

July 22, 2018



The Feast of Saint Mary Magdalen

The Apostle to the Apostles

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

REJOICE AND BE GLAD This past spring, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Exhortation. (That is a fancy phrase for teaching reflection from the successor of Peter.) The title of exhortation is *Gaudete et Exultate* – Rejoice and be Glad.

He tells us the call to holiness is deeply personal, but not individual. We are called together. This is the central thrust of all that God has done to save humanity; God enters into relationship with a people, not just individuals.

This is the radical communitarianism and intimacy Jesus prays for in John 17:21 “that they be one as we are one.” It is a call to participate in the unity of the Trinity. Pope Francis reminds we are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual.

Rather, God draws us to Himself within a complex network of interpersonal relationships present in a human community. Pope Francis stresses this again toward the end of his message, reiterating that “growth in holiness is a journey in a community, side by side with others”.

So many people struggle today with the anxiety and isolation of contemporary culture, exacerbated by the shallowness and fragility of relationships maintained on social media. The individualism and consumerism that result fuel both rampant loneliness and a throwaway culture.

MANY, MANY THANKS!! To all the wonderful people who are a part of our 25th Anniversary Team. They are the ones who did the planning and work on our 25th Anniversary “Feast for the Feast”. They are a dedicated and hardworking group! It is a pleasure to work with them!

AN ANNIVERSARY TRIP To celebrate my 40th Anniversary of ordination I am going on a trip to Alaska! While I am gone, Fr. Bob McGraw will be here on the weekend of July 28/29 and Fr. Bill Augh will be here the weekend of August 4/5.

THE HOLY LAND I have been asked by a few folks to consider doing one more trip to the Holy Land. So I have been working with a travel agent to make plans for September 15 – 25, 2019. The cost would be about \$4,750 per person with double occupancy. (The cost may go up or down, depending on the cost of airfare.)

Participants would also be able to add on a 3 day excursion into Jordan for about \$1,200.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, there will be a meeting at 6:30 pm on Friday, September 7 in the Community Room.

Fr. Dave Howell

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

July 23, Monday

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42

9:00 am + Robert & Virginia Howell

July 24, Tuesday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50

9:00 am Communion Service

July 25, Wednesday, St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

7:00 pm Communion Service

July 26, Thursday, Saints Joachim and Anne,

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13/Mt 13:10-17

9:00 am Communion Service

July 27, Friday

Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23

9:00 am Communion Service

July 28, Saturday

Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30

July 29, Seventeenth Sunday

2 Kgs:4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

4:30 pm Vigil + Greg Kalwasinski

9:00 am + Fred Preiss

11:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha was the successor of the great prophet Elijah, who lived about 800 years before Christ. Elisha was noted for his miraculous deeds. Today we hear of one such deed performed during a time of famine.

Ephesians 4:1-6

The first three chapters of the letter to the Ephesians teach doctrine; we now begin the next part of the letter which contains practical advice for Christian living. Today's passage sets forth the foundation of the ecumenical movement. You will hear the author speak of seven ways in which Christians are united.

John 6:1-5

Jesus, the new Moses, now on a different “Mountain” from Sinai, takes the initiative to feed the crowds of people. In the present chapter the approach of the feast anticipates the final Passover and now for John it is a sign, a sacramental meal, followed by Jesus' bread of life discourse about eating his flesh and drinking his blood - which makes this multiplication story Eucharistic.

Reflect: In what ways do you generously provide for the needs of others who have little or nothing?

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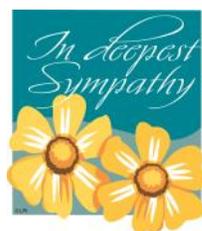
1 Clare Eagle & Tyler Smith

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Keith Beattie	Richard Parent
Sue Beaumont	Kathy Rigley
Taylor Brake	Ron Sherman
Larry Buslepp	Pat Siegel
Cienna Ditri	Matt Siragusa
Sean English	Bob Sixbery
James Farhat	Lauren Smart
Caitlin Forhan	Amanda Sproull
Suzanne Gace	Marylyn Trader
Carol Gallagher	Michelle Turner
David Grinnell	Richard Tuzinsky
Michael Harrah	John Wilkerwicz
Dawn Jordan	Jennifer Yanick
Kathleen Konley	Tom Zremski
Dorothy Koprowicz	Andrea
Herb Langer	Annabelle
Alan Laginess	Christine
Robert Laginess	Colleen
Gwen Maes	David
Jean Mayer	Dennis
Tom McSweeney	Kelly & Dennis
Diane Morrison	Matt
Dick Mularoni	Philip
Diane Olsem	Stella
Peggy Ortiz	Sue
Stan Osdras	

**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!"

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Terry Dye and family,
in the death of his daughter,
Kristi-Anne Sutton.

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 parish community throughout 2018!



RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Roxanne Hundsrucker

Religious Formation Summer Contest

Send me a picture of your family holding a copy of the church bulletin from the 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 on a day trip, holding a church bulletin. Then e-mail the picture, with names of all in the photo (first & last) and the location where the photo was taken to dre1@saintmarymagdalen.org.

See our website for more details.



The Bosn Family

Eliza, Arlo, Simon, Rex, Lucy Bosn
Sts. Anthony and Joseph - Herkimer, NY

Journey with Jesus (JWJ) "Shipwrecked"

Mandatory Volunteer training is next Sunday after the 9 am Liturgy. Set-up will begin after the 11 am Liturgy next Sunday in the West Wing, and we need many hands. Stop by and hang a poster or two, or help create a scene if you have time.



YOUTH NEWS

Margaret Callaghan



We will be travelling to **Houghton, MI**, for our service trip July 29-Aug 3. This is a great opportunity to help those affected by flooding. **We still have spots on the bus available if anyone would like to join us.** Contact me at yminister1@gmail.com or call me in the parish office to sign up.

In honor of our parish's 25th Anniversary, please take a moment to reflect on your time here, write it down and send it to our story editor at maskip25@gmail.com and it will be shared with our community. Thank you!

Tommy and I first visited St. Mary Magdalen in August of 1995 and decided before Liturgy was over that this is where we wanted to be. We registered with the parish and by October of that same year we held our first youth group meeting! Fast forward 23 years and here we are today...my how the years fly!

I could have never imagined a better place to grow in my marriage and to raise three kids. To be supported in my work here by the parish community and Fr. Dave has meant more than I can even put into words. To be a part of *your* family's journey through the good times and the bad, the hard times and the joyful times has also been a blessing.

As I reflect and reminisce about the early years when Liturgy was held at the school, I think about how far we have come as a community and how Tommy and I have grown in our married life, as parents and in relationship with all of you. It is hard to believe some of the early youth group teens are now married and parents themselves. Life was much simpler back then, without all the social media outlets; a time when beepers were the device to have and writing letters to distant friends and family was still in practice. I remember those days fondly, with large group games in the old social hall and the small youth room that was usually overflowing with laughter, smiles and bodies that squished on to couches and bean bags.

I still cannot believe that every week for the past 23 years I have written a weekly bulletin, done countless monthly visionary articles, held a ton of Sunday evening meetings, and traveled all over for national conferences and service trips. I cherish my memories of the past with your family and look forward to making more in the years to come.

OF FAITH AND SERVICE

Sr. Joyce Hoile, OSF

Gospel Gems

Answers from last week: Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels. The Gospel of John does not record the institution of the Eucharist.

1. Which Gospel includes the Discourse on the Bread of Life?
2. Which Gospel tells of the raising of Lazarus?



Bible at the Beach

Every Monday in July and August, we will meet at 12:30 pm at Kensington Metropark, East Boat Launch, for lunch and sharing the Readings for the upcoming Sunday. Since each week is its own theme, anyone may come to any session. Bring a bag lunch and join us anytime!

50+ Livingston Vicariate Catholic Council
SUMMER CELEBRATION & PICNIC

Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018

Holy Spirit Parish, 9565 Musch Rd., Brighton

Outdoor Mass at 11 am, Potluck, Music, 50/50 drawing
Bring a dish to share. Sloppy Joe's, beverages and paper products will be provided.

Please RSVP to Sr. Joyce by Friday, Aug. 3, 2018

You are Made for Happiness

Diocesan Assembly

Saturday, September 22

This is the result of Bishop Boyea's Pastoral Letter "Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord", which he issued in 2012. The letter consists of three main parts: The Household of Faith, The Lost Sheep, and The Court of the Gentiles. After a year of prayer in the Diocese, in 2014, the Bishop gathered the parish ministers (850 people) to address the task of renewal in our Parishes. In 2016, the Bishop gathered 2,000 people (4%) of our Church-going Catholics who self-identified as having a desire to help fallen away Catholics return to the Church. Saturday, September 22, 2018 we will gather with 15,000 (25%) church-going Catholics for a defining moment in history in our Diocese, to be inspired and equipped to live and spread the Faith with new vigor in our world. Do you want to be part of this? Register at www.madeforhappiness.org

-Sr. Joyce

CHARITY & JUSTICE

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS



The Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) is holding their annual "Backpacks for Kids" project in August. The goal of this project is to provide Livingston County students with basic school supplies at no cost.

We will start to collect items July 28 and 29!

If you'd like to make a donation for this project please take an apple tag/tags with items needed from the easel, located in the Gathering Area. All items need to be turned in **on or before August 5**. Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful project!

Food Cart Items



You may or may not know about the food cart in the Gathering Area near the main entrance. Food donated and placed in the cart goes to one of four pantries. Two of the pantries are located in Detroit (St. Anne Parish and Brown Ministries) and two are located in Livingston County (Bountiful Harvest and Gleaners Food Bank). The food is taken on a rotation basis to one of these pantries each week by our volunteers. The sign-up to volunteer is on the Charity & Justice table in the gathering space.

We recently received information from Gleaners requesting the following **most needed items**: canned fruit (no heavy syrup), canned vegetables, tuna fish, peanut butter (plastic jars), healthy cereal/oatmeal, hearty soups/stews, canned spaghetti or pasta, beans (black, kidney, pinto, refried), canned meats (chicken, salmon), pasta, macaroni and cheese, rice, pancake or baking mixes, baby food or formula, cake mix, and cooking oil. **These items are common staples and could be used at the other pantries as well.**



Thank you for feeding the hungry!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 7/15/2018

Approximately 1,302 people participated

Env/Cash \$ 20,403

EFT/Online \$ 3,235

TOTAL \$ 23,638

Children's Collection \$ 53.03

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, July 23

- 9:45 am Yoga
- 12:30 pm Bible at the Beach
Kensington Metropark West Boat Launch
- 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen
- 7:30 pm K of C Planning Meeting

Tuesday, July 24

7:00 pm Artist's Way

Wednesday, July 25

- 9:00 am Jesus Lifestyles Bible Study
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, July 26

7:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, July 27

Saturday, July 28

Sunday, July 29

- 10:00 am Last year's 8th Grade Make-up Mtg.
- 12:00 pm JWJ Volunteer Training
- 12:00 pm K of C Rosary

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

NO GYM ACTIVITIES JULY 23 - 29

Work Ready Room

Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties **"Work Ready Room"** wants your new or gently used career clothes to help individuals in need! **Accepting donations of khakis, dress pants, collared shirts, scrubs, shoes and work boots.**

Donations can be dropped off
Monday-Friday, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.
812 Root St., Flint, MI 48503 810-265-7025

Providing Help...Creating Hope

WELLNESS QUOTE

"Energy flows where attention goes."



"COME AND YOU WILL SEE"

John 1:39

What **Alpha** is:

- food, video, conversation
- small groups for questions and discussion

Come, check it out! Bring a friend!!



Sessions begin: Tuesday mornings, September 11
Thursday evenings, September 13

Registration forms are in the Gathering Area
on the **ACTIVITIES TABLE**

Register online at www.saintmarymagdalen.org
(click on **ALPHA**)

Or email Jo Hofsess with questions or to register
at alpha@saintmarymagdalen.org.



**How Do I Become Catholic?
Do I Want To Become Catholic?**

- ** If you have never been baptized.
- ** If you were baptized in another Christian faith.
- ** If you were baptized Catholic but did not receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.
- ** If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith.

Call Erin Wolfe in the parish office (810)229-8624 ext. 176. There are no commitments or obligations to become Catholic, just the opportunity to find out more.

We will be having another summer Inquiry on August 13, from 7-8 pm in the Library.

DO YOU HAVE CELIAC DISEASE?

If you have a gluten intolerance, such as Celiac-Sprue Disease, and have not been able to receive Communion at Mass, please call Diane Kubus in the parish office at extension 128. We have low gluten hosts available and can make arrangements for you to receive.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

Sun. July 22 Lisa Klein
 Mon. July 23 Bruce Dehanke, Bob & Pat Metz
 Tues. July 24 Diane Davidson, Mary Ann Hargrave
 Wed. July 25 Joe Lubig
 Thur. July 26 Ginny & Clarence Kroll,
 Kathy Riccardi
 Fri. July 27 Lynn Pfaff
 Sat. July 28 Michele Sixbery



**LIVINGSTON YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
 EVENTS & HAPPENINGS FOR THOSE 18-35**

MONTHLY MASS & DINNER

Sunday, July 29
 5pm Mass @ St. Patrick, Brighton
 6:30pm Dinner @ Olga's
 8485 W Grand River Ave, Brighton, MI 48116
 Invite a friend or meet someone new!
 Quality conversation guaranteed.

Questions? Contact Shannon 810-588-7665 or
livingstonyam@gmail.com

Please visit www.livingstonyam.com for more info or find us on
 Facebook at "Livingston YAM"



Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal! St. Mary Magdalen has reached 82% of our parish goal! (over \$85,000 of our \$102,310 goal).

If you have not already 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. Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter!

Job Opportunity:

Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard High School is seeking **2 assistant football coaches** for the 2018 season.



If interested, please contact Deacon Dave Lawrence at 269-341-2960 or at dcndlawrence@fgrhs.org.