



# Saint Mary Magdalen

## WITNESSING TO THE RESURRECTION

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday .....8:30am–4:30pm



### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

#### Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 4:30pm • Sunday 9 & 11am

**Weekday Liturgies:** Mon., Thurs., Fri. 9am Wed. 7pm

**Sacrament of Penance:** Saturday 11:30am–12noon

**Infant Baptism:** Contact Erin Wolfe.

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

## ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

**CONNOR GERAN** Hopefully you have already noticed the space in front of the Shrine of the Cross. The area was created for the burial of cremains. Over the years, several of our parishioners have been buried there with their names engraved on the marker stone.

Last Saturday, Connor and several other scouts replaced all the grass between the stones with pea gravel. They also placed a small fence around the space to keep out the geese.

This Eagle Scout Project took almost 10 hours to complete. Connor raised the funds, purchased all the items used and directed his fellow scouts in their labor.

Thanks, Connor, for a job well done!

**DAVE AND JERI** Dave Wisniewski has been our faithful book keeper for 14 years. He has kept our financial records, paid our bills, prepared and monitored our budget and served us faithfully.

Earlier this spring, he informed me of his desire to “retire”. All of us who have worked with him truly wish him well – he will be missed!

An interview team from the Finance Council interviewed five well-qualified candidates and chose Jeri Gawlowski to serve as our new book keeper.

Welcome Jeri and thanks for taking on the job!

**LIGHTS!!** The more observant among us may have already noticed that our lights have been changing. Earlier this spring, we entered into a contract with CGE, a company owned by our parishioners, Bryan and Jackie Zaplitny. So the team from CGE is changing all our light bulbs inside and out to new LED bulbs (the only exception is the high lights in the original church.) As a result, we will have better lighting and save money on our electrical bill!

I want to thank Bryan and Jackie Zaplitny and CGE for a “greener technology” and for saving St. MM some “green” as well!

**A NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY** On Thursday, June 28, we will celebrate the actual 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our parish. The 6:30 pm Liturgy will celebrate the vigil of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Together, these two apostles led and nurtured the Church founded by Christ.

On June 28 at 6:30 we will celebrate these two great men AND the founding of this parish which is an expression of the faith of these two apostles.

Please put the date on your calendar! Come be a part of this special event — both the Liturgy and the wonderful reception to follow!!

*Fr. Dave Howell*



## STORIES OF THE PARISH

### Our Church Altar Memories Dennis and Sandy Howe



After several years of weekend masses in the middle school cafeteria/auditorium, our community started talking about building our own church. Fr. Dave wanted everyone involved. There were lots of meetings and planning sessions bringing us closer together to create a vision of what the new worship space would be like, and how to pay for it. Sandy and I have had the good fortune to move around a lot over the years and be members of many Catholic communities. However, we never felt as much a part of any Parish as we did at this New Catholic Community of Brighton as we were originally known, or “St. Sign Up” to some.

With a daughter in medical school and a son in college, cash was in short supply for us. It occurred to us that we could use our woodworking skill and build the altar furniture for the new church and contribute our sweat equity. After one of the planning meetings, we shared our idea with Fr. Dave and the altar project began. A group working with Fr. Dave decided on a design for the new altar and ambo. Once I received a drawing, the project commenced. Cherry was chosen for the wood and another member of the community volunteered to cover the cost of materials.

The initial construction steps were moving along quickly with only a few questions: Do we need to make a pocket for something to hold altar relics? No, that is not a requirement any more as it was when we were young. There was a recessed gold stripe that went around the entire altar and after I figured out how to make the recess and stripe, I called Fr. Dave to ask if the church required the stripe to be real gold leaf or if I could use an imitation gold leaf to fill the recess. Fr. Dave asked what the difference would be, referring to appearance, and I replied “about \$700”. The imitation gold leaf was used and well-sealed. It still looks nice and shiny after all these years.

As the new church dedication approached, we were running short on time to finish the altar. At the end of mass on several weekends, Fr. Dave asked for volunteers to help with the sanding, staining and final finishing of the new altar. About 20 people responded and for several Wednesday evenings and Saturdays we had dedicated guests working hard to complete the altar. Finally, the altar was completed. The legs were attached to the bottom plate and the names of as many of the volunteers as we could remember were written on the inside of the bottom plate and the top was attached. On moving day, Leo Camden brought his utility trailer to our home and we loaded the altar and the large dolly it sat on into Leo’s trailer. Several members of our community who were working at the church to get ready for the church dedication ceremony were recruited to help roll the altar down the main aisle and lift the altar up to its new home.

Building the altar for our new church was a wonderful experience. We made many friends working with all the volunteers and helpers who contributed their time to finish the altar, and we feel a much deeper connection to this church and community because of our involvement. We would never have been ready in time for the dedication without the help of other members of our community. Every time we look at the altar, and later the two side altars made for our new church, we are reminded how important it is to take an active role in the church and community. We love “St. Sign Up” and pray it will never change.

**June 11, Monday, Saint Barnabas, Apostle**

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:1-12

9:00 am + Barb Hemmi

**June 12, Tuesday**

1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16

9:00 am Communion Service

**June 13, Wednesday, Saint Anthony of Padua,  
Priest and Doctor of the Church**

1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19

7:00 pm + Patricia Blust

**June 14, Thursday**

1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26

9:00 am + Patrick Doyle

**June 15, Friday**

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32

9:00 am + Sullivan &amp; Warren Families

**June 16, Saturday**

1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37

**June 17, The Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

4:30 pm Vigil St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

9:00 am All our Fathers (Living &amp; Deceased)

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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Ezekiel was a major Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon. He often used parables and dramatizations to convey his message. In this passage, Ezekiel uses the image of trees to talk about the restoration of Israel and the fall of the Babylonian empire.

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

We continue today to read from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. In this section of the letter, Paul describes our life on earth as a pilgrimage home to heaven.

**Mark 4:26-34**

This parable stresses the power of the seed to grow in and of itself, mysteriously producing the blade, ear, and finally the ripe grain. Jesus initiates the reign of God by sowing the word, maturing to the kingdom of heaven. We are invited to apply this parable to our own life situations.

**Reflect:** What symbol would you use to describe our life's journey?



*III Amara Young & Steven Silveas*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Sue Beaumont	Diane Olsem
Jimmy Blicharz	Peggy Ortiz
Steven & Eli Boulanger	Sandy Orlowski
Taylor Brake	Stan Osdras
Eugene Buel	Sam Petrocella
Brandy Burrell	Mike Rutkowski, Jr.
Larry Buslepp	Ron Sherman
Reggie Caprara	Sharon Shevock
John Colombo	Lisa Shibley
Michael Columbus	Pat Siegel
Cienna Ditri	Matt Siragusa
Sue Douglas	Bob Sixbery
Sean English	Mary Stevenson
James Farhat	Marylyn Trader
Caitlin Forhan	Michelle Turner
Carol Gallagher	Dan Whitehead
David Grinnell	John Wilkerwicz
Reace Gudith	Melanie Wollenhaupt
Michael Harrah	Jennifer Yanick
Julia Herrell	Tom Zremski
Dawn Jordan	Annabelle
Kathleen Konley	David
Herb Langer	Kathy
Alan Laginess	Kelly & Dennis
Robert Laginess	Mark
Gwen Maes	Matt
Jean Mayer	Nicole
Tom McSweeney	Philip
Diane Morrison	Stella
Dennis Nissle	

**Please remember in  
your prayers:**

Kathleen Sullivan-Golbiw and family,  
in the death of her father,  
John Sullivan.  
Sharon Dichtel and family, in the death of her  
nephew, Evan Battama.

**WELLNESS QUOTE**

**Never get so busy making a living  
that you forget to make a life.**

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Roxanne Hundsrucker

**Religious Formation Summer Contest**

Send me a picture of your family holding a copy of the church bulletin from Catholic Church you attend while on vacation, or take a copy of the St. Mary Magdalen church bulletin on vacation with you for photo opts. I will put these photos on the Formation Bulletin Board in the Church Gathering area. You will also be entered in a contest to win one of four St. Mary Press "Catholic Family Bibles."

**Contest instructions:**

Take your photo somewhere away from home, either while on vacation or a day trip holding a church bulletin. Then e-mail the picture, with names of all in the photo (first & last) and where you are in the photo, to [dre1@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:dre1@saintmarymagdalen.org). I will print and post your photo. There will be one drawing for each Religious Formation session and will take place the first week of Religious Formation in September. Contest deadline is Sunday, September 9, 2018.

A great resource for finding a Mass time while traveling is [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org). You put in a zip code and it gives you a list of Catholic Church Mass times in, or near, the city you requested. It also gives a link to the parish websites. I always call to make sure the list of times is accurate because sometimes parishes do not update Mass time changes right away on their websites.

**Registration 2018/2019**

We are registering children in grades 1-10 for Fall 2018 Religious Formation. If you have not registered, please do so right away as some classes have already filled. Our Family Program is already closed.

Our class sessions will be Wednesdays 4:30– 6 pm and 6:30—8 pm and Thursday 5:30–7 pm.

You can register in the parish office Monday—Friday 9 am—4 pm.



**Journey with Jesus (JWJ) Vacation Bible School**  
**Monday, July 30 - August 3, 2018**

Registration forms are in the Church Gathering area or on our St. Mary Magdalen website.

## YOUTH NEWS

Margaret Callaghan

**There may be some of you who are home from college** now or here celebrating a sibling's graduation. So, I will ask that if you have ever been involved with the YG or the old middle school M.U.D or currently EDGE, consider sharing a memory with us. It can be something funny, meaningful, reflective or to reminisce about your favorite youth group leader...We are collecting memories for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and will publish them in the bulletin.



**Wednesday, June 27 Cedar Pt.**

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

**Also, if you are interested in a volunteer opportunity** - on Saturday, June 30, 9:30-1:30 to prep and serve lunch in Flint at the Center for Hope, email Margaret at the above address to get on the list.

**This weekend is our last meeting** of the 2017/18 year. Thank you to the Finelli's for opening their home for us again to celebrate!

**With summer just about to begin** with this next week being the last week of school for many, my office hours change a bit. The best way to reach me regarding Cedar Point, the summer work service trip or volunteering opportunities, is by email. The best time to get me in person is mornings.

**It has been a great year!** Plans for the fall will start soon enough. For now, look here in the bulletin and via Remind texts for information on gatherings we will have over the summer. We are planning for movies, a beach day, bonfires and more.



Since the summer of 2002, St. Mary Magdalen has traveled with the National Relief Network approximately 12 times, traveling to New Orleans, LA, to Iowa, to Moore, OK and to West Virginia. We have worked to help communities rebuild from hurricane damage, flood damage and picked up debris from tornadoes.

NRN is a great opportunity for a great many things! If you are interested in learning more about the experience, please contact Margaret Callaghan at [yminister1@gmail.com](mailto:yminister1@gmail.com) or ask anyone wearing a bright yellow NRN t-shirt these next couple weekends. **Our trip this year is the week of July 29- Aug 3.** Anyone 13 years old and older is welcome to come. There is still time and space available if you are interested in participating this year.

## OF FAITH AND SERVICE

Sr. Joyce Hoile, OSF

**Bible at the Beach**

Check the Sunday Bulletin for the Readings we will study. Bring a bag lunch and meet us at the West Boat Launch at Kensington Park at 12:30, Monday, June 11.

**Gospel Gems**

1. Name the Gospels that include genealogies of Christ.
2. Which Gospels tell nothing of the birth and early life of Christ.

*Answers will be in next week's bulletin*

**S.A.F.E.**

The **Senior Alliance for Education** and the Diocese of Lansing will be hosting a workshop "Navigating the Golden Years: Understanding Your Medical, Financial, and Housing Decisions as You Age". Saturday, September 8, St. Thomas Aquinas School Gym, 915 Alton Road, East Lansing. Check-in begins at 8 am and presentations will be 9 am – 1 pm. Vendors will be available until 1:30 pm. The workshop is free and pre-registration is required. Information and registration Forms are at the Activity Board and/or in Sr. Joyce's Office.

**From Bishop Boyea**

**"Made For Happiness"**, our Diocesan Assembly, on **September 22**, will be an historic event in our diocese and it is my hope that it will inspire many attendees to more deeply embrace their true identities as daughters and sons of God and, as a result, share the Gospel of Jesus Christ more freely and joyfully with those around them.

Please join me, all the clergy and thousands of others from around our diocese for this defining moment in our Church! For current information see [www.madeforhappiness.org](http://www.madeforhappiness.org)

**Summer Traveling?** [Masstimes.org](http://Masstimes.org) (See Religious Formation Column about a Summer Contest).

*Sister Joyce*

**WELLNESS SURVEY** Our Wellness Team has created a **2 minute survey** to help them plan future programs for the health and well-being of the members of our community. You can fill out the survey on line at our parish website or fill out a paper copy at the Welcome Desk! Thanks for your help!

## CHARITY &amp; JUSTICE

**Livingston County  
United Way  
Day of Caring**


The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Caring is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15. Volunteers from

Livingston County lend their skills and time to help organizations and individuals in need of assistance. If you need help with yard work, cleaning, painting, or light maintenance work, complete a Worksite Request by July 6 (at the Charity & Justice table or online at [www.lcdayofcaring.org](http://www.lcdayofcaring.org)). Volunteers can register online to help with projects at the same web site by July 9. For questions, contact Diane Duncan at 810.494.3000 or email [lcdayofcaring@gmail.com](mailto:lcdayofcaring@gmail.com).

**Magdalen's Kitchen Sign-Up**

Names of those interested in serving at Magdalen's Kitchen for the Mondays of July and the first half of August 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 10 pm**) for July and the first half of August 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.

**HELP WELCOME OUR MIGRANT  
WORKER NEIGHBORS!**

Migrant farm workers are now arriving at Buurma Farms near Gregory. Many times they travel with nearly all their possessions and don't have room to bring a lot of things we take for granted: laundry soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. Livingston County parishes are collecting items for Welcome Baskets for these households. Please consider donating bottled water, laundry soap and baskets, shampoo, conditioner, washcloths and towels. We will be collecting at the Masses the next two weekends, June 16/17 & June 23/24.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

WEEK OF 5/27/2018

Approximately 1227 people participated  
 Env/Cash \$ 13,635  
 EFT/Online \$ 3,629  
**TOTAL \$ 17,264**  
 Children's Collection \$ 55.00

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

WEEK OF 6/3/2018

Approximately 1336 people participated  
 Env/Cash \$ 17,051  
 EFT/Online \$ 20,320  
**TOTAL \$ 37,371**  
 Children's Collection \$ 76.74

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, June 11**

9:45 am Rediscover Jesus Book Study  
 9:45 am Yoga  
 12:30 pm Bible at the Beach (Kensington Metro Park)  
 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen  
 7:00 pm Properties  
 7:00 pm 25th Anniversary Committee

**Tuesday, June 12**

1:00 pm MOW Card Making  
 7:00 pm Charity & Justice  
 7:00 pm Artist's Way

**Wednesday, June 13**

1:00 pm Community Life  
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 7:30 pm Finance Council

**Thursday, June 14**

7:00 pm Wellness  
 7:30 pm Music Ministry

**Friday, June 15**

**Saturday, June 16**

**Sunday, June 17**

11:00 am Baptism Presentation

**Blood Pressure Screening After All Masses**



**FaithFest 2018**

**Featuring Matt Maher, Unspoken, Sanctus Real**

Join Bishop Earl Boyea and thousands of others on **June 23** for a full day of Christian music, family fun, and a Catholic Mass! This extraordinary family festival of faith will take place on the beautiful 95-acre grounds and campus of St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. Visit [www.faithfest.com](http://www.faithfest.com) for tickets and more information, or call 517-669-8321.

**25 YEARS**

**Thursday, June 28**

**THE COMMEMORATION OF  
 The 25th Anniversary  
 of our Parish  
 &  
 The Dedication of our Church.**

**ALL ARE INVITED  
 to a special  
 LITURGY at 6:30pm**  
*A reception will follow  
 in the Community Room.*

**MARRIAGE MATTERS**



**Manresa's Summer Retreat for Married Couples**

*Your Marriage Story: A Book You Would Want to Read*  
 Friday, July 27 - Sunday, July 29, 2018  
**Led by Jim and Linda Chevalier**

This retreat for traditionally married couples will focus on your marital relationship with God, as illustrated by married couples in Scripture. Stories and faith themes will be explored and experienced to discover what God desires for you and your marriage. The retreat will include opportunities for sharing as well as silent time of reflection.

The retreat begins with dinner at 7:00 pm on Friday, July 27, and concludes with lunch on Sunday, July 29. Register online at [www.manresa-sj.org/072718-mcr](http://www.manresa-sj.org/072718-mcr) or call the front office at 248-644-4933.

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

**As of June 4, 20% of our St. Mary Magdalen families have made pledges.** We have reached **67%** of our parish goal!

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to please 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!

**25th Anniversary Pictorial Directory**

If you were not able to reserve a time to have your family's picture taken for our new directory, or if you had to cancel your appointment, there are two new photography dates: **June 22 & June 23**. Sign up after Masses in the Gathering Area or online (Mon. through Fri.) at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)

**Church Code: MI1068 Password: pictures**

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating.

**Card Making Class**

**Tuesday, June 12, 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 to register at 810-772-8252 so we will have enough materials available.

**MINISTERS OF PRAYER**

- Sun. Jun 10 Luigi & Adriana Milani, Dennis Wagener
- Mon. Jun 11 Barb Dolkowski, Pete Kelly, Joyce Muchler
- Tues. Jun 12 Joe & Barb Kowal
- Wed. Jun 13 Lisa Pajtas
- Thu. Jun 14 Jim Hynes
- Fri. Jun 15 Volunteer
- Sat. Jun 16 Volunteer

