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HOLY WEEK: THE DAYS OF OUR SALVATION!!

On the weekend of March 27/28, we enter into a time like no other in the Church year: Holy Week. Unlike all other days of the year, however, these not only celebrate, but invite us to enter into the experience of the saving event of Jesus' Passover through death to life. The whole year leads up to and away from the last three days of Holy Week, called the Triduum. These three days stand as the pinnacle of our life and our hope!

HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 1) MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER -- 7:30 pm

Our celebration of Holy Thursday will begin with **Morning Prayer** at 8 AM. In the evening, after the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will watch and pray with the Lord in Holy Cross Chapel from 9 pm until Tenebrae at 11:30. The night watch will end at midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY (April 2) LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION -- 7:30 pm

9 am Our celebration of Good Friday will begin with **Morning Prayer**.

1:00 pm A special **Way of the Cross** will commemorate the Lord's Passion and Death.

7:30 pm The traditional **Good Friday Service**, with the re-enactment of the Passion.

HOLY SATURDAY (April 3) SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF EASTER -- 8:30 pm

Our celebration of Holy Saturday will begin with **Morning Prayer** at 9 AM. In the evening we will celebrate the most important Liturgy of the year and the completion of the Lord's Passover through death to life! It is a Celebration of the Resurrection, rich in ancient symbolism. During the Liturgy new members are initiated into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We who have made the journey of Lent with them renew our Baptismal commitment and join the new members at the table of the Lord.

EASTER EGG HUNT All children are welcome to attend from 12 noon to 2 pm. We will gather promptly at 12 noon back by the barn. High School and Middle School youth who want to help out with games, face painting and/or tattooing can email Margaret at youth1@saintmarymagdalen to volunteer.

EASTER SUNDAY (April 4) THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER -- 9 & 11 am

These two Sunday Masses continue the celebration from the evening before. They include the renewal of Baptismal promises as we strive to live the new life Christ has given us through His death and resurrection.

Preparing For Easter

We began Lent by proclaiming our determination to *turn away from sin and live the Gospel*. The prayer, penitential practices and works of charity helped us grow in the Gospel life. Now, before Easter we ritualize this new life in both individual and communal celebrations of the **Sacrament of Penance**:

Monday, March 29 – 12 noon- 1 pm & COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 30 -- 2 - 3 pm & 7 – 8:30 pm

Wed, March 31-- 11 am – 12 noon & 4:30- 5:30 pm

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Holy Thursday April 1-We will have a reflection on the life and death of Jesus following the 7:30pm Liturgy.

Thursday's April 15 & 29 - Faith Fuel will take place in our youth room from 6:30-9 pm. All high school students are welcome to join us. Check out our website for more information www.saintmarymagdalen.org

Sunday's April 11th and the 18th - High school youth group meetings from 7-9pm in the youth room. All high school students are welcome to join us!

Sunday's April 24th – 25th – We will have a Homeless-Awareness Lockout on the back forty. Details will follow.

EDGE (7TH & 8TH Graders)

Monday's April 12 & 26 – are our EDGE meetings from 7-8:30 in the youth room. Plan to join us for these last two meetings of the year as we celebrate another end to another great and God filled year!

+RELIGIOUS FORMATION -- APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER+

Easter Break, Classes Resume April 11	March 28 – April 10
Registration for Fall Religious Formation Classes (4-8pm)	April 14/15, 21/22, 28/29
Altar Server Information - All 4 th Grade Youth in Parish	4/15
Home study Meeting (required)10:15	25
Last Classes Kindergarten and 9th Grade Confirmation	25
First Eucharist Pictures in Church-Anderson Studios (4-7pm)	26/27
Last Class grades 1-8	28/29
First Communion Rehearsal in Church 6:30 pm	30
First Eucharist Liturgies	May 1/2

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS FORMATION FALL CLASSES, SACRAMENTS, PRESCHOOL

Register for First Eucharist /Penance in 2nd grade and Solemn Penance in 4th grade (as most youth celebrate First Penance in 2nd grade). **Youth that belong to our parish who are attending Catholic Schools celebrate the sacraments of Eucharist and Penance here, with 4th gr. Solemn Penance.**

The days and session times for Religious Formation Classes are as follows:

- SUNDAY** Kindergarten during the 9:00 and 11:00 Liturgies, Family Program, 10:30 - 12
Grades 9 & 10, 5:30 - 7:00 pm (Catholic School families call Mary)
- WEDNESDAY** Grades 1 - 8 4:45 - 6:15 pm **OR** 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- THURSDAY** Grades 1 - 8 4:45 - 6:15 pm **OR** 6:30 - 8:00 pm

We have 2 Home-Study options for your family!

Full-year Home Study will be available for children in (non-sacramental prep) grades 1-8 only, with four meetings per year.

Short-Term Home Study for those with youth who need to miss up to 6 weeks of class, register your child in a traditional class, fill out the form, and work at home on materials. This option will **not** be available for if your child is in preparation for any sacraments.

Tuition fees are \$67 for one child, \$95 for two, and \$120 for 3 or more. *All are encouraged to register, regardless of ability to pay.*

SCHOOL FOR DISCIPLESHIP SPRING SESSIONS

“Church & the Theology of God” will be taught by Sister Joyce Hoile, O.S.F. and will be held on Monday's, 7 -9 pm beginning April 12th. “The Bible: History of Prophecy in Israel” taught by Deacon David Scharf will be held Tuesdays, 7-9 pm beginning April 13th. Registration brochures can be found in the gathering area or you may register online at www.saintmarymagdalen.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Any Adult or High School age youth who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation is welcome to come to 6 evening classes of preparation. Receiving the sacrament of Confirmation makes one a full member in the Catholic Church. A Confirmed practicing Catholic can be a Godparent for Baptism, a Sponsor for Confirmation and a witness to a Catholic Wedding. Confirmation will be in one's own Parish at Pentecost. At St. Mary Magdalen Confirmation will be Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 11 am Mass. The 6 evening classes will be held at St. Mary Magdalen beginning Wednesday, April 14th. 7:30 – 9 pm. These Instructions are a joint effort of the 8 Catholic Parishes in Livingston County, so anyone from these Parishes are invited to attend. Please call Sr. Joyce to register.

BIBLE STUDY

In addition to the evening Bible course offered in the School for Discipleship, a daytime, Bible Study on “The Acts of the Apostles” will be offered Wednesdays, 1-2:30 pm. We will study the power of the Holy Spirit in the new “Christian” community after the resurrection of Jesus and apply it to our lives today. Sister Joyce will facilitate.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE & EASTER BONNET CONTEST

Our annual Easter egg hunt will take place Saturday, April 3, 12 Noon, near the barn, for ages 1-13. Also we will enjoy an Easter Bonnet Contest so come with your own created “nice and nifty”, “fresh or frilly” hat. Men, women, boys and girls can participate. Please come a bit early so children do not miss their 7 minute race. We will have the Fire Truck here and the Easter Bunny will be available for photos. Come with your Bonnet, basket for egg gathering, camera, and get ready for fun.

Seniors Birthday Lunch & Outreach

A new take for persons 50+. The second Thursday of each month we will enjoy a prepared lunch with Birthday cake to celebrate the Birthdays of that month with special emphasis to Seniors 70 and older. The Seniors at Woodland will be joining us. We will be assembling Birthday Bags to be given to Gleaners Food Bank as our outreach ministry. Thursday, April 8, lunch at noon will be in St. Mary Magdalen Community Room. The May date is Thursday, May 13th. Please call Sr. Joyce if you plan to come.

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