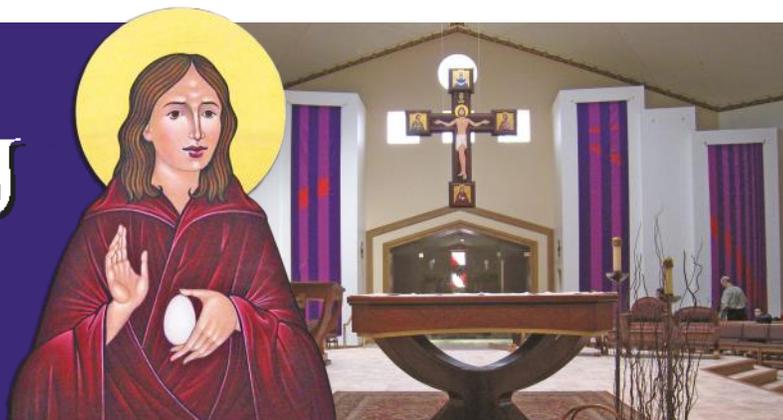


Saint Mary Magdalen



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday: 4:30pm • Sunday: 9 & 11am

Weekday Liturgies: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 9am

• Wednesday: 7pm

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday: 11am–12noon

Infant Baptism: Call Erin Wolfe.

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

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LENT



ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

LENT: A TIME TO PRAY TOGETHER! In the Gospel of Ash Wednesday, Jesus told us of three different ways we can grow to be more like Him: prayer, fasting and sharing with others. (Mt. 6)

Unfortunately, many people think of prayer as a *solo project*. Yet Jesus said “where two or more are gathered in prayer...” Moreover, He taught us to pray “Our Father” – not my Father. While it is important we develop a deep and rich personal prayer life, it is also important we develop a deep and rich communal prayer life. Hopefully parents pray before meals and at bed time with their children; and even more importantly, couples pray together.

Our community offers three ways for you to come together to pray with your fellow parishioners. **Monday Evening Prayer** offers a half hour of communal and contemplative prayer along with a Scriptural reflection offered by a fellow parishioner. **Weekday Eucharist** is celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays at 9 am and Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. (Weekday Liturgies are simpler and last about 30 minutes.) **Friday Stations of the Cross** provide an opportunity for us to walk those last hours of Jesus’ life so that we can witness and become witnesses of the love He shows us. During the journey, one of our parishioners will share a reflection with us on one of the stations. I hope you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to share in communal prayer.

DIFFERENT VOICES During the season of Lent, a reflection from our own parishioners will be a part of Evening Prayer on Mondays and at the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. I hope you will join us in prayer and be inspired by the heartfelt reflections of these men and women from our community.

EARLY THURSDAY MORNING LITURGY I received a request to have a 7 am Liturgy on Thursday (about 20 minutes long). If you are interested send me an email. I would add it to the schedule. I will also need a reader.

WHY FORTY? In Noah’s time, sin had become so pervasive, that God sent rain for 40 days and nights. The resulting flood made an end of sin and God “started over”. After their great escape from slavery in Egypt, the Jews wandered 40 years in the desert as God formed them into “God’s people”. Jesus spent 40 days in fasting and prayer to prepare for His mission. After His resurrection, He appeared to His disciples over 40 days before ascending into heaven.

What is so special about 40? It is a number in the Scriptures that both indicates and celebrates change – and that is what Lent is about. It is 40 days of fasting (giving up), prayer (giving in to God) and charity (giving away what was given up)! Lent is the original call to Christ’s disciples to live a purpose driven life!

DEEPLY HONORED I would like to thank all those who planned last Saturday’s surprise party! Yes, I was surprised! In addition, I want to thank all those who provided food, served and set up & cleaned up! I was deeply honored by the large number of people who attended, the large number of people who expressed their regret for not being able to be there and by all the kind comments that were made to me, both in person and by card and notes. Your kindness will warm my heart through the bitter cold of winter and far beyond.

Fr. Dave Howell

THIS WEEK’S LITURGIES

February 19, Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

9:00 am + Nives MacDonald

7:00 pm Evening Prayer

February 20, Tuesday

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

9:00 am + MaryAnna Horkan

February 21, Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

7:00 pm + Mass of Remembering

February 22, Thursday, The Chair of Saint Peter the

Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

9:00 am Mary Cohen

February 23, Friday

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

9:00 am + Janina Sabat

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

February 24, Saturday

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

February 25, Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

4:30 pm Vigil + Edward Howell

9:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

11:00 am + Maria Senchuk

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Events in today’s reading took place approximately 1800 years before Christ. In that pagan culture, child sacrifice was common. That’s why Abraham believed God wanted him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Later generations constantly looked back to this event as Abraham’s great faith.

Romans 8:31-34

Today’s reading is part of a hymn that celebrates God’s love and which concludes the eighth chapter of Paul’s letter to the Romans. In our first reading, we heard how God spared Abraham’s only son; in this passage we will hear how, out of love for us, God did not spare His only son.

Mark 9:2-10

On the second Sunday of Lent, we always hear the story of the transfiguration. Mark is concerned with the true identity and mission of Jesus. He is also concerned with mistaken notions about Jesus. His resolution comes only at the end of the story but is hinted at in every scene.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sue Beaumont	Diane Milosek
Taylor Brake	Diane Morrison
Jeanne & Eugene Buel	Michelle Neiswan
Larry Buslepp	Peggy Ortiz
Linda Coffman	Stan Osdras
Carol Conklin	Sam Petrocella
Hugh Conahan	Ron Sherman
Melody Cook	Matt Siragusa
Cienna Ditri	Norah Standen
Sean English	Ron Summers
James Farhat	Marylyn Trader
Nelson Gonzales	Michelle Turner
David Grinnell	Bill Wertz
Barb Hemmi	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
Rosemary McCuan	Mary
Tom McSweeney	Matt

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 19

8:30 am	Livingston County Catholic Charities
9:00 am	Preschool
9:45 am	Yoga
6:00 pm	Magdalen's Kitchen
6:00 pm	Alpha Core
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer
7:30 pm	K of C Planning

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

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
7:00 pm	Mass of Remembering
7:30 pm	Pastoral Council

Thursday, February 22

9:00 am	Preschool
5:30 pm	Religious Formation (except 4th graders)
5:30 pm	Alpha Leaders
6:30 pm	Solemn & Family Penance
6:30 pm	Alpha
7:30 pm	Music Ministry

Friday, February 23

9:00 am	Preschool
9:45 am	Yoga
6:00 pm	Soup and Bread Supper
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24

7:30 am	Men's Breakfast
9:00 am	Prayer Alpha Training
10:00 am	Solemn Penance
5:30 pm	K of C Spaghetti Dinner
6:30 pm	Euchre Tournament

Sunday, February 25

9:00 am	RCIA
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Girl Scout Cookie Sales Before and After Masses



MASS OF REMEMBERING

The monthly Mass of Remembering will take place this Wednesday, February 21, at 7 pm. Liturgy is offered for deceased parishioners and relatives, especially: Ronald Kroll, MaryAnna Horkan, Jerry Carb, Larry Minton, Michelle Schmid, Patrick Doyle, William J. Watson, Marilyn "Diane" Wetzal, Todd Thompson, Pat Quain, Edward Maciarz, Robert Skarupinski, Donald Meehan, Dr. Edward A. Loniewski, Judith Kafkakis, and Mary Jane Stevens.



Please remember in your prayers:

Steve Becker and family in the death of his sister, Julie Fredrick.
 Marsha McBride in the death of her husband, John.
 Tom Chounard and family in the death of his father, Joel Chouinard.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 2/11/2018

Approximately 1203 people participated	
Env/Cash	\$ 11,990
EFT/Online	\$ 5,998
TOTAL	\$ 17,988
Children's Collection	\$ 31.11



BLOOD DRIVE - St. Mary Magdalen

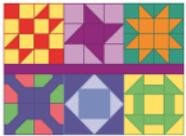
**TODAY, Sunday, February 18
 9:30 am - 3:15 pm**

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Roxanne Hundsrucker

Family Penance ~ Solemn Penance Service

This Thursday evening at 6:30 pm and this Saturday at 10:00 am we will celebrate our Family Penance Service. All families are encouraged to join us in celebrating this sacrament together prior to Easter. At this Service our fourth graders will celebrate Solemn Penance. In the years following First Penance, we continue to teach the children a deeper understanding of our sinful behaviors, and prepare them to participate in a more mature way of confessing their sins and receiving the sacrament of healing through reconciliation. Families with children in fourth grade and older that are unable to attend one of the above services, please check the bulletin for dates and times of the regional Penance Services during Lent.

**Religious Formation & Pre-School Paper Quilts**

In celebration of the parish's 25 year anniversary, the children have each had the opportunity to decorate a square which have been assembled into two beautiful paper quilts; one representing the religious formation program and the other representing Magdalen's Pre-school. The theme is "What does St. Mary Magdalen mean to Me?" Our children were very creative and enjoyed the activity. Please come see the quilts after Liturgy if you have not already, and stay for coffee & donuts.

Religious Formation Bulletin Board

Starting this week we will begin building "Our Lenten Journey" on the Religious Formation Bulletin Board in the West Wing. All students in the Wednesday / Thursday religious formation traditional program, Home Study students, along with the children and adults in the Family Program will have the opportunity to add an item to the board each class period that will create a mosaic mural. We will explore the three pillars of Lent which are; *Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving*. On Palm Sunday, during Holy Week and throughout the Easter Season we will invite members of the parish to come see our expression of Faith through community creativity.

This will be our fourth themed project of the year. First we had a Fall theme in which everyone added things they were thankful for, next our theme was Advent, in which we added items that brought us Hope, Joy, Peace, and Faith. The third project was the paper quilt where the children each made a square that represented what St. MM means to them personally. There will be photos on display of all four projects at the end of the Religious Formation year.

YOUTH NEWS

Margaret Callaghan

**Our summer work service trip with the NRN is July 28-August 3.**

If you are new to the program and would like to learn more about the experience, contact 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: Friday, February 23, and Saturday, 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 February 23!

The first Youth Alpha session last week went well. The initial feedback was positive. With all new programs there are glitches to sort through but overall it went well. We will start at 6:30 and be done by 8:15. Next week, February 25, we are NOT meeting. See you tonight for session two at 6:30!

EDGE

We meet again on February 26. It is our annual **EDGE Night Out**. This year we are planning to see a movie in Brighton. Watch your email and next week's bulletin for details.



Your student should have 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 am-5 pm. Early bird pricing due before February 23 is \$30, after that the cost will be \$40.

**Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers Needed For U of M Medical Center**

If you can help out 1 - 2 hours per week, please contact Deacon Wayne Charlton at 734-763-2418 or email him at deaconwc@med.umich.edu.

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 24 through May 5**. 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.

*Church Code: MI1068 Password: pictures

CHARITY & JUSTICE



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 chap-erones! Details and signup sheets are in the gathering area, or you can 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. Please 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 marked 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.

**Tickets on Sale Now!
Salute to the Stars & Celebrity
Dance Competition March 3rd at
Crystal Gardens**

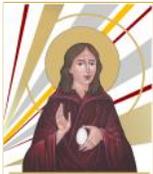


Livingston County Catholic Charities presents the 5th annual Dance Competition at their Salute to the Stars event. Dance teams are:

- Peggi & Michael Bourke**
- Leslie & Sam Johnson**
- Tracy Patterson & Branden Cathey**
- Lynne Smelser & Michael Gackler**
- Kelly Roth & Eric Guerin**

Additionally, LCCC will be honoring community volunteer **Diane Shields** at the event. For more information, to become a sponsor or to purchase tickets visit www.livingstoncatholiccharities.org or call Julie or Gudrun at 517-545-5944. RSVP by Feb. 23, 2018.

Come & Join the Fun!



STORIES of the PARISH

We are looking for stories of how the parish has been important to you and your family.



Send us yours! Email your story to our Story Editor, Skip Dorrington: maskip25@gmail.com. We will share them with the community throughout 2018 to celebrate our anniversary. Thanks!

OUR PARISH YOUTH GROUP INSPIRED OUR SON'S FAITH

I'd like to share the story of how St. Mary Magdalen and its Youth Group helped shape my son Tim's life. We moved to Brighton from Kentucky in August of 1993 on my son's 13th birthday. We joined another parish, where Tim started participating in their CCD program. He immediately started complaining and wanted to drop out. Since he had never complained or expressed negative comments about his previous CCD experiences, I paid attention to what he was saying.

When Father Dave came to Brighton and announced he would be starting a new Catholic church in Brighton, I saw it as an opportunity. We followed Fr. Dave and attended mass at the Hartland middle school and became what are now considered "original members".

From his first day of attending CCD at St. Mary Magdalen, I never heard anything but positive comments from my son. Tim was in the first confirmation class and was one of the first Youth Group leaders. As a youth group leader, St. Mary Magdalen sent him to St. Thomas Aquinas College in Grand Rapids for a leadership conference. His experience at the Youth Leadership conference at Aquinas led him to apply to college there. Frankly, it was the only place he was interested in attending. He loved his four years at Aquinas and graduated with honors. He then applied to law schools and chose Ave Maria in Ann Arbor. This young man has a strong Catholic faith.

Tim became very close friends with the other male Youth Group leader at St. MM and they stayed in contact after high school. After passing the bar exam, Tim moved to Savannah, Georgia where his friend was living. Tim worked in a law firm there but wasn't comfortable going into prisons and defending criminals. In less than a year in Savannah, he had made a good impression on the local District Attorney and was offered a job. He continues to work as an A.D.A. in Savannah.

He shares his time and talent with the Savannah community and attends Mass weekly at the cathedral downtown. It is my belief that Fr. Dave, St. Mary Magdalen's Youth Group, and its youth ministers, Margaret and Tom Callaghan, made a positive impression on my son. Tim has always thought highly of Margaret and Tom and visits them when he is in town. It is my hope that this story will inspire other parents to encourage their children to become involved in our Youth Group. They, too, will benefit from the positive experiences it offers.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

- Sun. Feb. 18 Luigi & Adriana Milani, Dennis Wagener
- Mon. Feb. 19 Barb Dolkowski, Pete Kelly, Joyce Muchler
- Tues. Feb. 20 Joe & Barb Kowal
- Wed. Feb. 21 Lisa Pajtas
- Thu. Feb. 22 Jim Hynes
- Fri. Feb. 23 Volunteer
- Sat. Feb. 24 Volunteer



WELLNESS QUOTE

To thrive in life you need three bones: A wishbone, a backbone, and a funny bone.

Baby Bottles - Baby Bottles - Baby Bottles



All through Lent, fill a baby bottle with your change and remember bills will do also.

Pick them up in the Gathering Space and **return them to the Charity & Justice table or to Deacon Dave's office** for delivery to Pregnancy Help Line to combat sometimes-unwanted pregnancies.

Missing Your Meds?



Do you take any medications or supplements while at church? If so, we ask that you take precautions when doing so. Occasionally, we find pills lying on the floor in the worship space and are concerned that children may discover them and mistake them for candy. Remember, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!"

GYM ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Mon. Feb. 19	8:30 pm	Men's Basketball
Tue. Feb. 20	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wed. Feb. 21	4:30 pm	Religious Formation
	6:00 pm	Hartland Eagles
		Baseball
Thu. Feb. 22	8:30 pm	Men's Basketball
Fri. Feb. 23	_____	_____
Sat. Feb. 24	_____	_____
Sun. Feb. 25	_____	_____

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. 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.**



**LIVINGSTON YAM:
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
EVENTS & HAPPENINGS FOR THOSE 18-35**
www.livingstonyam.com

MONTHLY MASS & DINNER
Sunday, February 25
5pm Mass @ St. Joseph, Howell
6:30pm Dinner @ Panera
3950 E Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843



**St. Mary Magdalen
SPAGHETTI DINNER**
Saturday, February 24
5 - 7pm

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.