

# Saint Mary Magdalen



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**MAY 13, 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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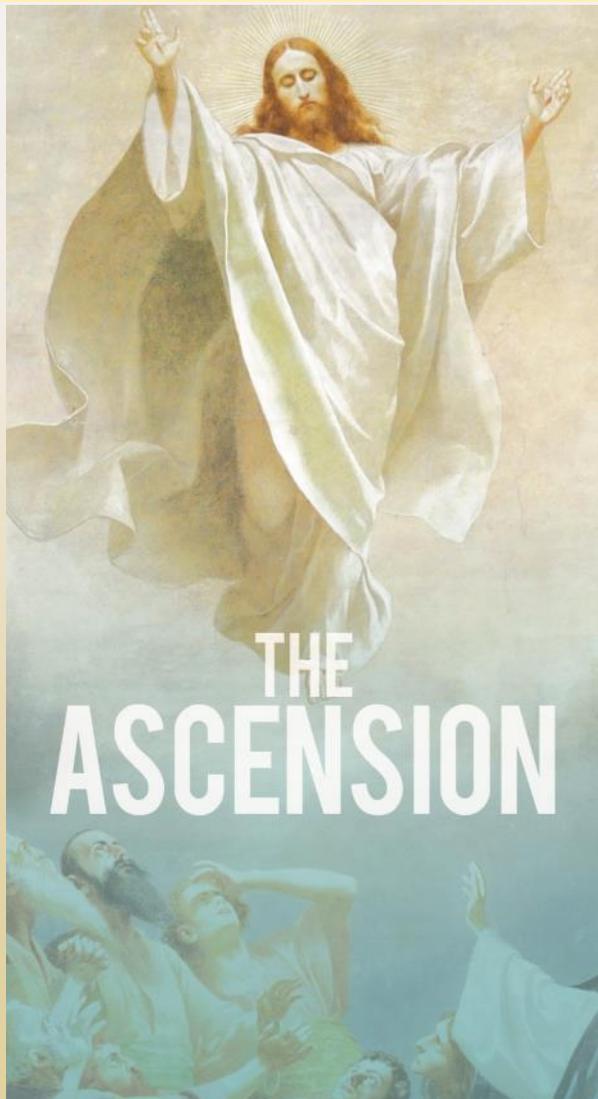
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## ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!** On behalf of all the staff who serve you here at St. Mary Magdalen, I want to wish all our mothers and grandmothers a very happy Mothers' Day! It is my sincere hope that the love and respect you are shown today will last far beyond this weekend. I know the lessons I learned from my mom continue to form and inform my life, and the example of her selfless dedication still provide a genuine lesson to me of how I can pastor a parish.

Please know I pray for you every day so that God will bless you in your very special vocation. May your ministry of mothering continue to flourish as your children grow in age and grace!

**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.

Two years ago we participated in the *Witness to Hope Campaign* to fund several endowments to support the future of several different ministries; DSA funds the day-to-day operation of these ministries. Please join me in making a gift or a pledge to DSA 2018!

**THE BELL TOWER PLAZA** Hopefully you have had a chance to walk out on the bell tower plaza. The project was funded by parishioners who donated to the *Witness to Hope Campaign*. The campaign raised \$2.2 million: the diocese received one million and \$1.2 million will come to the parish to help pay off our mortgage and fund two projects. One project was a new video system in church and the other was the plaza. Both cost approximately \$100,000.

The plaza project will be finished this summer. The door to the tower will be replaced with a new door with a large window of colored and clear glass. It will make the tower entrance more like a chapel door and let folks see the interior of the tower.

The last thing is the placement of an antique French cemetery cross on the concrete pillar (the pillar still needs to be stained and a bronze collar will be fitted to the top of the pillar). The cross stood in a parish cemetery in France for about 100 years. When the parish was unable to care for the cemetery, it was turned over to the government. The French government removed all the religious symbols, and the antique cross was sold and made its way to an American dealer. A parishioner purchased the cross in 2009 for the plaza.

Hopefully, weather permitting, we can have Liturgy on the plaza on Memorial Day!

*Fr. Dave Howell*

## STORIES OF THE PARISH

## Steps to a Wonderful Spiritual Journey

**Karen MacDonald, Religious Formation Admin. Asst.**

It is said that a journey begins with a single step. My journey to St. Mary Magdalen began in 1999 with several hundred steps through the "back 40" to "check out" the Catholic Church in my backyard. With two small children and two moves under our belt, we had not been faithful Mass attendees. It was time to make a few changes. We began attending Liturgy weekly, enjoying the welcoming community, uplifting music and thought-provoking homilies. Surprisingly, I soon noticed a familiar face in the congregation – Sr. Maryetta! Sr. Maryetta lived in the convent behind my childhood home in St. Clair Shores, MI and was my sister's first grade teacher. Inquiring about having my sons baptized, I approached Sr. Maryetta. Happily jogging her memory, I told her who I was and was told, "We'll talk about baptism once you get your act together!" Those surprising and inspiring words helped me "get my act together", had my sons baptized, jump-started my spiritual journey and opened the door to our 19-year friendship.

Our family, like so many others, has been blessed to be a part of so much of what makes St. Mary Magdalen a truly special community of faith. We have fond memories of sacraments celebrated, Journey with Jesus, Easter egg hunts, church picnics, religious formation classes and even the coffee and donut ministry we served on for several years. In 2004, some persistent, inner prompting encouraged me to attend a meeting about coordinators needed for a new church picture directory. After overcoming my shock at almost being hit by a car in the church parking lot on my walk over to the meeting, I found myself volunteering to coordinate the next parish directory for the very same woman who nearly ran me over! Once the directory was published, I was quite surprised to hear from her asking if I was interested in helping her part-time in the office. What began then as a 9 hour-a-week "little job" progressed to a full-time, 14 year (and counting) position as the Religious Formation Secretary and Assistant. I have been privileged and honored to support our Director of Religious Formation, families, catechists and volunteers in the religious formation program. I have met so many wonderful adults and children! Through the years I have been inspired, challenged, educated, humbled, strengthened, grown and matured. I have laughed, cried, prayed, doubted, stressed and persevered. I am thankful to all of you for all the experiences, friendships and relationships that have touched my life.

On our journey through life, it goes without saying our second family consists of those we spend many hours with at work. Without our office staff, our spiritual home at St. Mary Magdalen would fall apart. Our office family has grown and changed over the last 25 years; "family" members have come and gone. However, each one of these staff members made a significant contribution and impact on our parish and left a lasting impression on the "family" left behind. I truly treasure our office family, and I am blessed by the relationships we share. If anyone told me 20 years ago that I would be a church secretary, I would never have believed them. God does work in very mysterious ways! I thank Him for leading me to St. Mary Magdalen which has enriched my life in numerous ways, and I look forward to walking many more steps on my journey with new and old "family" and friends.

## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

**May 14, Monday**

Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Jn 15:9-17

9:00 am +Thomas Domm &amp; Randy Lombardi

**May 15, Tuesday**

Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

9:00 am Communion Service

**May 16, Wednesday**

Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

7:00 pm +Mass of Remembering

**May 17, Thursday**

Acts 22:30;23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

9:00 am +Ed Kasprzyk

**May 18, Friday**

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

9:00 am +Gus Kapolka

**May 19, Saturday**

Acts 28:16-20,30-31/Jn 21:20-25

**May 20, Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-11/1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13/Jn 20:19-23

4:30 pm Vigil +Tom Coffey

9:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

11:00 am + Donna Kemp

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

**Acts 2:1-11**

Pentecost was a Jewish feast that celebrated the beginning of the harvest. It took place 50 days after the feast of the Passover. Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem from all over the ancient world for the celebration. Today we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

**Galatians 5:16-25**

In concluding his letters, St. Paul always had a section instructing his converts about the correct way to live as Christians. Today's passage comes near the end of his letter to the Galatians. Paul offers a sharp contrast between life in the flesh (meaning life prone to sin) and life in the Spirit.

**John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15**

The Gospel text here is made up of two sections from John's account. The first is about witness. We who receive the holy Spirit witness by an ongoing personal profound experience of Jesus, by heartfelt conviction, and expressing this conviction outwardly. The second part is about the importance of truth revealed by the Holy Spirit, is gradual, as we can hear it for our mission in life.

**Reflect:** How do you know when the Holy Spirit is guiding you?



*III April Kretchman & Maxwell Malone*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sue Beaumont	Tom McSweeney
Jimmy Blicharz	Diane Morrison
Steven & Eli Boulanger	Dennis Nissle
Taylor Brake	Diane Olsem
Eugene Buel	Peggy Ortiz
Brandy Burrell	Sandy Orłowski
Larry Buslepp	Stan Osdras
Reggie Caprara	Sam Petrocella
Don Chouinard	Mike Rutkowski, Jr.
Linda Coffman	Ron Sherman
Michael Columbus	Sharon Shevock
Kerry Comb	Lisa Shibley
Paul Daughenbaugh	Pat Siegel
Rita DeRaud	Matt Siragusa
Cienna Ditri	David Sullivan
Sue Douglas	Marylyn Trader
Sean English	Michelle Turner
James Farhat	Dan Whitewood
Caitlin Forhan	John Wilkerwicz
Carol Gallagher	Jennifer Yanick
David Grinnell	Tom Zremski
Reace Gudith	Annabelle
Kathy Hain	David
Michael Harrah	Kathy
Ralph Hazen	Kelly & Dennis
Kathleen Konley	Krissy
Ian Lang	Mark
Herb Langer	Matt
Alan Laginess	Paul
Robert Laginess	Philip
Kelly Luck	Stella
Gwen Maes	Theresa
Jean Mayer	



**Please remember in  
your prayers:**

Robert Hemmi and family, in the death of his wife, Barb Hemmi.

The family of Katharine Kempski.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Roxanne Hundsrucker

**The Ascension of the Lord**

Today we celebrate this movable Feast Day. It is movable because it depends upon the date of Easter. However, The Ascension of the Lord falls 40 days after Easter which would be Thursday, May 10. In the US, the Bishops have allowed this Feast to be celebrated on Sunday, therefore most Catholic Churches move this Feast to the following Sunday so more members celebrate this mystical event. We celebrate the fact that the risen Lord Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven, and we prayerfully await the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Bishop Robert Barron, who many are familiar with, has an outstanding article on "Why the Ascension of the Lord Matters" on his Word on Fire website that I encourage all to read:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/article/why-the-ascension-of-the-lord-matters/412/>

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



Registration for Journey with Jesus is in full swing.

All families with children ages 4–high school should have received the registration via e-mail, for both participants and volunteers. We will have additional registration forms in the gathering area of the church. 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. The registration deadline is July 23, 2018.

**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

**Happy Mothers' Day!** To everyone who has ever cared for anyone, loved someone unconditionally; whether your loved one is close or far, alive or deceased, may your day be filled with love surrounded by people you adore and who adore you! Have a blessed day!!

Mark your calendar for these future upcoming YG events!

- ◆ May 13 Mother's Day, no YG



May 20 YG car wash 8-1pm

K of C pancake breakfast  
Clothing Drive

- ◆ May 20 YG 7-9 pm
- ◆ May 27 Memorial Day weekend, no YG
- ◆ June 3 Graduation 9am liturgy and rec ep-tion, YG 7-9
- ◆ June 10 YG 5-8 pm End of year celebration offsite
- ◆ June 27 Cedar Point

Contact Margaret Callaghan at [yminister1@gmail.com](mailto:yminister1@gmail.com) to register and sign up for the car wash and/or Cedar Point. Money for CP (\$70) is due on or before June 10.

Also, if you are interested in volunteer opportunities, email Margaret at the above address to get on the list.

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

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

Class of 2018 graduates, be sure to sign up for the 9am graduation liturgy in your honor on Sunday June 3. Come wearing your cap and gown! There is a light reception for everyone to celebrate this milestone with you, immediately following in the community room.

Make sure to stay up to date with YG happenings over the summer by signing up for text reminders. Text the message @stmmyg to the number 81010.

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

**OF FAITH AND SERVICE**

Sr. Joyce Hoile, OSF

**Mother of the Church: New Memorial**

Pope Francis made the decision that the Church celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as “Mother of the Church” every year, on the Monday after Pentecost. This year it is Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The title “Mother of the Church” was given to the Blessed Mother by Blessed Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council. Pope Francis added the memorial to the Roman Calendar after carefully considering how the promotion of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under this particular title might encourage growth in “the maternal sense of the Church” and in “genuine Marian piety”.

**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

Cost is \$20, 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](mailto:ba8841@wayne.edu).

**Evangelization: Old Way – New Way**

The old way of thinking is that evangelization is going door to door. There is still value and a place for that. Today evangelization means for the laity to get involved in their areas of influence – their family, their community, their work. The laity is to be empowered to evangelize where they are already comfortable. The Parish is here to help Catholics feel comfortable talking about and sharing our experience in our faith. The Parish offers a variety of opportunities to do this from Faith Sharing Groups, Bible Studies, Alpha and others. Stay tuned.

**Sister Joyce**

**REDISCOVER JESUS**

by

**Matthew Kelly**

**6 Week Book Study and Group Discussion**



Mondays, immediately following 9 am Mass - 11 am. May 14, 21, June 4, 11, 18 and 25. Childcare available 9 – 11 am. Books are available free of charge. If you need a copy, stop by the office to pick one up.

**CHARITY & JUSTICE**

**St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive**

*“I was naked and you clothed me”  
- Matthew 25:36*



Please remember to bring your donations for our semi-annual clothing drive next weekend, May 19/20, to the pod in the rear of the church parking lot. The need is great and you can make a difference. Thank you.

**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.

**WATER FOR FLINT**

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 through May 12/13. Please bring your bottled water donations to the church and volunteers will arrange to transfer them to the center in Flint.



**ST. MARY MAGDALEN  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST!**

**SUNDAY, MAY 20**

**9:30 am - 1 pm**

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

WEEK OF 5/6/2018

Approximately 2124 people participated

Env/Cash \$ 16,533

EFT/Online \$ 21,830

**TOTAL \$ 38,363**

Children's Collection \$ 124.11

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

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, May 14**

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Rediscover Jesus Book Study
- 9:45 am Yoga
- 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen
- 7:00 pm Properties
- 7:00 pm Spiritual Development

**Tuesday, May 15**

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00 pm Befrienders
- 7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School of Michigan

**Wednesday, May 16**

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Jesus Lifestyles Bible Study
- 9:15 am MOMS
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7:00 pm Mass of Remembering
- 7:30 pm Pastoral Council

**Thursday, May 17**

- 8:15 am Preschool Daddy's Donuts
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:00 am New Hope Dominican Mission Group
- 7:30 pm Music Ministry

**Friday, May 18**

- 8:15 am Preschool Daddy's Donuts
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:45 am Yoga
- 9:00 am Sew Much Fun

**Saturday, May 19**

**Sunday, May 20**

- 8:00 am Youth Group Car Wash
- 9:00 am Baptism Presentation
- 9:45 am K of C Pancake Breakfast
- 10:10 am New Parishioner Meeting
- 11:00 am Adult Confirmation
- 7:00 pm Youth Group

**BP Screening after all masses**

**St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive May 19/20**



**Thank you** to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal.

As of May 7, 16% of our St. Mary Magdalen families have made pledges. We are close to 48% of our parish goal.

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](http://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.



**MASS OF REMEMBERING**

The monthly Mass of Remembering will take place this Wednesday, May 16, at 7 pm. Liturgy is offered for deceased parishioners and relatives, especially: Helen Kronk, Gordon Stanley Petrous, Michael Baldwin, Margaret Yanok, Margaret Meyer.

**VIDEO MINISTERS NEEDED**

We are looking for a few more people to help on the Video Ministry Team. Team members take turns running the video system at the 9 am Sunday Liturgy (record and livestream), weddings, baptisms, and special presentations and Liturgies. Training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Ed Lezon at 248-755-5103 or email: [edlezon@hotmail.com](mailto:edlezon@hotmail.com)

**Calling All Couples Married at St. Mary Magdalen!**

In recognition of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish, on the weekend of **June 9/10**, we will honor all couples who were married at St. Mary Magdalen.



**If you were married here**, we invite you to attend the Saturday 4:30 pm or Sunday 11 am Liturgy that weekend for a special blessing. Whether you're available to attend or not, **we invite you to submit "then and now" pictures from your wedding day and today**, so we can incorporate them into a video during the communion meditation. Since many of our couples have moved away over the years, we're also asking family and friends to pass this message on, so we can have as much participation as possible.

Please mark the date on your calendar and send us digital copies of your photos to: [marriage@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:marriage@saintmarymagdalen.org) so we can honor you that day!



**Save the Date!**  
**The Annual Saint Mary Magdalen  
 Golf Classic**  
**Saturday, June 9**  
 Mystic Creek Golf Club – Milford, MI  
 8:30 AM Shotgun Start  
 All Are Welcome!

\$90 – Includes 18 Hole Scramble with Cart, Continental Breakfast, Lunch at the Turn & Awards Banquet Dinner.

Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus Charities

**Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available!**

Contact Dave Alfanos (586) 212-3504  
[alfanosd@mscdirect.com](mailto:alfanosd@mscdirect.com)



**SAVE THE DATE!**

The 2018 **St. John Car Show** will be on July 21<sup>st</sup> this year. Be sure to save the date - everyone is invited! The show will be at St. John Catholic Church, 2099 Hacker Road in Howell. For more information, check out the St. John Catholic Church Facebook page or call the office at 517-546-7200.

**ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**

Mon. May 14	_____	_____
Tue. May 15	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wed. May 16	_____	_____
Thu. May 17	_____	_____
Fri. May 18	_____	_____
Sat. May 19	_____	_____
Sun. May 20	7:00 pm	Youth Group

**MINISTERS OF PRAYER**

Sun. May 13	Luigi & Adriana Milani, Dennis Wagener
Mon. May 14	Barb Dolkowski, Pete Kelly, Joyce Muchler
Tues. May 15	Joe & Barb Kowal
Wed. May 16	Lisa Pajtas
Thu. May 17	Jim Hynes
Fri. May 18	Volunteer
Sat. May 19	Volunteer



**WELLNESS QUOTE**

Eat less sugar.  
 You're sweet enough already!