



JANUARY 14, 2018

# Saint Mary Magdalen

## WITNESSING TO THE RESURRECTION

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday .....8:30am–8:30pm  
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### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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## ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

**TWENTY FIVE YEARS** This Saturday we began a year-long celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our parish. It was 8 years ago, on the second weekend of January, that Bishop Boyea re-dedicated our church after its renovation.

It is amazing how fast these 25 years have gone! It seems like only yesterday (the spring of 1993) I was sitting in a meeting with Bishop Povish and a few priests from our diocese. The bishop turned to me and told me he was appointing me to be the pastor of a new parish in Livingston County.

It was the fourth time he would assign me to serve in a parish, but it was the first time I had actually applied for the assignment. While I looked forward to the task, I found no comfort in the fact that none of the other 135 priests of our diocese had wanted the assignment!

The bishop told me the diocese had purchased 20 acres in western Livingston County and the property had a house, a barn, a stable and duplex. About a month later, Fr. Joe Peariso, from St. John, brought me over to see the property. Having served in parishes that had churches & rectories over 100 years old, I was surprised to find buildings that were relatively new.

In early June, I met Christine Schifko who had sold the property to the diocese and still lived in the house. It only took a few minutes for us to form a friendship, and I soon learned the names of all her kids and grandkids and the stories that shaped her life and the life of her family.

One of my favorite stories was of her parent's first visit to the "Schifko estate" in Brighton Township. As Christine's father exited the car and surveyed the property, he turned to her and said, "This would be a great location for a church!"

Fifteen years later, on June 29, 1993, the prophetic words of her father began to be realized!

**STORIES of the PARISH** Besides the events I have mentioned, we want to gather pictures and stories which span our 25 years.

If you have photos you took at parish events, ministries in action, etc., please email them to: [photos@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:photos@saintmarymagdalen.org). They will be posted in the east and north hallways for folks to see over the course of the year.

We are also looking for stories of how the parish has been important to you and your family. You can email your story to our story editor, Skip Dorrington: [maskip25@gmail.com](mailto:maskip25@gmail.com).

Our hope is to have stories and pictures we can use over the course of the year as a way of celebrating our anniversary between the scheduled events. Thanks!

*Fr. Dave Howell*

## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

### January 15, Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

9:00 am +Patrick Hackett

### January 16, Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

9:00 am Communion Service

### January 17, Wednesday, Saint Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

7:00 pm +Mass of Remembering

### January 18, Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

9:00 am +Ann Gillette

### January 19, Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

9:00 am +David Gustitus

### January 20, Saturday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

### January 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

4:30 pm Vigil +John Morrison

9:00 am +Fr. David Doepker

11:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10** The Book of Jonah is only two pages long and tells a parable about a man called by God to preach repentance to the pagan city of Nineveh. Jonah's first response was to sail as fast as he could in the other direction. After his adventures with a large fish, God called him a second time. Today's passage picks up from there.

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31** In this section of the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul responds to written questions they had sent to him. Some questions had to do with how we, who believe in the next life, should relate to the things of this life. Paul expected that Jesus would return in glory soon, and his advice is basically this: We should not hold on too tightly to the things of this world.

**Mark 1:14-20** Today we turn to Mark and stay with this Gospel until Ash Wednesday. Throughout Mark, Jesus speaks with power and authority, and this power is apparent in his ministry and his voice from the start. The presence of Jesus radiates strength. Look for the 3 basic sections of this reading.

**Reflect:** If you had to make a list of ways you show your belief in the Good News, what would be on it?

*Marriage  
& Banns*

*III Rebecca Taylor & Frazer Barton*

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week of 12/31/2017

Approximately 1259 people participated  
 Env/Cash \$ 18,323  
 EFT/Online \$ 5,892  
**TOTAL \$ 24,215**  
 Children's Collection \$44.81

Week of 1/7/2018

Approximately 1405 people participated  
 Env/Cash \$ 21,379  
 EFT/Online \$ 22,458  
**TOTAL \$ 43,837**  
 Children's Collection \$54.30

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, January 15**

9:00 am NO PRESCHOOL  
 9:45 am Yoga  
 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen  
 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting

**Tuesday, January 16**

9:00 am Preschool  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
 7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School of MI

**Wednesday, January 17**

9:00 am Preschool  
 9:15 am MOMS Group  
 10:00 am Alpha  
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 4:30/6:30 pm Religious Formation, Pet Food Collection  
 7:00 pm Mass of Remembering  
 7:30 pm Pastoral Council  
 7:30 pm Marriage Ministry

**Thursday, January 18**

9:00 am Preschool  
 5:30 pm Religious Formation, Pet Food Collection  
 6:30 pm Alpha  
 7:30 pm Music Ministry

**Friday, January 19**

9:00 am Preschool  
 9:45 am Yoga  
 7:00 pm Welcome Back Meeting

**Saturday, January 20**

4:30 pm Solemn Penance Rite of Enrollment

**Sunday, January 21**

9:00 am Family Program  
 9:00 am First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment  
 10:00 am First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting  
 10:20 am Kindergarten Religious Formation  
 11:00 am Baptism Presentation  
 11:00 am RCIA  
 12:15 pm Religious Formation Home Study Check In  
 6:30 pm Religious Formation 9th Grade  
 7:00 pm Youth Group

*Blood Pressure Screenings After All Masses January 20/21*

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Mark Ashton	Kelly Luck
Sue Beaumont	Gwen Maes
Taylor Brake	Irv Mahoney
Jeanne & Eugene Buel	Darlene March
Larry Buslepp	Rita Marcy
Ryan Cirelca	Annie & Drew Martin
Linda Coffman	Lori Martin
Carol Conklin	Jean Mayer
Hugh Conahan	Dennis McCusker
Pam Connor	Ginny McMullen
Keith Craffey	Tom McSweeney
Leeann Davenport	Emily Metcalf
Cienna Ditri	Diane Morrison
Sean English	Charlotte Nason
James Farhat	Peggy Ortiz
Tamara Fella	Stan Osdras
Kylie Flint	Nancy Pellerito
Bill Gamble	Sam Petrocella
Rosemary Gamble	Ray Ruszczynski
Steven Gautherat	Ron Sherman
Nelson Gonzales	Kim Siegrist
Greg Grech	Matt Siragusa
David Grinnell	Ron Summers
Julie Hargenrader	Todd Thompson
Barb Hemmi	Marylyn Trader
Julia Herrell	Tom Zremski
MaryAnna Horkan	Anthony
Herb Langer	Chris
Mary Ellen Langer	David
Justina Laginess	Emily
Robert Laginess	Matt

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS**

Roxanne Hundsrucker

**Pet Food Collection Continues thru January 31:** Don't forget! Our first grade classes are collecting pet food for needy dogs and cats for the Livingston Area Pet Pantry. Our donations will help the needy and elderly that might not have enough means to feed their pets. Marked collection bins are in the Gathering Area.

**Upcoming Events**

Rite of Enrollment is next weekend. Saturday at the 4:30 Liturgy, for Solemn Penance Candidates and Sunday at the 9 am Liturgy, for First Eucharist Candidates. If you have multiple children participating you only need to attend one Liturgy and bring forward both children. Remember to bring your chalice or cross with your first and last name on the front.

**Catechists and Aides** are reminded to register for the **Diocesan Catechist Formation Day** to be held here at St. Mary Magdalen on Saturday, January 27, from 9am-4pm.

**Just a reminder about snow days:** Since it is January, it is a good time to remind you of our snow policy. If **Brighton** area schools are cancelled due to bad weather, our Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled. When Religious Formation is cancelled during the school day, we will notify each family by email. (We are no longer using the automated phone calling system.) If you have a change of email or phone (cell) numbers, let Karen in the office know.

**January is Poverty Awareness Month!**

The U.S. Bishops Catholic Campaign dedicated to bring awareness for Human Development has declared the Month of January as Poverty Awareness Month.



Many donate to those in poverty on a regular basis and some give once in awhile. I have been blessed to serve at the Detroit area Food Pantries and one of the most needed item on the shelves is canned meat or soups, as both can be the main meal for anyone. Over the remainder of the winter months, I encourage all to purchase a can of meat (e.g. chicken or beef) or a can of ready-to-eat soup while doing your regular grocery shopping. Put it in the Food Collection cart in the church gathering area.

**YOUTH NEWS**

Margaret Callaghan

**Youth Alpha** is a video-led series designed to engage high school teens and inspire conversation with guided questions and open format for answers, thoughts and discussion.

The youth-led program creates an environment of hospitality where high school youth can explore their faith, ask questions and share their point of view. It begins Feb 11 and runs through April, 6:30-8pm, with an optional hour of games, further reflection or deeper discussion in the youth room till 9pm.

Registration is necessary. Contact Margaret Callaghan at [yminister1@gmail.com](mailto:yminister1@gmail.com). or Roxanne Hundsrucker at [dre1@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:dre1@saintmarymagdalen.org). Commitment to these weekly sessions is necessary to plan for dinners and to create a trusting, reliable small group experience.



**It's your last week to get on board for our annual Winter Weekend Getaway** Jan 26-28. Bring your \$100 this week to our Sunday meeting.

**Our summer work service trip** with the National Relief Network is July 28-August 3. If you are new to the program and would like to learn more about NRN and the experience, plan to attend a meeting on Monday, Jan 29th in the youth room at 6:30 pm. If you have been before, there is no need to stay. I will however start collecting the \$75 deposit.

**EDGE**

Not just for EDGE but for YG as well, we would like to wish the best of luck to **Justin Videto** as he leaves us for a move to Chicago. Justin moved to Hartland 10 years ago, as a junior in high school. He shortly became involved with the youth program and came back as a young adult leader after college graduation. He has been a part of the youth program with me for both YG and EDGE as a young adult leader! It has been a blessing to have had you with us! We will miss you and forever and keep you in our prayers.

EDGE meets again on Monday Jan 29, 7-8:30 pm.

**WELLNESS QUOTE**

"Life is about using the whole box of crayons."

**OF FAITH AND SERVICE**

**Sr. Joyce Hoile, OSF**

**Coming This Friday**

**Do You Want More? “Ask questions: Tell us How You Want to Grow in your Faith”**

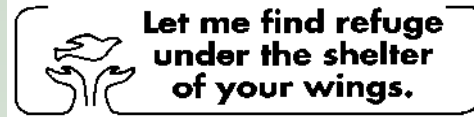
Would you like to return to regular worship in the Catholic Church? Do you regularly attend Church but feel there is something more? Do you want to go further in living your faith? Do you want to feel a sense of belonging, friendship, and giving as well as receiving? If so, please join us. Sister Joyce and Father Dave will meet with you this **Friday, January 19, at 7 pm.** to hear your interests and concerns. Please come.

**Prayer for the Return of Non-Practicing Catholics**

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask you to bring (mention names) back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of your holy Church. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angel(s), their Patron Saint(s) and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home. For you, O Good Shepherd, loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen. Jesus we trust in you!

**Sister Joyce**

**CHARITY & JUSTICE**



**Shelter the Homeless!  
St. Mary Magdalen Volunteers needed!**

The Severe Weather Network provides refuge for individuals struggling with homelessness in Livingston County, especially during these cold winter months. Various churches provide a host site and other parishes provide staffing. Our parish is scheduled to staff the shelter during the week of **February 25 - March 3**, at which time we will provide meals, transportation and overnight chaperones. We need volunteers!

Training will be provided. Details and signup sheets are in the gathering area, at the Charity & Justice Table. You may also sign up online at: <https://form.jotform.com/73595446411157>. Questions can be directed to [lisaklein44@gmail.com](mailto:lisaklein44@gmail.com) or 810-599-9708.



**MASS OF REMEMBERING**

The monthly Mass of Remembering will take place this Wednesday, January 17, at 7 pm. Liturgy is offered for deceased parishioners and relatives, especially: Rose Lovio, Patrick Hackett, Bernice Talcott, and Charlotte Nason.

**MEN'S RETREAT**

**January 19, 20 and 21, 2018**  
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt  
Friday, 5 pm until Sunday, 1 pm  
Come join the men of our parish for our annual Men's Retreat.

For more information, contact Deacon Jim in the parish office.



**Please remember in your prayers:**

Thomas Schmid and family in the death of his wife, Michelle Schmid.

Mary Walker and family in the death of her brother, Patrick Doyle.

Wende & George Cofield and family in the death of her father, William J. Watson.

**THANK YOU!**

Livingston County Catholic Charities would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to the St. Mary Magdalen families for your *tremendous* generosity of Gift Cards (Kroger, Meijer, BP, Exxon Mobil, Shell, Speedway & Walmart) for a total of \$4,175.00 for our annual Christmas Blessing Project – a community project! The items were packaged with other donated food items, cleaning supplies, hygiene items and Christmas gifts which were then delivered to 113 local homebound and low income senior citizens.



The care packages bring relief to seniors who struggle to meet their basic needs on a limited fixed income – many of whom live at or below 150% of the national poverty level. The winter months tend to provide extra stress with increased utility bills. Your shared generosity is a blessing to these individuals.

We received several calls the afternoon after delivery took place, which was Dec. 8, and here are a few of the comments we heard: *“Thank you from the bottom of my heart! It is especially helpful now that I’m not working.” “I was shocked to see everything that I received! Thank everybody that donated everything.”*

This project would not take place without the enormous generosity of all of you - and for that we **THANK** each one of you for bringing love and joy to so many!  
Wishing you all a New Year filled with many blessings!

*The Board & Co-workers at Livingston County Catholic Charities*

**ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**

Mon. Jan. 15	8:30 pm	Men’s Basketball
Tue. Jan. 16	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wed. Jan. 17	4:30 pm	Religious Formation
	6:00 pm	Hartland Eagles Baseball
Thu. Jan. 18	8:30 pm	Men’s Basketball
Fri. Jan. 19	_____	_____
Sat. Jan. 20	_____	_____
Sun. Jan. 21	9:00 am	Religious Formation
	6:30 pm	9th Grade Religious Formation
	7:00 pm	Youth Group

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**MINISTERS OF PRAYER**

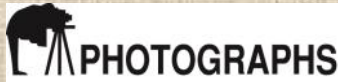
- Sun. Jan. 14 Kyle Geran, Jerry Dolkowski
- Mon. Jan. 15 Mary Bidingger, Cass & Ros Wodarski,  
Janice Finn
- Tues. Jan. 16 Matthew Kroll, Rachel Tuzinsky
- Wed. Jan. 17 Pat & Gale Harris
- Thur. Jan. 18 Bob & Dawn Gustitus  
Madelyn Gostomski
- Fri. Jan. 19 Jean Glowacki
- Sat. Jan. 20 Don & Betty Gehan



**LIVINGSTON YAM:  
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY  
EVENTS & HAPPENINGS FOR THOSE 18-35  
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**MONTHLY MASS & DINNER**

Sunday, January 28  
5pm Mass @ St. Patrick, Brighton  
6:30pm Dinner @ Block Brewing  
1840 S Old US Hwy 23, Brighton, MI 48114  
**Come gather in prayer and grow as community!**  
Questions? Contact Shannon 810-588-7665 or  
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If you have photos you took at parish events or at ministries in action, etc. please email them to:

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(Electronic files only please)

We will be collecting them and making selections for the 25th Anniversary Church Photo Directory that will be produced in the spring!!

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT**

**For Dementia & Alzheimer's**



Meets every 3rd Wednesday of each month  
4:30pm—6:30pm  
at  
Be Our Guest Adult Day Service

(A program of Livingston County Catholic Charities)

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Howell, MI 48843  
Phone: 517-546-9910

\*Respite service is available;  
please pre-register if care is needed.