



February 14, 2021
Sixth 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 9: 8-15 Today's reading from Genesis takes place after the story of Noah and the great flood. Israelite people of long ago saw the rainbow as a symbol of a Warrior-God hanging up his hunting bow as a peaceful gesture. The rainbow symbolizes the solemn promise that God made to Noah.

1 Peter 3: 18-22 This reading reminds us that just as Noah was saved through the ark, we are saved through Baptism. Early Christians believed that those who died before the coming of Jesus awaited redemption in a shadowy existence described here as a prison. When we say in the Apostles Creed that "Jesus descended into hell," we are saying that Jesus went to announce to those waiting in that "prison" that they had been saved.

Mark 1: 12-15 For Mark, the immediacy of events is significant. The temptation of Jesus needed to take place at this time to hasten the beginning of his public ministry in which he would proclaim that the Kingdom of God is near. The choice of this Gospel story coincides with the Christian community's beginning its wanderings in the desert of the 40 Days of Lent.

Reflect: In what ways can you identify with Jesus in the desert during this Lenten period?

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

Monday, February 15

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13

9:00 am +Gwen Maes

Tuesday, February 16

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21

9:00 am +Sharon Kramer

Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

9:00 am +Jack O'Connell

7:00 pm +Rita Charron

Thursday, February 18

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 19

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 20

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 21 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

4:30 pm The People of St. Mary Magdalen

9:00 am +Dorothy Keefe

11:00 am +Gwen Maes

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jack and Dianne Hardy in the death of her step-mother, Hazel Hastie Carey, and their son-in-law, James Wojda.

Keith Phillips and family in the death of his father, Ronald Phillips.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF:

Richard Baibak, Sue Binder, Michael Bitterle, Lucas Cauley, Mary Clemence, Cara Chandler, Keith Craffey, Bill Cuellar, David Duenas, 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, 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!

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

February 14—February 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 Bidingler
Saturday	Volunteer

LOWERY'S LINES

Ash Wednesday, February 17

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

Remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Traditionally we associate fasting and abstinence with dietary restrictions. There are many other ways to fast and abstain (in addition to changes in our diets) that can be fruitful. Here are a few suggestions:

Abstain from the recreational use of all electronic media for a portion of the day.

Fast from social media of any type.

Abstain from going over the speed limit during at least one driving trip during the day.

Fast from gossip.

Abstain from using your phone for anything with the exception of phone calls and text messages.

Fast from unnecessary Amazon/Online purchases.

Abstain from being pessimistic.

Fast from procrastinating.

Witness to Hope Pledges – Thank You!

Thanks for your continued generosity to our Witness to Hope campaign. The remaining pledges that you make are going directly toward the payment of our mortgage. None of your remaining pledges are going to fund anything else. It all helps our parish's financial health.

Happy St. Valentine's Day!

Fr. Shaun

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.

FINANCE

WEEK OF 2/7/21

ENV/CASH	\$ 8,497
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 530
EFT/ONLINE	<u>\$ 20,962</u>
TOTAL	\$ 29,989

2020 DONATION STATEMENTS

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

If you did not receive yours, or want a paper copy mailed to you, please contact 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.

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 www.saintmarymagdalen.org/livestream and recorded for rebroadcast on our parish website <https://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:

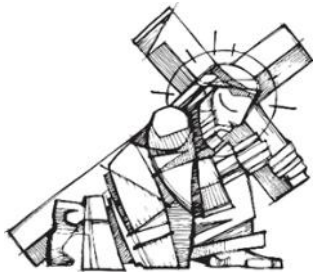
- ◆ After Liturgies the weekend of Feb. 13/14 (Sat. 5:30-6:15 p.m.; Sunday 12-12:45 p.m.)
- ◆ On Monday, Feb. 15 or Tuesday, Feb. 16 (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
- ◆ On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 (8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.)

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.

Little Black Books for Lent Reflections for every day of the Lenten season are available in the gathering area and 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 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

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

This Year, Make Lent a Family Affair

Our formation program has been focused on equipping parents to be their children's primary catechist. Long before students learn their prayers in class, memorize the Ten Commandments, and explore the sacraments of the Church, they watch how their parents practice the faith and learn from them. These earliest impressions are powerful and last a lifetime. Parents' influence also does not end when a child begins formal religious education. Subconsciously, children compare what they see and hear in class to what they see and hear at home, then work to reconcile them.

Let me propose a question for you to ponder as you contemplate what Lent will look like for your family this year. It has two parts:

- 1.) **What do you want your children's faith lives to look like when they are adults?**
- 2.) **Does your family's current practice of the faith match your answer to the first question? Do your children have a model of what you want for them?**

Lent is a great time for families to share their faith! This is because there are many easy opportunities. When we forgo meat on Fridays or take on our own personal penances and resolutions, we have natural opportunities to share our faith.

When the family sits down for dinner on Friday, explain why the menu is different from the rest of the year. Tell your children what you gave up for Lent (especially if you need tiny Lenten police officers to keep you honest!). Why did you choose that penance? Help your children come up with their own. **This year, make Lent a family affair. Model for your children the faith you want them to possess someday. And remember one of the first rules of catechesis - *the faith is caught, not taught!***

Program Updates

- Destined Lesson 10: "Repent and Believe in the Gospel" is available.
- First Eucharist Lesson 7 "We Celebrate the Gift of the Eucharist" is available on the parish website.
- **Destined families: Remember 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's middle and high school youth groups 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.

Youth Group



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

JK-8TH GRADE OPEN ENROLLMENT! Enroll by February 15, 2021 to be considered in the first round of offers. www.stpatschool.org.

WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED



Micah Edward Trapp, parents are Lauren & Spencer; Annaliese Claire Bigalke, parents are Taylor & Alec; Ella Claire Ratliff, parents are Kate & Jonathon; Isla Grace Klemczak, parents are Cassie & Brian; Juan Yeshua Martínez López, parents are María & José; Drew Walter Polega, parents are Kayla & Adam; and Emily Christine Knotts, parents are Sharon & Brian.

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.

HOPE IN A BOX



FEBRUARY NEEDS:

Lotions
Chapstick
Dish Soap
Toilet Paper

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



SMM Knights Build Wheelchair Ramp for Parishioner in Need

A parishioner reached out to the local council for a wheelchair ramp enabling his wife access to and from their residence. In less than a week, a request for manpower, materials, and installation was completed. The officers of St. Mary Magdalen Council 12295 recognize and thank the following Knights and parishioners for their work.

- ◆ Dennis Wuerfel: Licensed contractor provided the expertise and facility to pre-build the ramp sections
- ◆ Bob and Denise Putnam: Provided the funding for the materials to build the ramp
- ◆ Ken Anderer: Project Coordinator
- ◆ Assembly crew: Bruce Rigsby, Tom Sutton, Dan Weir, John Affatati, and Don Powell
- ◆ Mike Stewart – donated coffee & doughnuts for the crew.

Please consider joining the Knights of Columbus and lend a helping hand to your parish and community. Contact Ken Anderer at (810) 333-2130 or kanderer65@gmail.com

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WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING



The Women's Faith Sharing Group is offering women of the parish a Lenten opportunity to study Christ's Passion using *NO GREATER LOVE (A biblical walk through Christ's Passion)* by Edward Sri. This series will be on **Monday evenings via Zoom,**

beginning Feb. 22. The videos walk us through the Holy Land from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary.

Given the richness and depth of the study, we will most likely break it up into smaller portions, extending our discussions beyond Easter. For more information, contact Bernie Tucker at rodzina.first@gmail.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 15 No Preschool

6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout
6:30 pm Women's Faith Sharing

Tuesday, February 16 No Preschool

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday

5:00 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Session
7:00 pm RCIA

Thursday, February 18

6:30 pm Men's Faith Formation-Zoom

Friday, February 19 Stations of the Cross-Virtual

8:00 pm 8 Great Dates-Virtual

Saturday, February 20

2:00 pm RCIA Rite of Election @Holy Family

Sunday, February 21

9:00 am RCIA
9:30 am Blood Drive
12:00 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Session

Senior Giving Tree in Gathering Area

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.