

**ALL THINGS CONSIDERED**

**9\11 A PARISH GATHERING** Next Saturday we celebrate the beginning of the fall and movement into the many activities that will come with the start of school, religious formation and the fall.

It is the one time we hope that most of the community will gather together to celebrate Eucharist as a large community.

The 4:30 Liturgy will begin the events followed by a potluck picnic dinner, children's games and lots more. I hope you will come!!

**AN EAGLE** The highest rank a boy scout can achieve is that of Eagle Scout; less than 5% of them ever rise that far. They achieve this rank by earning several merit badges (indicating that they have learned certain skills); they must hold leadership positions within the scout troop and they must lead a service project that will benefit the local community. All of this before they are 18!

Over the last 10 years we have had one or two of our young men achieve this award every year! The newest Eagle is **Garrett Wood**, who was awarded that rank last Sunday afternoon. Garrett's Eagle project was to create a plaza at the Shrine of the Cross for the burial of cremains.

I know you join me congratulating Garrett and in thanking him for his wonderful gift to the parish.

**A MOSQUE** In 19<sup>th</sup> century America a group calling themselves the Know Nothing Party flourished. It was not an actual party, but a movement that deeply influenced the political parties of the era. They were vehemently anti-Catholic and anti-Semitic and whenever they were questioned by authorities about violence toward Catholics, Jews or their religious buildings, the response was they knew nothing. The Know Nothings cloaked themselves in religious language and justified their hatred as being deeply rooted in the Scripture.

It is the "politics of hatred" that is found in almost every generation and nation from the Middle Ages. It reached its greatest success in Nazi Germany. But World War II did not end it. It can still be found in the Holy Land, the Rwanda and Bosnian genocides and the Taliban movement of Islam. Sadly, I believe it is found in the anti-immigrant and anti-Islamic rhetoric of present day America.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Know Nothings were supported by the majority of "God-fearing Americans" and they were cheered on by them when they burned down churches, synagogues, convents and schools. The spirit of the Know Nothings is alive and well in those who would prevent an Islamic center and mosque from being built two blocks from the site of the World Trade Center in New York.

As we recall the events of 9\11 this week, I pray that all Americans will guard against the politics of hatred that motivated the attack of 9\11. We do not need to give the politics of hatred another victory.

Fr. Dave Howell



**THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**

**Sunday, September 5**

Wis 9:13-18/Phlm 9, 10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

9:00 am †Frank Spadafore

11:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

**Monday, September 6**

1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

9:00 am Unemployed & Underemployed

**Tuesday, September 7**

1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19

9:00 am †Keith Dunn and †Jan Jandasek

**Wednesday, September 8—The Nativity of the blessed Virgin Mary**

Mi 5:1-4/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

7:00 pm †Charlotte Fisher

**Thursday, September 9—Saint Peter Claver, priest**

1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38

9:00 am †Lynn Doyle

**Friday, September 10**

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27/Lk 6:39-42

9:00 am †Lynn Doyle

**Saturday, September 11**

1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday, September 12**

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14, 1 Tm 1:12-17, Lk 15:1-32

4:30 Vigil St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

9:00 am †Stanley LeClaire

11:00 am †Fran Ankiel

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14**

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their Covenant with God at Mount Sinai. In today's passage, Moses has been up on the mountain for 40 days conversing with God. In his absence, the Israelites have despaired and built a golden calf to worship as a god.

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

The first letter to Timothy was written about 30 years after Paul's death, and was written in his name, a practice common in the ancient world. In today's portion of this letter, the unknown author sketches a portrait of Paul as someone we should imitate.

**Luke 15:1-32**

There are three stories in today's gospel reading, and they are all meant to celebrate how eager God is to find, forgive, and to save.

**Reflect:** *What is it you treasure the most? Why?*



**Fiscal Year runs from  
July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011**

Total income for the week of August 29, 2010

Approximately 1394 people participated:

Stewardship Envelopes .....	\$13,657
Loose Collection/Cash.....	\$1,004
Stewardship Total.....	<b>\$14,661</b>
Weekly Expenses .....	\$22,860
+/- for the week.....	<b>-\$8,199</b>

**Thank you for your gifts**

**Please pray for all the sick who have been commended to our prayer during the past 6 weeks that they will respond to God's healing will, especially:**



Primo Moraschinelli, Ellen Wojcik, Tom Zremski, Joseph Federico, Barb Jarvis, Ken Ayres, Peggy Schmid, George Koprowicz, Betty Prise, Michelle, Laurie, Andrew, Tom, Victoria Payne, Kathy, Barb DeLongchamp, Sharon Zain, Jack Wagner, Vincent Masi, Mike Larson, Chris Monte, Rose LaVoie, Mary Orlowski, Sheila Mattiolo, Sheri Rushak Eke, Jean Weir, Carole Jones, Chuck Freeman, Kelly Donehue, Alyssa Martin, Marylin Jeromin, Ron Abramovich

**MINISTERS OF PRAYER**

Sunday, Sept 5	Nancy Nychypor
Monday, Sept. 6	Madelyn Gostomski, Kathy Borgeson
Tuesday, Sept. 7	Laura Meader, Rachel Tuzinsky
Wednesday, Sept. 8	Dianna Bosak
Thursday, Sept. 9	Kathy Riccardi, Jean Pearson
Friday, Sept. 10	Judy Scharf
Saturday, Sept. 11	Volunteer



Please remember in your prayers Donna Sixbery and family in the death of her niece, Sheila Helzerman; and Nancy Memmer and family in the death of her father, John Flanagan.

**We will be offering a Grief Support Group** for those who have lost someone. The group will meet on Monday evenings beginning September 13 from 7:00-8:30 P.M. If you would like to register for the program or have any questions, please feel free to call Sister Maryetta 810-229-8624.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, September 6—LABOR DAY**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, September 7**

- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Community Room)
- 7:00 pm BeFriends (North Room)
- 7:30 pm K of C Mtg. (Rectory LL)
- 7:30 pm Baptism Awareness (East Room)

**Wednesday, September 8**

- 9:30 am MOMS (North Rooms)
- 9:30 am Community Life (North A)
- 10:00 am BeFriends (Rectory LL)
- 12:00 pm Knitters (Library)
- 6:30 pm Catechist Training (West Wing)
- 7:30 pm Directions (Community Room)

**Thursday, September 9**

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch (Community Room)
- 7:00 pm Finance Planning (Community Room)
- 7:30 pm Music Ministry

**Friday, September 10**

**Saturday, September 11**

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Rectory LL)
- 9:00 am Song & Spirit (Bl. Sacrament Chapel)
- 4:30 pm Liturgy & Parish Picnic

**Sunday, September 12**

- 8:30am-12:00 pm Formation Open House (West Wing)
- 10:15 am Home Study Mtg. (North Room)
- 2:00—4:00 pm Pre-School Open House (West Wing)
- 7:00 pm Youth Group

**Magdalen's Kitchen**



**Cookies/Sheet Cakes Needed**

Beginning September 13 and each Monday following that date, Magdalen's Kitchen will begin hosting dinner for the hungry. The number of volunteers has been amazing; however we still need volunteers to be responsible for baking or purchasing either cookies or a sheet cake which will be served as desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Charity and Justice table.

A schedule for volunteers is being developed and will be posted in the gathering area as soon as it is completed. You will also be notified by email or phone one week prior to your serving time. No formal training is needed. Leaders will be on hand each week to direct people in their tasks. If there are any scheduling questions, contact John Lawler at jlawler1@peoplepc.com, 248.446.6642, or Duke Davis at duke.davis@sbcglobal.net, 810.227.6374.

If you are able to help, please call Deacon Gary at 810-229-8624 or e-mail him at deacon3@saintmarymagdalen.org. Thanks for your generosity.

**Religious Formation News** from Mary  
mmahar@parishmail.com and  
Nicole at nh7438@yahoo.com

**Catechists, Assistants** and anyone interested in finding out more about leading our youth are asked to attend our meeting on **Wed., September 8, at 6:30.**

**Classes start Wednesday, Sept. 15! If you have not yet registered for fall classes, we need you to come in the office to do so!**

**OPEN HOUSE: Need to know for sure which class your child is in for the fall? Want to meet your child's catechist? Want to look over the new curriculum? All are invited to our Formation Open House on Sunday, September 12, from 10:00-12:30!**

**Help Needed!** We are in need of catechists and aides. We have many times we offer classes- Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We offer a Family Program, Traditional Classes and Home Study. We need about 120 catechetical ministers who work in the classrooms and at least 25-30 who work as support by babysitting, subbing, or as hall monitors. We need more hall monitors to make sure our youth don't get lost in the halls! We need nursery help as well, so those with young children can volunteer in the program! Thank you to all who have come forward, but we still need more!

**Formation Team** we need new members! We meet the third Monday of the month. This team is vital for the growth of our program needs, and sets the direction for our youth and families in formation. Please talk with Nicole Hurlbert, Diane Neitzke or me if you would like to be a part of this important ministry!

If you have a youth in a private school needing to prepare for any of the sacraments, you need to register your child for preparation here at St. Mary Magdalen. (We include all 4<sup>th</sup> grade youth in Solemn Penance prep.)

Any youth in High School who is interested in being Confirmed, but has not been in Rel. Ed/Formation classes in awhile – we have a class designed for you! It is a High School Formation class that meets during the year along with the other High School programs on Sunday evenings. For more information call Mary in the office!

NO 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes tonight! *Classes resume next Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.*

**2010-2011 MAGDALEN'S PRE-SCHOOL**  
From Kathie Anderer

There is still space available especially for three-year-olds! We are a Christian-based, developmental program. Your three, four and early five-year-olds will have a great experience. If you are interested in a pre-school experience for your child, please call me at (810) 229-0010.

**Youth News** from Margaret  
youth1@saintmarymagdalen.org

Wow, next week most kids will go back to school and schedules will be more regulated. Football games, cool evening air, trees that will change color and fill the landscape with beauty...what is your favorite time of the year and why? Share the question with your family and end with a prayer of thanksgiving.

Should you have a college student going off to school whether for the first time or third, may your family adjust to the changes that take place in your home when someone leaves for a time. May God's peace and strength be with you and your families this season.

This past week, we had our annual freshman welcome. This year we "kidnapped" the largest group of freshman we have picked up in a long time. It is our hope that all of the new youth groupers will choose to join us this year and make not only youth group a part of their lives, but most importantly open their heart and mind to God's love and acceptance. Our first meeting is September 12 from 7-9pm. PLEASE know that even if you weren't a part of the event, you are welcomed to join us! All high school students grades 9-12 are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Many of you have Facebook accounts. Check out the Livingston/Washtenaw County Catholic Youth Retreats page created for our weekend retreat September 25-26. Also, you can get the information on our website [www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org). It is homecoming weekend for Hartland and Howell. Make this retreat an alternative activity for you if you plan not to participate in the dances. New to the agenda is a high ropes course.

### **EDGE**

Our first meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 27, at 7pm. Come prepared to have fun and make new friends. If you check out the youth page on our parish website listed above, click on EDGE and print out our 2010-2011 EDGE schedule.

We are looking for parents who would be interested in sponsoring an EDGE night meeting snack. If you would like to talk about the possibility of doing so, contact me at [youth1@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:youth1@saintmarymagdalen.org). There is no time commitment except for the one night you volunteer.

We are also looking for gym help. On the Monday nights that EDGE does not meet, there will be open gym for the middle school students in grades 6-8<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of adult volunteers to help supervise and "coach" games. Contact me at the above address with questions.

### **Pax Christi Quote:**

*To reach peace, teach peace.*

*Pope John Paul II*



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



**Parish Picnic & Ice Cream Social  
Saturday September 11  
Outdoor Mass at 4:30  
Hot dogs & Ice Cream provided!**

Please bring a dish to pass for about 10 people IN A DISPOSABLE DISH. Serving utensils will be provided. Bring your own drinks, a chair and a jacket for the Movie. The Movie is: **Home-ward Bound**. There will be kids games and an outdoor movie.

**Catholic Bible Study**

This year we will be studying "Moses and the Torah". This is in response to last year's study of Jewish and Catholic traditions. Classes begin Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The morning group will be 10 am – 11:30 am. The Thursday evening group will meet 7 pm – 8:45 pm. The cost of the book is \$15.00. Sister Joyce will facilitate.

**School for Discipleship**

See Flyers in the Gathering Space or register on line.

**Ministry of Mothers Sharing**



Come join this group for mothers of all ages! We strive to provide a guilt-free haven for moms featuring support and laughter in a spiritually uplifting environment. Along with prayer, we also have seminars, crafts, book discussions, great snacks and coffee! We meet at the church on Wednesday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Our first meeting of the year will be September 8. We will have an Icebreaker the following week and then on September 22, we begin a wonderful journaling series. If you can't attend the meetings, but would like to be a part of the group, we also have MOMS Nights Out monthly. Contact Jill Angell for more information at 810.231.1725 or [JMAngell02@hotmail.com](mailto:JMAngell02@hotmail.com). Come check us out...new friends await you!



**WE ARE STILL IN NEED  
OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
for the 4:30pm & 9am Liturgies**

**Ministers attend one training session and are scheduled to serve only once a month.**

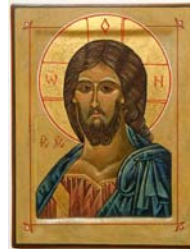
All ministers make a one year commitment.

If you are willing to serve in this ministry, please call Diane Kubus (810)229-8624 ext. 128

**THANK YOU!!**

**IT'S A CELEBRATION!**

Please join us for an appreciation dinner of our St. Mary Magdalen clergy, featuring Fr. Dave, Oct. 2 at Whispering Pines Golf Club. We will celebrate and give thanks for the good fortune of the leadership we have been given in our parish. Proceeds will benefit a charity of Fr Dave's choice. \$35 per person for dinner, desserts and dancing. For Tickets or info, contact Dave Guidos (229-4728 or [djguidos@yahoo.com](mailto:djguidos@yahoo.com))



**Taizé**

A Time of Prayer

**St. Mary Magdalen**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17  
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.



**MASS OF THE LITTLE ANGELS**

**Wednesday, September 15, at 7pm**

We will have a special Liturgy for all parents who have lost a child, especially those who have suffered a miscarriage. We acknowledge the grief and support of those who quietly mourn the loss with this special Mass of Remembering, which we call *The Mass of the Little Angels*. This Liturgy will be at 7 pm in Holy Cross Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

**DIVORCE & BEYOND  
RECOVERY & HEALING**

*Divorce & Beyond* is for people who are already divorced or have filed for divorce. It examines what happens to most spouses going through marital breakup. It helps participants understand what they are going through and that others have gone through the same things. Finally, it suggests activities for making divorce a growth experience.

It will be held Friday evenings, 7-8:30 pm, from September 17 through November 19th here at St. Mary Magdalen. Divorce & Beyond will be facilitated by Deacon Jim Chevalier, Sr. Maryetta and Mark Robinson (Catholic Charities) There is a \$10 fee for program materials. We're sorry we are not able to provide child care at this time.

## Livingston Transplant Support Group

The Transplant Support Group serves pre and post-transplant patients. We share experiences and answer questions. What we discuss is treated confidentially by the support group so people can feel free to share fears, concerns, successes and failures as it relates to the transplantation process. We would like to invite anyone that is interested in learning about organ donation and organ transplantation to join us.

You do not have to have had a transplant to come to our meetings. We are open to people who reside in the Livingston County area and beyond. Such support is to be provided without regard for race, creed, color, gender or national origin.

Meetings are at St. Mary Magdalen. Our scheduled meetings are: Sept. 14, Nov. 9 and Dec. 7. We begin at 7 pm and finish at approximately 8:30 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Dave at St. Mary Magdalen at 810.229.8624 or Steve Reichardt, Group Facilitator, at 810.227.3124.

## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 2150 Frieze Avenue Ann Arbor, MI

### Catholic Business Professional' Connection

Are you a business professional who tries to integrate your Catholic values and your work responsibilities?

Catholic Business Professionals' Connection is comprised of business men and women seeking to live a more integrated life. Our first meeting for the year will be **Saturday, September 11**, in the school library from 8:30 to 10:30am. In addition to planning for the year ahead, this year's reading selection, Gregory Pierce's book, *Spirituality of Work*, will be available for purchase. If you are a business professional and would welcome the challenge of pondering these topics with others faced with similar challenges, we invite you to attend. For further information, contact program coordinator, Tom Buiteweg at 734-649-2655 or [buiteweg@comcast.net](mailto:buiteweg@comcast.net)

### Volunteers Needed:

Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC) is looking for interested men and women volunteers to help transport older adults to appointments, offer a friendly visit, respite care for family members, and volunteering at the Be Our Guest Adult Day Program. If you have time available and like working with older individuals, then please consider becoming a volunteer at LCCC. Volunteers are such an invaluable asset, and helping older adults in Livingston County is very rewarding. We pride ourselves in matching volunteers with our clients.

To volunteer or if you know anyone that would benefit from these services, please contact LCCC at 517.545.5944 and ask for Pamela Bolam or Linda Bauby.



## Living With Debt? Want out?

When the Stewardship Council heard that 7 out of 10 Americans live paycheck to paycheck, we knew we had to do something. That's why we're going to be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class at St. Mary Magdalen Church starting October 10. It's the most practical stuff out there and the most fun you'll ever have learning about money. Each weekly session starts with Dave Ramsey teaching on video and is followed by a powerful small group discussion.

You'll see that you are DEFINITELY not alone if you're struggling in this area. And even if you're one of the few who are not struggling, you'll still benefit from this powerful material. It teaches you how to handle your money and make it work for you, pay off ALL your debt, and live like no one else, so you can LIVE like no one else later!

This class breaks the process down into easy steps that will help you - no matter where you are. You've just got to take it! We're having a free class pre-view September 26 at 7 pm in the Community Room. You don't want to miss it! You can also check out the class at the following site <http://www.daveramsey.com>

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

*"Love one another as I love you."* Do you love your spouse with the same kind of love that Jesus loves us? Take time now to learn this kind of love for each other. Register now for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and see what a positive effect it has on your whole family.

**Sep 24-26 Maryville Retreat Center, Holly, MI**

**Nov 12-14 Holy Family Parish, Grand Blanc, MI \*\***

\*\* This is a parish-based weekend in which couples return to their homes at night.

To register call **Harry & Karen Porter at 1-888-628-7433** or visit our website <http://section6.wwme.org>

**CALL TO EVANGELIZE:** Every wonder how to share your faith story? Fr. Steve Anderson will present "Call to Evangelize" on Friday, September 24th at St Patrick's in Brighton 7-9 pm in the gym. Music will be led by the LG Worship Band. Families welcomed. Call Al at (248) 714-5544 for more information. Sponsored by Livingston Gathering.



### HOW DO I BECOME CATHOLIC? DO I WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

If you would like to find out more about the Catholic faith, what Catholics believe and why, you are invited to "Faith Inquiry". It's the first step in the process of becoming Catholic. There are separate sessions for adults and children (ages 7 and older). **Sessions begin on Monday, Sept 13, at 7pm.** If you can't make it that night, but would still like to come please call Diane Kubus in the parish office or for more information. (810) 229-8624 ext. 128.