truly here, how do we prepare for Him during this Advent Season? We could think about our shortcomings and go to Reconciliation, or go to Mass more than once a week. We could think about family and friends and get together for Thanksgiving. If we live our lives in accordance with God's law of love and our goal is salvation, I believe prayer, family, friends, and caring for those in need, must be our focus. I was watching TV the other day and was told that every adult in this country will spent \$1,000 during the holiday season! Can we spend just a little more time in prayer asking for Christ to help us to be better Catholics?

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

Let us play a game called "Did you know?"

Did you know: In the U.S. 1 out of every 6 children live in households where people have to skip meals or eat less because they don't have enough money to buy food?

Did you know: Each night, up to 600,000 men, women, and children are living homeless in the United States alone?

Did you know: 12% of all the children who live in Africa are orphans, and 8% of all the children in the world are orphans?

Did you know: The latest data shows that the number of undernourished people in the world is falling by six million a year? (That is good news!)

Did you know: Since 1990, over two million children in developing countries have been killed in armed conflict?

Did you know: Every 21 seconds, someone in the world becomes a refugee from a conflict or a natural disaster?

Did you know: Over one billion people in the world do not have access to safe, clean drinking water?

Did you know: 90% of all disaster victims live in countries where poverty and lack of resources decrease the ability to prevent, respond to, and recover from disasters?

Did you know: More than 110 million children in the developing world cannot attend school?

Did you know: Approximately 250 million children must work up to 15 hours a day to help support their families? This leaves little time for school or play.

Did you know: Malnutrition is a factor in 54% of all childhood deaths, 800 million people go to bed hungry each night - most are women and children?

Did you know: Poverty means that nearly half of the six billion people in the world live on less than \$2 a day?

Did you know: The richest 20% of the world's people account for around 85% of all goods consumed, while the poorest 20% account for only 1.5% of all consumption.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world." (Mt 5:14a). How can we shine our light where things are so dark?



## PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMENDATIONS

The Pastoral Council would like to commend all the quilt makers who created the most beautiful 25th Anniversary quilt for our parish. Thanks to all of you who worked so diligently on the memorable quilt!

The Council would also like to commend Jo Hofsess for all her work for the very successful Alpha program. It has been amazing and we are truly grateful for all your hard work!

Steve Potrykus is being recognized by the Council for creating the beautiful banner for our Parish as we walked the four mile walk in Lansing! Thanks for your creativity, Steve!



## Christmas Nativity/ Gospel Re-Enactment



This year, we will be doing a Nativity re-enactment during the Christmas Gospel at the 6:15 Christmas Eve Mass. There will be 6 actors and about 8 angels for the "multitude." There are no speaking parts, as the deacon will read the Gospel.

Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings Dec 5 and Dec 12 from 6:00-6:30 pm. There will be a Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday, Dec 19 from 6:00 until about 7:15.

Children in K - 8th grades are welcome to participate. Any parents who would like to help with crowd control are also welcome!

Please call Erin Wolfe at 810-923-8494 with any questions. Also, watch the bulletin for more detailed information.

*We wish you a very  
Blessed Christmas and New Year*

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### **Cards, Cookies, Conversation**

Sister Joyce will host a leisurely evening for you to take time to do your Christmas mail. Enjoy conversation of any topic you choose and share in cookies, coffee or co-coa. It is a time to stop and settle to begin this annual task. We will meet Wednesdays during the 4:30 pm Religious Education classes on November 28, December 5, 12, and 19.. Come any time.



### **Not This Year**

St. Mary Magdalen will not be hosting Advent By Candlelight this year because we will be celebrating the closing Liturgy of our 25<sup>th</sup> year. Mass and Reception for the end of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be Saturday, Dec. 1 at 4:30pm.

### **School for Discipleship**

Mondays 7-8:45pm, January 21 and 28, February 4,11,18,25.  
Tuesdays, 7 - 8:45pm, January 22 and 29, February 5,12,19,and 26  
See the brochure in the Gathering Area for more information

### **Book Read and Discussions coming in January**

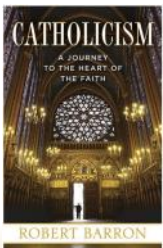
“Catching Fire Becoming Flame” by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM – A guide for spiritual transformation.

“Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life” by Karen Armstrong – About creating a better, more compassionate world.

“The Angry Christian” by Bert Ghezzi – A Biblical- based Strategy to Care for and Discipline a Valuable Emotion.

Each Book will have 3 or more sessions for discussion.

See Sr. Joyce for the book(s) you want to read. The schedule is still to be determined.



### **The Catholicism Series by Father (Now Bishop) Robert Barron**

This is a 12 week video and discussion series

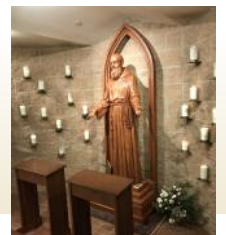
We will meet on Thursdays from 7 - 8:30 pm on January 24 and 31, February 7, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4. You may come to all or any of the evenings since each topic is its own. You will find the weekly topics in the brochure in the gathering Space.

### **Next Meeting for 50+ Seniors**

We will meet Wednesday, December 12, 11 am - 2 pm to continue discussion of the Book “Aging Starts in Your Mind”, followed by lunch and Bingo.

### **Father Solanus Relics**

Sister Joyce has a limited number of relics of Father Solanus Casey for those who would like one. This particular relic is a piece of cloth that touched the tomb of Father Solanus when the body was exhumed for his becoming Venerable. It is a third class relic.



### **Prayer Request**

Please keep in your prayers Alpha participants and guides. May the Holy Spirit touch their hearts and bring them to an even closer relationship with Jesus.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

4:30PM

*Please come*



*and celebrate*

St. Mary Magdalen

25th Anniversary Closing Liturgy

*A Reception will follow the Liturgy*

*In the  
beginning ...*



CHRISTMAS

2018



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## MARKING THE CALENDAR

**Our 25th Anniversary Closing Liturgy - (DEC 1) Saturday** at 4:30pm. A Reception will follow!

**The FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - (DEC 8)** Our national holy day honors Mary, who was especially graced from the first moment of life to be the Mother of the Savior. The Liturgies for this holy day will be celebrated at **7pm Friday, Dec. 7 and 9:30am on Saturday Dec 8.**

## CELEBRATING the SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Communal Celebrations

Dec 6 (Thurs - 7 pm)	St. Mary in Pinckney
Dec 10 (Mon - 7 pm)	Holy Spirit in Hamburg
Dec 11 (Tues - 7 pm)	St. Augustine in Deerfield Twp
Dec 12 (Wed. - 7 pm)	St. John in Hartland
Dec 13 (Thurs - 7 pm)	St. Joseph in Howell
Dec 15 (Sat. - 10 am)	St. Patrick in Brighton
Dec 17 (Mon. - 7 pm)	St. Mary Magdalen

## CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

- ++ 4 pm - Vigil Mass ++ 6:15 - The Vigil Mass ++ (Children act out the Gospel at this Liturgy)
- ++ 10 pm - The Mid-Night Liturgy ++
- ++ 10 am - The Mass of the Shepherds ++

**THE EPIPHANY - Sunday, January 6** This Feast celebrates the revelation of Jesus as the Savior of the world. By the light of a star, magi, the first Gentiles, found Christ. This Feast celebrates our hope that we will be led by the Light of Christ as well.