



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

JANUARY 13, 2019

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

ANOTHER EPIPHANY The Church celebrates three epiphanies or revelations of the Lord Jesus. The first was commemorated last weekend, as we recalled the Magi who followed the star and found Christ, the Light of Lights, in Bethlehem. Today we celebrate the second revelation of the Christ, when the Father's voice was heard revealing Jesus as the Beloved Son of God.

Next weekend, we will celebrate the third epiphany of the Lord. It was at the wedding feast in Cana when Jesus worked His first miracle, turning the water into wine.

In the Eastern and Orthodox Churches, they celebrate all three event on the *same Sunday!* In the west, we spread them out over 3 Sundays!

COUNTING On Monday, we go back to the *green season* commonly called Ordinary Time. The Latin word *ordines* – where we get the term ordinary – means counted; so for the next 8 weeks we will have the numbered, or counted, Sundays and weeks.

But the message we will hear in the early part of the of this season is far from ordinary, for after our recollection of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptizer, we will reflect on our call as beloved daughters and sons of God, called through our baptism to live as disciples of Christ.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called not just to follow him but share his concern for the lowly, the marginalized, the outcast and the poor.

In many ways the message of this "counted" time is that the Lord is counting on us to continue His work of transforming this world in His love!

TWO PARISH RETREATS We have scheduled two retreats: Friday & Saturday, February 15\16. It will be *repeated* on Friday & Saturday, March 8\9. Each retreat will begin on Friday evening and conclude Saturday evening with Eucharist. The meals will be included. The only expense will be your time, attention and a free-will offering at the end.

Each retreat uses a combination of prayer, talks about different aspects of our common journey with the Lord though this world, and small group faith- sharing. To participate in either of them, please sign up in the Gathering Area.

Fr. Dave Howell

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

January 14, Monday

Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20

9:00 am + Greg Kalwasinski

January 15, Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

9:00 am Communion Service

January 16, Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

7:00 pm + Mass of Remembering

January 17, Thursday, Saint Anthony, Abbot

Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

9:00 am + MaryAnna Horkan

January 18, Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

9:00 am + Ann Gillette

January 19, Saturday

Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

January 20, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

4:30 pm Vigil St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

9:00 am + Lovell Avery

11:00 am + Richard Tuzinsky

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 62:1-5

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from the exile in Babylon. When they returned, they found the temple destroyed and the city leveled. The prophet sees, however, a wonderful future for them because God loves them so much. Note the image to describe that love.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Today, and for the next few weeks, we will hear selections from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Corinth was a busy cosmopolitan seaport located in the central part of modern-day Greece. Here, Paul addresses problems his converts are experiencing in trying to live a Christian life in this non-Christian environment.

John 2:1-11

John's purpose in recording the events at Cana is greater than a casual interest in a wedding or changing of water into wine. Jesus truly is the Son of God and redeemer. The Cana event foretells the way Jesus will accomplish his mission; by shedding his blood on the cross. Most obvious is Jesus' response to Mary's request: "My hour has not yet come." It was not yet time to reveal his identity and mission.

Reflect: What has gone empty in you that you want to ask Jesus to fill?



My Thoughts about our Parish
Josie Doucette



It's hard to believe that St. Mary Magdalen parish is now 25 years old, and I'm proud to say that I've been a member almost from the beginning. As a former member of St. Pat's, I had already been introduced to Fr. Dave's wonderful celebration of the Mass and insightful homilies before the new parish actually became reality. That, plus the desire to be part of a new parish, is what brought me here.

I was actively involved in ministries at St. Pat's, and was hoping I could bring some of that experience to the new parish. There was opportunity galore to become involved at the beginning of a new parish. Truthfully, I found that it's the best way to feel right at home and make new friends.

I started working in the church office when the position of Religious Education secretary opened and later became one of the parish secretaries. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet many of the wonderful parishioners here. Along the way, I had a few setbacks with more than your average number of surgeries, some of them quite serious. Each time, I had to take six weeks to recuperate. I cannot say enough about the support I got from other staff members. I'd like to thank everybody who filled in for me and took over my workload during my absences, but especially I'd like to thank Fr. Dave for his patience and understanding during those tough times. Altogether, I spent 16 years in service before I retired a few years ago.

During my time serving on the Welcoming Team, I noted that many new parishioners stated they were drawn to this parish because of the music or the fact that they liked Fr. Dave so much. But almost all stated they picked St. Mary Magdalen because it was such a welcoming parish. I can testify to the fact that the greatest strength of this parish, in my opinion, is the people! This parish abounds in friendliness and dedication to service. It's something we all can be proud of.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday8:30am–8:30pm

Friday8:30am-4:30pm

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday: 4:30pm • Sunday: 9 & 11am

Weekday Liturgies: Mon., Thurs., Fri.: 9am Wed.: 7pm

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday: 11:30am–12noon

Infant Baptism: Contact Erin Wolfe

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

John Babcock	Herb Langer	Michelle Turner
Lee Barker	Gwen Maes	Lynn Weggins
Nicholas Barr	Mike Mahar	Jennifer Yanick
Caitlin Bohlen	Caleb Masters	Tom Zremski
Taylor Brake	Jean Mayer	Abbey
Larry Buslepp	Hogan McCuan	Alice
Michael Columbus	Joey McMullen	Annabelle
Georgette	Steven Micunek	Brenda
DeMonaco	Diane Morrison	David
Cienna Ditri	Stan Osdras	Diane
Forest Densmore	Eugene Osowski	Jeannette
Jonathan Faiola	Nathan Ostrowski	John
Julie Glasgow	Henry Schandavel	Ron
Michael Harrah	Margie Sharpy	Shea
Jill Hibbeln	Ron Sherman	
Sr. Joyce Hoile	Emma Thompson	
Dorothy Koprowicz	Marilyn Trader	

MASS OF REMEMBERING



The monthly Mass of Remembering will take place this **Wednesday, January 16, at 7 pm**. Liturgy is offered for deceased parishioners and relatives, especially: Dottie Ecker, Ralph Schwartz, Michael Chrzazcz, Don Govan, Peg Mulvihill, Donald Bombard, Marilyn Chevalier, Joyce Egerer, Bob Guidos, Mary Catherine Welch, Barbara Hackett, Judy Wanke, Pauline Grattan and Jim Bollella.

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!

St. Patrick School will hold an Open House on January 27, 2019, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Please stop by to tour the school at 1001 Charles Orndorf Drive, Brighton.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Roxanne Hundsrucker

Annual Pet Food Collection

Our first grade classes are collecting pet food for needy dogs and cats for the Livingston Area Pet Pantry. Our donations will help the needy and elderly that might not have enough means to feed their pets. Look for the decorated collection bins in the parish Gathering Area. You can donate grocery store or Target gift cards too.

9 Days for Life

January 14-22 our Church celebrates 9 Days for Life. This is a time thousands of Christians across the country pray together for the Respect of Human Life. This beautiful period of prayer falls in line with the Right to Live movement but is so much more than saving lives of the unborn. There are so many aspects of life that are mistreated in society today. The elderly, physically and mentally handicapped, divorced, those who are all alone, gay, transgender, those that are other races than our own along with human aspects I may not have listed. Whether you believe in nurturing or not nurturing any of the above, it is necessary that we pray for all humans. We discuss the dignity of life in our formation program in very simple ways such as being kind to and following the "Golden Rule".

"First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all." Timothy 1: 1-6.

Just a reminder about snow days: Since it is January, it is a good time to remind you of our snow policy. If **Brighton** Area Schools are cancelled due to bad weather, our Religious Formation classes will also be cancelled. When Religious Formation is cancelled during the school day, we will notify each family by email.

YOUTH NEWS

Margaret Callaghan

To start on a personal note regarding my dad and his ongoing health issues, I would like to thank everyone who asked about him and prayed for his health. I'm sure there are many of you out there dealing with the same issues of aging parents that I am currently going through. He goes between the hospital and Wellbridge of Rochester Hills pretty frequently so by the time you read this, he could very well be back at Wellbridge. God is good and our holiday celebrations were spent with extended family full of laughter, good conversations and reflections of our years growing up together.

I would also like to thank the adults who jumped in at the last minute to help with our scheduled Christmas overnight celebrations during break. That was the day (of course) that my mom called regarding my dad. I was gone to the other side of town to be with everyone. Special shout-out to Hannah who handled the urgency of my being away beautifully! A good time was had by all who participated. Thank you again to everyone who jumped in to help out.

Next weekend we are traveling up north for our annual **Winter Weekend Getaway**. There is no YG meeting next Sunday. We will meet again on January 27.



Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 9. We are scheduled to be at the Warming Center to help with ongoing projects. We will meet in the parking lot here at 8:15 am and be home before 1pm.

We are going to Zap Zone on Wednesday, January 30, with St. John's youth group for some friendly competition. More details to come next week.

EDGE

Our meetings for January are Mondays the 14th and the 28th. Plan to make God a regular part of your daily schedule in addition to these meetings!

WELLNESS QUOTE

The words you speak become
The house you live in.

- Hafiz

OF FAITH AND SERVICE

Sr. Joyce Hoile, OSF

School for Discipleship

Father Dave will be teaching The Gospels for 5 Monday evenings at 7 pm, February 4 –to March 4. There is a Sign up Sheet in the Gathering area for this Course.

Fr. Dave’s Book Discussion

Father Dave will facilitate discussion of the book: The Angry Christian in February. It is a Bible-based Strategy to Care for and Discipline a Valuable Emotion. Sr. Joyce has an extra 10 copies of the book. You are welcome to come by the office, sign up and pick up the book. Father Dave will hold the discussion on Friday, February 8 and February 22, at 7 pm.

Sister Joyce was recently in an automobile accident. While she recovers, all programs lead by Sister (Catholics Returning Home, Catholicism Series, 50+ Lunch Bunch, book discussions) are on hold until further notice. Please keep her in your prayers. We will keep you updated on her continuing recovery.

Witness To Hope Mailing Error

Some Witness to Hope January pledge reminders, dated January 1, 2019, erroneously referred to the “Diocesan Services Appeal” and wrongly directed that payment be made to “DSA.”

A **corrected** Witness to Hope January pledge reminder will be mailed to those affected by the error. **Please disregard any incorrect statements dated January 1, 2019,** and instead utilize the corrected statement dated January 3, 2019, advising donors to make gifts payable to “Witness to Hope.”

Direct questions to the Donor Services staff at 517-342-2590. Thank you.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT
AT THE MOVIES!**

January 19 at 6 pm

Come to the Drive-In Movies!



Make your own cardboard box car to sit in during the movie. Look for examples in the Gathering Area!

Macaroni and cheese and sloppy joes will be served. Please bring a snack or dessert to share!

**Bringing the Love of Jesus to Seniors
at Christmastime**

The board and co-workers at Livingston County Catholic Charities want to extend our profound appreciation for the generosity to our annual Christmas Blessing project and Senior Outreach Services by St. Mary Magdalen parishioners, Christian Service Committee and all who helped with the Giving Tree or volunteered to deliver. Your donation of gift cards totaling \$2,155.00 brought so much joy to the seniors. At this time of year, they feel unseen and forgotten, and struggle with securing basic needs on a limited income during the winter months. You all helped to bring them the love of Jesus, help & hope!

This year we delivered food & basic need boxes, Christmas gifts, and more to 146 seniors (an increase of 34 over last year). This tremendous project could not exist without your help and the help of all of our volunteer delivery persons – Thank you and God Bless!

Wishing you all a Happy & Healthy 2019!



LivingstonCatholic.com/Men-On-Fire

This month is open to Men and Women

Men from around the Diocese gather each month for prayer, Mass, and a dynamic, engaging speaker presentation on an important topic to men of faith. Great food, beverages & fellowship! *Free will offering.

Our speaker this month is:

FR. DAVID HOWELL

THURSDAY January 17th, St. Mary Magdalen

5:45 pm: Prayer | 6:15 pm: Mass | 7:00pm: Speaker

8:00 pm Refreshments from *The Wooden Spoon*

For additional information, contact Rory Clark at Rory@SacredHeart.io

ALPHA



Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Thursday mornings, 10 am - Noon

Come and enjoy a meal, a short video exploring our Christian faith and an opportunity to share thoughts and ask questions in a small group.

Register in the Gathering Space, or online at www.saintmarymagdalen.org and click on ALPHA, or send an email to Jo Hofsess at alpha@saintmarymagdalen.org.

Space still available.

Childcare is available.

“Come and you will see.” Jn 1:39

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 1/6/19

Approximately 1590 people participated
 Env/Cash \$ 15,293
 EFT/Online \$ 8,425
TOTAL \$ 23,718
 Children's Collection \$55.40

The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! Numbers 6:26

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 14

9:00 am Preschool
 9:45 am Yoga
 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen
 7:00 pm EDGE

Tuesday, January 15

9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Jesus Lifestyle
 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
 6:30 pm ALPHA
 7:00 pm MI Catholic Bible School

Wednesday, January 16

9:00 am Preschool
 9:15 am Moms Group
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
 4:30/6:30 pm Religious Formation
 7:00 pm Mass of Remembering
 7:30 pm Pastoral Council

Thursday, January 17

9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am ALPHA
 5:30 pm Religious Formation
 5:30 pm Regional Men on Fire with Fr. Dave
 7:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, January 18

9:00 am Preschool
 9:45 am Yoga
 1:00 pm Pain Sake
 6:30 pm 7 Super Dates

Saturday, January 19

5:30 pm Drive-In Movie Night

Sunday, January 20

9:00 am Baptism Presentation
 9:00 am RCIA

Blood Pressure Screenings All Weekend



Welcome Newly Baptized

Benjamin Nolan Marone, parents are Emily & Steve; Amelia Rose Irvin, parents are Alexandra & Mason; Bryce Nicklaus Piché, parents are Maggie & Todd; Elle Paisley Byrnes, parents are Lisa & Steve; Dexter Thomas Milligan, parents are Maria & Paul; Charlotte Marie Assenmacher, parents are Whitney & Mitch; Carson James and Chase Anthony Wallace, parents are Chrissy & Aaron; Annabelle Jo Bateman, parents are Lindsay & Jon; and Emmett Matthew and Everett Jeffrey Miller, parents are Lauren & Matt.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Dan Grattan and family, in the death of his mother, Pauline.
 Stan Osdras and family, in the death of his father, Stanley.

LIVINGSTON YAM: YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
EVENTS & HAPPENINGS FOR THOSE 18-35
www.livingstonyam.com

MASS & DINNER
 Sunday, January 27
 5 pm Mass @ St. Patrick
 6:30 pm Dinner @ the St. Patrick Rectory

Questions? Contact Shannon 810-588-7665 or
livingstonyam@gmail.com
 Find us on Facebook at "Livingston YAM"

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL
@St. Mary Magdalen

Thursday evenings 7:15 - 8:45 pm
 Beginning January 17, 2019
 All adult men and women welcome!



Please contact Jerry Sams at billlearjet@gmail.com
 or 248-882-2065 for more information.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

Sun.	Jan. 13	Volunteer
Mon.	Jan. 14	Pete Kelly, Barb Dolkowski
Tues.	Jan. 15	Sophia Freni, Renee Shinska
Wed.	Jan. 16	Sister Joyce, Carolyn Crabbe
Thurs.	Jan. 17	Jim Hynes, Kathy Riccardi
Fri.	Jan. 18	Tara Freni
Sat.	Jan. 19	Volunteer

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Mon.	Jan. 14	8:30 pm	Senior Men's Basketball
Tue.	Jan. 15	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wed.	Jan. 16	4:30 pm	Religious Formation
Thu.	Jan. 17	4:00 pm	St. Pat's
		5:30 pm	Religious Formation
		7:15 pm	Adult Coed Volleyball
Fri.	Jan. 18	_____	_____
Sat.	Jan. 19	5:30 pm	Drive-In Movie Night
Sun.	Jan. 20	_____	_____