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# The Visionary

A Newsletter of St. Mary Magdalen Parish

## † DIRECTIONS †

When someone begins to plan for the future, it is important that they take the time to first look back. That is the agenda of *Directions*, our gathering of parish leaders. All members of our ministry teams: Activities, Adult Formation & Evangelization, Charity & Justice, Community Life, Parish Wellness, Properties, Religious Formation and Worship Team will meet with our Pastoral Council on **Wednesday, June 15**.

The first order of business is for each group to review all the activities undertaken by the group over the past year. Each review will ask did the activity succeed, will it be repeated and will it need any changes.

The second task of the evening will be look to the future. The Pastoral Council has put together a set of goals to provide direction for our parish life over the next three years. All of the participants at Directions will be asked to review the goals and begin discussing how these might be implemented by our parish.

**Directions will be Wednesday, June 15 from 7- 9:30 pm; beginning with Mass of Thanksgiving at 7 pm.**

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## OUR SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JOIN US FOR **PANDAMANIA** WHERE KIDS WILL LEARN — **GOD IS WILD ABOUT YOU!**

**OUR SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held **August 1-5 from 9:30-11:45** We will have fun with Bible stories, learn lots of great songs,

have a blast with bamboo games, eat tree-top treats, do crazy crafts and finish with a rowdy wrap up each day!

We are still in need of adult helpers and youth who will be in grades 6 and up in the fall. Please sign up in the gathering area at the formation table by the home study box!



## LET'S TALK. HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD? *By Linda Chevalier*

Jim and I decided that from Easter to Pentecost we would have each of our after supper conversations centered on one chapter from a small book **"How Big Is Your God?"** by Fr. Paul Coutinho, SJ. The book has 48 chapters, each chapter about 2-3 pages. It only takes a few minutes for one to read to the other and then we enter into conversation.

The book could be read on your own, however I invite you to read and share responses with your spouse or special friend. You will be amazed by the discovery of your relationship with God. For many the experience of the Divine has become static or predictable. Fr. Coutinho invites you to believe in your experiences of a much bigger God. For Jim and I, our sharing has become a journey where we have not discovered something, (a Theology, e.g.) but Somebody... a journey of the brain meeting the soul.

For the past couple of years our supper conversation always starts with each asking two questions to the other: "Where did you find God today?" and "Where did you need to find God today?" This is a wonderful way to communicate with each other about God experiences of the day. Now Jim and I have expanded our conversation from a place of our little minds and worlds to a place where God is pulling us into a much bigger world. This is a place Jesus called, "the kingdom of God."

As Fr. Richard Rohr so eloquently expressed about the book, "You are in for a treat, and a treat that will last!" Jim and I agree and we invite you to discover this for yourself. **"How big is your God?"**

## from the PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Pastoral Council met on Wednesday, June 1 after the Mass of Anointing.

The primary work of the evening was to finish our discussion of new goals that will guide the pastoral efforts of our parish over the next three years. Based on our parish Vision Statement the goal will seek to enrich the spiritual life of the individual members of our parish and to bring the members of the community together in a way that will enrich one another. Then, it would be our goal to reach out to share the gifts we have with the wider the community in which we live.

The second part of our meeting was a discussion of our annual gathering of parish leaders at Directions on Wednesday, June 15. The purpose of the gathering is to review and evaluate our efforts of the past year and to begin working on implementing the new goals set by our Pastoral Council.

The council also discussed what we learned from the gathering of pastoral councils from the eight parishes of our Vicariate. One result of this gathering is that we will look for more effective ways to make known the good work done by our parish community.

New council members will be selected on Pentecost Sunday (June 12).

### The Members of the Pastoral Council

Dwyane Bilicki	Madelyn Gostomski	Ayla Grace	Ken Kuna	Laura Meader	Dave Naumowicz	Sandy Oliver
Denise Putnam	Colleen Schulte	Dan Schifko	Susan Vitale	Mark Wright	Debbie Dehanke, Secretary	Fr. David F. Howell
			Sr. Maryetta Churches, OP			

## from the FINANCE COUNCIL

July 2010 - June 2011

As of April 30, 2011

<u>REVENUE SOURCES</u>	<u>Apr 30</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Projected Budget</u>
Sunday Stewardship	105,968	980,709	1,150,000
Building Fund Pledges	29,309	382,287	163,600
Religious Formation/Donations	3,465	91,929	90,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138,742</b>	<b>1,454,925</b>	<b>1,404,200</b>

**BUILDING FUND APR 2011: \$29,309**

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>Apr 30</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Projected Budget</u>
Programs & Staffing	75,817	723,934	869,275
Building Operations	18,311	172,736	174,925
Building Mortgage	41,801	125,404	360,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>135,929</b>	<b>1,022,073</b>	<b>1,404,200</b>
<b>BALANCE (plus/minus)</b>	<b>+2,814</b>	<b>+432,852</b>	

**BUILDING EXPENSE APR 2011: \$5,339**

### The Members of the Finance Council

Elaine Tripi	Mark Zawisa	Sean Carney	Mary Brummer	Pat Shiek	Madelyn Gostomski	Duke Davis
Erin Wolfe	Larry Memmer	Greg Milosek	Marion Kocian	Chair, Dan Grattan	Bookkeeper, Dave Wisniewski	Fr. David F. Howell

## from the STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The Stewardship Council met on May 25. We discussed ways we can encourage our fellow parishioner to become more involved in our parish life.

Perhaps the greatest work of the council is to look for new ways to encourage people to become more engaged in the life and mission of the parish.

### Members of the Stewardship Council

Carlene Demers	Don Terns	Marion Kocian	Elaine Tripi	Sharon Wagner	Mary Helen Buntin	Ted Zvosec
John Wood	Mark Wright	Joe Martinez	Sean Carney	Bob & Nancy Breakiron	James Chevalier	
				Sr Maryetta Churches	Father David Howell	

## CHARITY & JUSTICE PROJECTS *from Lisa Klein*

Thank you to all who participated in our Charity and Justice projects over the past year. You have served many with your kindness and generosity and they are very grateful.

**SCRIP:** Purchase Scrip cards throughout the summer months for graduation gifts, birthdays and anniversary gifts as well as for your everyday needs. A percentage of your purchase supports our outreach to those who are hungry: *Magdalen's Kitchen*.

**JUNE Pregnancy Helpline Project** The Pregnancy Help Clinic offers a variety of services and much needed baby items to assist expectant mothers. Teddy bear tags will be in the gathering area listing items for babies. Please feel free to take a tag and return the item to the gathering area. The project will run from June 4-26th.

**JULY Livingston Educational Service Agency's "Backpack for Kids" Project.** The goal of this project is to provide Livingston County students whose families are experiencing financial difficulties with basic school supplies. Apple tags will be available in the gathering area July 16 - August 2.

Our June meeting will be Directions, 6/15 (no July meeting). C&J will kick off our 2011/12 year on Tuesday, August 9 at 7:30. Please contact Lisa Klein at 810-844-0074 or Deacon Dave Scharf at the Parish office with any questions.

## PAPER RECYCLING at MARY MAGDALEN!!

Two green and yellow recycling bins are near the barn to collect your paper for recycling! We invite everyone to bring unsorted, clean newspapers, magazines, office and school papers, shopping catalogues, shiny paper, mail, envelopes, thin cardboard. (Please NO phone books or hard bound books.)

The pickup truck comes every 2 weeks, weighs the contents and credits us accordingly. We use the income from this project to assist those in need in our area!

## OF FAITH & SERVICE *from Sr. Joyce Hoile, OSF*

### SCRIPTURE STUDY AT ST. MARY MAGDALEN



Summer: Relax – Read – Rev up your knowledge of Scripture. Sister Joyce will guide a study of the Psalms. The Psalms have been the prayers used for thousands of years and they are relevant to us today. During these summer months let's take a look at the Psalms for better understanding.

We will meet Tuesdays, 10 – 11:30 am during June, July & August. Please bring Bible, notebook & pen. Cost: Your time, participation and commitment.

### CASTALOT SUMMER SCRIPTURE 2011

This year's session is entitled: *The Bible Says What? Dealing with Difficult Texts*. It will be held June 20 -23 at St. James Parish in Novi. The speaker is Fr. J. Patrick Mullen. The cost is \$305 which includes meals. For more information phone 248-391-3312 or email [info@wearethechurchconferences.com](mailto:info@wearethechurchconferences.com)

**50 + Birthday Lunch** We will meet Thursday, June 9, at noon in the community room for lunch and assembling Birthday Bags for children. New participants are invited to come, especially if you have a birthday that month. Please come with your thoughts on presenters and activities for the following calendar year. We will not meet in the month of July

### Holy Land Pilgrimage at Weber Center: An Experiential Journey

Are you unable to personally travel to the Holy Land and would like to? This program has been designed with the hope that each pilgrim will experience the Jesus in ancient Palestine and the Jesus of today with an immediacy that gives us access anew to his living presence among us. It will take place June 13-18 at Weber Center in Adrian.

**M.O.M.S.** During the summer month the MOMS and their children continue to gather weekly for fun and fellowship. They do not meet in the Church building but instead, take advantage of summer by gathering at a variety of recreation areas and homes. Each Wednesday the group will meet at a different place. This may be a good time for moms & children to come and enjoy the fun. The summer schedule is coming into place. For further information contact Jill Angell at 810-231-1725 or [JMAngell02@hotmail.com](mailto:JMAngell02@hotmail.com)

### "THAT'S A BIG TIME COMMITMENT"

This is probably one of two comments we heard quite a bit when beginning our Marriage Course, **8 Great Dates**, last December/January. And yet, when springtime comes around, and golf leagues are forming, the commitment factor doesn't appear to be an issue!

If your *marriage* relationship is important, please consider treating each other to our **8 Great Dates**, starting up again in January 2012!

## THANKS & PRAISE *from Sr. Maryetta Churches, OP*

Our grounds on the parish are lovely and beautifully cared for thanks to all those who participated in the spring clean up. Shovels, rakes, mowers and lots and lots of energy were used to make our community property so lovely. Thanks for all your help!

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION *from Mary Mahar*

Our Formation Program takes many hearts and voices to bring the Word of God to our youth of St. Mary Magdalen. We have been blessed by the many catechetical ministers, women, men and teens who have come, week after week, prepared to share lessons with your children. Even on the week off of classes, many of them met with other team members to plan ahead. We work as teams to meet the needs of each child and family, and to make sure we are getting the Church's teachings across at each grade level. Many even made time to take formation classes for certification. We have several women who break open the Word every Sunday morning in the chapel with the children who attend Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass. We are grateful to all of you who worked so hard to help our families see Christ at work in them!

### WE THANK THE FOLLOWING CATECHETICAL MINISTERS:

Tracie Waldron	Kimberly Barabas	Sharon Micallef	Katherine Blanck	Katheryne Friske
Cheryl Stecewicz	Michelle Bonney	Linda Parzuchowski	Michelle Halliwell	Kyle Friske
Dorothy Koprowicz	Kay Pfaff	John Parzuchowski	Robert Sexton	Elana Black
Megan Zapalski	Sarah Allen	Mary Bidinger	Denise Duncan	M. Glen Black
Kelley Korch	Stasia Eisenhut	Mary Cesarz	Kimberly Duncan	Kara Weingartz
John Korch	Theodora Eisenhut	Sharon Linck	Christiana Eisenhut	Devon Wolfe
Steven Gautherat	Daniel Tuthill	Kathryn Bidinger	Emma Schulte	Leanne Horning
Miren Mohrenweiser	Jacob Tuthill	Karenmarie Barker	Kelly Blazo	Tammy Lavalley
Madeline Kroll	Kym Sulkowski	Mary Lezon	Joel Siemen	Ann Kehn
MaryBeth Potrykus	Natalie Sulkowski	Carol Cesarz	Carol Lally	Dan Kroll
Karen Kerr	Susan Schnieder	Megan Day	Benjamin Kehn	Denis Ringle
Catherine McLaren	Mary Serio	Amelia Miller	Stephanie Darish	Michael Provenzano
Erica Myers	Frances Schutz	Heather Hesano	Michelle Nied	James Mahar
Ruth Badalucco	Leigh Ann Crumm	Cheryl Houy	Tori Gulledege	Kathleen Kunkle
Connor Mohrenweiser	Michael Gehring	Laurie Murphy	Jillian Hommel	Michelle Chaka
Cathleen Zremski	Kathleen Gehring	Luanne Riley	Alison Wink	Mary Ansbro
Jill Joyce	Laura DeRosier	Herbert Langer	Meg Heatley	Pat Erger
Deborah Feger	Elisabeth DeRosier	Mark & Cheryl Comeau	Elaine Woods	Mary Ellen Magon

Thank you to Nicole Hurlbert, Karen MacDonald and our Lead Catechists for this year! Jill Gautherat, Jen Ross, Kevin Blanck, Diane Neitzke, Beth Slack and Devon Wolfe.

**A special thanks** also goes out to all those who substituted in classes and who helped in the halls and nursery. We could not have done it without all of you!

Carolyn Dembrowski	Michelyn Lux	Sheri Osterman	Jan Finn
Synthia Bisoski	Tanya Siemen	Maryann Hargrave	Jennifer Duncan
Nicole Doyle	Kathy Farhat-Tomaszewski	Charlotte Mulvihill	Kate Schaeffer
Jan Baldinger	Jason Hackney	Victoria Bosio	Marlee Ketelaar
Julie Hargenrader	Betty Prise	Jennifer Preiss	
Terri Allen	Barb Shafi	Denise Schifko	
Gayle Zawisa	Linda Keeling	Leanne Chaplin	

We are looking for catechists, assistants and more to help out for next year. If you think you would like to share your faith, contact me at [mmahar@parishmail.com](mailto:mmahar@parishmail.com) Thank you.

## WHAT DO I GET FROM BEING A CATECHIST? *By Jillian Hommel*

The experience these past two years in teaching for the family program has really helped me to grow in my own faith too! It has strengthened my Catholic beliefs and has allowed me to truly share them with the children as well. I love kids and I believe I have a strong faith and to be able to teach it to young 3<sup>rd</sup> graders has been a gift to me. It has been a wonderful experience. I did have a great time teaching, although I will not be able to teach this coming year, because I will be away at college.

## YOUTH NEWS *from Margaret Callaghan*

Congratulations to the class of 2011! We pray for your future successes that you will grow and learn from upcoming experiences whether you are going away or staying home. The world awaits you!

We are winding down our YG Sunday meetings this month. Our last meeting is June 12. Details will come as we get closer but know it's a party! Mark your calendar time slot busy from 6-9 pm.

Congratulations to Joel Sieman, Chelsea Bielicki, Nicole Trudeau, and Leon Hostnik who are participating in the week-long Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp (DYLC). They will learn leadership skills and grow in their relationship with Christ. The camp is led by and put on by past campers. Our own Leanne Horning has been working all year on the committee to put the week together. Congratulations to all involved!

Our annual trip to Cedar Point this year is Wednesday June 29. We again will travel by bus with St. John's in Hartland. Details and permission slips will be available online and at the last few meetings before the trip.

Every year at our annual Parish Picnic, the youth sponsor a Tin Can Raffle. It has become a part of all the fun with cool and useful things to look at and purchase tickets for. The tables open right after the liturgy. Each ticket cost \$1. You then place the tickets in the tin can of a particular item you would like to win. Bring labels with your name and phone number on it to make the process faster. I am now accepting items or services you would like to donate and any empty coffee tins for the raffle in my office. Should you have questions, please contact me at [youth1@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:youth1@saintmarymagdalen.org).

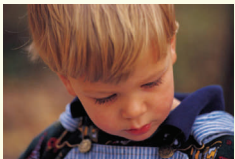
Keep watch on our parish website for updates regarding events coming up in the fall when we will begin again. Enjoy these two months and I will write again in August!

### THE EDGE (for grades 6-8)

Although we do not meet on Monday evenings, the gym is open for you and your friends. There are adults there from 7-8:30 for you to come and be there. Plan to use the space.

Jeannie Herrell, Jill Joyce, Colleen Schulte, Michele Nist, myself and perhaps even Ted Bogdanski will be meeting all throughout the summer to plan and talk about EDGE plans for the fall. We look forward to welcoming not only new EDGE'ers but also new teen leaders. What an exciting year it will be!

### MAGDALEN'S LITTLE PEOPLE *from Kathie Anderer*



Our school year has come to a close. We had a great time this year and we will all have many memories to cherish in the years to come. We wish our students that are moving on the very best of everything. We hope that it won't be the last time we share a smile. We wish our returning students a great summer!

This last month was packed full of activities. We had our Mother's Day Tea, our Daddy Donut Day and our last day picnic. So much fun... so little time to fit it all in.

Sign up for next year has begun. Let us know if we can be of service to you or someone you know. We have a few openings available if anyone knows of someone looking. Please call the preschool line for more information, (810) 229-0010. Leave a message with your phone number and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support and encouragement. Have a great summer! We'll be back soon.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS *May 2011*

**Mark & Elizabeth Vernon**  
**Christopher & Madeline**  
**Brighton**

**Bob & Valerie Hurley**  
**Brighton**

**Ryan & Clair Dickson**  
**Alexander**  
**Brighton**

**Matt & Cheryl Gribas**  
**Jack & Lilly**  
**Brighton**

**Claire Fritz**  
**Howell**

**Lamberto & Heather**  
**Smigliani**  
**Alessandro**  
**Whitmore Lake**

**Dave & Marilyn Grinnell**  
**Brighton**



## PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMENDATIONS

The Council would like to commend Ben Kehn and all the teens who made the Passion of Christ come alive for us on Good Friday. The meaningful portrayal made the community reflect on what the Passion of Christ means in our lives. Thanks for all your hard work and making the Scriptures come alive.

John Wood is to be commended for all the good work he has done with our Boy Scouts. John's sense of dedication is beyond words. He is a true leader and someone the scouts look up to as a role model. Thanks John, we salute you.

## WE ARE CATHOLIC *from Diane Kubus*

We come to the Eucharist; a Sacrament so familiar to us, an action we do so instinctively that it is in our blood and our bones – the movements and gestures, the words and phrases, the sights and sounds and tastes and smells that frame this miracle of graced relationship with God and with one another. We come to listen and to be loved and to love; we come in order to be sent – to complete Christ's work on earth. We do it over and over. In a way, it is like the air we breathe – absolutely essential for life but often taken for granted. And yet, frequent and familiar as it is, it is also and always mysterious to us that God would choose such simple elements as story-telling and bread and wine to move among us and to touch and transform our hearts. Eucharist is familiar in its shape and form; *and* it is mystery at its core.



The Eucharist, like every Sacrament, is a celebration of one or another facet of our journey through this world toward God. It is always a new invitation to join ourselves to Christ, a new call to move more deeply into the life of God. The Eucharist keeps us going and provides us with the necessary nourishment we need along the way. It shapes and transforms us week after week and sustains us on this lifelong journey and God never ceases to call us to a new and more abundant life in Christ. Second, like every Sacrament, the Eucharist is a celebration of the paschal mystery – Jesus' life, death and resurrection – and the Eucharist is its most *perfect* expression. Third, the Eucharist is the Sacrament that connects and intensifies the promises we have made in every other Sacrament. And finally, Eucharist so clearly illustrates the fundamental structure in every Sacrament, the structure of word and response, of listening and loving, that it serves as a model and summary of the whole of the Sacramental wealth of the Church. It is our center, our core. It is who we are. We are Catholic. If you are *not* Catholic and would like to find out more about the Catholic faith, the Eucharist, and Catholic beliefs, call me or email me at [rcia@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:rcia@saintmarymagdalen.org). Blessings on the journey!

## THE ROSARY



The rosary emerged as a popular devotional prayer during the early Middle Ages. It evolved from an ancient practice of praying 150 Our Fathers for each of the 150 Psalms which people could no longer read. Strings of beads were used to keep track of the prayers. Over time, this practice merged with the practice of praying 150 Hail Marys in groups of ten; each grouping began with the Our Father and ended with the Glory Be. In addition, meditations on the life of Christ and His mother Mary were included. Pope John Paul expanded these meditations from 15 to 20. Parishioners who are members of the Third Order of Carmelites will be leading the rosary at St. Mary Magdalen twice weekly: before Liturgy on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm and Friday mornings at 9:30 am all through June.

## THE THIRD ORDER

Many religious communities of men and women have lay associates. They are called members of third order or associates. Members of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites (or Third Order) are lay people who are associates of a Religious Community known as the Carmelites. St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross & St. Therese Lisieux were all well known Carmelites. Members of the third order seek to reflect the virtues of Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and other Carmelites in their daily lives for the good of the Church. If you would like more information, contact Mary Ellen Magon and Doreen T. Roskiewicz, OCDS.

The Adrian Dominicans also have associates who seek to live the charisms of St. Dominic, St. Catherine of Siena and other faith filled Dominican. If you would like more information on the Associates of the Adrian Dominican contact Elaine Wood or Sr. Maryetta.

## The DEACON'S BENCH *from Dave Scharf*

Back when the West was being settled, the major means of transportation was the stagecoach. We all remember that from all those cowboy movies we saw. What we did not know is that the stagecoach had three different kinds of tickets: first, second, and third class. It's hard to imagine any distinctions. After all, how big is a stagecoach? It's just a box on wheels and everyone sits inside. But there was a difference and it was this:

If you had a first-class ticket, you could remain seated during the entire trip no matter what happened. If the stagecoach got stuck in the mud, or had trouble making it up a steep hill, or a wheel fell off, you could remain seated because you had a first-class ticket. If you had a second-class ticket, you could also remain seated-until there was a problem. In that case, you had to get out and stand to one side and watch while other people worked. You didn't have to get your hands dirty. You were just not allowed to stay on board. When the stagecoach was fixed, you would get back on and take your seat.

If you had a third-class ticket, you would definitely have to get out of the coach if there was a problem. Why? Because you had to solve it. You had to get out and push or help lift or whatever was needed because you had only a third-class ticket. What kind of ticket did you purchase for your trip to the Kingdom?

## THE OTHER BENCH *from Jim Chevalier*

Even as the number of older adults with alcohol problems climbs, the problem remains unrecognized and untreated. Until recently, alcohol misuse was hardly ever discussed in any substance abuse literature. For various reasons, health care providers often overlook alcohol problems among older adults.

Such problems can be hard to diagnose because symptoms may mimic other disorders often linked with older people. These include diabetes, dementia, and depression. Many older folks disapprove of and feel shame about alcohol abuse. Many do not want to seek professional help for what they consider a private matter. Many relatives of older persons with alcohol problems, particularly their adult children, are also ashamed of the problem and choose not to address it.

Aging further contributes to this problem and to the silence. Younger adults often unconsciously assign different quality-of-life standards to older adults. Many will dismiss problems with remarks such as, "Grandmother's sherry is the only thing that makes her happy." In addition, some people think that helping older adults with alcohol problems is a waste of resources. The serious effects of alcohol make it essential to identify, prevent, and treat problems among older adults. Preventing the harmful effects of alcohol misuse and abuse can give an older person a longer, more productive, and healthier life. For more information, contact SAMHSA's Health Information Network at (1-877-726-4727) or [www.samhsa.gov/shin](http://www.samhsa.gov/shin), or the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Web site at [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov).

## SERVANT TO MANY *from Gary Prise*

At our May BeFriender meeting we used a form of prayer called Lectio Divina.

The practice is a simple one. A few verses are taken from Scripture and they are read aloud several times. Each time the listeners are invited to go deeper into the word of God and examine how and where the Word affects and effects their lives. One of the BeFrienders shared a quote from Mahatma Gandhi which profoundly affected the other BeFrienders and me:

**"Be the change you want to see in the world."**

We often hear and see things around us, in our community, in the Church, in our families, and in the world. We complain about it and share our complaints with others. Beyond that we tend to let it go unresolved. I do this often! Change begins with me, with us, as individuals. Change begins by changing ourselves. What we don't like about ourselves we can change. How we interact, or choose not to interact, with others we can change. Who we choose to love, understand, forgive, accept, and be Christ-like examples to; who we choose to reach out to in their need, physical and emotional, we can change. It is not always easy, believe me, I know. Change begins with small steps. Will we be the change we, as individuals, want to see in the world or will we just continue to talk about it and do nothing?

# MARKING THE CALENDAR

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## June 10 (Friday) BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Drive will take place in our social hall from 12 noon to 6 pm!

**June 19 (Trinity Sunday) FATHER'S DAY** At the 4:30 Liturgy on Saturday, June 18, we will celebrate a *renewal of marriage vows* with all married couples!

## June 29 (Wednesday) FEAST of PETER & PAUL *our DEDICATION*

This feast marks the eighteenth Anniversary of our parish and the thirteenth anniversary of the Dedication of our church. Both of these will be commemorated at the special Liturgy at 7 pm when we also celebrate the pillars of the Church: Saints Peter & Paul.

## July 23/24 (Sunday) FEAST of ST. MARY MAGDALEN

With permission from the bishop we transfer our parish feast day from July 22 to the closest weekend. So we will celebrate our patronal feast day July 23& 24.

On Saturday, July 23, our Knights of Columbus will join us at the 4:30 Liturgy. The installation of their new officers will take place after the Liturgy.

On Sunday, July 24, Sr. Pat Magee will make her final vows as an Adrian Dominican Sister during the 11 am Liturgy. Sr. Pat entered the community from our parish and made her first vows in Adrian on the feast of St. Dominic. We are delighted that she will make her final profession with us on the feast of St. Mary Magdalen! (A reception will follow.)

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