



February 7, 2021  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Mary Magdalen

WITNESSING  
TO THE  
RESURRECTION



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#### OFFICE HOURS

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Wed. 1:00 pm–4:30 pm

#### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

##### Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 4:30 pm • Sunday 9 & 11 am

Mon., Tues., & Wed. 9am

**NO MASS ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY**

**Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation:**

Saturdays 3-4pm

**Infant Baptism:** Contact Erin Wolfe.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Please contact the office at least nine months prior to wedding date.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46** The third book of the Bible, Leviticus, is a collection of Jewish Laws. Old Testament people believed that being clean or unclean, that is, kosher or non-kosher, was based on what was considered to be normal or abnormal. For example, because a snake slithered on the ground rather than walked, it was considered abnormal, and therefore unclean. By the same standards, people with disabilities or deformities were seen as unclean. We see a particular case addressed in this reading.

**1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 11:1** Today's passage concludes a long section of First Corinthians in which Paul has been addressing disputes between Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians about what foods are kosher. Paul now makes a general observation that while we may in principle be free to do this or that, we should avoid those things that disrupt harmony and peace.

**Mark 1: 40-45** Much of this reading is punctuated with direct dialogue: the leper's plea, Jesus' response, and finally Jesus' warning that the man not say anything to anyone about what had just occurred. Jesus has physical contact with those to whom he ministers, telling us how the sacraments are to be celebrated by "two or three gathered together in my name."

**Reflect:** Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.

## MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 8

Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56

9:00 am +Gwen Maes

### Tuesday, February 9

Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13

9:00 am +Fr. Louis Madey

### Wednesday, February 10, Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23

9:00 Mass of Remembering

### Thursday, February 11

Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30

### Friday, February 12

Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37

### Saturday, February 13

Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10

### Sunday, February 14 SIXTH SUNDAY

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

4:30 pm +Jack O'Connell

9:00 am The People of St. Mary Magdalen

11:00 am +Loretta Spitzley

## IN MEMORIAM

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Mark Koprowicz and family in the death of his sister, Michele.

Shari Russano and family in the death of her mother, Noreen Gardner.

Denise Schifko and family in the death of her brother, Joseph Steier.



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF:

Sue Binder, Michael Bitterle, Mary Clemence, Cara Chandler, Keith Craffey, John Davidson, Caleb Decker, Karoline DeRosia, Cienna Ditri, Marie Edwards, Mary Lea Gehring, Kathy Hershberger, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Kathy Jagusch, Sue Karnes, Mary Keating, Carolyn Keough, Jan Keough, Mark Koprowicz, Maria Kottke, Audrey Kovanda, Ted Kucab, Alan Laginess, Herb Langer, Marcella Lint, Alexis Liske, Gary March, David Martin, Janet Milo, Ryan Olsem, Stella Paweski, Carolyn Phillips, Kathy & Tony Riccardi, Donna Rushak, Marino Sarti, Dave Scharf, Marny and Gene Stuart, Cindy Sultana, June Summers, Marylyn Trader, Michelle Turner, Dan Tuthill, Linda Vanootighem, Sarah Williams, Tom Zremski, Artie, Gloria, Kyle and Richard K.

*May they be fully restored to good health and comforted at this time.*

### Important Note About our Prayer List

*The names of the sick will run in this column for 6 weeks, at which time they will be removed. To add, re-list, or remove a name, please call the parish office at 810-229-8624.*

*Many people have recuperated so we appreciate updates to be current. Thank You!*

## MASS OF REMEMBERING



The monthly Mass of Remembering will take place this Wednesday, **February 10, at 9am.**

This Liturgy is offered for deceased parishioners and relatives, especially: Robert Angell, Henry Knitter, Clarence "Bud"

O'Leary, Gerry Wszola, Kathleen Smith, Gail Clark, Richard Rumpz, Rita Charron, Gerald Friske, Mark Francis and Chris Snyder.

# LOWERY'S LINES

## Ash Wednesday, February 17

With Ash Wednesday on February 17 - now ten days away - we have made some plans to safely celebrate the beginning of Lent that I wrote about two weeks ago. You can also find all that information in this bulletin and on our parish website. Please review this information in preparation for Lent.

## Visits to the Blessed Sacrament

Some know it, and some do not, but we have a unique feature that allows anyone who wishes access to visit the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Our Blessed Sacrament chapel was designed with a unique entrance (all the way around our building by our overflow handicapped parking) so visitors can come and go as they wish. If you have never visited the chapel, consider stopping in to visit the Lord. If you are connecting virtually for Mass, Lent's now soon arrival may be a good time to make time for an in-person visit to our Blessed Sacrament chapel or our worship space for private prayer.

## Four Pillars – Last Weekend's Homily

If you found the four pillars I mentioned in my homily last weekend interesting or helpful, you can read more about them in Ronald Rolheiser's book, *The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality* (New York: Doubleday, 1999).

Have a blessed week!

Peace,  
Fr. Shaun

## FINANCE



### 2020 DONATION STATEMENTS

Annual donation statements for 2020  
were emailed on 1/27/2021.

If you did not receive yours, or want a copy  
mailed to you, please contact  
[bookkeeper@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:bookkeeper@saintmarymagdalen.org)  
or call the parish office.

Please indicate if the statement can be emailed or if  
you prefer to receive the statement via U.S. mail.

### WEEK OF 1/31/21

ENV/CASH	\$12,365
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 335
EFT/ONLINE	\$ 6,970
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,670</b>

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!**

Your parish contributions are appreciated and very important, especially during this time. Sunday contributions may be mailed to the parish office or consider online giving.

**PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE TO GIVE ONLINE**  
[www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org)

### **TEXT CONTRIBUTIONS USING SMART PHONES**

Simply text the amount you would like to give to support St. Mary Magdalen to 844-928-0075. You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give and it will process automatically.

## ASH WEDNESDAY / LENT



### Ash Wednesday is February 17

This year we will celebrate Liturgies on Ash Wednesday at 9am and 7pm. The 9am Liturgy on Ash Wednesday will be Live Streamed and recorded for rebroadcast on our parish website: [www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org)

Ashes will be distributed at both of these Liturgies for households to **take home** and impose on each other's foreheads. (Ashes will not be imposed on your foreheads during the Liturgy this year.)

**February 13/14, the weekend before Ash Wednesday, the ashes will be blessed and will be available to take home.**

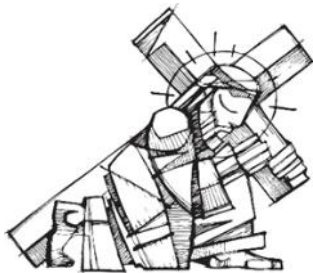
Or you may come to the parish to pick up your ashes:

- ◆ After Liturgies the weekend of Feb. 13/14 (Sat. 5:30-6:15 p.m.; Sunday 12-12:45 p.m.)
- ◆ On Monday, Feb. 15 or Tuesday, Feb. 16 (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
- ◆ On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 (8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.)

### For the Distribution of Ashes at Home

If you have not attended the Ash Wednesday Liturgy in person, please watch the Ash Wednesday Liturgy and as a household impose the ashes on each other saying, "[I will] repent and believe the Gospel." If you are unable to watch an Ash Wednesday Liturgy, please read (at least) one of the Ash Wednesday scripture readings as a household (Joel 2:12-18 or 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 or Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18), pray the Lord's Prayer together, and impose the ashes on each other's foreheads making a cross with the ashes.

If you have any ashes left over at home, please dispose of them in your home garden. Please do not throw them away.



### Stations of the Cross

This year our Friday Stations of the Cross devotions will be available to watch on the parish website. Our worship space will also be open all day on the Fridays of Lent from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for individuals or households to visit and walk/pray the Stations together. Booklets will be available for participation in the prayer.

## GETTING THE VACCINE

Some people have expressed moral concerns about getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Much of this is based on misinformation and lack of understanding of Catholic moral principles.

Bishops throughout the world, and the Vatican, have issued statements indicating *there is nothing immoral about receiving this vaccine*. Those who worry about the way this vaccine and other vaccines were developed do not understand that receiving the vaccine does NOT mean participating in anything immoral. In fact, it may be immoral (that is to say, not supporting the Common Good) to forego receiving the vaccine unless you have a legitimate medical reason not to receive it.

You can find the Vatican's statement on this topic by visiting this link: [www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_20201221\\_nota-vaccini-anticovid\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html)

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

### Calling All Catechists, Co-Catechists, and Classroom Aides

As our program prepares for a return to in-person learning this Fall, it is time for us to begin recruiting catechists. If you have served as a catechist in the past and would like to return this fall, please let us know. If you have not been a catechist before, but would like to serve as one or as a program aide/volunteer, please let us know. No experience necessary; you just need a heart for Christ and the children he loves so much! (Mt 19:14)

If you are interested, please email [youth@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:youth@saintmarymagdalen.org) with your grade preference and availability. We need volunteers for grades 1-8. Classes will meet from 5:00-6:30pm on Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00pm on Thursdays, and 10:15-11:45am on Sundays.

*“And God has appointed in the Church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues.” - 1 Corinthians 12:28*



### PROGRAM UPDATES

- Destined Lesson 9 “The Light of the World” is available.
- First Eucharist Lesson 6 “We are United in Faith” is available on the parish website.
- 9th Grade Saint Reports and Sponsor Selections are due this week at the first class.
- Destined families: Don't forget to pick up your ashes from the parish ahead of Ash Wednesday; you will need them for the lesson that week!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

Throughout February, the parish youth group will be holding a snowman contest! Build a snowman and submit a picture for our judges. **This event is open to grades 6-12.** Prizes will be awarded for the best Middle School and High School snowman and the best overall snowman will win the grand prize! Snowman pictures we receive will be displayed in the Gathering Area for all to see. The winner will be announced on Sunday, February 28. Submit pictures to [youth@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:youth@saintmarymagdalen.org).



## LENTEN ROSARY SERIES



The Rosary can be prayed in many ways. Join us on four Sundays in Lent to learn more about the Rosary and to pray it together as a community. Each week will focus on a separate set of mysteries and a different way to pray it. Whether the Rosary is new to you or you have been praying it for years, this series is for you! Pray with us as we experience a pictorial Rosary, a Scriptural Rosary, a parent's Rosary, and more!

Join us on Sundays March 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 12:15pm in the Worship Space. Rosaries and instruction sheets will be available. For more information, contact Erin Wolfe.

## CHARITY & JUSTICE

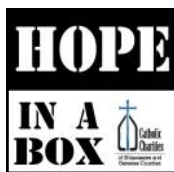
### SEVERE WEATHER NETWORK

The Severe Weather Network Livingston County is a nonprofit organization offering seasonal emergency sheltering services to homeless adult men and women. Due to Covid-19, the Severe Weather Network has partnered with a local hotel to provide emergency sheltering accommodations to homeless adult men and women in Livingston County from December 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.



If you would like to help, the cost of one room for one night is \$50. You can make a donation on their website at [livingstonswn.org](http://livingstonswn.org).

### HOPE IN A BOX



#### FEBRUARY NEEDS:

Shampoo  
Warm gloves/socks

## AWAITING THE RESURRECTION

St. Mary Magdalen has two places for the interment of cremains: the Resurrection Tower (Columbarium) and the Shrine of the Cross. The policies governing the Resurrection Tower and the Shrine of the Cross can be viewed on our parish website under Sacraments.



The interior of the Tower has 1,500 niches; each holds one or two special urns. The names of each person interred there will be engraved on their urn and niche. The parishioner fee for a space in the Tower is \$2,600. One of our parishioners donates the service of engraving the names on the urns and the niche.

The names of one or two people whose ashes are buried at a space at the Shrine of the Cross will be engraved on the stone marking their resting place. The parishioner cost for a space at the Shrine of the Cross is \$500, plus the added cost of engraving the stone and opening and closing the grave.



If you would like to make arrangements for a space, either in the Resurrection Tower or at the Shrine of the Cross, please contact Gayle Zawisa in our parish office (810.229.8624) or [sect3@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:sect3@saintmarymagdalen.org).

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## MINISTERS OF PRAYER

### February 7—February 13

Sunday	Dennis Wagener
Monday	Valerie Maravolo
Tuesday	Barb and Joe Kowal
Wednesday	Diane Olsem
Thursday	Pat and Bob Metz, Anna DeMonaco
Friday	Marilyn and Dan VanTiem Mary Jo Cubr
Saturday	Volunteer

## ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

**OPEN ENROLLMENT!** With over 60 years of excellence, St. Patrick School offers a fully-accredited and balanced curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life in our JK-8th grade classrooms. For more information, go to [www.stpatschool.org](http://www.stpatschool.org). Enroll by February 15, 2021 to be considered in the first round of offers.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, February 8

6:00 pm	Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout
6:30 pm	Women's Faith Sharing
6:45 pm	RCIA Rite of Sending Retreat-Zoom
7:00 pm	Properties Team

### Tuesday, February 9

7:00 pm	Charity & Justice-Zoom
7:00 pm	Catholic Biblical School
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts

### Wednesday, February 10

9:00 am	Mass of Remembering
5:00 pm	9th Grade Confirmation Session

### Thursday, February 11

6:30 pm	Men's Faith Formation-Zoom
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### Friday, February 12

8:00 pm	8 Great Dates-Virtual
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### Saturday, February 13

10:00 am	RCIA First Penance
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### Sunday, February 14

9:00 am	Destined Lesson 10 Release
9:00 am	RCIA Rite of Sending
12:00 pm	9th Grade Confirmation Session
12:45pm	Baptism
1:00 pm	New Parishioner Meeting

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.