

Saint Mary Magdalen



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 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!

Happy Mothers' Day to all who provide maternal love and care! May God bless all of our mothers!

Zooming through Eastertide

I have successfully been able to participate in Zoom meetings since this pandemic began. If you have not experienced Zoom or are not into all the technology stuff, Zoom is one of many video chat / meeting platforms that are available on the Internet. My first Zoom experience was for my now-5 year old nephew's birthday. Sullivan looked like this was just the normal thing to do as he patiently waited for all of us to sing "Happy Birthday" to him so he could blow out his candles. The parish staff and I have had Zoom meetings, and most recently the Pastoral Council met on Zoom. In this time, we can hear the words of the Second Vatican Council echoing from the Document, *Inter mirifica*, on Social Communication, "Christ commanded the apostles and their successors to 'teach all nations,' to be 'the light of the world,' and to announce the Good News in all places at all times. During his life on earth, Christ showed himself to be the perfect Communicator, while the Apostles used what means of social communication were available in their time. It is now necessary that the same message be carried by the means of social communication that are available today" (126). The COVID-19 pandemic is a time of uncertainty, but even more so it is a time for us to be creative about how we communicate in general, and how we each share the Gospel.

Pastoral Council Sign Ups

Normally during this time of year, the Pastoral Council would have sign-ups available for parishioners interested in serving on the Pastoral Council. Each member serves a term of three years. If you have some interest in serving in this capacity, please send me an email or call the parish office.

Returnable Bottles / Cans – Youth Group

During the pandemic most stores are not accepting bottle/can returns. If you would like to donate your bottles/cans to the parish to support youth ministry, please save them until it is safe to bring them to the parish. Thank you for considering this as a way to support our youth!

God bless each of you.
Peace, Fr. Shaun

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND INTENTIONS**Monday, May 11**

Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
+ Margaret Cruz

Tuesday, May 12

Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 13

Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
+ Gene Osowski

Thursday, May 14, Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
+ Carl J. Cardonnier

Friday, May 15

Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
+ Joe and Elizabeth Altermatt

Saturday, May 16

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 17, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
+ Carl J. Cardonnier
+ Evelyn Hildreth
The People of St. Mary Magdalen

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Last week we heard how the Christian assembly in Jerusalem chose seven of their number to minister to the Greek-speaking Christians who lived there. One was Philip. Today we find him in Samaria, about 60 miles north of Jerusalem, fearlessly proclaiming the good news of Jesus and experiencing astounding results.

1 Peter 3:15-18 The first letter of Peter was written to Christians who pagan neighbors continually questioned and ridiculed them about their faith. Since most of the Christians were low-born or slaves, their opponents couldn't understand why they were so joyful and hopeful. Today's passage offers pastoral advice and encouragement.

John 14:15-21 Today's Gospel reading continues Jesus' farewell discourse at the supper before his Passion. Jesus speaks of his upcoming departure from this world and reassures them he will send another Advocate to be with them. This suggests that Jesus was the first Advocate, revealing to them the Father's character and will. Now the Holy Spirit will companion guide them.

Reflect: How do you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit?

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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!



Please remember in your prayers:

Fran, John and Margaret Marr in the loss of their daughter/granddaughter, Catherine.

The family of Barbara Furlong.

John Alder and family in the loss of his father, Irvin.

Jim Carruthers and family in the loss of his aunts, Constance Carruthers and Mary Ellen Slivinski.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

May 10 — May 16

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

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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.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS



Women, as grandmothers, wives, mothers, stepmothers, sisters, aunts, nieces and friends, we tend to ask ourselves many questions. Where will I begin my day? In which room will I accomplish each job today? What will I do to add variety to my day? How will I keep my children entertained today? And, most importantly...how will I maintain my sanity today? These are just a sample of the many questions we may ponder over our morning coffee.

In the meantime, the house we are so proud of can seem as if it is closing in on us. We need more room. We need to stretch and grow. We need a change of focus.

For me, Sunday is my "grounding" day. I love Mass. I love God's Word (His love, encouragement and guidance), the Eucharist and our faith family. Recently, without Mass and the Eucharist, I feel a great absence. To offset this feeling, I have found beginning my day with a cup of coffee and a morning reflection brings me a sense of comfort and peace as I prepare for the not-so-happy news reports of the day. Maintaining a level of comfort and peace these days can be a struggle. The struggle was eased, however, when I accepted the gift St. Mary Magdalen offers each of us; a membership to the **FORMED** program. I thoroughly enjoy the time I spend delving into the options FORMED offers. I have been inspired, educated and entertained.

The **FORMED** program offers many different resources:

- ◆ **Education:** Programs for children, personal faith formation, group study, family prayer, parenting, grieving and happiness.
- ◆ **Quiet Time for Reading:** Free eBooks to download in such genres as children's, theology, prayer and devotion, practical living, parenting and inspirational. There are also fiction options in a wide variety of literary tastes for both youth and adults.
- ◆ **Family Movie Night:** Videos for children, teens, and adults. There is also a broad range of documentaries, faith formation, Bible studies and inspirational films.
- ◆ **Multitasking:** Free downloads of Lighthouse Talks podcasts.

Women of faith make a difference today, tomorrow and always! Maybe today, Mother's Day, is the day you will take the opportunity to accept this gift yourself or tell someone you love about FORMED.

It's easy and free to start enjoying **FORMED**!

- ◆ Go to signup.formed.org.
- ◆ Select Saint Mary Magdalen, Brighton MI.
- ◆ Register your name and email address. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED. There is also a FORMED mobile app to use on other devices.

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!

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

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CHARITY & JUSTICE

HOW CAN I HELP?

Help Urgent Food Need in Flint Michigan!

St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center

Initiated by two Roman Catholic nuns in 2002, the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center (NEW Life) is a faith-based nonprofit organization that serves structurally unemployed men and women in North Flint, Michigan. **Our mission is to offer transformational programs that provide life skills, education, and workforce training to help individuals become self-sufficient and support their families.** We are committed to building trusting and enduring relationships with families who receive assistance through our programs. To receive support from NLC, an individual must have a genuine desire to change his or her situation and must regularly participate in activities for the duration of the program in which he or she is enrolled.

As a critical part of our mission, we operate a food pantry that employs graduates of our programs of life change to **serve over 3,000 people monthly with food and basic needs items.** We also prepare hot meals 3 days per week and offer a variety of community services, including crisis intervention for those we serve. During this critical time, we are requesting support for our Food Pantry during our 2021 fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2020.

The NEW Life food pantry directly addresses the Basic Needs Impact Area and the provision of food for Emergency Support services. Our program significantly reduces the number of Flint residents going without food each month. Specifically, we provide food for families to take home on Tuesdays and Thursdays, hot meals three days a week, and basic personal items and clothing on demand. Each family can visit our Food Pantry and receive a box of food every-other week (twice per month).

Follow this link to donate today to help:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/feed-the-hungry-in-flint-michigan>

There are always flowers for those who want to see them.

-Henri Matisse

WELLNESS MINISTRY

NEED TO TALK?

Many of us are experiencing social isolation, sadness, anxiety, fear of COVID-19, uncertainty over what the future holds or grief over the loss of a loved family member, friend or co-worker. If you are dealing with any of these feelings, you do not have to do so alone. If you need to talk, here are some resources you can turn to for a listening ear, understanding and guidance.

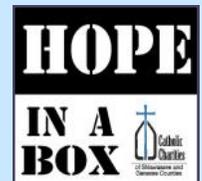
The **Certified Peer Support Specialist Warmline** is a peer run phone service providing peer support, resource referral and shared experience of recovery and hope. For assistance, call 888-PEER-753 (888-733-7753) between 10 AM and 2 AM seven days a week. (Resource: Michigan Department of Health & Human Services)

Also, many of our seniors are feeling more isolated during the "shelter in place." **Livingston County Catholic Charities** Staff and background-checked volunteers are available to provide **phone reassurance** for seniors who would like someone to check in on them and visit a little by phone on a regular basis. Contact LCCC at 517-545-5944.

Another option is telehealth counseling by therapists and psychiatrists. **Advanced Counseling Services** is one such service that may help you through this difficult time. This service is available for children, teens and adults. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic many insurance companies have expanded benefit coverage to include telehealth services that may take place by phone or video. You may contact ACS for an appointment by calling Intake at 734-759-000 or the office at 810-220-2787.

HOPE IN A BOX NEEDS:

Deodorant
Hand Soap
Laundry Soap
Dish Soap



We will have the bins out at the front doors Monday-Friday, 8:30 am—3:30 pm for drop-off donations. Also, monetary donations can be made to:

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

Marriage & Banns

11 Tegan Chesney & Nick Burkhardt

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 5/2/20

Env/Cash	\$10,365
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,990
EFT/Online	\$18,817
TOTAL	\$36,172

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 8 weeks we have reached almost 32% of our DSA goal. Thus far, 169 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 MAY 15.

Monday, May 11

6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout only

Wednesday, May 13

7:30 pm Pastoral Council Zoom Meeting

MORTGAGE Minute

Mortgage balance 2/29/20	\$1,534,630
Mortgage Payments—March	(0)
Covid-19 mortgage deferment per Diocese of Lansing	
Debt Reduction Donation Pmts	(\$1220)
Witness to Hope Payment	(0)
Mortgage Balance 3/31/20	\$1,533,410



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

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

www.saintmarymagdalen.org

Those who are unable to make sacramental Communion with Christ by participating in the Eucharist, can express the desire to receive Him in their spirit with these words that help to make spiritual communion with Him.

The Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
I love You above all things,
and 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.