



FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Saint Mary Magdalen

WITNESSING TO THE RESURRECTION

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday8:30am–8:30pm
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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 4:30pm • Sunday 9 & 11am

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ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

AGAIN, MANY THANKS When I returned from my vacation, MaryAnna's daughters Kate and Kayla came over, and we went through all the sympathy cards and notes we had received. (Quite frankly, I never knew there were so many different sympathy cards!) We were very touched and set them aside to read over again later.

We have begun the process of writing the thank you notes for the memorial gifts and to those who were with us for the visitation and funeral. (Kate & Kayla know that their grandparents – my parents – would haunt us if we did not do that!)

Again, thank you for your all support and kindness to my family and myself as we dealt with my sister's death and funeral. The people of this parish have truly been a blessing to me and my family.

LENT begins this week with Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. It begins a forty day journey to the most important days of our salvation: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (often known the Latin name: Triduum - Three days).

Four different services will offer the community the opportunity to come together and pray. At each of them the participants will be marked with ashes as a sign of our desire to become more faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus.

Morning Prayer - 7 am Liturgy - 9 am
Evening Prayer - 5 pm Liturgy - 7 pm

LENT: A TIME FOR GROWTH The word Lent comes from an Old English word that means spring – and spring is a time of growth!

In his Second Letter to Timothy (4:6), St. Paul says "... *the time of my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have run the race, I have kept the faith.*" I have been intrigued by this passage as St. Paul compares his life, our lives, as a race. Later on he will say that he keeps the finish line in sight.

With this analogy in mind, one might say that Lent is "Spring Training" for Christians! It offers 40 days to become better people, better followers of the Lord Jesus. That makes Lent a time to stretch, a time to work out and get stronger, a time to practice the fundamentals of Christian life!

So if Lent is spring training for Christians, it would be a good idea for us to consider what we will do. Traditionally, as we will hear on Ash Wednesday, three fundamental Christian practices should be a part of our Lenten Spring Training: prayer, being more charitable to others (alms-giving) and penance. Penance is disciplining myself to live in a way that makes me a better follower of Christ.

It would be good to come up with a plan now. Don't start Spring Training (Lent) without one!

Fr. Dave Howell

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**February 12, Monday**

Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

9:00 am + Diane Wetzel

February 13, Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

9:00 am Communion Service

February 14, Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/ 2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

7:00 am Morning Prayer

9:00 am RCIA Candidates and Catechumen

5:00 pm Evening Prayer

7:00 pm + Frank J. Howell

February 15, Thursday

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

9:00 am + Sharlene Grzywacz

February 16, Friday

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

9:00 am + George and Ruth Bennett

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

February 17, Saturday

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

February 18, First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15/ 1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

4:30 pm Vigil St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

9:00 am + Mary Kubek

11:00 am + Mary Ann Bice

4:00pm Vespers

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**Genesis 9: 8-15**

Today's reading from Genesis takes place after the story of Noah and the great flood. Israelite people of long ago saw the rainbow as a symbol of a Warrior-God hanging up his hunting bow as a peaceful gesture. The rainbow symbolizes the solemn promise that God made to Noah.

1 Peter 3: 18-22

This reading reminds us that just as Noah was saved through the ark, we are saved through Baptism. Early Christians believed that those who died before the coming of Jesus awaited redemption in a shadowy existence described here as a prison. When we say in the Apostles Creed that "Jesus descended into hell," we are saying that Jesus went to announce to those waiting in that "prison" that they had been saved.

Mark 1: 12-15

For Mark, the immediacy of events is significant. The temptation of Jesus needed to take place at this time to hasten the beginning of his public ministry in which he would proclaim that the Kingdom of God is near. The choice of this Gospel story coincides with the Christian community's beginning its wanderings in the desert of the 40 Days of Lent.

Reflect: In what ways can you identify with Jesus in the desert during this Lenten period?

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 2/4/2018

Approximately 1148 people participated
 Env/Cash \$ 20,515
 EFT/Online \$ 20,677
TOTAL \$ 41,192
 Children's Collection \$ 45.33

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 12

9:00 am Preschool
 9:45 am Yoga
 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen
 6:00 pm Alpha Core
 7:00 pm 25th Anniversary Meeting
 7:00 pm Properties
 7:00 pm EDGE

Tuesday, February 13

9:00 am Preschool
 1:00 pm MOW Card Making
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee
 7:00 pm Charity and Justice

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Morning Prayer with Ashes
 9:00 am Liturgy with Ashes
 9:00 am Preschool
 9:15 am MOMS Group
 10:00 am Alpha
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
 5:00 pm Evening Prayer with Ashes
 7:00 pm Liturgy with Ashes
 7:00 pm RCIA
 8:00 pm Finance Council

Thursday, February 15

9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Beginner Meditation
 5:30 pm Alpha Leaders
 6:30 pm Alpha
 7:00 pm Beginner Meditation
 7:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, February 16

9:00 am No Preschool
 9:45 am Yoga
 6:00 pm Soup and Bread Supper
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 17

8:45 am Solemn Penance Retreat

Sunday, February 18

9:00 am Family Program
 10:20 am Kindergarten Formation
 11:00 am RCIA
 12:15 am Home Study Check In
 12:30pm Adoration
 4:00pm Vespers
 6:30 pm Youth Alpha (Confirmation Candidates & Registered Youth)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sue Beaumont	Jean Mayer
Taylor Brake	Rosemary McCuan
Jeanne & Eugene Buel	Dennis McCusker
Larry Buslepp	Ginny McMullen
Linda Coffman	Tom McSweeney
Carol Conklin	Emily Metcalf
Hugh Conahan	Diane Morrison
Melody Cook	Michelle Neiswan
Keith Craffey	Peggy Ortiz
Cienna Ditri	Stan Osdras
Sean English	Sam Petrocella
James Farhat	Karen Polcyn
Bill Gamble	Ron Sherman
Rosemary Gamble	Matt Siragusa
Nelson Gonzales	Norah Standen
Greg Grech	Ron Summers
David Grinnell	Marylyn Trader
Barb Hemmi	Michelle Turner
Julia Herrell	Frank Wilhelm
Karen Johnson	Alexander Zaplitny
Kathleen Konley	Tom Zremski
Herb Langer	Anthony
Justina Laginess	Chris
Robert Laginess	David
Kelly Luck	Emily
Gwen Maes	Jim
Irv Mahoney	Kathy
Darlene March	Mary
Rita Marcy	Matt



Remember to bring last year's palms to the basket at the statue of St. Mary Magdalen. They will be burned on Ash Wednesday and the ashes will be used throughout Lent.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Roxanne Hundsrucker

Ash Wednesday & Valentine's Day

This week we celebrate Valentine's Day on Ash Wednesday. What does that mean to us Catholics? Well, to most children it will be business as usual during the day. They will celebrate with candy and paper Valentines at school of course. But, hopefully, they will all join us in the Church in the evening for ashes. We will gather in church for a prayer service at 5 pm and at 7 pm for Liturgy.

The Three Pillars of Lent are **Prayer, Fasting, and Alms giving**. Instead of just giving up something for Lent, possibly prepare your Lenten Journey by applying something that incorporates all three of these pillars in your daily routine. Lent is a great time to take up a traditional Catholic prayer such as the Rosary, Morning Offering, Evening Prayer, Adoration or other. We are called as Catholics to fast from meat on certain days but we can fast from other things as well. This 40 day journey can be anything we want it to be, but if we want to grow in our faith it is necessary to participate.

Solemn Penance Retreat

Next Saturday we will be joined by about sixty 4th graders and their parents as we celebrate a morning retreat in preparation for the sacrament of Solemn Penance. All children are prepared to celebrate a simple penance prior to receiving the sacrament of First Eucharist, or First Holy Communion. We then prepare the children in 3rd and 4th grade to prepare for a deeper penance or confession. This is a very good formation component to help the children of the parish community continue to attend yearly with their parents during the season of Lent.

Journey With Jesus St MM Vacation Bible School

As we begin planning for this summer's JWJ, we are looking for 3-4 new members for our adult core team. Please do not assume that others have already stepped forward to join our team. If you have children that participate and you are not working the week of JWJ, please join our team because we really need your support! Journey with Jesus will be the week of July 30– August 3, 2018.

**YOUTH NEWS**

Margaret Callaghan

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, contact me, Margaret Callaghan, in the office at 810-229-8624 or by email at yminister1@gmail.com for all the information and to get signed up.



I have two opportunities for you to volunteer: Fri., Feb. 23, and Sat March 10, both at the Center for Hope Warming Center in Flint. I will need about 10-12 volunteers for each date. In February, we'll be working in the clothes closet and in March we'll be making and serving lunch. If you are feeling cluttered and want to purge a few things, I will be collecting blankets, lap blankets, old gently used comforters, and even old sleeping bags for the warming center. Purge away! I will take them with me on the 23rd.

The highly anticipated Youth Alpha program starts this weekend. The YG and the 9th grade Confirmation prep students will participate in this program together. Please arrive at 6:15 pm to get signed in. It will end at 8:30 with the option of hanging out till 9 pm in the youth room and open gym.



Take some time to reflect on how you will spend your Lent. Ash Wednesday is this week which begins our journey of self-reflection, discipline, sacrifice and living simply. Liturgies for Ash Wednesday will be at 9 am and 7 pm.

EDGE

EDGE meets again on Monday, February 12, 7-8:30 pm. Your student will be bringing home information for the Middle School Rally put on by the Diocese of Lansing on Saturday, March 10th. It all takes place in Jackson at Lumen Christi High School, 9:30-5 pm. Early bird pricing due before Feb. 23rd is \$30, after that the cost will be \$40.

Please remember in your prayers:

Susan Eagle and family in the death of her brother, Greg Kalwasinski.

OF FAITH AND SERVICE

Sr. Joyce Hoile, OSF

**Soup and Bread Suppers**

Again this year we will have a Lenten Soup Supper at 6 pm on Fridays during Lent, prior to the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm. The alms received from the meals will go to Magdalen's Kitchen. Families, couples, and sin-

gles, take the opportunity at least once for a break from cooking and to enjoy a simple meal together in the name of Christ's poor. Please sign up if you are coming and/or can bring meatless soup or breads.

50 + Seniors Annual Lenten Retreat

St. Agnes Parish in Fowlerville will host our Retreat this year and provide lunch on Wednesday, February 21. Father David Rosenberg, from St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, will give two talks: "Praying as Jesus Taught us: Prayers of Adoration" and "Prayers of Mission and Petition". Tickets for \$9 are required, covering the lunch and speaker. Tickets are limited so please see Sr. Joyce soon to reserve or purchase your ticket. Cash is accepted and, if writing a check, make it payable to LCCC (Livingston County Catholic Charities).

Adult Confirmation Classes

Any Adult or High School Student who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, at the 11 am Mass is invited to attend 6 preparatory classes. They will be here at St. Mary Magdalen, Tuesday evenings, 7-9pm, April 10 – May 15. High School Students must have permission from their Pastor. Please contact Sr. Joyce if interested.

*Sister Joyce***25th Anniversary**
Pictorial Directory

Please be a part of our new family directory program. Photography dates are: April 24th through May 5th. Sign up after Masses in the Gathering Area beginning February 11 or online Monday through Friday using the "New Parish Directory" link at www.saintmarymagdalen.org. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You are not obligated to purchase any photographs taken. Please feel free to customize your portrait by bringing your pet or a family keepsake (e.g. family Bible). More information will be available online or when you sign up after Mass.

**Welcome Newly Baptized**

Lillian Louise Ratliff, parents are Kate & Jonathon; Brody Michael Karowski, parents are Kelly & Brett; Louis Robert Friske, parents are Katheryne & Kyle; and Kit Antonino Cavaleri, parents are Brianna & Nick.

CHARITY & JUSTICE

**Let me find refuge
under the shelter
of your wings.**

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

Shelter the Homeless during the cold winter months! We need volunteers to help provide staffing for the Severe Weather Center the week of **Feb. 25-Mar. 3**. Our parish will provide food, transportation and chaperones! Details and signup sheets are in the gathering area, or sign up online at: <https://form.jotform.com/73595446411157>. Direct questions to Lisa Klein, lisaklein44@gmail.com or 810-599-9708.

Senior Giving Tree

The Senior Giving Tree will be set up in the Gathering Space beginning Ash Wednesday until Easter week. If you would like to help our less fortunate seniors, please take a tag from the tree. Place your donation with the tag attached under the tree and if you are purchasing gift cards, please attach tag to card and put in the box under the tree. With your generous support, we can bring a little help to our seniors this Lenten season. If you have any questions, contact Jeanne Penneau at 920-840-0092.

**Magdalen's Kitchen Sign-Up**

Names of those interested in serving at Magdalen's Kitchen for the Mondays of the second half of February and all of March are being accepted. Assistant cooks, set-up/server/clean-up, dish washing, desserts, and sub positions are needed. Sign-up sheets are organized by date and are on the Charity & Justice table in the Gathering Space. Reminder slips are available to remind you of your commitment. **Please list the email address or phone number you can be contacted at.** A reminder will be sent to you prior to the date you are volunteering. Volunteers must be middle school age or older to fill a server or dish washer position and 18 or older to fill an assistant cook position.

**Baby Bottles - Baby Bottles -
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Question: Why are baby bottles all over the Gathering Space?

Answer: They are there for **YOU** to take home and fill with your change (bills will do also).

Return them to the Gathering Space or to Deacon Dave's office for delivery to Pregnancy Help Line to combat sometimes-unwanted pregnancies.

Do you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on **3/12/2018 at St. Mary Magdalen Church**. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.livelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.**



GYM ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Mon. Feb. 12	7:00 pm	EDGE
	8:30 pm	Men's Basketball
Tue. Feb. 13	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wed. Feb. 14	6:00 pm	Hartland Eagles
		Baseball
Thu. Feb. 15	8:30 pm	Men's Basketball
Fri. Feb. 16	_____	_____
Sat. Feb. 17	_____	_____
Sun. Feb. 18	9:00 am	Family Program
	9:30 am	Blood Drive
	6:15 pm	Youth Alpha

BLOOD DRIVE - St. Mary Magdalen
Sunday, February 18
9:30 am -3:15 pm



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MINISTERS OF PRAYER

- Sun. Feb. 11 Kyle Geran, Jerry Dolkowski
- Mon. Feb.12 Mary Bidinger, Cass & Ros Wodarski, Janice Finn
- Tues. Feb. 13 Matthew Kroll, Rachel Tuzinsky
- Wed. Feb. 14 Pat & Gale Harris
- Thur. Feb. 15 Bob & Dawn Gustitus, Madelyn Gostomski
- Fri. Feb. 16 Jean Glowacki
- Sat. Feb. 17 Don & Betty Gehan



CONSIDER SPIRITUAL DIRECTION DURING LENT

For this upcoming Lenten season consider spiritual direction to help you explore and discern your growth in living a deeper way of Christian life. Spiritual direction is about seeing life in the light of faith to find God in all things. It is confidential, sacred conversation between an individual and a spiritual director.

If you are nudged by the Spirit to inquire more about this beautiful experience please contact Linda Chevalier 810.229.9734 chevalierlinda@att.net.

Help Wanted--Female Caregiver

We are looking for a female caregiver to help with a Catholic woman in Brighton needing assistance with walking, getting up and down stairs, preparing meals, transporting her to and from physical therapy in Novi, etc. We are looking for help Monday through Friday, either part-time or full time. If you are interested, kindly contact Linda Sharkey by phone at 313-909-1409.

**MEDITATION FOR BEGINNERS**

God is speaking to you, but are you listening? Here is a class that will teach you how. Our parishioner, Darlene March, will offer a class for those who wish to learn centering meditation in silence and emptiness. Please join her in the **Rectory Basement** on **THURSDAY, FEB. 15, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, or in the evening, from **7 p.m. - 10 p.m.** You don't need to bring anything; just wear comfortable clothes. No sign up necessary-- just come. For questions, please contact Darlene March at ddmarch56@gmail.com.

Card Making Class

Tuesday, February 13, 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 the instructor, Pam, at 810-772-8252 to register so we have enough materials available.

