

Saint Mary Magdalen



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 29, 2018

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday: 4:30pm • Sunday: 9 & 11am

Weekday Liturgies: Mon., Thurs., Fri.: 9am • Wednesday: 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.

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ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

FIRST EUCHARIST Next weekend we will celebrate a very important milestone in the lives of 59 young people from our parish and their families. Last weekend they had their retreat to prepare, and it was obvious that many were very excited – a few even knew how many more times they would be coming forward with arms crossed over their chest to show he/she would not be receiving Communion.

First Eucharist will take place at all three Liturgies next weekend. Please join me in praying for these young people. May they grow desire for this great gift.

DSA 2018 The Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) provides funds for almost 100 different services and programs across the 10 county area of the Diocese of Lansing. Through these services we affect the lives of thousands of people. Services are provided to all 77 parishes, students on three university campuses and several college campuses; prisoners in 10 county jails and several large prisons. There are also six social service agencies providing counseling and substance abuse services. DSA also helps fund the education of future priests, deacons and lay ministers.

Witness to Hope was a campaign to fund several endowments to support the future of several different ministries; DSA funds the day-to-day operation of these ministries.

STAFF CHANGES This spring we will hire a new director of our Preschool and a new bookkeeper. Both positions are part-time. Applications can be found on our website. The last day to apply is **Friday, April 27 by 4:30 pm.**

CHANGE In November I announced my pending 2019 retirement because it was a question that came up frequently. It seemed to be a more honest approach, and it gave both the parish and me time to prepare for my retirement.

Will things change when I leave? Certainly. Every new parishioner, every new staff member brings some degree of change to our community and a change of pastors brings a substantial change. But I am reminded of a saying my dad was fond of repeating: change is like water, too much & you sweep away everything; too little, & everything dries up and dies.

I trust the Holy Spirit to watch over and guide all of us. I trust the Spirit to inspire a good-hearted priest to consider coming here, and I trust all of you to work with him to pastor this community well. I often ponder the words of Jesus, "Fear is useless, what is needed now is trust!" (Mk 9:36)

Fr. Dave Howell



STORIES OF THE PARISH

A SPECIAL MEMORY... A GIFT FROM
FATHER DAVE AND OUR WARM
WELCOMING COMMUNITY By Jill Angell



We have been parishioners at St. Mary Magdalen since 2003. There are many reasons why we are thankful for finding, and joining, St. Mary Magdalen Parish. The story I describe provides a good example of what the heart of this parish is all about: community, compassion, and caring.

On December 25, 2008, Christmas Day, we lost our son Ryan Michael through miscarriage. It was a horrific experience, filled with sadness, anger, confusion, and loss. However, we discovered some good would come from our loss.

I met with Father Dave to plan a memorial service that would involve the MOMS group. I'll never forget that planning meeting, when just a few ladies from the MOMS group and I met with Father Dave. The first thing that Father Dave said was that he recalled years ago, how the Catholic Church used to have Angel Masses.... Masses dedicated to supporting families who lost children (either through miscarriage, or later in life). He said we would start that as a tradition at St. Mary Magdalen.

Sure enough, later that Fall, the Mass was held around the feast day for Our Lady of Sorrows. It was one of the first Masses celebrated in our new chapel. Each year since, Father Dave has continued to celebrate this Mass. From what people have said, this Mass has comforted them, provided some closure, and that they value the support of the parish over this very difficult event in their lives.

After my miscarriage, our MOMS group bonded even more strongly. It opened the door for discussing the subject of miscarriage in a group where it had not been brought up very much at all. It allowed for a connection, and for sharing and support of the women who had experienced a miscarriage with those who had not, but who empathized with all their heart. This amazing group of women even went as far as having a garden stone made with my son's name engraved in it. This stone is laid near the playground here at St. Mary Magdalen. The playground is another testimony to the compassion in our community, as it honors a mom who died young, who loved children and teaching.

My son's life helped open doors and strengthened bonds. It made me more aware of the anger and struggle people face when their child dies. Through my faith, I witnessed how God worked this sad event, through the warm and welcoming environment of our community, into something beautiful, providing healing and some closure. Healing is not forgetting, but rather using our experiences to glorify God. I hope and pray this beautiful tradition of the Mass of the Little Angels will always be part of St. Mary Magdalen parish. Thank You.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

April 30, Monday

Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
9:00 am +Jean Shultz

May 1, Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
9:00 am Communion Service

May 2, Wednesday, St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
7:00 pm +Thomas Howell

May 3, Thursday, Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
9:00 am +MaryAnna Horkan

May 4, Friday

Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
9:00 am +Gregory Kalwasinski

May 5, Saturday

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

May 6, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
4:30 pm Vigil St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners
9:00 am +Emidia Benfatti
11:00 am +Douglas Jardine

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. Then one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. The result, as we see, is the first recorded conversion of the Gentiles to Christianity.

1 John 4:7-10

The tradition of the apostle John's teachings is expressed in the first letter of John. There is a legend that John in his old age would simply repeat over and over to his people, "Love one another." Today's passage from that letter particularly illustrates this story.

John 15:9-17

The theme of love is taken up again in this Gospel passage. The emphasis, as always in John is on what has been done for us: God has loved us. As there is only one commandment (to love one another), so there is one sin (refusal to love one another). The bottom line is: God is the love that appeared in the person of Jesus and brought us into complete union with the unending goodness. The only response is to love as God loves.

Reflect: This week how can you show love for someone you consider offensive?

Marriage Banns

*1 April Kretchman & Maxwell Malone
111 Susan Kennedy & Jerry Sams*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Donna Babcock	Tom McSweeney
Sue Beaumont	Diane Matonic
Jimmy Blicharz	Diane Milosek
Steven & Eli Boulanger	Diane Morrison
Taylor Brake	Diane Olsem
Jeanne & Eugene Buel	Peggy Ortiz
Larry Buslepp	Sandy Orłowski
Reggie Caprara	Stan Osdras
Don Chouinard	Sam Petrocella
Eileen Chvala	Kathleen Reid
Linda Coffman	Ron Sherman
Michael Columbus	Lisa Shibley
Kerry Comb	Pat Siegel
Paul Daughenbaugh	Matt Siragusa
Cienna Ditri	David Sullivan
Sean English	Emma Thompson
James Farhat	Marylyn Trader
David Grinnell	Michelle Turner
Kathy Hain	Bill Wertz
Michael Harrah	Tom Zremski
Jeff Harper	Annabelle
Ralph Hazen	David
Barb Hemmi	Kathy
Kathleen Konley	Krissy
Ian Lang	Mark
Herb Langer	Matt
Alan Laginess	Paul
Robert Laginess	Payton
Kelly Luck	Stella
Gwen Maes	Sunni
Jean Mayer	Theresa

Mother's Day Pictures

If you would like to contribute to the video presentation that is shown on Mother's Day Weekend at all of the Masses, please email a picture of your mother, grandmother or any mother in your family to Diane Kubus liturgist@saintmarymagdalen.org no later than May 9. Only electronic files will be accepted (jpeg preferred). Please "attach the file to your email".

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Roxanne Hundsrucker

First Eucharist referred to First Holy Communion

Next weekend at each of the Liturgies we will celebrate as 59 of our children will join us at the Table of the Lord for the very first time. We will rehearse Friday evening in the church at 6:30 pm with all children and their parents.

Journey with Jesus (JWJ) Vacation Bible School

We will begin registration next week for Journey with Jesus. All families with children ages 4– high school should receive the registration via e-mail and we will have additional registration forms in the gathering area of the church. We will attach a copy of the registration for participants and volunteers. We are still in need of many adult hands to help during the week of JWJ please register as soon as you get the e-mail if you are able to volunteer during this awesome week.

Religious Formation Registration 2018/2019

If you have not registered your children in grades 1–10 for Fall 2018 Religious Formation, please do so right away. You can register in the parish office Monday—Thursday 9 am—8 pm and Friday 9 am—4 pm. Our class sessions will be Wednesdays 4:30–6 pm and 6:30—8 pm and Thursday 5:30–7 pm. Family program is already at it capacity.

Children currently in kindergarten will need to begin Religious Formation in first grade to be on track to receive the sacrament of First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) in the spring of their second grade school year.

It is important for parishes to host early registrations as our publishers offer great incentives to those who purchase materials early. We encourage all families to register as soon as possible.

HAVE YOU DONE ALPHA

If your answer is YES, we NEED you! If you have thought about getting more involved with parish ministries or events, how about Religious Formation...

We are in need of a few Hall Monitors and Nursery Attendants on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings. This group rotates weekly; the commitment is a few hours once a month. Please contact Karen or myself for more details.



YOUTH NEWS

Margaret Callaghan

Our first Youth Group meeting back is next Sunday evening, May 6. All high school youth are invited to join us for an evening of good ole' fashion fun in the youth room 7-9 pm.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming YG events. Be sure to not miss any of the fun, friendships and memory-making moments.

- ◆ May 6 YG meeting 7-9 pm
- ◆ May 13 Mother's Day, no YG
- ◆ May 20 YG car wash 8 am-1 pm, YG 7-9 pm
- ◆ May 27 Memorial Day weekend, No YG
- ◆ June 3 Graduation 9 am liturgy and reception, YG 7-9 pm
- ◆ June 10 YG 5-8 pm End of year celebration offsite

- ◆ Wednesday, June 27, Cedar Point



Also, if you are interested in some **volunteer opportunities**, put these on your calendar and email me at yminister1@gmail.com to get on the list.

- ◆ Sat., May 19, 9:30 am-1:30 pm - Prep and serve lunch in Flint at the Center for Hope
- ◆ Sat., June 30, 9:30 am-1:30 pm - Prep and serve lunch in Flint at the Center for Hope

If you have ever been a part of the middle school MUD or EDGE program, or the high school Youth Group here or are currently involved, consider sharing a memory. I've been here, and in ministry, for 23 years, so I know there are many out there who have a story or two to share. We are not looking for paragraph after paragraph, just a simple memory. You can email it to yminister1@gmail.com.



OF FAITH AND SERVICE

Sr. Joyce Hoile, OSF

Earth Day

On Earth Day last Sunday I did some readings and want to share some quotes with you. From the National Catholic Reporter, "Catholics care about Climate Change. It's time to take action together". And from another reading, "The only way we will "End Plastic Pollution" is if the entire world is working together to do so." The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is larger than Texas. It is floating between California and Hawaii. The South Pacific Garbage Patch is larger than Mexico. We are encouraged to take our own "Plastic Use Inventory". Take notice of the number of plastic bottles, packaged items, bags, baggies, straws, etc. we use in a week and multiply by 52 weeks. Then be attentive to using much less.

Art of Aging Conference

A Conference created for Seniors by Seniors to celebrate creative aging

Sponsored by The Institute of Gerontology of Wayne State University

Thursday, May 17, 8:30 am – 2 pm

Held at Fellowship Chapel

7707 West Outer Drive

Detroit, Michigan

Cost \$20, that includes light breakfast and hot lunch and 2 workshops.

Information and Registration Forms can be obtained from Sr. Joyce OR at the Gathering Space Bulletin Board OR by contacting Donna at 313-664-2605 or ba8841@wayne.edu.

Sister Joyce

ST. MARY MAGDALEN FAMILY ROSARY

TODAY, APRIL 29

12:15 PM

Please join us after 11 am Mass, today, in the Chapel, for the St. Mary Magdalen Family Rosary, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Card Making Class

Tuesday, May 8, 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. Call Pam to register at 810-772-8252 so we will have enough materials available.



CHARITY & JUSTICE

Mother's Day Carnation Sale

Give your mom a fresh flower this Mothers' Day. Members of Charity & Justice will have a table set up in the gathering space the weekend of May 12/13 with carnations for sale. Proceeds will go to support the local Right to Life efforts.



St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

"I was naked and you clothed me" - Matthew 25:36

St. Vincent de Paul lived from 1581 to 1660. During his life he dedicated himself to serving the poor. His legacy is still ongoing today through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our clothing drive helps to honor his passion for helping the poor. Please bring your bags of gently used clothing and linens to our pods in the back of the parking lot on weekend of May 19th & 20th. We will hand out bags as a reminder after the Masses the weekend of May 12th & 13th.

Magdalen's Kitchen Sign-Up

Names of those interested in serving at Magdalen's Kitchen for the Mondays of the second half of May and all of June 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.

Panera Bread Pick Up

Names of those interested in picking up bread for Magdalen's Kitchen at Panera Bread (in Brighton at 8365 Grand River) on Saturday evenings (at 9:30 pm) for the second half of May and all of June are being accepted. The sign-up sheet is on the Charity & Justice table in the Gathering Space. A reminder will be sent to you prior to the date you are to volunteer.

WELLNESS QUOTE

"For every minute you're angry, you lose 60 seconds of happiness."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 4/22/2018

Approximately 1477 people participated
 Env/Cash \$ 18,161
 EFT/Online \$ 23,521
TOTAL \$ 41,682
 Children's Collection \$ 40.79

*The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants,
 belong to the Lord. – Psalm 24:1*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, April 30

9:00 am Preschool
 9:45 am Yoga
 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen
 7:00 pm Mystagogia

Tuesday, May 1

9:00 am Preschool
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
 7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School of Michigan

Wednesday, May 2

9:00 am Preschool
 9:15 am MOMS
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
 7:30 pm Worship

Thursday, May 3

9:00 am Preschool
 7:00 pm Baptism Class
 7:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, May 4

9:00 am Preschool
 9:45 am Yoga
 1:00 pm Pain Sake
 6:30 pm First Eucharist Rehearsal

Saturday, May 5

4:30 pm First Eucharist
 6:30 pm Digital Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, May 6

9:00 am First Eucharist
 11:00 am First Eucharist
 1:00 pm Baptism
 7:00 pm Youth Group

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Monday, April 30-Friday May 4 2-8:30 pm

Saturday, May 5 10:30 am-4:00 pm



Sr. Judy Blake at the NEW Life Center in Flint has requested our help in providing bottled water to some of their clients. As you may have seen in the news recently, the Flint municipal water supply has tested within the safe limits for drinking for some time. The State of Michigan has decided to end their program of providing bottled water to the city residents. Some of the clients of the NEW Life Center, particularly the most vulnerable, the oldest and parents of the youngest, are still concerned about using water from their taps. **We ask for your help by donating cases of water during the next three weekends (April 28/29, May 5/6 and May 12/13).** Please bring your bottled water donations to the church and volunteers will arrange to transfer them to the center in Flint. Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies. Evangelization occurs through dozens of ongoing ministries made possible by our contributions to DSA.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa. Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

LACASA's Child Abuse Prevention Council Presents Navigating the Cyber World

Thursday, May 24, 8 am – 12 pm
 Livingston Educational Services Agency
 1425 W. Grand River, Howell

Featuring talks on:

- Cyber Minefields: what is sexting, sextortion and cyber bullying?
- Cyber Reputation: How does online presence impact an individual's life?
- Cyber Reality: What teens want adults to know about the realities of youth cyber culture in our own community.

For more information, contact Holly Naylor at hnaylor@lacasacenter.org or 517-548-1350.

Share your story of how the parish has been important to you and your family. Email to our story editor: maskip25@gmail.com. We will share them with the community throughout 2018!

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

MONTHLY MASS & DINNER
Sunday, April 29
5pm Mass @ St. Patrick, Brighton
6:30pm Dinner @ La Marsa
543 W Grand River Ave, Brighton, MI 48116
Come gather in prayer and grow as community!

i.d. 9:16 LIVINGSTON DISCIPLES' NIGHT
Mary's Words at Fatima with Ralph Martin
Thursday, May 3
St. Joseph Howell
6:30pm Mass with Fr. Joe Campbell
followed by Dinner
7:45pm Livestream Talk & Discussion in the Emmaus Room
Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 1 via Facebook, email or text

Questions? Contact Shannon [810-588-7665](tel:810-588-7665)
or livingstonyam@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Mon. Apr 30	_____	_____
Tue. May 1	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wed. May 2	_____	_____
Thu. May 3	_____	_____
Fri. May 4	_____	_____
Sat. May 5	_____	_____
Sun. May 6	6:30 pm	Youth Group



MINISTERS OF PRAYER

Sun. April 29	Lisa Klein
Mon. April 30	Bruce Dehanke, Bob & Pat Metz
Tues. May 1	Diane Davidson, Mary Ann Hargrave
Wed. May 2	Joe Lubig
Thur. May 3	Ginny & Clarence Kroll, Kathy Riccardi
Fri. May 4	Lynn Pfaff
Sat. May 5	Michele Sixbery

