

# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



ST. MARY MAGDALEN

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## ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

**TWENTY FIVE YEARS** Next Saturday evening we will begin a year-long celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our parish. Bishop Boyea will preside at the 4:30 Liturgy on **Saturday, January 13.**

After, we will have a reception in the Community Room and Gym, as we did after our re-dedication Liturgy this same weekend 8 years ago! We will have hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, fruit, veggies and some things that are sweet. There will also be wine and pop. We are hoping for a great turn-out to begin this year of celebration. I hope you will join in!!

**STORIES of the PARISH** Besides the events I have mentioned, we want to gather pictures and stories that 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). 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 that we can use over the course of the year as a way of celebrating our anniversary between the scheduled events. Thanks!

**ALPHA** Often people make New Year's resolutions. People promise themselves that they will lose weight, work out more, study more, pray more and so on. How about making 2018 a year to grow in your faith and understanding of God's wonderful ways?

This week we begin a new session of Alpha and it provides a genuine opportunity to grow in faith. It begins with a simple meal with the same small group people that will be together throughout the course of the program. After, there is a short video and then time for the group to discuss and share about the topic raised by the video.

Perhaps the most important dimension of Alpha is that it offers many Christians the opportunity to come to know Christ better, in a way that is better suited to the life you live now.

My hope is that we can use this program to make our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year more than just an opportunity to celebrate our past or even our present. It provides an opportunity for us to celebrate a future that is built solidly on a faith that is real and Christ centered.

It is not too late to join! Just call the office or email: [sect4saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:sect4saintmarymagdalen.org) to be a part of it. We will have sessions on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings. Think of it as a spiritual exercise program with a weekly workout of 90 minutes! (You won't even have to do any heavy lifting or straining!!)

*Fr. Dave Howell*

## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

### January 8, Monday, The Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11/Mk 1:7-11

9:00 am +Carolyn Parent

### January 9, Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

9:00 am Communion Service

### January 10, Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

7:00 pm +Kathy Jo Borgeson

### January 11, Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

9:00 am +Bernice Talcott

### January 12, Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

9:00 am +Jerry Carb

### January 13, Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17

### January 14, Sunday

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

4:30 pm Vigil +Florence Collison

9:00 am +Mary Kubek

11:00 am St. Mary Magdalen

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**

Today's reading takes place 11 centuries before Christ at an Israelite shrine, which is referred to as a "temple" in the text. At the shrine was the "Ark of God," a wooden chest overlaid by gold in which the 10 Commandments were kept. Eli was the high priest at the shrine. Samuel was a young man in Eli's service. We will hear how God called Samuel to be a prophetic leader of Israel.

### **1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

Today and for the next few Sundays, our second reading will be from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Corinth, a port city, was noted for its widespread immorality. Anything and everything was thought permissible. Paul doesn't counter this attitude by putting down the human body as evil or of little worth. Rather, he does just the opposite.

### **John 1:35-42**

The prologue of John's Gospel is a poetic introduction to Jesus, John the Baptist, and major theological themes of John's account. Today's reading is the dramatic encounter of Jesus with His first followers.

**Reflect:** Jesus says to me, "Come to Me and see." What does Jesus want to show you?

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week of 12/24/17 & Christmas 12/25/2017

Approximately 3993 people participated

Env/Cash \$ 54,434

EFT/Online \$ 7,422

**TOTAL \$ 61,856**

Children's Collection \$377.14

*The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! Numbers 6:26*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, January 8**

- 9:00 am      Preschool
- 9:45 am      Yoga
- 6:00 pm      Magdalen's Kitchen
- 7:00 pm      25th Anniversary Meeting
- 7:00 pm      Edge

**Tuesday, January 9**

- 9:00 am      Preschool
- 1:00 pm      MOW Card Making
- 7:00 pm      Boy Scout Troop Meeting
- 7:00 pm      Charity & Justice
- 7:00 pm      Catholic Biblical School of MI

**Wednesday, January 10**

- 9:00 am      Preschool
- 9:15 am      MOMS Group
- 10:00 am     Alpha
- 1:00 pm      Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4:30 & 6:30   Religious Formation/Pet Food Collection/First Penance
- 7:30 pm      Marriage Ministry
- 7:30 pm      Finance Council
- 7:30 pm      Community Life

**Thursday, January 11**

- 9:00 am      Preschool
- 5:30 pm      Religious Formation/Pet Food Collection/First Penance
- 6:30 pm      Alpha
- 7:00 pm      Knights of Columbus
- 7:15 pm      Formation Team
- 7:30 pm      Music Ministry

**Friday, January 12**

- 9:00 am      Preschool
- 9:45 am      Yoga

**Saturday, January 13**

- 7:30 am      Men's Breakfast
- 4:30 pm      Parish 25th Anniversary Mass

**Sunday, January 14**

- 9:00 am      RCIA
- 7:00 pm      Youth Group

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**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday–Thursday** .....8:30am–8:30pm

**Friday** .....8:30am-4:30pm

**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

**Weekend Liturgies:**

Saturday: 4:30pm • Sunday: 9 & 11am

**Weekday Liturgies:** Mon., Thurs., Fri.: 9am Wed.: 7pm

**Sacrament of Penance:** Saturday: 11:30am–12noon

**Infant Baptism:** Call Erin Wolfe

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Please contact the office at least nine months prior to wedding date.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Mark Ashton          | Darlene March       |
| Sue Beaumont         | Rita Marcy          |
| Taylor Brake         | Annie & Drew Martin |
| Jeanne & Eugene Buel | Lori Martin         |
| Larry Buslepp        | Jean Mayer          |
| Ryan Cirelca         | Dennis McCusker     |
| Linda Coffman        | Tom McSweeney       |
| Carol Conklin        | Emily Metcalf       |
| Hugh Conahan         | Diane Morrison      |
| Pam Connor           | Charlotte Nason     |
| Keith Craffey        | Peggy Ortiz         |
| Leeann Davenport     | Stan Osdras         |
| Cienna Ditri         | Nancy Pellerito     |
| Patrick Doyle        | Sam Petrocella      |
| Sean English         | Ray Ruszczynski     |
| James Farhat         | Michelle Schmid     |
| Tamara Fella         | Ron Sherman         |
| Kylie Flint          | Kim Siegrist        |
| Bill Gamble          | Matt Siragusa       |
| Rosemary Gamble      | Stephanie St. Clair |
| Greg Grech           | Ryan Thomas         |
| Dorothy Guidos       | Marylyn Trader      |
| Julie Hargenrader    | Jennifer Wichmann   |
| Barb Hemmi           | Tom Zremski         |
| Julia Herrell        | Anthony             |
| MaryAnna Horkan      | Bushra              |
| Herb Langer          | Chris               |
| Mary Ellen Langer    | Emily               |
| Robert Laginess      | Heather             |
| Kelly Luck           | Matt                |
| Gwen Maes            | Mike                |

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Roxanne Hundsrucker

**Our First Grade** classes are collecting pet food for their service project for the year. This food will help families in need. Please put your donations in the marked box in the gathering area. Thank you!

**Upcoming Events**

First Penance Services will be held on Wednesday, January 10, and Thursday, January 11 during class times for all our children preparing for First Eucharist this year.

**Coming Soon ~ Alpha Youth**

Alpha Youth will be run over 9 weeks. In each session you eat food, watch a short video talk, and discuss questions in small groups. This program is for 9th through 12th grade parishioners.



**Food** has a way of bringing people together and building community. So even if it's a light snack, sweets or a full meal, Alpha always starts with food.

The **talks** tackle core questions about life and faith from a Christian perspective. There are 9 weekly episodes. Each episode averages 23 minutes in length.

Throughout each episode, there are three **discussion** breaks. These breaks give everyone a chance to share thoughts and ideas in small groups without fear of being corrected or judged.

Along the way there are opportunities to experience **worship** through music and moments for **prayer**.

All of this is done in a **fun** environment where anyone is welcome.

Look for registration forms in the Church Gathering Area.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is for all our younger youth during the Liturgies at 9 & 11 (these are the children we bless at the beginning of Liturgy). If your son/daughter does not want to go to the front of the church, they are able to just go to the chapel. The purpose of Children's Liturgy of the Word is to give children the opportunity to hear and discuss the Sunday readings at their level of understanding, and to give parents the freedom to listen to the Gospel reading and Homily without distractions. Please encourage your children/grandchildren to participate in this important part of the Mass.

## YOUTH NEWS

Margaret Callaghan

**I began here at St. Mary Magdalen** in October of 1995. I wasn't even married a year, in my mid 20's and had no children. Tommy and I first worked together as a youth minister team. We met with only a handful of teenagers the first year, sometimes only gathering 2 or 3 youth. It would take us a few years to consistently gather 20 or so youth every Sunday evening in the room that is now the dressing sacristy. Over these early years, this room would fill and overflow with youth sitting on the floor, mashed together on the couches and even sitting in chairs outside the double doors that opened to the social hall.

Tommy and I volunteered together for about three and a half years until I was hired in the summer of 1999. It's hard to believe that next Saturday's liturgy is the kick-off to what is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year-long celebration of St. Mary Magdalen Church.

Whether you are long-time members or you are new to the parish, I invite you to reflect on what this parish means to you and your family. It has become home for us; a community of lasting friendships and family, a place of love and acceptance. How is the community of St. Mary Magdalen an important part of your family?

**Our summer service trip** with the National Relief Network is the week of July 29. Keep an eye on this bulletin column for more details.

**Starting February 11**, we will be joining the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation prep class for a parish-wide Youth Alpha. The video led program is an opportunity to grow in relationship with Jesus and with one another through small group table discussion. Consistent attendance for the program is necessary as each week builds on the last. All 9<sup>th</sup> graders will participate through their prep class; all other youth should register with Margaret Callaghan at [yminister1@gmail.com](mailto:yminister1@gmail.com).

**Our annual Winter Weekend Getaway** is January 26-28. Contact Margaret at the above mentioned email address to get signed up.

**EDGE** is a middle school youth group for students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our meetings for January are Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Margaret Callaghan at [yminister1@gmail.com](mailto:yminister1@gmail.com) with any questions.



**OF FAITH AND SERVICE**

Sr. Joyce Hoile, OSF

**Happy New Year & Thank You!** I thank each of you for your care and prayers for me while I was away recovering. I experienced your support in my healing. I am now gratefully back and of service to you. Please let me know your needs. Please know my love, prayers, and gratitude are with you.

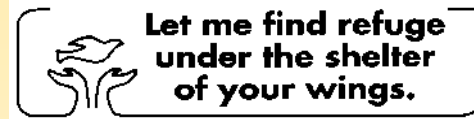
**Handouts: Plan to Evangelize** This weekend, you are receiving a plan to evangelize. Please read it and pray about who you will ask and how you will do your part. Are you willing to accompany someone on his/her journey toward a deeper knowing and service of our God? Are you, at this time, willing to trust God working in you? Note that God is bigger than any of our understanding of Him. And know you will benefit from it as well.

**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 have a desire to go deeper in living your faith? Do you want to feel a sense of belonging, friendship, giving as well as receiving? If so, please join Sister Joyce and Father Dave **Friday, January 19, 7 pm** so we may hear your interests and concerns. Please come!

 **ALPHA @ ST. MARY MAGDALEN**  
Wednesdays 10am-12pm  
Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm 

Would you like to start the new year exploring your faith? Are you wondering where Christ fits into your life? Do you sometimes feel disconnected from your faith?

**Starting January 10 & 11** Alpha begins at St. Mary Magdalen. Alpha includes a meal (continental breakfast or simple dinner), a short video, and time for small group sharing. Take this time to refresh and renew your faith and meet others in our St. Mary Magdalen family. Childcare is available. Registration forms are in the Gathering Space under the large white and red Question Marks. Drop forms in the Alpha Box located in the Gathering Space, mail to the office, or email to [alpha@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:alpha@saintmarymagdalen.org). Questions? Please call Sandi in the church office at 810-229-8624.

**CHARITY & JUSTICE****Shelter the Homeless!**

The Severe Weather Network provides refuge for individuals struggling with homelessness in Livingston County. 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.

Training will be provided. Please sign up in the gathering area at the Charity and Justice table, where more details are available!

Contact [lisaklein44@gmail.com](mailto:lisaklein44@gmail.com) with any questions.

*Marriage  
& Banns*

*11 Rebecca Taylor & Frazer Burton*

**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. In cases where Religious Formation is cancelled during the school day, we will notify each family by email. If you have a change of email or phone numbers please get them to our office. [sect2@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:sect2@saintmarymagdalen.org)



*With  
Sympathy*

**Please remember in your prayers:**

*Chris Wisniewski and family, in the death of her uncle, Jerry Carb.*

*Clarence Kroll and family, in the death of his brother, Ronald Kroll.*



**PHOTOS!!!!**

If you have photos you took at parish events, at ministries in action, etc., please email to: [photos@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:photos@saintmarymagdalen.org).  
(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!!

**Card Making Class**

**Tuesday, January 9, at 1 pm**

Class is taught by a professional instructor and the \$5 fee includes all materials. You will make three cards and it is asked that you donate one birthday card to Meals On Wheels. Please consider helping us put a smile on the face of a client by joining this fun class. Please call Pam at 810-772-8252 to register so we have enough materials available.



**MEN'S RETREAT**

January 19, 20 and 21, 2018  
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.

**ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**

Mon. Jan. 8	7:00 pm	Edge
	8:30 pm	Men's Basketball
Tue. Jan. 9	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wed. Jan. 10	4:30 pm	Religious Formation
	6:00 pm	Hartland Eagles
Baseball		
Thu. Jan. 11	8:30 pm	Men's Basketball
Fri. Jan. 12	_____	_____
Sat. Jan. 13	_____	_____
Sun. Jan. 14	7:00 pm	Youth Group

**WELLNESS QUOTE**

Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.

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**MINISTERS OF PRAYER**

- Sun. Jan. 7 Lisa Klein
- Mon. Jan. 8 Bruce Dehanke, Bob & Pat Metz
- Tues. Jan. 9 Diane Davidson, Mary Ann Hargrave
- Wed. Jan. 10 Joe Lubig
- Thur. Jan. 11 Ginny & Clarence Kroll, Kathy Riccardi
- Fri. Jan. 12 Lynn Pfaff
- Sat. Jan. 13 Michele Sixbery



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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY  
EVENTS & HAPPENINGS FOR THOSE 18-35**



**[www.livingstonyam.com](http://www.livingstonyam.com)**

***i.d. 9:16 LIVINGSTON DISCIPLES' NIGHT  
Special LIVE Event....Come ask a priest!***

***Thursday, January 11***

***St. Joseph Howell***

*6:30 pm Mass with Fr. John Rocus*

*followed by Dinner and 8:00 pm Live Talk & Discussion*

*Don't miss this chance to get your questions answered - LIVE!*

*Visit [www.livingstonyam.com](http://www.livingstonyam.com) for more info or find us on Facebook.*

***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*

*[livingstonyam@gmail.com](mailto:livingstonyam@gmail.com)*

**Livingston Vicariate Monthly  
Catholic MEN's Night**

*"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."*

[St. Patrick Church, 711 Rickett Rd., Brighton 48116](#)

**Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

Prayer at 6:15 pm Mass at 7:00 pm Speaker at 7:30 pm

The Men of our area gather on the Third Thursday of each month to grow in faith, discipleship and brotherhood with prayer, Mass, and a dynamic speaker presentation of relevance. Come, join us to be strengthened in community, with reflection and practical application to grow in discipleship and live as a faith-filled man. We finish with great food, beverages and fellowship. Women are welcome to attend the mass.

**January Speaker of the Month: Fr. Mark Rutherford**

Fr. Mark currently serves as Pastor of St. Mary, Williamston, and was formerly Parochial Vicar at St. Patrick, Brighton. He is known for his charismatic preaching as an authentic witness to a personal relationship with Jesus and docility to the Holy Spirit. Fr. Mark will give an inspiring talk on living out your calling to discipleship amidst the attacks of our millennial culture. Men of all ages are of course encouraged to attend, but Fr. Mark especially invites young men to come for this talk, to engage and encounter Christ, and to be equipped to live out your faith in our shared battle.