

# Saint Mary Magdalen



**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 17, 2020**

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### Weekend Liturgy:

LIVESTREAM ON SATURDAY AT 4PM

[www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://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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**Preschool:** 810-229-0010

## 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!**

**What Might It Look Like**

I recently read an article published on April 30 on DetroitCatholic.com about psyching ourselves up before public Liturgies resume. The article suggests five things that we should be prepared for once public Liturgies are reinstated:

1. Wearing masks – Wearing a mask can help protect me, and it can help both protect *and* put my neighbor at ease. Wearing a mask to Mass is something we likely will have to do during Liturgies for awhile.
2. Social distancing – Where we sit, how we go to Communion, and how we greet one another will likely need to be temporarily adjusted for everyone's health, safety, and comfort.
3. Fewer people – Expecting in-person attendance at Mass will be what it was before is not realistic. (Ironically, our parish's weekday online attendance – those viewing the daily reflections on the parish Facebook page – is almost ten times higher than our average daily Mass attendance was prior to the pandemic. We are still able to reach people even if they are not able to attend in person.)
4. Mistakes – None of us has been through a pandemic before now. We are all learning about how best to protect and sustain one another through this time.
5. Increased Internet outreach – Offering more live Liturgies over the Internet and use of various Internet meeting platforms is likely in most churches.

We simply cannot expect that larger gatherings of any kind – church or otherwise - will immediately look exactly as they did prior to the middle of March. Each of us will need to do our part and work together to create an environment that both reflects our desire to be together for Liturgy and our acceptance of the need to continue to mitigate against further spread of COVID-19. You can read the entire article at <https://detroitcatholic.com/news/detroit-catholic/5-things-to-expect-once-public-masses-return-in-the-archdiocese-of-detroit>.

**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.

God bless each of you.  
Peace, Fr. Shaun

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND INTENTIONS**

**Monday, May 18**

Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a  
+ Inez Jacobs

**Tuesday, May 19**

Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday, May 20**

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15  
+ Mass of Remembering

**Thursday, May 21**

Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20  
+ Jean Schultz

**Friday, May 22**

Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23  
+ Gwen Maes

**Saturday, May 23, 2020**

Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday, May 24, The Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
The People of St. Mary Magdalen  
+ Amira Yono  
+ Fran Brown

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Acts 1:1-11** Today's passage takes us back to the beginning verses of the Acts of the Apostles and sets forth the themes that Luke is going to develop throughout this, the longest book of the New Testament. His major theme is the role of the Holy Spirit, who enables the apostle to be effective witnesses to Jesus. The Holy Spirit is mentioned 57 times in the Acts of the Apostles.

**Ephesians 1:17-23** Ephesus is located on the western coast of what is today Turkey, and Paul visited there several times. Today's passage, which is near the beginning of the letter to the Ephesians, is a prayer asking God's blessings upon that community. Many thoughts in this prayer are connected to today's feast of the Ascension.

**Matthew 28:16-20** Christ's charge to the disciples in this Gospel is often called the Great Commission. Here the risen Christ gives the command and the authority to his disciples, minus Judas, to go out, spread the Word, baptize, and teach.

**Reflect:** As a follower/disciple of Jesus the Christ how much of this Great Commission command do I obey?

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	Marlaine Micunek	Elaine Zawisa
Barb Colley	Terry Moore	Cathy Zremski
Scott Corey	Clarence O'Leary	Tom Zremski
Karoline DeRosa	Stan Osdras	Artie
Gene & Kathleen	Stella Paweski	Bob
Golbiw	Taylor Pellerito	Diane
Dorothy Guidos	Carolyn Phillips	Jeanette
Lauren Hahn	David Proctor	Kathleen
Sr. Joyce Hoile	Kathy & Tony	Kristine
Kathy Jagusch	Riccardi	Laurie
Carolyn Keough	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*

Joe Lubig and family in the loss of his sister, Connie Ferranti.

**MASS OF REMEMBERING**



Father Shaun will offer a private Mass of Remembering this **Wednesday, May 20**. Liturgy is offered for deceased parishioners and relatives, especially:

Daniel Migdal, Donald Tremel, Joseph Cubr, Lisa Shibley, Kevin Smith, Marie Allen, John Luebbe, Tim Brewer and Margaret Marschall.



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**Out of difficulties grow miracles.**

~Jean de La Bruyere

**MINISTERS OF PRAYER**  
May 17 – May 23

Sunday	Jerry Dolkowski
Monday	Bruce Dehanke
Tuesday	Michele Sixbery
Wednesday	Gale and Pat Harris
Thursday	Matt Kroll
Friday	Lynn Pfaff
Saturday	Ted Eisenhut

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

May  
is for  
Mary



*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen*

Although we are mid way through the month of May, there is plenty of time left to honor Mary. Mary, Mother of God and the Church is our model of faith and charity. May is the month of Mother's Day and for Catholics it is the month for honoring two mothers—our earthly mother and our spiritual mother. Just as mothers stand up for their children and their love never ceases, we can be sure Mary's love for us never ceases and that she intercedes for us even in the smallest matters.

**Background on Mary Month** The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to 1600-1750. Although it wasn't always held in May, Mary Month included 30, daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary. It was in this era Mary's Month and May were combined making May the month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month.

**What do Catholic's believe about Mary?** Interested in teaching your children or grandchildren about Mary? Busted Halo has a video on YouTube called "Mary in 2 Minutes." The video, dated September 20, 2012, addresses many important questions regarding Mary.

**How will your family celebrate the Month of Mary?** The ways Mary is celebrated are as varied as the people who honor her. Below are a few family-friendly suggestions from **Catholicicing.com**:

**Plant A Mary Garden (Or Clean Up The One You Have)** Having a Mary garden is not only a great way to honor Mary, but it can also provide a quiet and reflective place for your family to go to Mary in prayer.

**Have A May Crowning** This does not have to be complicated. See Catholicicing.com for the post containing all the information you need for your own May Crowning.

**Make A May Altar For Mary** Make a May altar for Mary in your home which can be fun and simple to do. You will find lots of suggestions on everything you need to know about set up and decorating on the website.

**Your family may also want to join Pope Francis and pray the prayer he wrote asking Mary to protect the world during the pandemic.**

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org)

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INFORMATION AT ST.  
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## CHARITY &amp; JUSTICE

## HOW TO HELP OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS!

While our church building is currently closed and we are unable to meet in person, St. Mary Magdalen's Charity and Justice Team is finding new ways to help in our community and state.

The bins to collect for *Gleaners and Flint Center for Hope* are just outside St. Mary Magdalen's front doors, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am—3:30 pm.



Please drop your donations in the bins. *Flint Center for Hope desperately needs all types of soap and deodorant.* Our volunteers will be distributing the donations to Gleaners and Flint.

Gleaners, Bountiful Harvest and Center for Hope are also accepting monetary donations. 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.

Monetary donations for *Flint Center for Hope* 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 and meals are being prepared by a small designated group of 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

WAYS TO HELP ANXIOUS KIDS

Your child(ren) may be struggling more than usual right now with the changes Covid-19 has brought. Some children thrive on regular routines – routines that have been considerably disrupted in the past month or two. Here are some tips you can use to help your anxious child.

**Label what's happening.** Acknowledge the recent changes to your children's lives. Create a list of things that have changed and things that have stayed the same. Talk about this list with your kids—for example, "You used to go to a school building, that has changed, but you still have Mommy tucking you in every night, that's the same." Doing so will make them feel less alone, because they'll know they're not the only one noticing that things aren't the way they use to be.

**Resolve your own anxiety.** Parents' anxiety can make kids feel unsettled. If you are showing your anxiety, it can come across in interactions with your children. Know the facts, don't be afraid to ask for help, connect with others, and practice self-care and compassion.

**Teach children mindfulness techniques.** Progressive muscle relaxation—tensing and then releasing individual groups of muscles—can be helpful for an anxious kid. **GoZen!**, an organization that helps children manage their anxiety, has a YouTube video that can help guide your kids through progressive muscle relaxation.

Deep breathing is another technique that can help ease anxiety in kids. Check out [www.cosmickids.com/five-fun-breathing-practices-for-kids](https://www.cosmickids.com/five-fun-breathing-practices-for-kids) for some deep breathing guidance.

**Create a schedule with pictures.** Predictability is very important for anxious children. For kids who don't yet read, make a schedule using images to depict the routine of the day. It doesn't have to be detailed. It can be as simple as, here are four things we do every day: breakfast, lunch, dinner, cuddles.

**Help children connect with loved ones they can't visit.** Have them draw pictures to send to their grandparents. Set them up to play games via Skype, FaceTime, etc. with cousins or friends.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT****WEEK OF 5/10/20**

Env/Cash	\$12,435
Debt Reduction	\$ 405
EFT/Online	\$14,609
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,449</b>

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](http://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.*

**THE WEEK AHEAD****ALL LITURGIES AND NON-ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED THROUGH MAY 28****Monday, May 18**

6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout only



**"HAPPY THE ONE WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD!"**  
PROVERBS 16:20

**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](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa).**

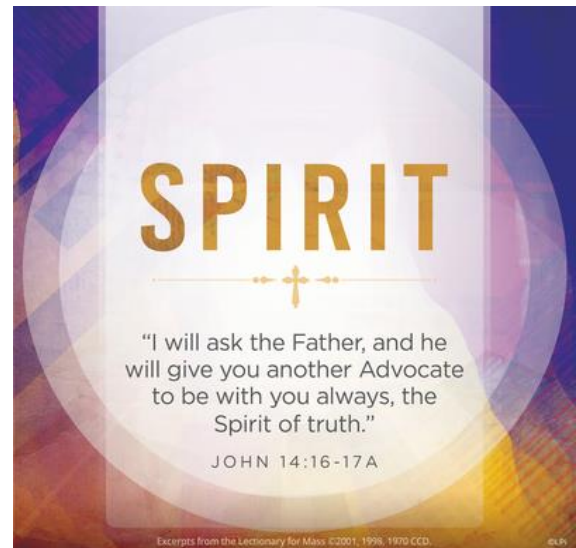
After 9 weeks we have reached almost 33% of our DSA goal. Thus far, 176 families have contributed to this year's appeal. Thank you for your generous support!

*III Tegan Chesney & Nick Burkhardt*

**WATCH ST. MARY MAGDALEN WEEKEND LITURGIES ONLINE!**

Livestream Saturdays at 4 pm  
or available after 6:30 pm Saturdays at  
[www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org)  
Look for our Video Link!

*Short daily homilies from Fr. Shaun or Deacon Devon are always on our St. Mary Magdalen Facebook page too! Check us out!*

**HOPE IN A BOX NEEDS:**

Deodorant  
Hand Soap  
Laundry Soap  
Dish Soap



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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.