

Saint Mary Magdalen



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2020

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Weekend Liturgy:

LIVESTREAM ON SATURDAY AT 4PM

www.saintmarymagdalen.org

Infant Baptism: Call Erin Wolfe.

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

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OFFICE HOURS

**THE OFFICE IS CURRENTLY
CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30am–4:30pm

Thursday

1pm–4:30pm

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LOWERY'S LINES

Happy Easter! He is Risen! ALLELUIA!

I want to continue to thank you for your encouragement and the various ways you are staying connected to the parish and to others. In many ways we are experiencing what the first Christians had to do. They had to be creative to stay connected to the Lord, and to each other when it was not safe for them to gather in large groups or publicly. We see that creativity at work across the generations here from our Youth Group band connections, to small faith sharing groups "meeting" through video conferencing. Our desire for connection with the Lord and with one another is a gift from God. God always initiates a relationship with us, and waits for our response. Our response to engage the Lord and one another – especially when we are discouraged or frustrated – is the result of God's grace at work in us.

I am writing this ten days before the State's executive order to stay home and stay safe expires. I have found it best during these days to take things, "one day at a time," to steal a line from the Twelve Step traditions. We should all seek God's help to stay in the present moment and live today well. That really is all we can count on right now. I know if I look ahead and begin to try to imagine what things will look like tomorrow, or next week, or next month, I become anxious. God is not in our anxiety. God is with us (as I always say in my Sunday homilies) in the now. That's the experience of God the disciples have on the road to Emmaus. Jesus encounters them on the journey right where they find themselves.

Thanks for your ongoing generosity during this uncertain time. We received a notice from our bank that we did not receive the Payroll Protection Loan because the funding has been exhausted. *Based on everyone's current giving, we do project that we will weather this pandemic at least through early-June even without the PPP loan.* This is because of your sacrificial giving. Please continue to take advantage of online giving, or mailing your contribution to the parish office.

God bless each of you.

Peace, Fr. Shaun

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND INTENTIONS

April 27, Monday

Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
+ Edward Gosbeth

April 28, Tuesday

Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

**April 29, Wednesday, St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
+ Margaret Marschall

April 30, Thursday

Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
+ Gwen Maes

May 1, Friday

Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
+ Jean Schultz

**May 2, Saturday, St. Athanasius, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

May 3, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
+ Jane Turowski
The People of St. Mary Magdalen
+ Robert A. Iannuzzi

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 36-41

In last Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we heard a portion of Peter's sermon at the first Pentecost. Today's passage gives the last part of that sermon, and the reaction of those who heard it.

1 Peter 2:20-25

Today's passage from the First Letter of Peter was addressed to Christian slaves who were being treated harshly by their pagan masters. The author reminds them they are members of the flock whose shepherd walked ahead of them in the face of insults and unjust treatment.

John 10:1-10

This fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday. Here John expands on this metaphor, with Jesus as the gate for the sheep. We Christians believe that all salvation is from God's Son, Jesus Christ so the simplicity and the depth of John's theology is "I AM."

Reflect: Who are the ones, in your household or otherwise, for whom you are a shepherd?

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pat Bessesen	Bridget Marshall	Theresa & Bob
Sue Binder	Hannah Metcalf	Smith
Tom Bixler	Marlaine Micunek	Cindy Sultana
Larry Buslepp	Joe Nashar	Julie Taylor
Scott Corey	Clarence O'Leary	Marylyn Trader
Karoline DeRosa	Stan Osdras	Mike Wolfe
Gene Golbiw	Stella Paweski	Elaine Zawisa
Dorothy Guidos	Taylor Pellerito	Tom Zremski
Lauren Hahn	Carolyn Phillips	Artie
Sr. Joyce Hoile	David Proctor	Bob
Kathy Jagusch	Kathy & Tony	Diane
Alan Laginess	Riccardi	Jeanette
Herb Langer	Andrew Ruf	Laurie
Nancy LaPage	Dave Scharf	Margie
Ron Linhart	Karie Schiffko	Peggy
Declan Lowery	Peggy Schmid	
Michael Marr		

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 a name, re-list a name, or remove a name, please call the parish office at 810-229-8624. Many people have recuperated so we appreciate updates in order to be current. Thank You!

WATCH ST. MARY MAGDALEN WEEKEND LITURGIES ONLINE!

Livestream Saturdays at 4 pm or available after 6:30pm Saturdays at www.saintmarymagdalen.org Look for the Video Link.



Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

~Martin Luther

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Assistance for Seniors

Livingston County Catholic Charities Senior Community Liaisons are still providing services to all Seniors **over the phone** (in person only if necessary --to obtain signatures/proofs for applications for essential services i.e. health care coverage, food support, delivery of essential items).

LCCC Senior Community Liaisons can assist with much over the phone: Health Care Coverage issues, low income applications, Medicare info and enrollments, connect to resources, info on Long term Care options, census reporting assistance, how to report Fraud and Abuse, Prescription assistance etc.

Seniors or their caregivers can connect by phone or email: 517-545-5944 x136 or ask for Melodie

Melodie@LivingstonCatholicCharities.org

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS



9th Grade Confirmation Service Lifestyle Reflection

As part of the preparation for Confirmation, candidates are asked to complete and log at least 25 hours of community service. Families, please check your email for the Service Lifestyle Reflection assignment. This assignment was emailed the week of April 13. **The service hour log and reflection is due August 15, 2020.**

Thank you cookie bakers!

Our 9th grade confirmation candidates and adult leaders thoroughly enjoyed the delicious cookies baked by the following volunteers: Jennifer Preiss, Jill Gautherat, Ann Darin, Marilyn Grinnell, Carolyn Repyak, Pat Sitterlet, Laruen Snyder, Lynn Pfaff and Martha Panning. Thank you so much for adding a special snack to our Confirmation sessions.



Faith in the Midst of Change

Just as the seasons change, we must change. Whether we enjoy, fight or deny it, current events have forced us to embrace change on almost all levels of our life. Some of us thrive on change and rise to the challenge of creating new ways of adapting and living. Some of us fight, stubbornly resisting change by clinging to our routines and comfort zones as much as possible. Sadly, some of us try to deny the need for change, preferring to turn a blind eye, hoping for best-case solutions to magically appear. Just as we have faith in the change of seasons, knowing we will move from the cold, harshness of winter to the fresh, newness of spring, now more than ever we need to “keep the faith”. In our most anxious times, God will deliver what we need if we remember to ask. The most amazing things in life tend to happen right at the moment we’re about to give up hope!

YOUTH NEWS



While Youth Group is unable to meet, there are still plenty of opportunities to connect faithfully with other youth in our community! Through

our Band app and Zoom meetings we have managed to see friendly faces and talk about our experiences during this tenuous time. If you are interested in joining the Band app, please contact Ann Kehn (annkehn@gmail.com).

Project YM - Sundays @ 8pm

Also, collaborating Diocese across Michigan have created a weekly program called **ProjectYM Live!** Every Sunday at 8pm Eastern, Youth can join the broadcast, have fun, listen to inspirational speakers, and worship together. You can log on and watch live at PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH Stay Safe!

**CHANGE!
DEARBORN MEAT
ORDERS
FOR MOTHER'S DAY!**



If you are interested in ordering, **please contact Lori Sproull at 517-304-6379 by APRIL 26.** You may pay by credit card using the “Donate” link on the Saint Mary Magdalen website tagging it as Dearborn Meat Order or send a check to St. Mary Magdalen, attention Dearborn Meat Order.

Deadline to order is TODAY, APRIL 26. Proceeds earned from this fundraiser will help to lower the cost for our summer service trip. **Delivery will be Wednesday, MAY 6. Pick-up at church for your order will be between noon and 7pm.**

Thank you for supporting our youth!

**FOR THE MOST UPDATED
INFORMATION AT ST. MARY
MAGDALEN PLEASE VISIT
OUR WEBSITE:**

www.saintmarymagdalen.org

CHARITY & JUSTICE



Saint Mary Magdalen Charity and Justice projects are currently canceled, postponed or in a holding pattern.

This means our St. Vincent de Paul spring clothing drive is cancelled, we have tentatively re-scheduled the On the Rise Bakery Sale for the fall and the Mothers' Day Carnation Sale is dependent on the stage at home orders. Watch this space!



Many of our sisters and brothers are still in great need of food, shelter, and day-to-day personal items. Until now, our collections for Flint Center for Hope, Gleaners and Bountiful Harvest helped meet these needs.

However you are invited to help these organizations by donating directly to them.

To directly help **Bountiful Harvest Pantry** in Brighton, please visit <https://www.bountifulharvest-mi.org/> and click on Donate.



To reach **Gleaners** you can visit <https://www.gcfb.org/> or call 866-GLEANER, ext. 335.

Flint Center for Hope is in need of many basic items, such as toiletry and paper products. Monetary donations can be made to:

<https://catholiccharitiesflint.org/center-for-hope>

Here at St. Mary Magdalen, our **Magdalen's Kitchen** feeds approximately 65 people every Monday. During this time it is carry-out only. Meals are prepared by St. Mary Magdalen volunteers. If you can, please consider a monetary donation to Magdalen's Kitchen to help cover food costs. This can be a check sent to St. Mary Magdalen, specifying Magdalen's Kitchen or an online giving option on our St. MM website.



On our website online giving, along with donations for Magdalen's Kitchen, is **Alms** donations, which go to help those who call our office and are in need of shelter, transportation and food. Your help is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

WELLNESS MINISTRY

From St. Joseph Mercy-dated April 15, 2020

Designed for patients who are not ill enough to warrant a hospital stay, the following screening centers provide a safe and convenient location where people can be screened by a trained staff member and have a quick swab sample taken for testing, if needed, to diagnose a COVID-19 illness.

Individuals can be tested if they meet the CDC and State of Michigan testing criteria, which includes patients who are high risk and present with a fever above 100 degrees AND a cough (lasting less than six weeks), OR shortness of breath.

Patients interested in being screened do not need an appointment or a physician referral. However, it is recommended that patients with suspected COVID-19 take a virtual screening online where they will be screened and can be referred to a Video Visit or see a primary care provider, who will order the COVID-19 test if necessary. Physician orders can be filled at the screening locations below.

St. Joseph Mercy Livingston: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily; West Entrance Drive, located at 620 Byron Rd, Howell.

St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily; Outpatient Surgery Center entrance on the campus of St. Joe's Ann Arbor, located at 5360 McAuley Drive, Ypsilanti.

Anyone with questions can call St. Joe's COVID-19 Hotline at **1-833-247-1258**

For the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19, please visit :

<https://www.stjoeshealth.org/coronavirus>

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

April 26—May 2

Sunday	Nancy Nychpor
Monday	Barb Dolkowski
Tuesday	Rachel Tuzinsky
	Jean Glowacki
Wednesday	Colleen Atwood
Thursday	Diane Davidson
	Lisa Klein
Friday	Clarence and Ginny Kroll
Saturday	Judy Brown



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 4/12/20

Env/Cash	\$16,110
Debt Reduction	\$ 580
EFT/Online	<u>\$10,379</u>
TOTAL	\$27,069

WEEK OF 4/19/20

Env/Cash	\$10,930
Debt Reduction	\$ 795
EFT/Online	<u>\$22,078</u>
TOTAL	\$33,803

Your parish contributions are appreciated and very important, especially during this time. Sunday contributions may be mailed to the parish office. Now might be a good time to consider setting up online giving. Please visit our website, www.saintmarymagdalen.org, click on Online Giving, Donation-Payment to safely set up contributions made directly to our parish. You may also contribute directly by texting the amount you would like to donate to 844-928-0075. Thank you for your support.



Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our **Diocesan Services Appeal!** Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, **you may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa.**

After 6 weeks we have reached almost 30% of our DSA goal. Thus far, 158 families have contributed to this year's appeal. Thank you for your generous support!

THE WEEK AHEAD

ALL LITURGIES AND NON-ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED THROUGH WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30.

Monday, April 27

6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout only

*Marriage
& Banns*

11 Shannon Batwill & Michael Kovarda

Adult Confirmation Classes

Are you an adult or high school student who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

If so, you are invited to contact Erin Wolfe, R.C.I.A. Coordinator at Saint Mary Magdalen.

Call 810-229-8624 Ext. 176
or email

baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org



Please remember Magdalen's Kitchen and Alms during this health crisis.

You can donate online under "online giving" on our website.

www.saintmarymagdalen.org

Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative



OUR 2020 VISION—SEEING THEIR FUTURE

The Knights of Columbus are selling raffle tickets to benefit the Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative. The raffle drawing will be held on May 11 at St. Joseph Church in Howell at 6:30pm. The grand prize at the drawing is a Samsung 4G 55" Smart TV. Samsung Tablet and Samsung Home Security System.

Ticket sales are down due to the social distancing requirements. To purchase tickets and support this life-saving initiative, please contact [parishioner Don Powell at chiefpowell@gmail.com](mailto:chiefpowell@gmail.com) or (248) 410-7264. The net proceeds of the raffle will benefit Pro-Life Pregnancy Crisis Centers.

*LCUI is now at a combined total of **1,660 Babies Saved** within the now **TWENTY** Pro Life Pregnancy Centers we have assisted in placing Ultrasound Machines throughout the State of Michigan over the last **EIGHT** years. We are currently engaged with **THREE** additional Pregnancy Resource Centers, Insight Pregnancy Services in Fremont, Pregnancy Helpline of Three Rivers (Mobile), and Positive Options in Grand Haven. None of this would be possible without your generous donations, thank you for your continued support.*

LCUI is a 501 C3 Non-Profit Organization. Please follow our progress for a complete list of these Pregnancy Centers at: www.lcultrasound.org or at www.facebook.com/lcultrasound