



January 20, 2019

Saint Mary Magdalen

WITNESSING TO THE RESURRECTION

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ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

A GOOD DEAL In December, I spoke with the chief financial officer of the diocese to see if we could arrange a deal to help us pay our mortgage down more quickly and secure our financial future.

In 2010, we finished our construction and renovation project. It was an \$8.8 million project that added 25,000 square feet to our building and renovated most of the original building. A fund drive and money from the regular budget helped us pay some of the project's cost, but in 2010 we had a mortgage for the remaining \$5.8 million.

Over the next 8 years, we brought the debt down to \$2.2 million plus interest.

The deal we made with the diocese is that there will be an 18 month moratorium on the interest, which would mean every dollar we pay on our mortgage would go to pay down the principal!

On our part, we are finding ways to trim the budget for the rest of this year and make even greater economies in next year's budget. Our goal is to increase our monthly mortgage payments.

With the money still to come from the Witness to Hope Campaign, no interest to pay and increased mortgage payments, we could pay off the debt almost three years early!

ASKING FOR HELP This last week I signed about 1,100 year-end statements which will soon be mailed out. Included with each statement is a request to look at what each of us gives to support the parish, and if possible, to give more.

I realize this might be a stretch for some and I hesitate to make the request. But I don't know each person or family's circumstances, so I have asked everyone to consider doing whatever they can – and nothing more. I know it is a struggle for some, and perhaps their prayer for the parish might be their special contribution. All I ask is those who are able, to please consider an increase in giving for the next 18 months to help reach financial freedom.

TWO PARISH RETREATS We have scheduled two retreats. The first retreat will be Friday & Saturday, February 15\16. It will be repeated on Friday & Saturday, March 8\9. Each retreat will begin on Friday evening and conclude Saturday evening with Eucharist. The meals will be included. The only expense will be your time, attention and a free will offering at the end.

Each retreat uses a combination of prayer, talks about different aspects of our common journey with the Lord though this world and small-group faith sharing. To participate in either retreat, please sign up in the Gathering Area.

Fr. Dave Howell

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

January 21, Monday, Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22

9:00 am + Fr. David Doepker

January 22, Tuesday

Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28

9:00 am Communion Service

January 23, Wednesday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6

7:00 pm Communion Service

January 24, Thursday, St. Francis de Sales,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12

9:00 am Communion Service

January 25, Friday, The Conversion of Saint Paul,

Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

9:00 am Communion Service

January 26, Saturday, Saint Timothy and Saint

Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:20-21

January 27, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

4:30 pm Vigil + David Shevock

9:00 am + Thomas McSweeney

11:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

The book of Nehemiah recounts events which happened about 100 years after the Jewish people had returned from the Babylon exile. After their initial religious fervor, the people's moral life and commitment to the law had lapsed. So Ezra, the priest, challenged the people to renew their commitment to the law, and conducted what is today a "religious revival."

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Today we continue our reading from the first letter of Paul to the Christians in Corinth, an important seaport. He was answering a letter they wrote to him, containing questions about life in their community. Among the questions was how to deal with the diversity of gifts within the community, and the rivalries and jealousies that inevitably arise. He responds by using an image that the Catholic Church has emphasized.

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Here we witness the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. One of Luke's aims is to show that the word of God which Jesus speaks is for **all** people the world over, not only the chosen people, Israel. With this passage from Luke we embark on the wonderful and awful journey toward the paschal mystery. "Today this scripture passage has been fulfilled!"

Reflect: Write a page that states how I understand the Trinity of God.



A Journey Home- Sue Duff



It has been 19 years since my son led us to St. Mary Magdalen. He was ten, had been baptized in his grandparents' Presbyterian church and decided he wanted to be Catholic, as many of his relatives were.

This became a God-led journey through joining the parish, addressing our marriage, which was not sacramental, and introducing our son to RCIA education. I accompanied him through the process, which brought me back to practicing my birth religion.

Significant to our entry/return to Catholicism at St. Mary Magdalen were the people whose arms were always open, support ever present, and love unconditional.

Our marriage was blessed by Fr. Dave in 2000. Our son received the sacraments in 2002. In 2008, he and his wife were married at St. Mary Magdalen. It was his strongest wish to be married at St. Mary Magdalen since, as he told his wife, "I have history here."

Every week, walking into our parish, I am home...and grateful.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

John Babcock	Herb Langer	Jacob Willette
Lee Barker	Gwen Maes	Jennifer Yanick
Nicholas Barr	Mike Mahar	Tom Zremski
Caitlin Bohlen	Caleb Masters	Abbey
Taylor Brake	Jean Mayer	Alice
Larry Buslepp	Hogan McCuan	Annabelle
Michael Columbus	Joey McMullen	Brenda
Georgette	Steven Micunek	David
DeMonaco	Diane Morrison	Diane
Cienna Ditri	Eugene Osowski	John
Forest Densmore	Nathan Ostrowski	Maria
Jonathan Faiola	Stella Paweski	Ron
Julie Glasgow	Ron Sherman	Shea
Michael Harrah	Emma Thompson	
Jill Hibbeln	Marylyn Trader	
Sr. Joyce Hoile	Michelle Turner	
Dorothy Koprowicz	Lynn Weggins	

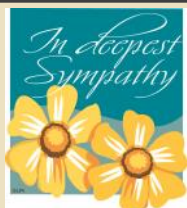
Father Dave's Retirement



As we move closer to June, and Father Dave prepares for his retirement, arrangements are being made for a special retirement dinner at Crystal Gardens, May 16. **Tickets will be available at the end of January.** If you want to purchase tickets, but will be out of town at the end of January, please call the office.

We have also planned receptions following all the Liturgies the weekend of June 22 and 23.

Father Dave hopes to spend some of his retirement traveling. We realize many will want to wish Father well and perhaps give him a gift. A suggestion would be a monetary gift to put toward his travels. For this purpose, special envelopes, with notecards, will be available in the Gathering Area, at the Welcome Desk. (Any checks should be made out to Fr. Dave)



Please remember in your prayers:

The Lanigan family in the death of their brother and uncle, Art Waldman.
Karen Polcyn and family in the death of her brother, Leo Kemp.
Deacon Dave Scharf and family in the death of his sister, Nancy White.

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!

St. Patrick School will hold an Open House on January 27, 2019, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Please stop by to tour the school at 1001 Charles Orndorf Drive, Brighton.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

Roxanne Hundsrucker

Journey with Jesus may be in JEOPARDY

Journey with Jesus is our annual vacation bible school offered the first week of August. This awesome summer event has been a part of Saint Mary Magdalen for over 20 years. However, we are in need of adult volunteers to keep this great program alive. For the program to run successfully, it is necessary to have 2 adult leaders for each of the following stations: Story, Craft, Snack, Songs and Games. In addition, we need 10 -14 adult chaperones . As of today, we only have 4 adults willing to help. We must gain at least 19 more adults to begin planning and preparing. Please e-mail me right away if you are an adult willing to be a part of Journey with Jesus July 29 through August 2.

Annual Pet Food Collection Reminder

Our first grade classes are collecting pet food for needy dogs and cats for the Livingston Area Pet Pantry. Our donations will help the needy and elderly that might not have enough means to feed their pets. Look for the decorated collection bins in the parish Gathering Area. You can donate grocery store or Target gift cards too.

The Holy Name of Jesus

In 1721, Pope Innocent XIII extended this feast to the entire Church. We celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus during the month of January in the Catholic Church. During the month we have great celebrations such as the Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord. Paul shares with us in Philippians, God the Father gave Christ Jesus "that name that is above every name". During the 12th-century this devotion became popular because of Cistercian monks and nuns and through the preaching of Saint Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan.

YOUTH NEWS

Margaret Callaghan



We are gone this weekend celebrating the blessing of friendships and the value of having fun. God is present in the difficult times and when we struggle with school, friends and life. Sometimes we forget that He is a part of the good times as well. When things are going our way, work and school are effortless and the sun seems to always shine; we tend to put prayer and God in the background. It's because of Him that we have such good times. It's important to recognize Him with song and praise. That's what we are doing this weekend; celebrating and giving praise to God through who all good things come. I pray you enjoy your weekend as well.

On Wednesday January 30, we will join the youth group from St. John's at Zap Zone/Rollerama in Brighton for some friendly Laser Tag competition. We will play three games and share in pizza. The cost is \$15 and we will just meet there for directions.

On Sunday February 3, Fr. Dave will do a blessing at both Liturgies of all our youth. Next week is the beginning of a new semester and what better way to start new classes and changes in your school schedule than with a blessing!

Mark your calendars for Saturday February 9 when we'll be spending the morning up in Flint at the Warming Center. We will have a project to work on to help those in need who visit the center for shelter, food and fellowship. We will leave the parking lot here at 8:15 am and return before or around 1:30pm.

EDGE

Our next meeting is January 28. I encourage you to come and participate with us even if you have never been before. We welcome new faces and opportunities for new friendships!

WELLNESS QUOTE

The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, *but on building the new.*
~Socrates

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OF FAITH AND SERVICE

Sr. Joyce Hoile, OSF

School for Discipleship

Father Dave will be teaching The Gospels for 5 Monday evenings at 7 pm, February 4 –to March 4. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering area for this Course.

Fr. Dave’s Book Discussion

Father Dave will facilitate discussion of the book: The Angry Christian in February. It is a Bible-based Strategy to Care for and Discipline a Valuable Emotion. Sr. Joyce has an extra 10 copies of the book. You are welcome to come by the office, sign up and pick up the book. Father Dave will hold the discussion on Friday, February 8 and February 22, at 7 pm.

Sister Joyce was recently in an automobile accident. While she recovers, all programs lead by Sister (Catholics Returning Home, Catholicism Series, 50+ Lunch Bunch, book discussions) are on hold until further notice. Please keep her in your prayers. We will keep you updated on her continuing recovery.

**Be Our Guest Adult Day Service (BOGADS)
Providing Respite Care for Caregivers**

Be Our Guest Day Care offers specialized care for your loved ones suffering from Dementia and forms of Dementia such as Alzheimer’s. BOGADS provides recreational and social activities which helps participants find purpose and meaning to their day. All Guests receive a hot delicious meal, medication reminders, daily supervision, and activities to meet their needs. Caregivers receive a break from 24 hour care, a partner in caring and reassurance that their loved one is safe. We also offer a monthly support group. Be Our Guest Adult Day Service is a program of Livingston County Catholic Charities and is open Monday through Friday, 8am to 6 pm. BOGADS also welcomes volunteers who love to share their special interest with our Guests or help with the activities. Please contact Suzi Snyder at (517)546-9910 for more information.



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JAN. 27, 9:30 am-1 pm**

CHARITY AND JUSTICE

12th Annual Livingston County Community Connect

The Livingston County’s 12th Annual Community Connect is on Saturday, February 2, at Parker Middle School (400 Wright Road, Howell). St. Mary Magdalen members have volunteered in the past to bring this important one-day community event to many local individuals and families.

The event helps people in need find services, assistance, and information. Volunteers help the guests navigate and get connected to numerous resources. If you are interested in helping, more information is available at the Charity and Justice table in the gathering space or register at www.volunteerlivingston.org.

Planning for Future Health Care Decisions

Are you the parent of a child 18 or older? Do you know who can make the end-of-life decisions for your adult child, your spouse or a family member when they are no longer able to make those decisions for themselves? A Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care is an important tool to help ensure a person’s wishes are respected by someone who they have personally appointed. Get the facts today so you and your loved ones are informed and protected. **Advance Care Planning information packets with forms included are available in the Gathering Area.**

ALPHA

Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 pm



Come and enjoy a meal, a short video exploring our Christian faith and an opportunity to share thoughts and ask questions in a small group.

Register in the Gathering Space, or online at www.saintmarymagdalen.org and click on the link for ALPHA, or send an email to Jo Hofsess at alpha@saintmarymagdalen.org.

Childcare is available.

“Come and you will see.” Jn 1:39

Witness To Hope Mailing Error

Some Witness to Hope January pledge reminders, dated January 1, 2019, erroneously referred to the “Diocesan Services Appeal” and wrongly directed that payment be made to “DSA.” A **corrected** Witness to Hope January pledge reminder will be mailed to those affected by the error. **Please disregard any incorrect statements dated January 1, 2019**, and instead utilize the corrected statement dated January 3, 2019, advising donors to make gifts payable to “Witness to Hope.” Direct questions to the Donor Services staff at 517-342-2590. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 1/13/19

Approximately 1567 people participated
 Env/Cash \$ 15,225
 EFT/Online \$ 18,767
TOTAL \$ 33,992
 Children's Collection \$30.16

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 21 Martin Luther King Day

9:00 am No Preschool
 9:45 am Yoga
 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen
 7:00 pm Spiritual Development
 7:30 pm K of C Planning

Tuesday, January 22

9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Jesus Lifestyle
 6:00 pm Boy Scouts
 6:30 pm ALPHA
 7:00 pm MI Catholic Bible School

Wednesday, January 23

9:00 am Preschool
 9:00 am Jesus Lifestyle
 9:15 am Moms Group
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
 4:30/6:30 pm Religious Formation
 6:00 pm Youth Leadership

Thursday, January 24

9:00 am Preschool
 5:30 pm Religious Formation
 7:30 pm Music Ministry

Friday, January 25

9:00 am Preschool
 9:45 am Yoga
 1:00 pm Pain Sake
 2:00 pm Exercise & Balance
 6:30 pm 7 Super Dates

Saturday, January 26

7:30 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday, January 27

9:00 am Catholic Schools Mass
 9:00 am RCIA
 9:30 am K of C Pancake Breakfast and Free Throw Contest
 12:15 pm Home Study Check In
 12:45 pm Baptism
 5:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Session
 7:00 pm Youth Group

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 27

EXERCISE AND BALANCE HOUR

Fridays, 2 - 3 pm

The St. Mary Magdalen Pain Sake group is sponsoring an **Exercise and Balance Hour** with a professional therapist Fridays through March 1. Location is in the East Room - enter through the Office Doors. Donation basket at the door. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come.

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LIVINGSTON YAM: YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS FOR THOSE 18-35

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MASS & DINNER

Sunday, January 27

5 pm Mass @ St. Patrick

6:30 pm Dinner @ the St. Patrick Rectory

Questions? Contact Shannon 810-588-7665 or

livingstonyam@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook at "Livingston YAM"

AWAITING the RESURRECTION

St. Mary Magdalen has two places for the internment of cremains: the Resurrection Tower and the Shrine of the Cross.

The interior of the Tower has 1,500 niches; each holds one or two special urns. The names of each person interred there will be engraved on their urn and niche. The parishioner fee for a space in the Tower is \$2,600. In addition, there is a fee for engraving the names on the urns and the niche.



The names of one or two people whose ashes are buried at a space at the Shrine of the Cross, will be engraved on the stone marking their resting place. The parishioner cost for a space at the Shrine of the Cross is \$500, plus the added cost of engraving the stone.



If you would like to make arrangements for a space, either in the Resurrection Tower or the Shrine of the Cross, please contact Gayle Zawisa in our parish office (810.229.8624) for an appointment.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

Sun.	Jan. 20	Jean Glowacki
Mon.	Jan. 21	Bruce Dehanke, Alexis Wilhelm
Tues.	Jan. 22	Lisa Klein, Barb & Joe Kowal
Wed.	Jan. 23	Gale & Pat Harris
Thurs.	Jan. 24	Joe Martinez
Friday	Jan. 25	Lynn Pfaff
Sat.	Jan. 26	Volunteer

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Mon.	Jan. 21	8:30 pm	Senior Men's Basketball
Tue.	Jan. 22	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wed.	Jan. 23	4:30 pm	Religious Formation
Thu.	Jan. 24	5:30 pm	Religious Formation
		7:15 pm	Adult Coed Volleyball
Fri.	Jan. 25	_____	_____
Sat.	Jan. 26	_____	_____
Sun.	Jan. 27	9:00 am	K of C Free Throw Contest
		5:30 pm	9th Gr. Confirmation Session
		7:00 pm	Youth Group