

# Saint Mary Magdalen



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 4, 2018**

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday: 4:30pm • Sunday: 9 & 11am

**Weekday Liturgies:** Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 9am • Wed: 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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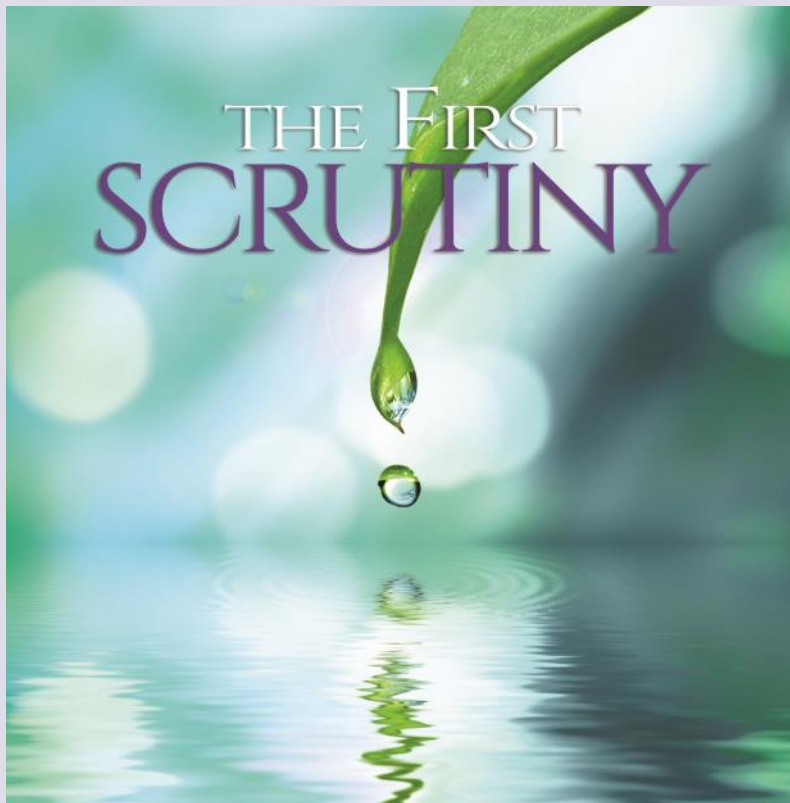
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Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth.” *Jn. 4:21, 23a*

## ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

**THE READINGS OF LENT** There are 3 sets of readings for the Sunday Liturgies: Cycles A, B & C. Each cycle uses a different Gospel; A is Matthew, B is Mark and C is Luke; and the Gospel of John is used in parts of all three cycles, especially B, because the Gospel of Mark is the shortest (less than half of either Matthew or Luke.)

This year the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent are from Cycle A, rather than B, because we have several catechumen preparing for the Sacraments celebrated at the Easter Vigil (the most important Liturgy of the whole year!) The Gospels of these 3 Sundays are from John and invite us to reflect on the 3 Sacraments the catechumen will receive on Holy Saturday: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

This Sunday we meet the nameless Samaritan woman at the well in Shechem. Her thirst for love will lead her to seek the love of six men; but she only finds the love she longs for when she meets the seventh man: Jesus. Can we understand her search? Do we have anything in common with her?

**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. This week's reflections will be given by Jenny Denyer on Monday and George Schultz on Friday. Please join us in prayer and be inspired by their heartfelt reflections.

**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.

**CELEBRATING PENANCE** During Lent, our penances, prayer and reflection should make us more aware of the sin that separates us from God, each other and even our better selves. In the Sacrament of Penance, we are like people who go to the doctor after discovering that some illness has diminished their good health; so they go to the doctor for healing. In the same way, we bring our sins, the dis-ease of our spirit, to the Divine Physician and ask for healing. (The priest is there as the "Physician's assistant!")

During Lent there are 8 Communal Penance Services in the county. At St. Mary Magdalen we have the Sacrament every Saturday of Lent from 11 am to noon.

Sun., March 11 (3 pm) St. Agnes, Fowlerville

Wed., March 14 (7 pm) St. Mary, Pinckney

Thurs., March 15 (7 pm) St. Augustine, Deerfield Twp.

Thurs., March 15 (7 pm) St. Joseph, Howell

Mon., March 19, (7 pm) Holy Spirit, Hamburg

Wed., March 21 (7:30 pm) St. John, Hartland

Sat., March 24 (9 am) St. Patrick, Brighton

Mon., March 26 (7 pm) St. Mary Magdalen

*Fr. Dave Howell*

### THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

#### March 5, Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

9:00 am + Donna Kemp

7:00 pm Evening Prayer

#### March 6, Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-25

9:00 am + Rev. Bennett Constantine

#### March 7, Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

7:00 pm + Keith Dunn & Jan Jandasek

#### March 8, Thursday

Jer 7:23-38/Lk 11:14-23

9:00 am + Our Candidates and Catechumen

#### March 9, Friday

Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

9:00 am + Nora Ruth Smittle

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

#### March 10, Saturday

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

#### March 11, Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

4:30 pm Vigil St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

9:00 am + Marilyn Rhadigan

11:00 am + Betty Finelli

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### **1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13**

It is about 1000 B.C., 250 years after Moses brought God's people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. It took a long time for these people from different tribes to unify as a nation. The turning point came when David became their king. The story of how he was chosen is told in today's reading. Samuel was a venerable old prophet. Jesse was a resident of Bethlehem who had eight sons, the youngest being David.

#### **Ephesians 5:8-14**

Ephesus was located on the western coast of what today is Turkey. The Christians there existed in a society dominated by pagan values, which today's reading equates with darkness.

#### **John 9:1-41**

This gospel reading is a short story with a situation, conflict, resolution, and so on. It is literally and figuratively, about not seeing the light, being afraid to see the light, seeing the light, and refusing to see the light because we are convinced we already do! We are struck in this story by the degree of resistance to something wonderful. Do we find the Good News too good to be true, or a threat to one's position?

**Reflect:** What things does seeing with "eyes of faith" keep you from being blind to?

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

WEEK OF 2/25/2018

Approximately 1335 people participated  
 Env/Cash \$ 15,508  
 EFT/Online \$ 6,983  
**TOTAL \$ 22,491**  
 Children's Collection \$ 88.34



**Please remember in your prayers:**

Bryan Zaplitny and family in the death of his father, Alexander Zaplitny, Jr.  
 Carole Conklin and family in the death of her sister-in-law, Mary Jessop.  
 Joyce Egerer and family in the death of her husband, Don.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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| Sue Beaumont         | Michelle Neiswan |
| Taylor Brake         | Peggy Ortiz      |
| Jeanne & Eugene Buel | Stan Osdras      |
| Larry Buslepp        | Sam Petrocella   |
| Linda Coffman        | Kathleen Reid    |
| Carole Conklin       | Jamie Riley      |
| Hugh Conahan         | Ron Sherman      |
| Melody Cook          | Matt Siragusa    |
| Cienna Ditri         | Norah Standen    |
| Sean English         | Ron Summers      |
| James Farhat         | Emma Thompson    |
| David Grinnell       | Marylyn Trader   |
| Barb Hemmi           | Michelle Turner  |
| Karen Johnson        | Bill Wertz       |
| Kathleen Konley      | Frank Wilhelm    |
| Ian Lang             | Tom Zremski      |
| Herb Langer          | Abby             |
| Alan Laginess        | Anthony          |
| Justina Laginess     | Chris            |
| Robert Laginess      | David            |
| Kelly Luck           | Diane            |
| Gwen Maes            | Emily            |
| Irv Mahoney          | Kathy            |
| Rosemary McCuan      | Mary             |
| Tom McSweeney        | Matt             |
| Diane Milosek        | Payton           |
| Diane Morrison       | Stella           |

**WELLNESS QUOTE**

Don't stumble over something behind you.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, March 5**

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 6:00 pm Alpha Core
- 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen
- 7:00 pm Evening Prayer
- 7:00 pm Preschool VIP night
- 7:30 pm K of C Business

**Tuesday, March 6**

- 9:00 am No Preschool
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Committee
- 7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School of MI

**Wednesday, March 7**

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:15 am MOMS Group
- 10:00 am Alpha
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 2:00 pm JWJ Meeting
- 4:30 & 6:30 Religious Formation
- 7:00 pm Beginning Meditation
- 7:30 pm Worship

**Thursday, March 8**

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 5:30 pm Religious Formation
- 5:30 pm Alpha Leaders
- 6:30 pm Alpha
- 7:00 pm Wellness
- 7:15 pm Formation Team
- 7:30 pm Music Ministry

**Friday, March 9**

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:45 am Yoga
- 6:00 pm Soup and Bread Supper
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:30 pm Scrutiny Experience

**Saturday, March 10**

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast
- 5:00 pm Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet

**Sunday, March 11**

- 9:45 am K of C Pancake Breakfast
- 11:00 am RCIA
- 6:30 pm 9th Grade Religious Formation
- 6:15 pm Youth Alpha (Registered Youth Only)

**Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative Tickets available before and after masses on 3/10 & 3/11**

**Men's Breakfast**

Men's Breakfast is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month at 7:30 am. Are you hungering for a deeper relationship with God? Come to the Men's Breakfast, in the rectory lower level.



## RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Roxanne Hundsrucker

**9th Grade Confirmation Candidates**

The schedule for our 9th graders preparing for fall Confirmation is as follows: March 4, 11, 18, April 8, 15, 22 and 29 each session begins at 6:30 pm. The program begins in the Community Room/Gym. We are joined by members of the youth group as we present the Alpha for Youth program. Each session includes a meal. On August 10-11 we will host an overnight retreat. The candidates will continue their formation in the fall of 2018 with 5 sessions prior to being confirmed by the diocese bishop.

**Religious Formation Registration 2018/2019**

We will begin registration for Fall 2018 classes on March 18 for our Family Program then on March 21/22 for our traditional Religious Formation program. It is important for parishes to host early registrations as our publishers offer great incentives to those who purchase materials early.

**Temple Trip**

During grade 6 in the Religious Formation program, the students study the Old Testament. In two weeks they will tour the Jewish Temple in Ann Arbor and when they return to St. MM, Father Dave will lead them in a discussion breaking open the differences of the Jewish practices, and Catholic traditions. During their next class, they will have a Seder Meal and then discuss the Passover and how we celebrate Holy week in the Catholic Church.

**Journey with Jesus (JWJ) Vacation Bible School**

We are looking for several adults to join our planning committee. Please join us on March 7th at 2 pm in the parish office. We need adults to help us before, during, and after for clean-up. Some help can be done from home such as decorations, registration, and even putting together craft kits. The week of JWJ is July 30 – August 3, 2018 and our theme is “Shipwrecked Rescued by Jesus.” During the week of JWJ we bring together about 100 participants and about 50 pre-teen/teen helpers. It is necessary to have about 15 adults during the week of JWJ. If you are interested in helping and cannot attend the March 7 meeting, please let me know.

**Our Lenten Journey**

Please take a look at our bulletin board in the West Wing as it is transforming into a beautiful Mosaic created by Stasia Eisenhut. It consists of prayer requests, prayers of thanksgiving, acts of giving, and fasting.

## YOUTH NEWS

Margaret Callaghan

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



If you would like to learn about the experience, contact Margaret Callaghan in the office at 810-229-8624 or by email at [yminister1@gmail.com](mailto:yminister1@gmail.com).

**Dearborn Meat sales have begun!** Get your ham and other meat treats through us. Stop any of us in the gathering area for an order form.



**We are meeting this weekend** for our third Youth Alpha session at 6:30. On the menu for dinner is Chili, corn bread and a salad. Come hungry and ready to get started.

**Lent is in full swing** and I hope that the season so far is going well. Growing in relationship with God can be challenging and exciting. I pray that your journey so far is fruitful and life changing.

**Thank you** to Jill Joyce and Jennifer Priess who spent their Friday morning last week up in Flint with six high-schoolers at the Warming Center. They helped sort clothes and learned how to make and package soap for the needy. I appreciate all of you taking time to help those in need.

We are scheduled to go back up to Flint on March 10, to make and serve lunch. I need 10-12 volunteers. Contact Margaret at [yminister1@gmail.com](mailto:yminister1@gmail.com) to get signed up.

**EDGE**

The Middle School Rally sponsored by the Diocese, is March 10th in Jackson at Lumen Christi High School, 9:30-5 pm. Contact Margaret Callaghan at [yminister1@gmail.com](mailto:yminister1@gmail.com) to register. This is your last chance to get signed up.

Our next meeting is the only meeting we have scheduled for March, before Easter. We will meet again, in the youth room on **March 12, 7-8:30 pm**.



## OF FAITH AND SERVICE

Sr. Joyce Hoile, OSF

## Lent and Spring Cleaning

Each year, during Lent, I make it a point to use the foods in my freezer and cupboards before I buy anything new. Also, I spring clean the car and home. Last week as I was going through some stacks of papers and old mail, I came across several greeting cards of well wishes, birthday greetings and Christmas messages that I did not respond to. I started, but didn't complete the task. So, if I have not replied to you for your personal kindness to me, please know I truly appreciate your prayers and support. May God fulfill what is lacking in us.

## 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, singles, take the opportunity at least once, to refrain from cooking and come 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.

## Palm Sunday

The weekend of March 24 & 25 is Palm Sunday when we will participate a bit more with Palm Crafts after each of the Masses in the Community Room. Children and adults who know how to create a cross, a crown of thorns, a flower, a spray of wheat, or any other, please share your skill with others after the Mass you attend that weekend. Please sign up if you can do this task so we know how many tables to reserve. Thank you.

## Annual Seder Meal

Wednesday, March 28, 6:30 pm for school age children and Adults. Catholics celebrate the Seder Meal in recognition of our Jewish faith on the eve before Holy Thursday. Father Dave will lead us in the Haggadah Ritual and Meal. Please see the Bulletin Board in the Gathering Space to sign up and/or bring a dish for the potluck meal.

## 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, 7-9 pm, April 10 – May 15. High School Students must have permission from their Pastor. No one has contacted me to date. Please contact Sr. Joyce if interested.

~Sister Joyce

## CHARITY &amp; JUSTICE

## Senior Giving Tree



The Senior Giving Tree will be set up in the Gathering Space until Easter week. If you would like to help our less fortunate seniors, please take a tag from the tree. Place your donation with 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. **Please return your gift by March 26.**

## Thank You!

A huge thank you to those who volunteered to help with the severe weather center. We staffed two locations; both the men's and women's shelters. They were very thankful for the fabulous meals, transportation, staffing and the outpouring of encouragement and support. Your kindness was a true blessing to them.

## Center for Hope – Plastic Bags &amp; Water Bottles

The Center for Hope is **no longer accepting** plastic grocery bags or empty water bottles.



Protect your health by participating in the Life Line Screening health screenings that will be at St. Mary Magdalen Church on **Monday, March 12, 2018.**

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. **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.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979 .**



**Drivers Needed!**

**Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you have a few hours a month to help home-bound seniors?**

Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC) is looking for volunteers who like working with older adults. Opportunities include (but are not limited to): transport older adults to appointments; errands; friendly home visits and respite care for family members.

**An hour or two a week or month can make the world of difference to a homebound senior!**

If you know of anyone that would benefit from these services or if you would like to become a volunteer, please contact Linda Bauby of LCCC at (517)545-5944 ext. 121 or [linda@livingstoncatholiccharities.org](mailto:linda@livingstoncatholiccharities.org).

**Card Making Class**

**Tuesday, March 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 Pam at 810-772-8252 to register so we have enough materials available.

**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.

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

St. Patrick Church, 711 Rickett Rd., Brighton MI  
**Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Prayer: 6:15 pm Mass: 7:00 pm  
Speaker **TOM NASH**: 7:30 pm  
followed by Refreshments

The Men of our area gather on the **Third Thursday of every month** to grow in faith, discipleship and brotherhood with prayer, Mass, a dynamic speaker, presentation, food, beverages & fellowship.

**MINISTERS OF PRAYER**

- Sun. March 4 Lisa Klein
- Mon. March 5 Bruce Dehanke, Bob & Pat Metz
- Tues. March 6 Diane Davidson, Mary Ann Hargrave
- Wed. March 7 Joe Lubig
- Thur. March 8 Ginny & Clarence Kroll, Kathy Riccardi
- Fri. March 9 Lynn Pfaff
- Sat. March 10 Michele Sixbery



**Mom-to-Mom Sale**

St. Mary Magdalen, 2201 Old US 23, Brighton MI  
**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm -\$1**

Early Admission: 8:30am - \$2

Rental Info: Tables \$15, Rack Space \$5

Large Items \$1/each

Contact: Rodney Simon (586)596-4813 or email [brightonmomsale@gmail.com](mailto:brightonmomsale@gmail.com)

**Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #12295**



**Medilodge of Howell Nursing Care Facility Catholic Mass Ministry**

The volunteer coordinator of the Medilodge Catholic Mass Ministry plans to retire from her position on May 30, 2018, God willing, after 22 years. If Our Lord is "tugging" at your heart to serve in a humble capacity, please prayerfully consider this volunteer opportunity. If you are interested, please call the St. Joseph Parish Office at 517-546-0090.

**GYM ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**

- Mon. March 5 7:00 pm Preschool VIP Night
- Tue. March 6 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Wed. March 7 4:30 pm Religious Formation
- 6:00 pm Hartland Eagles Baseball
- Thu. March 8 5:30 pm Religious Formation
- 8:30 pm Men's Basketball
- Fri. March 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Sat. March 10 5:00 pm Cub Scout Blue & Gold
- Sun. March 11 6:15 pm Youth Alpha
- 9th Gr. Rel. Formation

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EVENTS & HAPPENINGS FOR THOSE 18-35  
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**MONTHLY MASS & DINNER**  
Sunday, March 25  
5pm Mass @ St. Joseph, Howell  
6:30pm Dinner @ El Patron  
2010 E Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843  
**Come gather in prayer and grow as community  
as we embark upon Holy Week!**

Contact Shannon at [livingstonyam@gmail.com](mailto:livingstonyam@gmail.com) or [810-588-7665](tel:810-588-7665)  
or visit [www.livingstonyam.com](http://www.livingstonyam.com) for more info.  
Also find us on Facebook at "Livingston YAM"



**OPEN HOUSE**  
**Thursday, March 8**  
**6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Father Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor, is hosting an Open House on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm. All family members are welcome. Come and see why the Catholic High School Honor Roll recognizes us as a School of Excellence! This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about what makes Father Gabriel Richard an exceptional place to learn and grow. Visit the school, meet the teachers, and talk with our sports coaches and student clubs. Our award-winning Madrigal singers will also be performing.

For more information, contact Jessica Jenkins at 734-662-0496 ext. 249 or [admissions@fgrhs.org](mailto:admissions@fgrhs.org).

**Lenten Day of Reflection**

**St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center**

Wednesday, March 7 - 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fr. Pat Brennan, CP; Fr. Phil Paxton, CP; Faith Offman-presenters. \$30/person includes a delicious hot lunch. Register online [stpaulretreat.org/retreats](http://stpaulretreat.org/retreats) or by phone, 313.286.2800.



**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 by email at [deaconwc@med.umich.edu](mailto:deaconwc@med.umich.edu).