

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

CANDLEMAS DAY This Thursday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation. It marks the 40th day since Christmas and celebrates the day the Lord Jesus was first brought to the temple in Jerusalem in thanksgiving for His birth.

In the Gospel used for the feast, Jesus is called a light to nations. Over a thousand years ago, the Church celebrated the feast by blessing all the candles that would be used over the next year. So on this feast, families brought all the candles to be used in their homes to be blessed, along with those which would be used in church. As a result, the English call the feast "Candle-Mass" day.

The Liturgy on Thursday will include the blessing of the candles and small procession to celebrate the coming of Christ, the Light of the world!

BLESSING OF THROATS Friday, Feb 3, is the memorial of St. Blaise. He was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia who was tortured and martyred in 316. According to tradition, while Blaise was jailed his prayer saved a young boy from choking to death.

Since the 12th century, Catholics have blessed throats on the memorial of St. Blaise using newly blessed candles around the throat of the faithful and prayed to the Lord that through the intercession of St. Blaise the one being blessed would be freed from all ailments of the throat.

We will do this as the final blessing at the 9 am Liturgy.

THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL THRIFT STORE of Lansing burned to the ground just before Christmas. They already have a temporary store and are collecting good, clean useable merchandise including clothes, shoes, furniture, household items and appliances. This is a reminder that this is the last weekend we will be collecting these items **in the barn**. After Sunday you can take items to the new, temporary store at 5206 South Cedar in Lansing. Donation hours are Mon - Sat from 10 am – 5 pm.

CROSS INTERNATIONAL I am grateful to Fr. Ron for sharing with us the good work of Cross International. It is a ministry that continues to spread the Gospel of the Lord through service.

For those who are wondering I am off for a week's vacation in the sun, my annual excursion with Fr. Jim McDougal of St. Francis in Ann Arbor. I know its only six weeks since I came back to the parish, but this was planned last June...and quite frankly its nice to spend some time in the sun when you live in Michigan through the winter.

Fr. Dave Howell

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, Jan. 30

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
9:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday, Jan. 31—Saint John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43
9:00 am Communion Service

Wednesday, Feb. 1

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
7:00 pm +John Collins
7:00 pm Mass of Anointing

Thursday, Feb. 2—The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
9:00 am +Leonard and Martha Heuring

Friday, Feb. 3

Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
9:00 am +Anna Campo

Saturday, Feb. 4

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, Feb. 5

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
4:30 pm +Charlotte Wiltsey
9:00 am +Joseph and NaDean Hinkle
11:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 The Book of Job is a long parable which grapples with why bad things happen to good people. This question was especially crucial to people of that time because they didn't believe in life after death, and therefore one received reward or punishment in this life. Job has lost his children, his property, and his health, and he lives at the city dump. In this passage, he gives an understandably pessimistic evaluation of life.

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Paul's enemies frequently criticized him for the least little thing. At a time when most teachers received compensation from those they instructed, Paul was criticized because he refused financial support from the community. Because of this, they discredited him as not being a legitimate apostle. Today we hear his response.

Mark 1:29-39 This passage has four basic parts: 1.) a particular healing, 2.) the effect of Jesus' reputation, 3.) Jesus' withdrawal, and 4.) his statement of the purpose and wider scope of his ministry. "For that is what I came out to do."

Reflect: Name a time this past week when you shared the God News with a co-worker, a friend, or a family member?



Fiscal Year runs from July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Total income for the weekend of Jan. 22, 2012
 Approximately 1425 people participated:
 Envelopes/Cash/EFT..... \$28,525
 Building Fund Pledges/EFT..... \$2,858
 Stewardship Total..... **\$31,383**
 Weekly Expenses including Mortgage..... \$30,446
 +/- for the week..... **+\$937**

Thank you for your gifts



Please pray for all the sick who have been commended to our prayer that they will respond to God's healing will, especially: Barb, Kari Suppnick, Tiffany Celoni, Herb Langer, Tom King, Ron Slack, Rachel Bastien, Scott Barabas, Stephan Dzialowski, Meg Harris, Steve, Lori Sixbery, Robert Treiber, Amy Ketelaar, Baby Sullivan-Golbiw, Denetia Smith, Elaine Daul, Nancy Wisniewski, Israel Retana, Loretta Spitzley, Andrew Sherman, Diana Bosak, Dcn. Jim Chevalier, Sylvester Smith, Jerome Wszola, Pat Rogan, Jim Brozovich, Bruce Mairo, Nellie Saxton, Jim Burton, Anthony Riccardi, Dan Knott, Heather Burrill, Ed Gatt, Chuck Galdes, Pat Hackett, Dominic Tyner, Sr., Dominic Tyner, Jr., Gail Rutkowski, Larry Johnson, Michelle Geiser, Sean Hartman, Don Cowan, Tracy, Lorraine Sheppard, Dave Kallis, Tom Zremski, Todd Minock, Dick Demmings, Joe Bagnasco, David Livingston, Michael Emerick, Clara Cordonnier, Delores Duneske, Bob Clark, Cynthia Macintosh, Paul Stavros, Kim Fay, Steven Boulanger, Bruce LeLong, Bill Gamble, John Gillett, Ken Colombo, Tom McSweeney, Bob Sixbery, Sharon Zain, Jim McMullen, Carole Morey, Jim Fahner, Mari Gevat, Terie Gentry, Lin Golbiw, Sylvia Nicholsa, Tom McSweeney Jr., MaryAnna.



MINISTERS OF PRAYER

Sunday, Jan. 29 Nancy Nychpor
 Monday, Jan. 30 Karen Luck
 Tuesday, Jan. 31 Joanne and Larry Plant
 Wednesday, Feb. 1 Ginny and Clarence Kroll, Jan Altermatt
 Thursday, Feb. 2 Sister Joyce, Joe Martinez
 Friday, Feb. 3 Lynn Pfaff, Audrey Schilkey
 Saturday, Feb. 4 Volunteer

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 30

9:00 am Pre-School (Rms. 5, 6, 7, & 8)
 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen
 7:00 pm School for Discipleship (North Rm.)
 7:00 pm Catholics Returning Home (East Rm.)

Tuesday, January 31

9:00 am Pre-School (Rms. 5, 6, 7, & 8)
 6:30 PM Troop #385 (Community Room)
 7:00 pm School for Discipleship (East Rm.)

Wednesday, February 1

9:00 am Pre-School (Rms. 5, 6, 7, & 8)
 10:00 am MOMS (N/Nursery)
 12:30 pm Knitters (Library)
 4:30 & 6:30 Rel. Formation
 6:30 pm begins in Church

6:30 pm Rosary
 7:00 pm Mass of Anointing
 7:30 pm Worship Team (East Room)

Thursday, February 2

9:00 am Pre-School (Rms. 5, 6, 7, & 8)
 10:00 am Synoptic Gospels (Library)
 12:00 pm BeFriender Coordinators (East Room)
 5:30-7 pm Rel. Formation (begins in Church)
 7:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, February 3

9:00 am Pre-School (Rms. 5, 6, 7, & 8)
 9:30 am Rosary (Chapel)
 1:00 pm Pain Group (East Room)
 6:30-9 pm 8 Great Dates (Comm. Rm. & Nursery)

Saturday, February 4

9:00 am Song & Spirit
 4:30 pm Baptisms

Sunday, February 5

9,11 am Rel. Formation
 9:00 am RCIA Dismissal (East Room)
 10:10 am New Parishioner Mtg. (North Room)
 10:15 am Family Program
 10:15 am Ichthus (Chapel)
 11:00 am Scout Sunday
 12:00 pm 9th Gr. Confirmation Class (Gym-CR-Youth)

**After All Masses Feb. 4/5
 Souper Bowl Collection**



Sunday, Feb. 5, is Scout Sunday. ALL Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts are cordially invited to attend the 11:00am Mass. Please wear your Class A Uniform and arrive at 10:45 am.



Please remember in your prayers, Idelle Naumowicz and family in the death of her stepfather, Robert Treider; Kathy Steele and family in the death of her Aunt, Catherine Stuart; and Kathy Reichardt and family in the death of her uncle, George Graczyk..

Religious Formation News

from Mary at mmahar@parishmail.com and
Karen at sect2@saintmarymagdalen.org

Classes resume this Wed/Thurs from break!

We are in need of 1 catechist for Sunday evening 5:30-7 to work with 9th grade youth. We have a few youth who need some extra classes to prepare for confirmation, so it would be a smaller class. Please see me if you can help.

Coming to our classes Feb. 8/9/12 is our Safe Sheep program for our youth to keep safe! If you would like to preview some of the material, go to www.safesheep.com, this program is designed for all our youth in grades K-5. We continue to talk about safe adults, safe friends, seeking parental permission, saying no, family rules, saying no, then go, then show a safe adult. Grade 6 will continue with Praesidium.

Formation Classes: We still have room in our classes if you haven't registered yet (*regardless of your ability to pay-just call me*). Come in or call Mary for more information.

Temple Trip traditionally for our families with youth in 6th grade is now being opened to our whole parish family! This trip takes us to a Jewish Temple in Ann Arbor where we will see, learn, and hear about their faith, come back here for a quick pizza dinner and then go into church with Fr. Dave to have a comparison between our Jewish Heritage compared to our Catholic faith and Traditions! This date has been changed to March 11, leaving here at 3:00. Mark your calendars.



Change of time for 9th grade Confirmation class on Sunday, February 5: We will meet at 11 for Liturgy (look for our reserved section) and then our confirmation super bowl class begins immediately after Liturgy in the gym!

WE NEED YOU! If you ever felt called to inquire into the ministry of catechist or assistant, we are ready to sit down and talk with you! Even if you do not feel the classroom is the best place to use your talents, our Formation Team is in need of new members as well. Please take time to pray about helping in formation!

**St. Vincent DePaul—
Lansing Facility**

This is the final weekend to drop off items for St. Vincent DePaul in Lansing! Any further donations may be taken to their store at 5206

South Cedar in Lansing. Thank You for your quick response to this immediate need.

Youth News

from Margaret at youth1@saintmarymagdalen.org
and Stasia at tkcsmom@comcast.net

Last week at our weekly gathering, we talked about success, losers and winners. It was discussed that really no one is better than anyone else. If we can look at others through the eyes of Christ, we are all equal. If we live with a pure heart and a desire to be in relationship with God, no matter what happens, no matter what goals we achieve or don't achieve, we are successful. It's not what others think that makes you who you are; it's about being true to yourself and being confident that God has your back!

We are not meeting this weekend or next. This weekend we are away up north in Luther, skiing at Caberfae. We took the time to get away from the busyness of life and stress of things going on to just be with one another to play games, rest, hang out, laugh and eat!

Next weekend we will be out in the gathering area after the liturgies for our annual Souper Bowl Sunday, collecting pocket change. Each year we do this and then donate the money to local charities. We have also been able to sponsor a child in Honduras for the year. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

If you are interested in participating in the Passion Play this year, contact me at youth1@saintmarymagdalen.org. Practices will start at the end of the month. Our own Ben Kehn will again be the director. It is a great opportunity to be involved during the season of Lent. Also it is an awesome experience to be able to create such powerful prayer for the community. Pray about your involvement and contact me.

EDGE News...

Our EDGE night out in February is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 20, at Rollerama in Brighton from 7-8:30 pm. Note that this "meeting" is an additional one added to the schedule in February. The cost is \$5 cash and can be paid at the door the day of. EDGE leaders will be waiting in the foyer for you to arrive and check you in there. It's Christian Music Night!

I have started collecting money and registrations for the Middle School Rally dated for Saturday, March 10th. Check out the parish website for the information and registration form. It will be a day you won't want to miss with over 500 other middle school students from around the diocese.

MASS OF ANOINTING

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick during the 7pm Liturgy. All who have serious or chronic illness are especially invited.

Adult Education and Formation
Faith and Service - From Sr. Joyce
pastmin1@saintmarymagdalen.org

M.O.M.S. Ministry of Mothers Sharing
Wednesday mornings from 9:45am-12pm!

The scheduled activities run from 10-11:30am with the rest of the time available for coffee and conversation. Moms of all ages and experience levels are welcome at anytime!

Please contact Stephanie Darish at sadarish@yahoo.com, Ginger Bosn at gingerbosn@gmail.com, or Linda Keeling at linda.keeling@yahoo.com for more information. We look forward to seeing you soon at MOMS group, where new friends await you!

Livingston Region 50+ Seniors Lenten Retreat
Tuesday, February 21

Holy Spirit Parish from 9:30 am to 2 pm
 Tickets are available from Sr. Joyce.

Also in February

- * Seniors Birthday Lunch : February 9
- * Movie Night: Friday, February 10
 Movie: The Blind Side starts at 7 pm.

PARISH SCRIP PROGRAM

Are you familiar with the parish Scrip program? Gift/cash cards for many well-known stores, restaurants, and gas stations can be purchased through our Scrip program **EVERY SUNDAY after Mass** in the community room. The cards are purchased at face value, at no extra cost to you. St. Mary Magdalen receives a rebate back from the sale of each card that goes to support our community meal (Magdalen's Kitchen) on Monday evenings. Gift/cash cards can be ordered online too at www.shopwithscrip.com. (An enrollment code is required when placing orders online; call the parish office 810.229.8624 during office hours for the code.) Online orders must also be paid for before they are placed. A complete list of participating retailers can be found at www.glscrip.com. Come to the Community Room after weekend Masses for more information, to purchase cards, or place an order.

Ichthus: Music, Stories, Friendship: we welcome Kate Oliveri a recent graduate having studied Latin and Political economy. She has a passion for Right to Life and has prompted many events that attract young adults to become active in their faith. Hear Kate's story Sunday, Feb. 5 at 10:15 am in the north room at Ichthus. Childcare available. All are welcomed. Ichthus is 30 minutes of contemporary music, faith stories, and friendships.

NRN News...

Last weekend many parishioners and families showed great interest in participating in the week-long service trip scheduled for July 22-27, 2012. I am really excited about the enthusiasm! Most of you took home a packet of papers for the trip to look over. Please note that the meeting and deposits due date scheduled for January 30th has been postponed to Tuesday evening February 21st. Please email me with questions, concerns, or fundraising ideas. Mark your calendar now so as not to miss this important, information filled meeting. You can contact me via email at youth1@saintmarymagdalen.org or Stasia Eisenhut at tkcsmom@comcast.net

Thank You for the Blessings!



Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC) Board, Co-workers, and Christmas Committee

would like to thank you all for participating in the Giving Tree and donating gift cards for the Christmas boxes LCCC prepares and delivers to home-bound and low income seniors in Livingston County. What a blessing it is to have your support for this special Christmas project that we do yearly.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE:

"Be artisans of peace."

.....Blessed John Paul II



NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

St. Patrick School Open House: Jan. 29 from 1:00-3:00 pm. The school provides full-day classes for grades K thru 8. Open enrollment for 2012-2013 is on Feb. 13 & 14 from 10 am—3 pm. Enrollment forms are available on their website, www.stpatschool.org

St. Pat's Shamrock All-Star Saturday! This is an athletic fundraiser event on **Sat., Feb. 4, at 7:00 pm.** Tickets are \$40 per person. Evening includes: tailgate buffet, DJ, music and dancing, games, raffles, and mini live auction. Wear your favorite team apparel. For more information, call the school at 810-220-7946.



Taizé

A Time of Prayer
St. Mary Magdalen
Friday, Feb. 10
at 8pm

Taizé is an ecumenical prayer service (approximately 40 minutes) composed of song, scripture and silence. We gather for a quiet evening of prayer and reflection in the midst of our busy lives.

St. John's Scrapbooking Day!

Sat., Feb 4, 2012 from 9-4 pm.

The price is \$20 and includes bagels, lunch, snacks, and table space. Please contact Dawn at 810-632-5731 or dlubeski@gmail.com. We would love to have you join in the fellowship and fun!

Nonviolence Training at St. Francis, Ann Arbor:

St. Francis Peace & Justice Committee invites you to participate in a nonviolence training on Saturday, February 11, 2012, from 1-5pm. Members of the Michigan Peace Team will offer a training focused on: personal growth in nonviolence, better communication skills in the family, workplace, etc., handling personal assault nonviolently, and Peace Team formation to reduce violence. The training will be held in the gym, located at 2270 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. Registration fee is \$10 per person and snacks will be provided. Contact Kelly Gauthier at 734.769.0807 with questions or register online at <https://stfrancis2.wufoo.com/forms/peace-training/>

Right to Life Activities

Jan. 30-Candlelight Prayer Vigil/Rally on the U/M Diag at 7pm. Go to carmena@umich.edu for info.

Feb. 1-Diaper drop-off at 1181 S. Main, Plymouth to be given to ArborVitae Women's Center in Ann Arbor.

Feb. 3-Inaugural Students for Life Fundraising Gala at U/M in Pendleton Room of Michigan Union.

Financial Peace University

St. Mary Magdalen

Jan. 29, at 7:00 PM—Free Preview

When was your last money fight? When was the last time you paid a bill late? Do you have a car loan, student loan or credit card? Beginning February 12, St. Mary Magdalen will be offering **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University course**. In this 13 week course, you will learn how to put together a spending plan that works and completely eliminates debt. While completing the class, the average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 within the 13 weeks. But Financial Peace University is more than just a money class. In addition to improving how you and your spouse communicate about money, you will realize a new level of unity through shared goals and the power of focus. Even if you don't struggle with money, you will definitely learn valuable tips that will save you money as an informed consumer. Don't miss out on this opportunity to change your family tree for the better.

Come to our FREE PREVIEW on January 29 at 7:00 PM at St Mary Magdalen to find out more. If you would like more information now, just contact Michael Cesarz at michael.cesarz@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you all at the preview!

BLOOD DRIVE!!

Friday, Feb. 10, 2012

12:00 PM—5:45 PM

at

St. Mary Magdalen

2201 S. Old US 23, Brighton

ASHLEY'S Friends

A group for children and youth between 5 and 18 years of age who have experienced the death of a loved one, and the adults who care for them.

Next meeting is March 19, 2012. The meetings are held at the Kennedy Center at 1875 N. Eager Rd, Howell, MI. Please call 517-546-4440 to register. Pre-registration is required.

Mid-Life singles (ages 35-50+): register today for a life-changing weekend retreat on March 9-11, 2012 at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, Mich. (10 miles north of Lansing). Cost is just \$145 for meals, bedroom, and materials. Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it! Call (989) 450-0993, visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, or e-mail us at retreat@gmail.com for details.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR (Gym)

Sun., 01/29	No Activities	
Mon., 01/30	9:30-11 am	Open Walk
	11-12 noon	Preschool
	4-6:30 pm	CYO
	8:30-10:00 pm	Men's Basketball
Tues., 01/31	6:30-7:30	LaCrosse
Wed., 02/01	9:30-11:00 am	Open Walk
	11-12 noon	Preschool
	4-6:30 pm	CYO
Thurs., 02/02	9:30-11 am	Open Walk
	11-12 noon	Preschool
	4-6:30 pm	CYO
Friday, 02/03	9:30-11:00 am	Open Walk
	11-12 noon	Preschool
Sat., 02/04	No Activities	

MARTHA'S: Looking for some help! St. Mary Magdalen is in need of some TLC cleaning on a weekly basis. With our rotating schedule of four teams, you would only serve approximately 2 hrs per month. Hours and days are flexible. Call the office, 810-229-8624.

Biggest Loser Program Returns!

Our 8 week program emphasizing weight loss through healthy eating, exercise, personal/spiritual reflection and group support is beginning again!

**Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm,
February 9th to March 29th**

Here's what some of our recent participants had to say:

"I was so impressed by the BL program. It exceeded my expectations. The team of professionals demonstrated a passion and commitment to helping each one of us succeed."

"This program has been awesome and was so much more rewarding and valuable than I ever expected."

"Through this program I have been able to find some motivation for exercising and eating well. I have also found a great deal of strength and encouragement for changing my lifestyle."

"The program got me thinking about how I need to take care of myself."

Please call Sister Maryetta for questions and registration, or look for our sign and register in Gathering Space. A \$10.00 donation is suggested for materials, with any additional funds being given to support Magdalen's Kitchen.