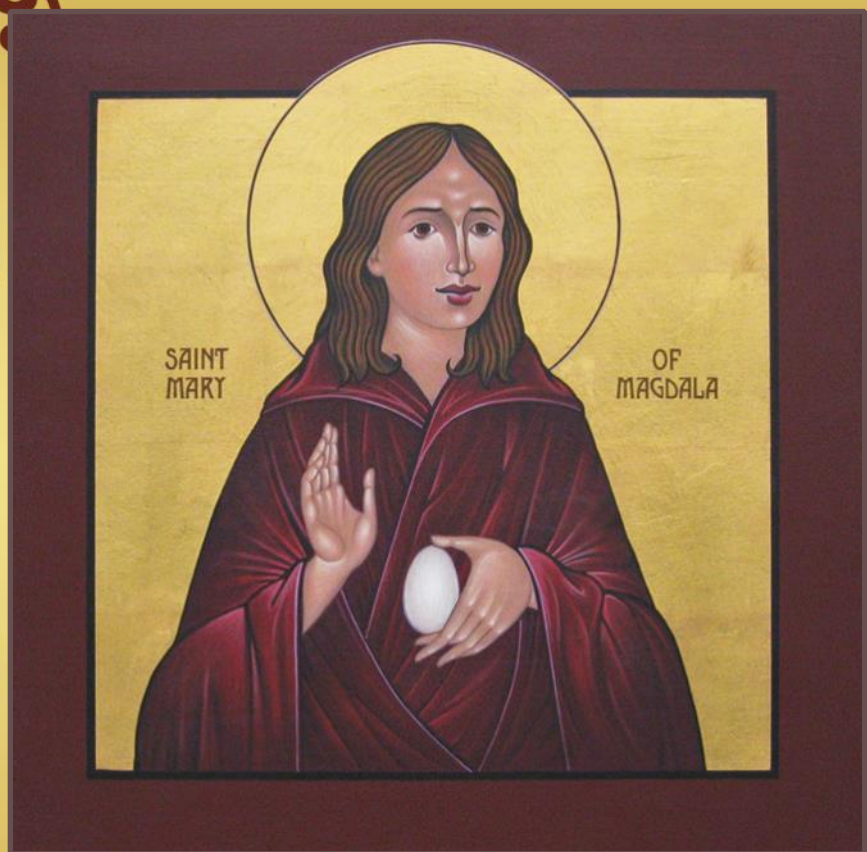


The Feast of Saint Mary Magdalen

JULY 23, 2017



The Apostle to
the Apostles

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

OUR MARY This weekend, with the bishop's permission, we celebrate the feast of our parish patroness, St. Mary Magdalen.

Because she was sent by Christ to bring the good news of His resurrection to His disciples, the early fathers of the Church called Mary Magdalen the Apostle to the Apostles. In the early Middle Ages, scholars confused several women mentioned in the Gospels including Mary of Bethany, the woman caught in adultery, and another woman of Galilee (a known sinner). Somehow all of them were wrongly identified with our Mary of Magdala.

The confusion is understandable, because these scholars were unfamiliar with the geography of the Holy Land where the stories recorded in the Scriptures took place.

First of all, Magdala was a town in Galilee right on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Bethany is about 90 miles to the south in the province of Judea.

Secondly, there are different versions of the story of the woman who anointed Jesus' feet with perfumed oil. In Luke 7, which takes place in Galilee, an unidentified woman who was a well-known sinner, washed Jesus' feet with her tears and then anointed them. In Matthew 26 and Mark 14, a woman anoints Jesus' feet in the house of Simon the Leper in Bethany just before Jesus' death. Neither Matthew nor Mark identifies the woman, but they say that her anointing was to prepare Jesus for burial. John 11 begins with the story of how Jesus spared the life of the adulterous woman. In the next chapter, John tells us the meal took place in the house of Martha and Lazarus and the woman who anoints the feet of Jesus is identified as their sister, Mary of Bethany. Somehow the stories got combined and Mary of Magdala became Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, who was caught in adultery, washed Jesus feet with her tears and anointed them with oil!

As a result of the confusion, Mary Magdalen was discredited as a public sinner or even a prostitute. While both accusations were commonly believed for almost 1500 years, a reasonable study of the Gospel quickly shows this to be erroneous. The only thing the Gospels actually tell us about our Mary is that she was a disciple of the Lord and that she and other female disciples financially supported Jesus' ministry.

The only other thing the Gospel (Luke 8) tells us about Mary of Magdala is that Jesus freed her from demonic possession. While that statement could mean that she was actually possessed, it could also mean that she was very ill and Jesus cured her.

We celebrate this weekend the first disciple to see the Risen Lord, and her faithful witness to His resurrection! May all of us give that same witness!!

Fr. Dave Howell

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**July 24, Monday**

Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42

9:00 am +Richard Lester

July 25, Tuesday, Feast of Saint James, Apostle

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

9:00 am Communion Service

July 26, Wednesday, Saints Joachim and Anne

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9

7:00 pm Mass of Anointing
+Donald Dluzniewski

July 27, Thursday

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17

9:00 am +Joan Van Gorp

July 28, Friday

Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23

9:00 am +Craig Nelson

July 29, Saturday, Saint Martha

Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30

July 30, 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

4:30 pm Vigil St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

9:00 am +Fred Preiss

11:00 am +Dolores Prom

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary**1 Kings 3: 5 – 12**

The Wisdom of King Solomon was proverbial. Today's reading portrays events that occurred early in Solomon's reign. We will hear how he became a wise person.

Romans 8: 28 -30

As we continue our readings from the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, we will hear Paul use the word "predestined." This word does not mean that individuals are locked into a destiny over which they have no control. Rather, it means that in Christ, God provided abundant grace for everyone.

Matthew 13: 44 -52

The parable we hear in today's Gospel comes from a private discussion between Jesus and his disciples. The first three parables of today's Gospel compare the discovery of the kingdom of heaven to people's discovery of precious things and receipt of great abundance.

Reflect: What do you think heaven will be like?

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:30am–4:30pm

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday: 4:30m • Sunday: 9 & 11am

Weekday Liturgies: Mon., Thurs., Fri.: 9am Wed.: 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.



III Nicole Doyle & Steven Micurek

MASS OF ANOINTING



will be celebrated **Wednesday, July 26, at 7:00 pm.** All who have a serious or chronic illness, or who are facing surgery are encouraged to attend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Pat Bartle | Jean Mayer |
| Laura Bialorucki | Nancy McElligatt |
| Taylor Brake | Tom McSweeney |
| Eugene Buel | Emily Metcalf |
| Jeanne Buel | Marilynn Myszkier |
| Larry Buslepp | Cara New |
| Regina Caprara | Stan Osdras |
| Hugh Conahan | Debbie Sue Panos |
| Clara Coronnier | Frank Pellerito |
| Marc Craig | Mary Lyn Prokop |
| Cienna Ditre | Mike Rollinger |
| Sean English | Larry Schmid |
| Jonathan Faiola | Michelle Schmid |
| Caitlin Forhan | Kenn Sheats |
| Laura Hayes | Kendall Stump |
| Barb Hemmi | Marylyn Trader |
| Patrick Hobbins | Mick Trudeau |
| MaryAnna Horkan | Char Turowski |
| Greg Hrbal | Robert Warner |
| David Jagusch | Patricia Whelan |
| Kathy Jagusch | Linda Williams |
| Teresa Kaminsky | Gerry Wszola |
| Gail Kelso | Marcia Wyderko |
| Colleen King | Adina Zammit |
| Mary Keating | Tom Zremski |
| Klein Family | Autumn |
| Robert Laginess | Gwen |

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 7/16/2017

Approximately 1307 people participated

Env/Cash \$15,355

EFT/Online \$ 1,862

TOTAL \$17,217

Children's Collection \$45.29

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, July 24

9:45 am Yoga
6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen
7:30 pm K of C Planning Mtg.

Tuesday, July 25

Wednesday, July 26

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 pm Mass of Anointing
7:30 pm Parish Picnic Planning Meeting

Thursday, July 27

7:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, July 28

9:45 am Yoga

Saturday, July 29

Sunday, July 30

12 pm JWJ Set up/Decorate
12:45 pm K of C Rosary

The Pence/Rhadigan Family want to express their heartfelt thanks to the family of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church for all your prayers, visits and support as we sent Marilyn to her next assignment helping the Lord. She is a beautiful Catholic Christian and will be missed by all of us. Please continue to pray for us and for Marilyn's passionate petition that some day all religions will unite under One God.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Roxanne Hundsrucker

Journey with Jesus Vacation Bible School

We will have training next Sunday, July 30 after the 9 am Liturgy and decorating after the 11 am Liturgy in the West Wing. If you signed up to volunteer it is very important that you come to the training session.

**Pray for our Adult & Teen NRN Volunteers**

As Margaret, several adults and teens return from their work mission trip to Missouri, let us pray they see the fruit of their labor from this past week. As they move forward, pray they open their hearts to the Lord and listen for wisdom received during this time shared in service.

Catechist needs for 2017-2018

We need adults for the following roles:

Wednesday 4:30-6 pm

6th grade catechist (very small class)
8th grade aide

Thursday 5:30—7 pm

5th grade co-catechist

Please pray over these needs, for yourself or for other members of our parish to answer this call to ministry.

**Religious Formation Registration**

We will be registering for Religious Formation sessions next week during Journey with Jesus, Monday through Friday, 9 am to noon in the Gathering Area. If you have not signed up for fall classes, please do so as soon as possible, as some of our class grades and times have reached capacity.

Family Program

We have space for 5 more families in our religious formation Family Program. This program takes the place of the traditional, week-night faith formation class. We gather twice a month, and while the children are in class the parents gather for adult formation and community building. For more information contact me in the parish office.

YOUTH NEWS

Margaret Callaghan

I am now collecting donation items for the Tin Can Raffle. Items are set out during the picnic and as you see an item or service you'd like to win, simply put a raffle ticket in the tin can specific to that item. All tickets are \$1. You can purchase them the day of the raffle!

Items for donation could be anything. Be creative and donate something you've made or a themed basket. Summer items are deeply discounted now, back to school stuff is out and you can find holiday things as well. The more donations, the more choices and the more fun this raffle is!!



The Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday September 10 starting with the 11am liturgy outdoors in the back. Come and plan to spend the afternoon outside with friends and family.

There is an ongoing bottle and can fundraiser. A few of our NRN participants used this money to help pay for their trip. Coming up this November, we will have another big trip that these returnables can be used for. Bring the bags with you to church and drop them off at the barn door.

Should you see anyone wearing a yellow shirt, maybe a bit stained with sweat and dirt, please don't be afraid to stop them and ask them about our week in Eureka, MO!

We spent the week there helping a community recover from spring flooding. I encourage you to ask questions about their experience!



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.

OF FAITH AND SERVICE

Sr. Joyce Hoile, OSF

Summer Quote

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

~ John Lubbock

Called by Name--Everyone knows someone who no longer has zest for Communal Church Worship, who lets other events take priority. The Bible gives continual expressions of God calling us back to worship Him, the one true God. Please pray for your family and friends by name, to be open to return and take a fresh look and commitment to our Catholic faith.

**COMING SOON****Regional 50+ Senior Picnic
Thursday, August 10**

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
9565 Musch Road, Brighton

11 am Outdoor Mass, Picnic, Raffle

Tableware, drinks and sloppy Joe's provided.

Please bring a dish to pass.

RSVP to Sr. Joyce by Sunday, August 6 if coming!

CHURCH PICNIC**Sunday, September 10****St. Mary Magdalen Annual Parish Picnic
Ice Cream Social****Youth Tin Can Raffle**

11 am Outdoor Mass, Picnic Lunch
Petting Farm, Music, Games, Prizes

PICNIC HELP NEEDED!**Parish Picnic Planning Meeting**

Wednesday, July 26
(After 7:30 pm Mass)

CHARITY & JUSTICE

The Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) is holding their 16th 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.

This project helps children have a positive experience during their first few days of school. At St. Mary Magdalen, we collect school supplies from the list provided by LESA and deliver them to one of the designated drop-off points.

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 6th**. Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful project!

Magdalen's Kitchen Sign-Up

Names of those interested in serving at Magdalen's Kitchen for the Mondays of August 21th and 28th and all of September 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 email or phone call will be made 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 on Grand River) on Saturday evenings (**at 9:30 pm**) for Saturdays on August 19th and 26th and all of September are being accepted. The sign-up sheet is on the Charity & Justice table in the Gathering Space. A reminder email or phone call will be placed just prior to the date you are to volunteer.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Recognizing St. Mary Magdalen's role as the first to witness Christ's resurrection and as a "true and authentic evangelizer,"

Pope Francis raised the July 22 memorial of St. Mary Magdalen to a feast on the church's liturgical calendar.

A decree formalizing the decision was published by the Congregation for Divine Worship June 10, 2017. Noting how Mary Magdalen was the first eyewitness to the Risen Christ and the first to announce his resurrection to the apostles, Archbishop Roche hailed her as "the Apostle to the Apostles" a phrase coined by St. Thomas Aquinas.

Mary Magdalen came from a village named Magdala, located on the western shore of Galilee, not far from the city of Tiberius. She became one of Jesus' disciples "assisting Him out of her own funds." (Lk 8:2) She stood by Mary the mother of Jesus at the foot of the cross. Most importantly, all four Gospels attest to the fact that Mary Magdalen went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus on Easter Sunday and was the first person to whom the Lord Jesus appeared. It was she who brought the good news of the resurrection to His apostles. As a result, the early fathers of the Church referred to her as the "apostle to the apostles".

While the Scriptures never mention the Magdalen again, the most ancient tradition claims that she went with the apostle John as a companion to Mary, the mother of Christ, to Ephesus where she eventually died and was buried. According to a later tradition more closely associated with her title: apostle to the apostles, she traveled to Rome and preached the Gospel to the emperor, using an egg to explain the resurrection of Christ. Her journeys ended in southern Gaul (France) where she continued to proclaim the good news of the resurrection until she died on July 22. In the Middle Ages, a large monastery later built over the site venerated as the Magdalen's burial place.

WELLNESS QUOTE

A person whose mind is quiet and satisfied in God is in the pathway to health. ~ Ellen G. White

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MINISTERS OF PRAYER

Sun July 23	Nancy Nychpor
Mon July 24	Barb Dolkowski, Joyce Muchler, Larry Detter
Tue July 25	Theresa Wolterman, Stasia Eisenhut
Wed July 26	Ginny & Clarence Kroll
Thu July 27	Rita DeRaud
Fri July 28	Lynn Pfaff
Sat July 29	Volunteer

Make the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

If you always imagine God in the same way, no matter how true and beautiful it may be, you will not be able to receive the gift of the new ways He has ready for you. Carlos Valles, S.J.

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises is a pilgrimage of a spiritual search for the fulfillment of a desire for holiness. The pilgrimage is about praying, searching, exploring and discovering; it is a journey with God and a journey to(ward) God. Christ Jesus is the pilgrim's companion as one learns to walk the life journey path as Jesus. Jesus asks: ***“What are you looking for?”*** (Jn1:38) and ***“Come and see.”*** (Jn 1:39). Those who engage in the Spiritual Exercises discover a response to ***“What is God asking of me?”*** The Exercise experience is good for increasing openness to the movement of the Holy Spirit strengthening and supporting one in the effort **to respond ever more faithfully to the love of God.**



The full Spiritual Exercises may be done in the midst of ordinary daily life at home. It involves a daily commitment of 45-60 minutes in prayer and reflection centered on the themes of the Exercises and a weekly meeting with Linda Chevalier, Spiritual Director for approximately eight or nine months. Linda meets with the Exercise pilgrim on a weekly basis at her home which allows for reflective conversation and confidentiality. The cost for the Spiritual Exercises is to offer your director a stipend, payable to the director over the course of the retreat. You will have a discussion about the precise details during your first conversation.

If you feel drawn to make the Ignatian Exercises in Daily Life first pray about it and if you still feel drawn toward making the Exercises **contact Linda Chevalier (810.229.9734) or chevalierlinda@att.net**