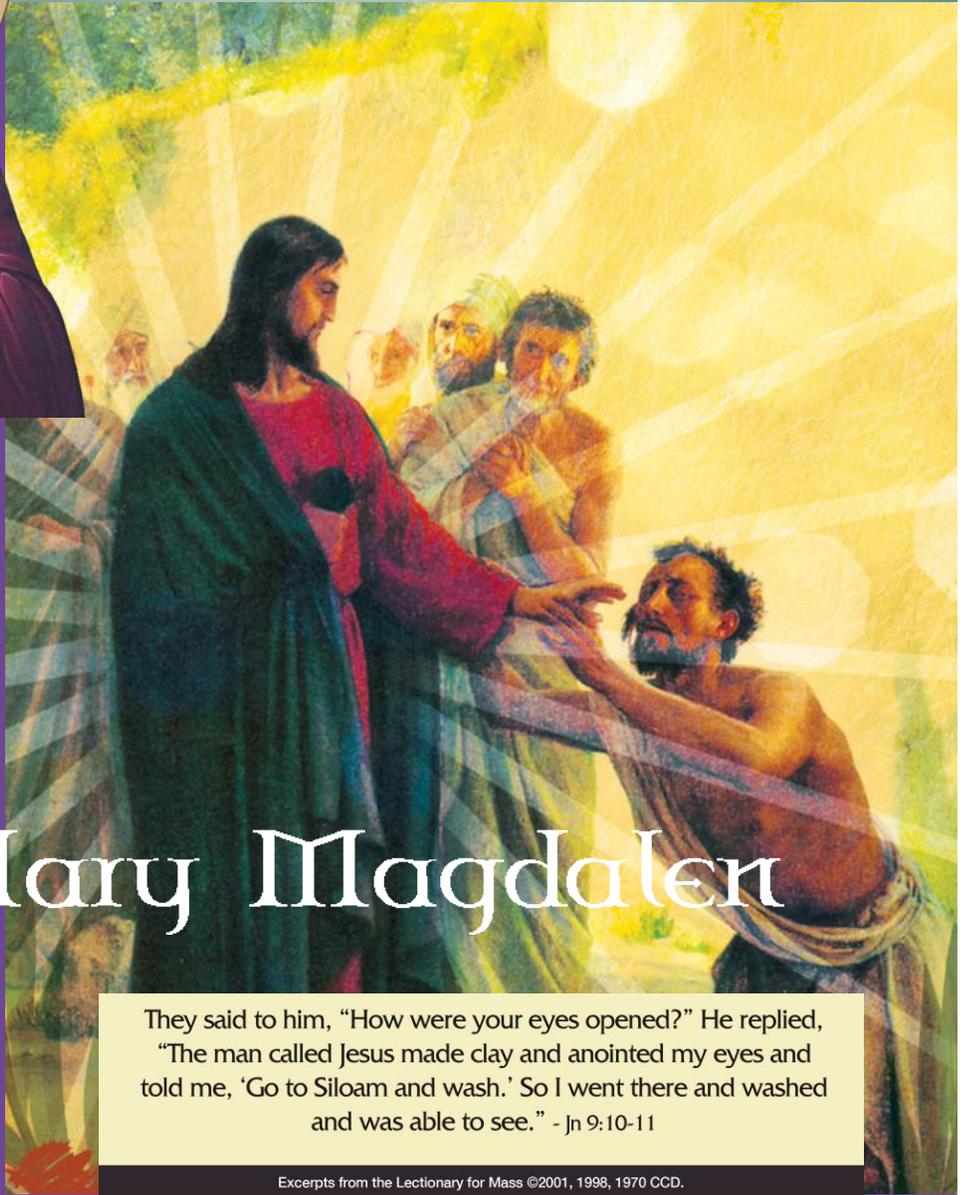


# THE SECOND SCRUTINY



MARCH 22, 2020

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They said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." - Jn 9:10-11

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## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 4:30pm • Sunday 9 & 11am

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

**Sacrament of Penance:** Call the office to make an appointment during office hours.

**Infant Baptism:** Contact Erin Wolfe [baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org)

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

**What To Say****LOWERY'S LINES**

I had been working on getting my bulletin articles done in advance during Lent. But what I wrote two weeks ago now is irrelevant. As I write this today (March 16), I hope what I write now is relevant when you read it over this weekend.

**We are starting a list of helpers** in the parish office. If you are able to run errands for people who need to be homebound / socially distant during this time, please contact the office. We will match you up to other parishioners as the need arises. If you do volunteer your name, you will only be contacted as needs arise.

**If you are in need of assistance** (transportation, someone to run errands, assistance with portions of utilities, etc.), please contact the parish office.

**We have had some bugs in our livestream (online) broadcast of the Liturgy.** We also have discovered some issues in our sound system in the main worship space. We will be focusing efforts during the next few days to have it improved and repaired by the weekend. My hope is that as many of you have access to the Liturgy as possible online anytime you are not able to attend (not just during this needed time of isolation and social distancing). You should be able to access a recording of the weekend Liturgy after 6:30 pm on Saturdays.

**The order form for the Youth Group sale of Dearborn Meats** is online. You need to print a copy of the form, fill it out, and mail it in to the parish office with your payment by March 29. You may also pay for it online using a debit or credit card. To pay online, simply total up the amount you owe on your order form, and plug that amount in on the parish website donation/payment page. Scroll to where it says, "Miscellaneous – Youth Group Dearborn Meats," near the bottom of the page.

**During this time apart, I encourage you as you're able to continue your regular contribution to the parish.** All employees of the parish (office, maintenance, preschool, nursery) will continue to be paid during this time. In order to maintain that, we need to be as generous as we are able. Please also be as generous as you are able to be with additional gifts to our parish Alms fund so we can continue to help those most in need. You can mail in your contributions to the parish office.

Please also consider visiting the parish website to set up direct debit or credit card contributions. **You can also contribute to the parish using your smart phone. Text a dollar amount you would like to donate to 844-928-0075.** You will be prompted to set up your payment method. Thank you for being both creative and generous during this precarious time.

*Peace, Fr. Shaun*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND INTENTIONS****Monday, March 23**

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54  
+Irene Grifka-Wozniak

**Tuesday, March 24**

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday, March 25****THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
+Gene Osowski

**Thursday, March 26**

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday, March 27**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
+Ron Sherman

**Saturday, March 28**

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday, March 29, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45  
+Robert Anderson  
+Kathy Page

St Mary Magdalen Parishioners

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT****Ezekiel 37:12-14**

The prophet Ezekiel spoke to God's people during their exile in Babylon, 580 years before Christ. In today's passage, the prophet (using the image of death and resurrection) assures the people that God will one day bring them back to their homeland.

**Romans 8:8-11**

Paul's letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work. Throughout the letter, he teaches that Jesus overcame sin and the effects of sin. In today's passage, Paul stresses that through the Spirit, this saving power of Jesus is present and active in Christians of all times and places.

**John 11:1-45**

John's strange and wonderful story about the raising of Lazarus is filled with strong emotions, dramatic scenes, and profound teaching about the person of Jesus. The combination of narratives with discussion is explained by the fact that John has taken a preexisting account of Lazarus being brought back to life and has overlaid it with his own special style of teaching.

**Reflect:** Are there parts of your life that Jesus has called back to life? What are they?

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Victoria Berns	Herb Langer	Cindy Sultana
Sue Binder	Ron Linhart	Marylyn Trader
Tom Bixler	Hannah Metcalf	Don Tremel
Larry Buslepp	Marlaine Micunek	Michelle Turner
Cathy Buel	Joe Nashar	Michelle Warren
Scott Corey	Stan Osdras	Gerry Wszola
Keith Craffey	Stella Paweski	Jennifer Yanick
Karoline DeRosa	Taylor Pellerito	Elaine Zawisa
Dorothy Guidos	Carolyn Phillips	Tom Zremski
Lauren Hahn	David Proctor	Artie
Julie Hagenrader	Kathy Riccardi	Bob
Kathy Hershberger	Andrew Ruf	Diane
April Hilton	Karie Schiffko	Heather H.
Sr. Joyce Hoile	Dave Scharf	Jeanette
Kathy Jagusch	Peggy Schmid	Margie
Alan Laginess	Lisa Shibley	Peggy

**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:*

The McMullen Family in the death of their son and brother, Joseph.



**Reconciliation will be by appointment only.**

Please call the office to make an appointment during regular office hours.

Fr. Shaun will not offer reconciliation on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings. In addition, there will be NO communal penance services this year across the Diocese of Lansing.

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**The Seder Meal is cancelled this year due to the social distancing restrictions in place to avoid the spread of coronavirus.**

**EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION**

For the safety of all our parishioners, this year's Easter Vigil Reception is cancelled.

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS



2020—2021

Religious Formation Registration

**If school is back in session,** registration for fall Religious Formation classes will take place as shown below.

Wednesday: April 15 and 22 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm  
Thursday: April 16 and 23 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm

**If school is NOT in session by April 15,** we will postpone registration until further notice.

2020—2021 Class Schedule

Anticipating hiring a new Director of Religious Formation who will start this summer, our class schedule for next year is shown below. ***Please note, we have made changes to our Sunday programming.***

Class Cancellation Policy

Classes offered are subject to cancellation due to the number of catechist volunteers recruited and a minimum class size of 8 students.

Sunday

Grade 1—8

After 9 am Liturgy (10:15 am – 11:45 am)

Our Sunday class option will **not** include a Family Program. The Sunday class option for grades 1—8 will have the same number of classes as our Wednesday/Thursday classes. There will **not** be a formal adult component. However, space will be made available to adults who would like to hold a self-run program, not coordinated by the Religious Formation department.

Grade 9 &amp; 10 (Confirmation)

After 11 am Liturgy (12:00 pm – 2:00 pm)Wednesday/Thursday

Grade 1—8

Wednesday: 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Thursday: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Tuition Rates for 2020—2021

\$120 for 1 student \$160 for 2 students

\$200 for 3 or more.

*Sacramental fees have yet to be determined.*

## YOUTH NEWS

TIME TO ORDER YOUR  
DEARBORN MEATS FOR  
EASTER!



***Many of our youth are selling Dearborn Meats again for your Easter celebrations.***

If you are interested in ordering, please look for the Order Forms on the table by the office, or ***find the link on our website, print it out and fill in.*** Please drop your form off in the office (or mail to office) by **MARCH 29**. Please include your check, or use the “Donate” link on the Saint Mary Magdalen website and pay by credit card, tagging it as Dearborn Meat Order.

**Deadline to order is March 29.** Proceeds earned from this fundraiser will help to lower the cost for our summer service trip. **Delivery will be Wednesday, April 8. Pick-up for your order will be between noon and 7pm in the youth room.**

*Thank you for supporting our youth!*

Sock Box Drive!

Help us collect new warm socks for the Flint Warming Center. Our highly decorated sock box will be **by the office**

through Palm Sunday. Please consider picking up a pack of socks on your next shopping trip!

Project YM - Sundays @ 8pm

Thousands of teenagers from across the country are gathering on Sunday nights for the BIGGEST YOUTH NIGHT EVER. It's called ProjectYM Live and each week it'll feature some of the biggest speakers and worship leaders in the Catholic youth ministry world.

Our parish is signed up to participate – all your teenager has to do is head to PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH this Sunday at 8pm. Plan to have your teen log in a few minutes early to make sure they're on when it starts. They can access the event on any device with a web browser – but the faster the connection, the better.

**St. Mary Magdalen Youth Group Meetings are cancelled until the Brighton Area Schools are back in session.**

CHARITY & JUSTICE

If you know of anyone in need of assistance during this difficult time, please encourage them to call the parish office. Also, if you would like to offer your time or donate money to help others, please contact someone in the office to be added to our list of people who can help.

The **Senior Giving Tree** in the Gathering Area helps many different senior organizations in Livingston County; Senior Centers of Brighton, Howell and Hartland, Medilodge of Livingston and Howell and Livingston County Catholic Charities .



Please, especially during this time, consider taking a tag to help our neighbors. **Gifts must be returned by March 29. Please drop them at the table near the office during normal office hours.** Thank you!

Hope in a Box



Our Hope in a Box need this month is **Feminine Care Products**.

Hope in a Box was started to support those who most need our help in Flint, only a few miles away. Catholic Service of Shiawassee and

Genesee Counties operate a **Center for Hope** in the midst of this poverty. They offer meals and food for those in need.

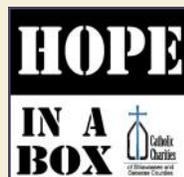
They also have a store with basic toiletry items, such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper etc. Our donations to Hope in a Box are used to stock that store. **Our Office Doors will be open during normal office hours to drop off any donations on the table near the office.** Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Our **St. Vincent de Paul bi-annual clothing drive** will be May 2 & 3. Please set aside your gently used clothing for that weekend!



HOPE IN A BOX  
MARCH NEEDS:

*Feminine Care Products*



WELLNESS MINISTRY

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends several actions for preventing the spread of respiratory illnesses, like novel coronavirus. It is a good



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

In some situations, public health officials may recommend additional preventative measures. These can include social distancing (keeping a distance of 6 feet between people), staying home when someone in your household is sick, and postponing/canceling large events. Everyone should be prepared to take these additional actions, if recommended by public health officials.

Resource: Livingston County Health Department



Please remember Magdalen's Kitchen and Alms during this Lenten Season. You can donate online under "online giving" on our website [www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org)

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

WEEK OF 3/15/20

Approximately 508 people participated

Env/Cash \$ 9,213

Debt Reduction \$ 75

EFT/Online \$ 11,817

TOTAL \$ 21,105

*Children's Collection -0-*

**Sunday contributions may be mailed to the parish office. Contributions can also be made online through the parish website, or through your smart phone by texting the amount you would like to donate to 844-928-0075.**

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**ALL LITURGIES ARE CANCELLED THROUGH WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

**All activities listed in this bulletin are subject to change. Please check our website for the most up to date information.**

**[www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org)**

**Monday, March 23**

6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout only

**Tuesday, March 24**

**Wednesday, March 25**

**Thursday, March 26**

**Friday, March 27**

**Saturday, March 28**

**Sunday, March 29**

**Private Reconciliation by appointment only.**

Please call the office to make an appointment.



**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, we invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in the church gathering space or the parish office. **Or you may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa).**

**This second week we have reached 19% of our DSA goal. Thus far 102 families have contributed to this year's appeal. Thank you for your generous support!**

**FROM BISHOP BOYEA~**

3/17/20

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After consultation with the priests of the diocese, who were of mixed minds on this matter, and out of deep concern for the health of all our folks especially our elders, and with due deference to medical and government authorities, it has been decided that all public Masses, events, and gatherings will be cancelled throughout the Diocese of Lansing beginning tomorrow morning (March 18, 2020) lasting, for now, through Wednesday of Holy Week (April 8, 2020). We will see at that time whether these plans will have to change.

Private Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals may continue but only with immediate family present. As a reminder, all Catholics in the diocese are dispensed from the obligation of Sunday Mass participation through Easter Sunday. I ask our pastors to keep Churches open for private prayer.

The Holy Mass is our way to render back to God our worship and thanks for his many blessings to and for us, his beloved sons and daughters. We are blessed that all our priests will continue to offer daily private Masses in order to fulfill our blessed duty to God and to lift up our needs in prayerful petition to our Heavenly Father. Many of these daily Masses have intentions applied to them and those will be honored; in addition, feel free to submit other needs to your pastors to include at the altar.

The loss of the regular reception of Holy Communion is a great cross for many; during this fast from receiving our Lord in the Eucharist please pray that Jesus will enter your hearts in an act of Spiritual Communion. As for Sunday, they have always been a day of worship for us. Please, let these coming Sundays be times of family prayer.

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, Pray for Us.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, Pray for Us.

Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted, Pray for Us.

Assuring of my prayers, I am sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Earl Boyea  
Bishop of Lansing

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Sending Easter Greetings and well wishes to Sister Joyce!

The sisters in Tiffin, Ohio tell us that Sister Joyce loves cards and looks at them often. Please send cards directly to Sr. Joyce.

**Sister Joyce Hoile, OSF**  
**St. Francis Convent**  
**200 St. Francis Ave**  
**Tiffin, OH 44883**

### MINISTERS OF PRAYER March 22 –March 28

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

**In happy moments, praise God. In difficult moments, seek God. In quiet moments, trust God. In every moment, thank God.**

### Eye Witness: The Gospel 4th Sunday of Lent Year A

Jesus makes clay on the Sabbath, with his own spittle (what an earthy detail!). He sends the man who was born blind to wash in the "Pool of Siloam." The man comes back, now able to see, but Jesus had moved on. Where is he? The man admits, "I do not know."

Neighbors wonder if sighted person could be that blind fellow who used to sit and beg? No, it cannot be him. But it looks like him. And so on. Unbelieving Pharisees join in. They quote the law, "Thou shall keep the Sabbath holy." "This fellow tried to work a miracle on the Sabbath day and therefore he is a sinner and cannot be from God."

"Therefore he could not possibly work a miracle." "If the man can now see, then he was never blind in the first place!" An easy conclusion. Let us admit that we cannot see. Then pray to have our eyes opened.

They summon this man's parents, who say honestly that, in fact, their son had actually been blind from birth! Someone must have cured him! But the rulers are resolved not to recognize Jesus as a miracle worker. They bring the man back and ask a cynical question, as if they were believers: "How did he open your eyes?"

The man replied, I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too? (Gospel)

A tart and humorous reply. The Pharisees are of course outraged and they start to insult the formerly blind man. They have not listened and are themselves blinded by what might happen if they admit the truth—like losing their seat of power and influence.\*

In our Gospel account, the truth was simple: Jesus gave depth of sight to a man born blind.

Our lesson? That the works of God were made visible through this blind man. Jesus says that is the purpose of the blindness in the first place. The man who was blind puts it this way: "I do believe, Lord."

It is not just his physical eyesight that was at stake. His heart had been healed.

You can see why this reading is cited during Lent. Easter will present us with the greatest healing in history, and we need to prepare for it. Jesus himself will suffer from the blindness of the world and will die. By his death the world will be healed from its hatred and fear, its suffering and evil, cured by an event that is as quiet as blindness. He will descend into the unseeing darkness of death and by doing this he will prove that love is stronger than death.

Who can see or understand such an event? Not you or me if we are like the story's Pharisees. We will be distracted by our need for whatever is driving us at the moment: need to control others, to be in charge. What if they had seen this blind man through unclouded eyes? With wonder and awe? Couldn't they have beheld the miracle?

Well, so can we.

Let us be like the blind man. Let us admit that we cannot see. Then pray to have our eyes opened.

Maybe we will glimpse God's answer to blindness and suffering and sin!

John Foley, SJ