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Be merciful,
O Lord.

PSALM 51

March 1, 2020

THE FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT

LOWERY'S LINES

Disciple Maker Index Survey: Don't Forget!

Don't forget to visit www.disciplemakerindex.com to take the survey! The website is mobile friendly. You can do it on your phone, tablet, or computer. Hard copies are also available in the gathering space. As I write this, 387 individuals have completed the survey online. That's about 1/5 of our average weekend Mass attendance.

Additional Reconciliation Times during Lent

Beginning on Wednesday, March 4, I will be available each Wednesday of Lent from 5:30-6:30pm for individual Reconciliation (in addition to the normal Saturday 11:30-12pm time) in the Reconciliation chapel near the baptismal font. Our parish's communal penance service with individual confessions will be on Wednesday, April 1 at 7pm. *There is a good video on "What Not to Confess," at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFYztY4nSLs>*

Did You Know: Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick is the sacrament of the Church that compliments the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the sense that it is a sacrament of healing. Through this Sacrament the sick person receives the presence of Jesus. The Church asks Jesus to accompany the sick person throughout his/her illness. Olive oil blessed by the Bishop on the Thursday before Easter Sunday is used to anoint the sick person's head and hands. *Like the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of the Sick can be received many times during the course of a person's lifetime.*

We celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick here at the parish currently on the last Wednesday of the month at the 7pm Liturgy. I am also available to visit anyone who desires the sacrament in the hospital, nursing facility, or home. I am also glad to anoint someone who approaches me before or after the Sunday Liturgies if that is most convenient to you. Often people will be anointed prior to surgery, upon receiving a serious diagnosis, during a chronic or terminal illness, during rehabilitation, etc. A sick person can be anointed multiple times; and it is appropriate to be anointed throughout the stages of progress or decline during an illness. Treatment for mental illness and admission to programs for recovery from addiction are also times the Sacrament of the Sick can and should be requested.

When should I call to be anointed or to request someone I know be anointed? I always suggest requesting the sacrament before surgery, before receiving a significant diagnosis or test result, during the course of an illness or rehabilitation period, and upon admission to hospice care. If someone you know is going to be admitted to hospice care, please contact me (or any other priest) upon their admission. Admission to hospice is the best time to celebrate the sacrament with a patient. Usually if someone requests the sacrament at any time of day, I go immediately, but that is not always possible; and so I always suggest requesting the Sacrament of the Sick as soon as the need for it presents itself.

Peace, Fr. Shaun

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**Monday, March 2**

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

9:00 am +Robert Monforton

7:00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, March 3

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 4

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

7:00 pm +Delores Adams

Thursday, March 5

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

9:00 am +Melissa Loniewski

Friday, March 6

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

9:00 am Elaine Zawisa

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 8**Second Sunday of Lent**

Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

4:30 pm +Leslie Dwain

9:00 am +Keith Dunn and Jan Jandasek

11:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 12:1-4 The first eleven chapters of Genesis are referred to as pre-history because they teach truths in parable form. Today we begin the 12th chapter which contains stories with identifiable historical roots. The first of these is the call of Abraham, whose original name was Abram.

2 Timothy 1:8-10 The second letter to Timothy, although probably written some 30 years after Paul's death, was written in his name. This was an acceptable practice at the time. The author, writing as Paul would write if he were alive, encourages the readers in the face of trials.

Matthew 17:1-9 It is no coincidence that the narrative of the Lord's Transfiguration is proclaimed during Lent. In this great 40-day season of the Church year, both those preparing for Baptism and those already Baptized are being formed into Christ's image with the disciplines of Lent, prayer and abstinence.

Reflect: How does knowing Christ transform your own life?

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Victoria Berns	Herb Langer	Marylyn Trader
Nancy Burelle	Ron Linhart	Don Tremel
Larry Buslepp	Hannah Metcalf	Michelle Turner
Cathy Buel	Marlaine Micunek	Paul Wood
Keith Craffey	Stan Osdras	Gerry Wszola
Karoline DeRosia	Stella Paweski	Jennifer Yanick
Judy Fekete	Carolyn Phillips	Elaine Zawisa
Dorothy Guidos	Kathy Riccardi	Tom Zremski
Lauren Hahn	Karie Schifko	Artie
Julie Hargenrader	Dave Scharf	Connie
Kathy Hershberger	Peggy Schmid	Heather H.
April Hilton	Lisa Shibley	Jeanette
Sr. Joyce Hoile	Walter Secord	Margie
Kathy Jagusch	Cindy Sultana	Tom

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!

SALUTE TO THE STARS!

Join Livingston County Catholic Charities to celebrate 35 years serving Livingston County at their **Salute to the Stars** event.

March 14, 2020

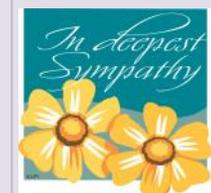
5:00pm - Mass at St. Joseph celebrated by Bishop Boyea

6:30pm - Celebration begins at Crystal Gardens

Includes: Dinner, cash bar, honoree presentation, and a good will offering. There will also be an open dance floor with the dynamic music of Denise Davis & the Motor City Sensations.

Ticket Deadline: March 6, 2020

Visit www.livingstoncatholiccharities.org to purchase your tickets or call Julie or Gudrun at 517-545-5944.



Please remember in your prayers:

Jeff Diamond and family in the death of his father, James.

Connie Diamond and family in the death of her uncle, Raymond York.

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Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 17-19, 2020. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$185 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.

— Pope Francis

Baby Bottles, Baby Bottles!

Why are baby bottles all over
the Gathering Space??



Answer: They are there for **YOU** to fill with your spare change (bills will do also)!

All money goes to **Livingston County Pregnancy Helpline** in their efforts to support people experiencing unplanned pregnancy. This includes pregnancy testing, ultrasound, nurse consultation, parenting and relationship education and more.

Please take one, or more, home with you and return them to the Gathering Space or to Deacon Dave's office!

**LIVINGSTON REGION 50+
CCA LENTEN RETREAT**

WHEN: **Thursday, March 12, 2020**
WHERE: St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
TIME: Registration: 9:30 am
Retreat: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
COST: \$9.00 (lunch provided)

RESERVATIONS: Required by March 2, 2020

PRESENTER: Fr. Mathias Thelen
Pastor, St. Patrick Catholic Church

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE 50+ CCA
PARISH REPRESENTATIVE-Cate Ross or in the office**

*All community members over 50 years of age
are welcome to attend.*



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

St. Mary Magdalen Knights of Columbus Council 12295 invites men 18 years and older to join. Come meet us on the third Monday of the month, 7:30 pm, in the Rectory basement. For additional information, contact Ken Anderer at (810) 333-2130 or kanderer65@gmail.com.

St. Mary Magdalen MOMS Group

MOMS Group is a place where moms come together for faith formation and friendship in a fun, Christian environment. We celebrate and appreciate moms with children of all ages, from newborns to adult children to grandkids and beyond.

We meet Wednesday mornings from 9:15 am - 11:30 am in the North Room (childcare is provided). We understand that moms have incredibly busy schedules, so please join us when you can!

Please direct any questions to Becky McLaughlin
312-731-2244 rebsmclaughlin@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS



LENT

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of **Lent**, the 40 days of preparation for the Easter season when Christians are called to deepen their spiritual lives through the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The belief is that our consistent participation in these practices — like exercise we do for our physical health — improves our spiritual well-being by stripping away all that is unnecessary and becoming more mindful of how God is working in our lives.

Prayer can be such a transformative process, but as Matthew Kelly of Dynamic Catholic points out, “Most people have never prayed a prayer of transformation. Too often we pray for tweaking. We want God to tweak this and tweak that and wonder why God doesn’t answer our prayers. The reason is simple: God is not interested in tweaking. God is interested in the business of transformation. If you want to see something incredible, start praying for transformation. That’s a prayer God will answer.”

If you would like to pray for transformation this Lent, try praying the [Lenten Prayer for Transformation](#) below by Matthey Kelly taken from his *Best Lent Ever*..

Loving Father,

**I invite you into my life today
and make myself available to you.**

**Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself
by seeking your will and becoming a living example
of your love in the world.**

**Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to
change in order for me to carry out the mission and
experience the joy you have imagined for my life.**

**Inspire me to live the Catholic faith
in ways that are dynamic and engaging.**

**Show me how to best get involved
in the life of my parish.**

**Make our community hungry for best practices
and continuous learning.**

**Give me courage when I am afraid,
hope when I am discouraged,
and clarity in times of decision.**

**Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your
Church**

**to become all you imagined it would be
for the people of our times. Amen**

CHARITY & JUSTICE

WHAT IS HOPE IN A BOX?

(by Doug Fekete)

There is possibly nothing in the Brighton area, or even perhaps our county, that compares to the poverty a few miles away in Flint. A while back, Bishop Boyea called upon us to help the people of Flint in any way we could. We heard the call, and started **Hope in a Box**.

Catholic Services of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties is located in the midst of this poverty. They operate a **Center for Hope** that offers meals and food for those in need - people who would not eat today but for Catholic Services.

The **Center for Hope** also has a store with basic toiletry items, such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper and such. Our donations to **Hope in a Box** are used to stock that store.

Each month we ask parishioners to donate a toiletry item. The requested item changes month to month, depending upon what supplies are needed. Sometimes, the Center asks for some basic clothing items, like socks and gloves. In the winter, some men are offered day jobs but can't work because they don't have gloves. When you are living in a house without heat, the value of an extra pair of socks is HUGE. Many requested items are small, and inexpensive; items you and I take for granted. However, when you are hungry, toilet paper and toothpaste seem like a luxury. Though you may not know a specific person, you can know in your heart that somewhere in Flint, someone has a basic necessity because of you.

You can find this month's requested items in the bulletin and on the shopping lists that we hand out before mass. Please donate what you can and know that it will be so, so appreciated by someone who needs it desperately.

GLEANERS

In February, St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners provided the following amounts to Gleaners of Livingston County:

February 10 - 92 pounds

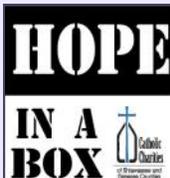
February 24 - 117 pounds

Thank You!

HOPE IN A BOX

MARCH NEEDS:

Feminine Care Products



WELLNESS MINISTRY



**American Heart Association
Friends & Family
CPR Class**

The parish Health Ministry/Wellness Team is offering this course which teaches the lifesaving skills of adult, child and infant CPR, adult and child AED use, and first aid for choking for adults, children, and infants. **This class does not include certification.**

Thursday, March 12 from 5:30 to 8:00pm

Registration Deadline: March 5

Location: St. Mary Magdalen – North Room

Cost: \$2 for required book-to be paid at class

To Register: email jean.shebak@sbcglobal.net

The class is limited to 15 participants, so register soon!

Parents – drop your child off at Religious Formation and join us for this vital training.

FREE BABYSITTING is available for the entire class and also from 7-8pm for children in Religious Formation. Please specify if you will take advantage of the free babysitting and if so, for how many children.

**Soup and Bread
Suppers**



St. Mary Magdalen has a Lenten Soup Supper at **6 pm on Fridays during Lent**, prior to the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.

The alms received from the meals will go to Magdalen's Kitchen. Families, couples and singles, are welcome to take the opportunity for a break from cooking and to enjoy a simple meal together, in the name of Christ's poor. Please sign up if you are coming and/or can bring meatless soup or breads. **Join us this Friday, March 6** and on the following Fridays: 3/13, 3/20 and 3/27 and 4/3.

LANSING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL at 501 North Marshall Street in LANSING, MICHIGAN, **is in the process of searching for applicants for the position of principal.** A candidate must provide a cover letter, a resume, at least three letters of recommendation, transcripts, and contact information for professional and personal references. This material must be e-mailed to Lisa Kutas, Director of Human Resources at: lkutas@dioceseoflansing.org by March 09, 2020.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 2/23/20

Approximately 1310 people participated

Env/Cash \$10,862

Debt Reduction \$ 1,555

EFT/Online \$18,981

TOTAL \$31,398

Children's Collection \$37.87

"Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us." 1 Chr 29:14

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 2

9:00 am **No Preschool**
 9:45 am Yoga
 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen
 6:30 pm Preschool VIP Night
 7:30 pm K of C Business Meeting

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 am **No Preschool**
 12:15 pm Exercise and Balance
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
 7:00 pm Formed Small Group
 7:00 pm Catholic Bible School of MI
 7:00 pm Community Life

Wednesday, March 4

9:00 am Preschool
 9:15 am MOMS Group
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
 5:00 pm Religious Formation
 5:30 pm Reconciliation
 7:30 pm Worship Meeting

Thursday, March 5

9:00 am Preschool
 5:30 pm Religious Formation
 7:00 pm Baptism Class
 7:15 pm Adult Volleyball
 7:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, March 6

9:00 am Preschool
 9:45 am Yoga
 1:00 pm Pain Sake
 6:00 pm Soup and Bread Supper
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7

11:30 am **No Penance**
 5:00 pm St. Pat's Cub Scouts @ Fire Pit

Sunday, March 8

9:00 am Family Program
 11:00 am RCIA
 12:00 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Session
 6:00 pm Youth Group
 6:30 pm FORMED



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

"Happy the one who trusts in the Lord." This scripture text from the Book of Proverbs affirms a fundamental teaching of the Catholic Church – only in God will we find the truth and happiness that we seek, the happiness that we were made for.

Our **Diocesan Services Appeal** is an opportunity to participate personally in the service and care provided through the many good works of the Catholic Church. **DSA** contributions are put to work, right away, in a multitude of ministries and spiritual activities to offer direct assistance to individuals and families, to our parishes and schools.

Next weekend our parish will conduct Commitment Weekend for our Diocesan Services Appeal. This is when we will be asking each member of **St. Mary Magdalen Parish** to consider a gift to DSA. Our parish goal of \$106,981 can be reached if each one of us shares a portion of the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. Please prayerfully consider how you or your family will respond to this call to carry on Christ's work in our community.

Magdalen's Kitchen Sign-up

Sign-up sheets are now in the Gathering Space under the Charity & Justice sign for volunteering as Assistant Cooks, Dining Room set-up/server/clean-up, Dishwashers and Dessert Bakers. Volunteers are needed for **Mondays in March and April**.

Please list your email address so you can receive a reminder email prior to your volunteer date.

Volunteers must be middle school age or older to fill a server or dish washer position and 18 yrs. old or older to fill an assistant cook position. It is necessary that you sign-up in advance to volunteer.

Panera Bread Pick-up

Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space under the Charity & Justice sign for volunteering to pick up bread and baked goods for Magdalen's Kitchen at Panera (8365 Grand River) on Saturday evenings for **March and April**.

Please list your email address so you can receive a reminder email prior to your volunteer date.

St. Patrick School News

Saint Patrick School students have stayed busy during the winter months! Mrs. Nymberg's eighth grade science students collaborated to design and build parachutes as part of a science lesson on gravity and air resistance. Students dropped their parachute from a height of two meters to see which caused a clothespin to fall to the ground the slowest. The project was both educational and a lot of fun.



Our youngest students in junior kindergarten celebrated the 100th day of school on Feb. 5th. JK students had so much fun doing all sorts of activities including adding

100 beads to a necklace, making a snack with 100 items, and sharing their collections of 100 things!

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

March 1—March 7

Sunday	Nancy Nychypor
Monday	Barb Dolkowski
Tuesday	Rachel Tuzinsky
	Jean Glowacki
Wednesday	Colleen Atwood
Thursday	Diane Davidson
	Lisa Klein
Friday	Clarence and Ginny Kroll
Saturday	Judy Brown

Send a photo greeting to Sister Joyce!

We are putting together a photo collage for Sister!

Please drop off a current snapshot at the Welcome Desk in the gathering area or in the office. Or, take a selfie and send directly to Denise Putnam at 810-599-4055.

Let's cheer her up with some familiar smiling faces!!

