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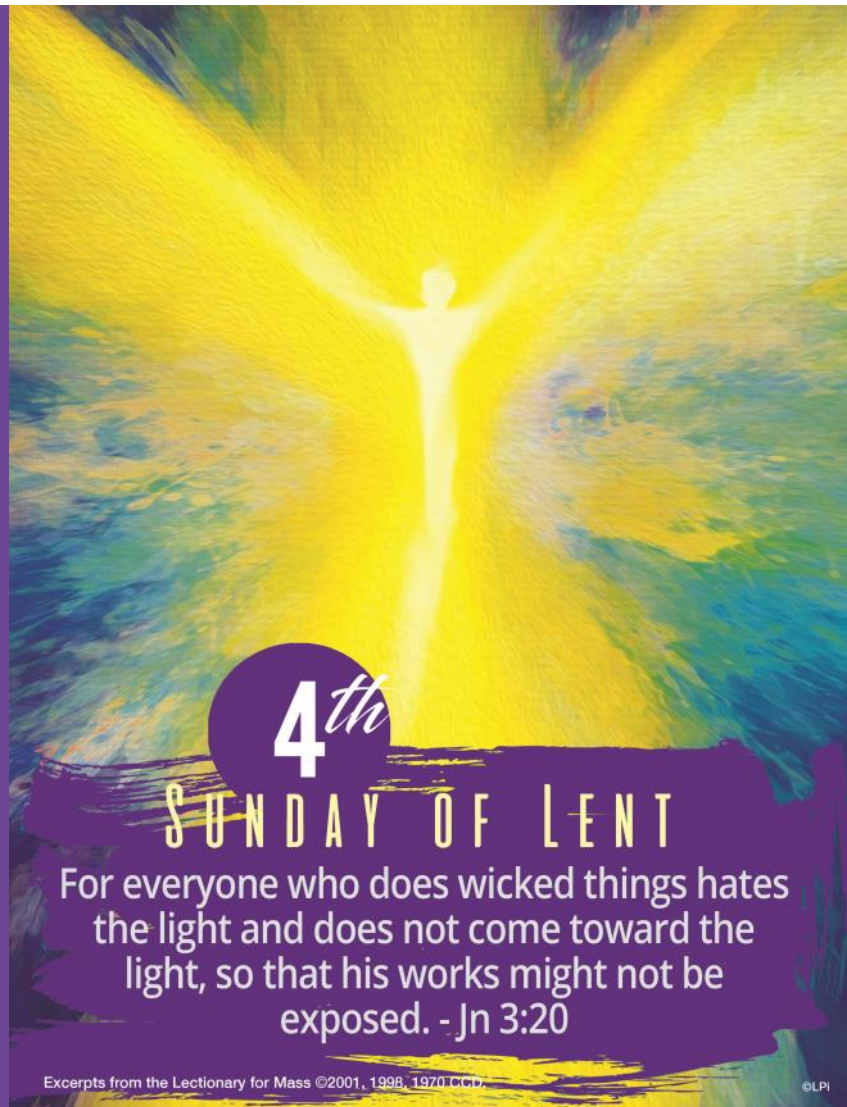
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4th
SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:20

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Saint Mary Magdalen

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 4:30 pm (also Livestreamed) • Sunday 9 & 11 am

Weekday Liturgies: Mon., Tues., Wed. 9am No Liturgy Thurs. or Fri.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3-4pm

Infant Baptism: Contact Erin Wolfe baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jeremiah 31:31-34: The prophet Jeremiah ministered at a difficult time in Jewish history. Jerusalem, their beloved capitol city, had been destroyed, and most of the people taken captive to far-off Babylon. In this gloomy setting, Jeremiah expresses the conviction that the Lord will raise up a new leader from the line of David to restore and rebuild their native land.

Hebrews 5:7-9: The letter to the Hebrews was written to a Christian community that had become dispirited and whose faith was faltering. Jesus is present in today's passage as a model of suffering and a source of strength in time of need. (This passage is also part of the second reading on Good Friday.)

John 12:20-33: John was writing for a predominantly Greek audience, whose philosophical world was characterized by dualism. Part of John's purpose was to show that Jesus' mission extended beyond the Jews to the Gentile world, and here he portrays Gentiles (Greeks) inquiring to see Jesus. For John, Jesus' death is the fulfillment of his mission because through death Jesus will be exalted and the Son of Man lifted up from the earth.

Reflect: Name one area in your life that you need to let go of – to die to – in order to rise with new life.

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

Monday, March 15

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

9:00 am +Gwen Maes

Tuesday, March 16

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

9:00 am +Lena Clary

Wednesday, March 17

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

9:00 am **Mass of Remembering**

Thursday, March 18

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 19, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,

24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday, March 20

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 21 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

4:30 pm **The People of St. Mary Magdalen**

9:00 am **Sister Joyce Hoile**

11:00 am **+Richard Rumpz**

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The family of Diane Morrison.

Erica & Paul Huddas and family
in the loss of their daughter, Emilia Grace.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF:

George Banaszak, Sue Binder, Michael Bitterle, Lucas Cauley, Keith Craffey, Bill Cuellar, John Davidson, Karoline DeRosia, Cienna Ditri, DuRussel Family, David Duenas, Marie Edwards, Jeff Fritz, Mary Lea Gehring, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Sue Karnes, Mary Keating, Mark Koprowicz, Maria Kottke, James Kudlarek, Alan Laginess, Herb Langer, Alexis Liske, Linda Molitoris, James Montgomery, Mona Nesan, Paul Nesan, George Nesan, Stella Paweski, Sawyer Ann Perusse, Carolyn Phillips, Christine Reinhard, Kathy & Tony Riccardi, Donna Rushak, Linda Santioni, Marino Sarti, Dave & Judy Scharf, Cindy Sultana, Marylyn Trader, Michelle Turner, Dan Tuthill, Linda Vanootighem, Ellie Yaworsky, Tom Zremski, Kim, Kyle, Richard K and William.

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, **March 17, at 9 am**. This Liturgy is offered for deceased parishioners and relatives, especially: Jeanette Moran, Michele Koprowicz, Noreen Gardner, Joseph Steier, and Ronald Phillips.

LOWERY'S LINES



Lent Week 4

During the season of Lent I am attempting to preach a “series” of homilies. I hope that together we can walk through each Sunday of Lent keeping in mind an old idea about which Blaise Pascal wrote. He wrote how each of us has a God-shaped hole in each of our hearts.

This weekend I'll be focusing on the gift of humility that God offers us to fill our God-shaped hole. Humility is not the same as humiliation or self-deprecation. The gift of humility helps us recognize our dependence on God. We do not have to save ourselves. That's why the Father gives us his Son Jesus, “that the world might be saved through him.”

Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation Day – Monday, March 22 9:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

I will be available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation all day on Monday, March 22. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the worship space all day during this time as well. *Just like during Advent, you will need to sign-up for a confession time slot.* Sign-ups begin this week and will be available in the gathering space, online, and by calling the parish office. If you cannot come on Monday, March 22, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 3-4:00 p.m., and by appointment.

Easter Time Projects – Your Time & Treasure Is Needed

This past week's warmer weather and today's time change means spring and Easter is around the corner. With Easter & spring's arrival, we have a few projects that could use an extra boost.

Easter Candy – Our Easter Egg hunt will take place on Saturday, April 3. Candy donations are needed to fill the eggs. Please drop it in the basket in the gathering space.

The parish recently got a great deal on a much-needed Kubota utility vehicle. If you would like to help offset the \$4,000 cost, please let me know.

Gardening Angels & Lawn Cutters – if you'll be returning as a Gardening Angel or Lawn Cutter, please contact the office. If you want to sign up to help as a new volunteer, please contact the office as well.

Let there Be...LEDs! Work is being done to convert all the lighting in our worship space to energy efficient LED bulbs. They are currently halogen bulbs. If you would like to help with the initial cost of the new bulbs, please let me know.

Have a blessed fourth week of Lent,
Fr. Shaun

DSA 2021



The 2021 Diocesan Services Appeal has begun! St. Mary Magdalen parishioners are asked to join in support of this annual appeal. Our parish goal is \$102,722.

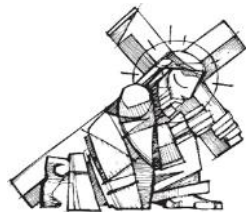
No gift is too small... every dollar donated helps those in our parish and in our unified efforts in the wider church. Also, one-half of all paid contributions received, *over and above our parish goal*, will be returned to our parish for our local use here at St. Mary Magdalen.

You can submit your DSA pledge envelope during Mass or take your DSA envelope home to prayerfully consider your gift decision. Those paying by cash or check are invited to return your completed pledge form, in the DSA envelope, to St. Mary Magdalen office. Those who wish to pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer may enter your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa. We ask every one of our parish households to reflect on the many blessings you have received from the Lord and share these blessings through a generous gift to our DSA.

LENT

Lenten Formation Offerings Please look in the Ministries section of the St. MM website for Adult Formation. There is information about online opportunities and more!

Little Black Books for Lent Reflections for every day of the Lenten season are available online!
<https://www.saintmarymagdalen.org/little-books>.



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 for praying the Stations are available online on our parish website or upon request by calling the parish office.



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

CURRENT PARISH GUIDELINES

- ◆ Indoor weekend Liturgy celebrated in the main worship space. Masks must be worn. No assisting liturgical ministers, socially distant seating, socially distant reception of Holy Communion.
- ◆ Indoor weekday Liturgy in the main worship space celebrated minimally (i.e., no singing, no assisting liturgical ministers, socially distant seating, socially distant reception of Holy Communion). Masks must be worn.
- ◆ Drive up reception of Holy Communion, at the main entrance under the portico, will be available Saturdays 5:45—6:15 pm and Sundays 12:15—12:45 pm.
- ◆ The parish staff has normal work schedules. The parish office remains closed to visitors.
- ◆ Gatherings and meetings are held online.
- ◆ Outdoor gatherings of 10 and no more than 50 people permitted with strict social distancing.

If you have any condition that will compromise your immune system (or if you care for someone with such a condition) PLEASE STAY HOME! There is no obligation to attend Mass and there is no obligation to receive Holy Communion through May 16, 2021.

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

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Religious Formation News

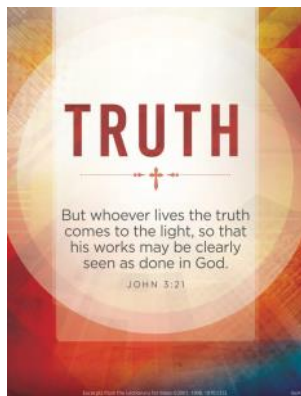
Stations of the Cross Contest

The current Destined lesson will focus on the Stations of the Cross. As part of the lesson, families are asked to choose a station or stations and design their own representation of it. Families will then be able to enter it in our program-wide stations of the cross contest. We will create our very own stations of the cross out of the winning entries and display them in the Gathering Area during Holy Week.

Entries can be in a variety of art mediums (Painting, photography, sculpture, models, poems, etc.) Any entries we receive that are not selected to be a part of the final stations of the Cross will be displayed in the community room.

“Your quote here.”

It is hard to believe, but we are nearing the end of our formation year. This year, families were involved in their children’s formation in a whole new way. If your family experienced a blessing as a result of at-home formation, share your testimony with the rest of us! **Over the next few weeks, I would like to include quotes from our**



formation families in my bulletin articles. Share what your family learned this year and how your faith has grown. We began this year with the belief that God was going to use this challenging time as an opportunity to bless us. Let’s bring to light the wonderful things God has done!

Program Updates

- Destined Lesson 12: “The Stations of the Cross.”
- A supplemental First Eucharist Lesson has been emailed to the program families.
- If you are interested in serving as a catechist this Fall, please email youth@saintmarymagdalen.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

Congratulations to our February Snowman Contest Champions!

Most Creative

Bobby Burant



Tallest

Emily and David Stadler



Youth Group

Best Traditional

Aidan and Quinn Brennan



Best Middle School Entry

Aubrey Blush



MAGDALEN’S PRESCHOOL

Magdalen’s Preschool is accepting applications for a qualified assistant teacher. If you are interested, have a question, or would like a detailed job description please email Amanda Faiola at:

preschool1@saintmarymagdalen.org.

We are also looking for volunteers who can help on a regular basis. If you are interested in becoming a preschool volunteer please call Amanda Faiola at 810-229-0010.

FINANCE

WEEK OF 3/7/21

ENV/CASH	\$ 12,913
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 615
EFT/ONLINE	\$ 21,760
TOTAL	\$ 35,288

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

CHARITY & JUSTICE

LENTEN GIVING TREE



(Due to Covid19 only Gift Cards are being accepted)

Write the amount on the gift card
Write the charity it goes to on the gift card

DUE: MARCH 21

Brighton Senior Center	\$25 MEIJER/WALMART
Hartland Senior Center	\$25 MEIJER
Howell Senior Center	\$25 MEIJER/WALMART
Livingston County Catholic Charities	\$25 MEIJER/WALMART
Magdalen's Kitchen	MEIJER / GORDEN FOOD SERVICE
Medilodge of Livingston	\$25 AMAZON
Medilodge of Howell	\$25 MEIJER/WALMART

Put gift cards in the Lenten Tree Chest or Mail to the Office

HOPE IN A BOX



MARCH NEEDS:

Feminine Care Products
Body Wash
Shampoo
Laundry Soap
Men's Gloves

MNISTERS OF PRAYER

March 14-March 20

Sunday	Volunteer
Monday	Lee O'Connell, Larry Maes
Tuesday	Cass and Ros Wodarski Mary Ann Hargrave
Wednesday	Renee Shinska
Thursday	Jim Hynes, Kathy Riccardi
Friday	Julie Wendell, Mary Bidinger
Saturday	Volunteer

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COMMUNITY LIFE



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 15

- 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout
- 7:00 pm Women's Faith Sharing-Virtual
- 7:30 pm K of C Planning Meeting

Tuesday, March 16

- 6:30 pm First Eucharist Teaching Mass
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School

Wednesday, March 17

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

Thursday, March 18

- 7:00 pm Men's Faith Formation-Zoom
- 7:00 pm Wellness-Zoom

Friday, March 19 Stations of the Cross-Virtual

- 1:00 pm Worship Ministry-Zoom
- 7:00 pm RCIA Scrutiny Experience

Saturday, March 20

Sunday, March 21

- 9:00 am RCIA
- 12:00 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Session
- 12:15 pm Lenten Rosary Series
- 6:00 pm Pastoral Council

Senior Giving Tree in Gathering Area—GIFTS DUE 3/21

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.