



33rd Sunday
ORDINARY TIME
November 15, 2020

Saint Mary Magdalen

Witnessing to the Resurrection

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OFFICE HOURS

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Wed. 1:00 pm–4:30 pm

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION WEEKEND LITURGY:

Saturday 4:30 pm • Sunday 9 & 11 am

NEW Weekday Liturgy Schedule

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

CHRIST THE KING

Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 Ezekiel was an Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon. In this passage, Ezekiel uses a popular image of God, that of a shepherd who cared for the sheep. Ezekiel reminds the people that the role of the shepherd is also to exercise good judgment.

1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul addresses problems his converts in the community are experiencing. Some members had questioned the bodily resurrection of Jesus and our own resurrection as well. This passage is Paul's response.

Matthew 25: 31-46 Every year on the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the issue of the last judgment is the heart of the matter. This is a familiar text from Matthew that has a mixture of consoling social justice and chilling final judgment. The metaphors and symbols of the worshipping community are not ends in themselves but means to the end of saving God's people, of the Body of Christ changing the world and realizing God's kingdom.

Reflect: What changes in lifestyle does today's Gospel call you to?

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

Monday, November 16

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

9:00 am +Ron LePage

Tuesday, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10

9:00 am +Dcn. David Lawrence

Wednesday, November 18

Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

9:00 am +Mass of Remembering

Thursday, November 19

Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 20

Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

Sunday, November 22

Christ the King

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

4:30 pm +Larry Buslepp

9:00 am The People of St. Mary Magdalen

11:00 am +Karl Koch

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF:

Diane Agius, Jill Angell, Richard Baibak, Pat Bartle, Cyndy Bisoski, Cara Chandler, John Couch, Derek and Mary Day, Caleb Decker, Karoline DeRosia, Dave Dueness, Marie Edwards, David Erdman, Garcia Family, Mary Lea Gehring, Norm Gregor, Bob Hemmi, Kathy Hershberger, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Jeff Holgate, Kathy Jagusch, Noah Jelso, Mary Keating, Jan Keogh, Herb & Mary Ellen Langer, Nolan Langer, Doug Lambert, David Martin, Sally Martinez, Genny McSweeney, Hannah Metcalf, Marlaine Micunek, Adam Montgomery, Diane Morrison, Jennifer Nason, Stella Paweski, Carolyn Phillips, Mike Polcyn, Kathy & Tony Riccardi, Richard Rumpz, Marino Sarti, Dave Scharf, Helen Selke, Marny Stuart, Cindy Sultana, Janina Szajnecki, Julie Taylor, Marylyn Trader, Dan Tuthill, Dan Van Tiem, Dennis and Sue Wagener, Robert Warner, Gerry Wszola, Tom Zremski, Artie, Jeanette.

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, November, at 9am**. This Liturgy is offered for deceased parishioners and relatives, especially: Luke Dery, Robert Ostrowski, and Brian Sharkey.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

November 15— November 21

Sunday	Dennis Wagener
Monday	Valerie Maravolo
Tuesday	Barb and Joe Kowal
Wednesday	Diane Olsem
Thursday	Pat and Bob Metz
	Anna DeMonaco
Friday	Marilyn and Dan VanTiem
	Mary Jo Cubr
Saturday	Volunteer

CARRY-OUT BREAKFAST SANDWICHES!

THIS WEEKEND, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

after the 9am and 11am masses

Cash or Charge accepted



LOWERY'S LINES

Congratulations Confirmands!

On Wednesday, November 11, Bishop Boyea celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation for our 10th grade confirmation candidates. May the Holy Spirit always enflame your hearts with a passion to follow Jesus by loving God and neighbor! Congratulations as well to the parents and sponsors on this happy occasion.

More Diocese Realignment Information

As we prepare to host members of the Diocesan Realignment task force on December 1 at 7pm, please also refer to this information on the Lansing Diocese's website:

<https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/realign-resources-for-mission>.

Remember, if you want to attend this meeting, you need to call the office or register through the parish website as seating is limited. The meeting will also be available on Live Stream and for rebroadcast through our parish website.

Thanksgiving Holiday: Nov. 26

We will celebrate the Liturgy on Thanksgiving morning at 9am in the main worship space. The parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving and on Friday, Nov. 27.

Looking a Bit Ahead to Christmas

We will celebrate a Christmas experience Liturgy once each evening of the week leading up to Christmas beginning Monday, Dec. 21. Each Christmas experience Mass celebrated will be the same. *You will need to sign up to come to one of the Liturgies and you can do that beginning November 30 online or by calling the office.* If you come celebrate on Monday (Dec. 21) at 7pm, or if you come on Tuesday (Dec 22) at 7pm, or Wednesday (Dec 23) at 7pm, or Thursday (Christmas Eve) at 6pm or 10pm, or Friday (Christmas Day) at 10am, the experience of the Liturgy – music, decorations, homily – will be the same. This is so we can spread ourselves out to celebrate Christmas in smaller gatherings than we would normally have. This is our plan as things stand now.

God bless, Fr. Shaun

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

A BOOK OF REMEMBERING

Beginning with the Feast of All Saints, November 1, and throughout the month of November we lift up to God in prayer all who have died. **Our Book of Remembering** is at the Shrine of Remembering in the worship space so that you might list the names of deceased family & friends. **Also, if you would like to bring a (framed) picture of your loved one**, please place it on the empty hymnal shelves inside the worship space. *Please put your information on the back so if you forget to pick it up at the end of the month we know who to call!* We will pray for them throughout the month.

2020 LOAVES & FISH

Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC) is kicking off our annual fundraiser –*Loaves & Fish Appeal*– this weekend.

Your donation this year is critical to providing vital and professional services here in our community!

LCCC has sustained an unexpected loss of revenue due to COVID-19 that we rely on to provide these services. Invitations to help provide critical services in our community were mailed to parishioners in early November. **All money stays local and helps to provide affordable, professional services to ALL. Your support is urgently needed today! Thank you and God bless!**



Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.

~Pope Francis

REOPENING GUIDE

Our parish reopening guide is a map – not an exact science or a rigid plan – to lead us toward gradually reopening at a pace following our State’s Safe Start plan, and takes into account the mood of our community.

The purpose of this guide is to help us decide how and when to move forward, or (if necessary) how to move backward. No dates are assigned to movement between the guide steps. Currently we are in step three. Highlights of our current reopening practices include:



SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

Reopening Guide

This is meant to be a conceptual guide. It is not an exact plan for our reopening. It is based on CDC/State Health Department recommendations.

We are in step three which now includes indoor Sunday Liturgies, LiveStreamed Liturgy, the option to receive Communion outside of weekend Mass, and smaller meetings/gatherings ≤10 people in larger meeting spaces. ≥10 & no more than 50 people: Outdoor meetings or on an online platform (e.g., Zoom).

	Step One	Step Two	Step Three	Step Four
Social Distancing, General	Stay Home	Strict (6' / Inside Car)	6' indoor/outdoor	Healthy
Vulnerable Populations*	Stay Home	Stay Home	Stay Home / Strict ≥6'	Healthy
Indoor Sq. Ft./Person Goal	Stay Home	≥65.5 face coverings	≥43 wearing face coverings	13 wearing face coverings
Parish Office	Remote / Essential only	Remote / Essential only	Normal staff schedule / Office closed to walk-in guests	Open to public
Liturgical Life	Online Only	Sunday - Outdoor Weekday - Indoor / Minimal & wearing face coverings	Indoor – limited seating; face coverings worn; outdoor Communion options offered.	Indoor / Gradual restoration of full celebrations TBD
Community Life	Online Only	Online Only	Small gatherings / Large spaces ≤10 people wearing masks / Outdoor gatherings 10-50 people	Small gatherings / Normal spaces - Larger Gatherings TBD
Meetings	Online Only	Online Only	Small gatherings / Large spaces / number restrictions as in Comm. Room or online meetings.	Small Gatherings / Normal Spaces
Preschool	Online Only	Online Only	Opening Sept. 14	TBD
Youth (Formation/Ministry)	Online Only	Online Only	Majority Online	TBD

*Vulnerable Populations: Any age with pre-existing health conditions, compromised immunity, and care-takers of previously mentioned populations. No dates are assigned to movement between steps. CDC/State Health Department guidelines will guide decisions. Steps can move backward if necessitated by future outbreaks.

Preschool/Religious Formation/Youth related activities depend upon opening and practices of Brighton schools.

- ◆ 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/meetings held online, or no more than 10 people in larger meeting spaces.
- ◆ 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 November 28.

FINANCE

WEEK OF 11/8/20

ENV/CASH	\$ 16,290
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 6,633
EFT/ONLINE	\$ 23,518
TOTAL	\$ 46,441

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

To give online visit: www.saintmarymagdalen.org

Your parish contributions are appreciated and very important, especially during this time. Sunday contributions may be mailed to the parish office or consider online giving:

Click on Online Giving, Donation-Payment to safely set up contributions made directly to our parish from your checking account or debit card.

WELLNESS MINISTRY NEWS

HOW TO USE TELEMEDICINE, VIDEO CONFERENCING AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY

Older adults can now get help to learn how to navigate technology, a necessary skill during this time. The Aging and Adult Services Agency at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is partnering with GetSetup, to offer a FREE resource of technology help for Michiganders age 60 and over, for the next 6 months.

This initiative will help older Michiganders become more comfortable with technology. Access to more than 150 free online group classes will be available, including: how to use a smartphone or tablet, how to use services such as video conferencing, Gmail, Facebook, grocery delivery and telemedicine, as well as virtual social hours. Only an internet connection is needed.

Go to the website getsetup.io to begin your free classes!

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Program Announcements

Our “Destined” whole family program is nearing it’s half way point. We are asking families for their feedback regarding how the program is going. Are you enjoying the lessons? What would you like to learn more about? How well are your children absorbing the material?

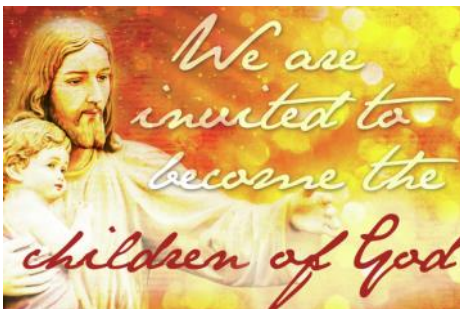
A survey with these questions and more is available on the formation page of the parish website. Please take the time to fill it out and help us build the best program possible. One of the advantages of online catechism is our ability to more easily adapt mid year to the needs of our families. The feedback we have received so far has been overwhelmingly positive, but we are eager to find ways to continue improving!

There will be a meeting for our incoming 9th grade Confirmation students and their parents on Thursday, November 19th at 6:30PM. The students will be packing Thanksgiving food boxes for families in need. **9th Grade Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, December 6th, following the 11AM Mass.**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our **Thanksgiving Food Drive**; your generosity is always appreciated! The food drive wraps up Wednesday, November 18.

First Reconciliations will be celebrated on Saturday, December 12. Please pray for our young students who have been diligently preparing for this important milestone on their walk with Jesus.

“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” (Matthew 19:14).



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group “Coffee & Conversation”

All high school students are welcome to join Josh for coffee and conversation on Wednesday, 11/18 from 7:00-8:00 PM at Brighton Coffeehouse and Theater. Come enjoy your warm beverage of choice and get to know the Youth Group better.



Friendsgiving — Date Change

Next Sunday, November 22, from 6-8PM is our Youth Group Friendsgiving dinner. **All middle and high school students are invited.** Come make new friends and celebrate all we have to be thankful for!

Join the Youth Group today!

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

This year, we are still hoping to have some sort of Christmas Nativity for the 6:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. We are not sure if it will actually be performed live that evening or if it will be taped ahead of time for broadcast during the Mass. There will only be two rehearsals, December 9th and 16th (if taping) or December 16th and 23rd (if live). All rehearsals will start at 6:30. We will be asking the kids to stay socially distanced from each other, and masks will be required at all times. A sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Area. It is very important to sign up so that we have an idea of who is participating.

Please contact Erin Wolfe with questions or suggestions at 810-923-8494 or baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org. More information will be coming soon.

CHARITY & JUSTICE

RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARD SALES



Christmas cards and ornaments from the Right to Life of Livingston County will be sold after all of the Masses *this weekend, November 14 & 15*. Items will be available outside the main church entrance under the Portico. Please take a minute to stop, shop, and purchase something while supporting this local RTL office.

ADVENT GIVING TREE (Covid-style)

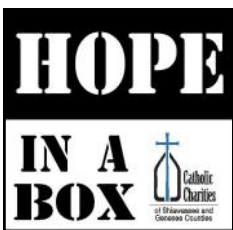
Pick up a bulletin next weekend to find out how you can participate with the Advent Giving Tree this year. Although we are limited to providing only gift cards and even though our Advent Tree will look different, its meaning is still the same!

TAKING STEPS AGAINST RACISM & EXCLUSION

On June 3, in a message to his “dear brothers and sisters in the United States” (meaning the entire nation and not just its 70 million Catholics), Pope Francis said, “We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.” With this message, our Pope tells us that racism and exclusion (due to race, creed, or color) must be as much an issue for Catholics as being anti-abortion.

The Charity & Justice committee at St. Mary Magdalen would like to begin a dialogue with church members, and those outside our church, on how we, as a community of faith, can take steps against racism and exclusion. If you wish to be part of this dialogue, please email Mike Olsem at molsem@comcast.net or call/text him at 586-242-9224. By doing so, you’re not committing to anything...yet. We wish to gauge your response to this issue and determine how to move forward. Thank you and may God bless.

HOPE IN A BOX NOVEMBER NEEDS



Warm Gloves
Dish Soap
Lotion
Chapstick
Toilet Paper

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BISHOP BOYEA'S YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Join Bishop Boyea in reading through the Holy Bible starting this Advent and continuing through the next 12 months. Together, it will be *our* Year of the Bible. Each day, Bishop Boyea will text you a chapter of Sacred Scripture directly to your cellphone. We will then read it and meditate upon it. Over the weeks, he will also text you invitations to events; share video reflections with you; and let you know about other Year of the Bible updates. To sign up, simply text **BYOB**, which stands for Bishop's Year of the Bible, to **84576**.



Monday, November 23
12:30 pm — 2:30 pm
St. Mary Magdalen
In the Gathering Space

Sponsored by Meijer Pharmacy

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, November 16

6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout Only
6:30 pm Women's Faith Sharing ZOOM
7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry ZOOM
7:30 pm K of C Planning ZOOM

Tuesday, November 17

7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, November 18

9:00 am Mass of Remembering
7:00 pm Youth Group Coffee & Conversation off-site

Thursday, November 19

6:30 pm 9th Gr. Confirmation Parent Meeting
6:30 pm 9th Gr. Confirm. Thanksgiving Boxes
6:30 pm Men's Faith Formation ZOOM
7:00 pm Wellness ZOOM

Saturday, November 21

9:00 am Brighton Twp. Yard Waste Drop Off

Sunday, November 22

10:10 am New Parishioner Meeting

HOLY LAND ARTIFACTS SALES AFTER LITURGIES
ADVENT GIVING TREE IN THE 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.