

# St. Mary Magdalen Parish

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**St. Mary Magdalen Parish**

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**Rectory Office Hours**

8:30am— 7:30pm Monday through Thursday

8:30am— 4:00pm Friday

9:00am—12:00pm Saturday

Closed on Sundays, Holidays, & Holy Days of Obligation

**Mass Schedule**

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am

**Weekday Mass:**

Monday thru Friday: 8:00am

**Sunday Youth Mass:** 6:00pm

**Daily Rosary:** Mon. thru Fri. before the 8:00am Mass

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every first Friday of the month from 8:30am until 12-noon

**Holy Hour:** Every 1st Saturday of the month at 9:15am

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please contact the Rectory

**Weddings:** Couples contemplating Marriage should contact the Pastor as soon as they have made a decision to marry and at least six months prior to their intended date of Marriage so that proper preparations can be made.

**Communion to the Sick:** We are happy to bring Holy Communion to those who are confined to their homes. Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

**Perpetual Help Devotions:** Tuesday following 8:00am Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday between 3:30pm and 4:15pm (or by appointment)

**SCHOOLS SERVING OUR PARISHIONERS**

For registration and other information please contact

**Our Lady of Sorrows School**

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314.353.1451

**St. Ambrose School**

5130 Wilson Ave.

314.772.1437

**St. Joan of Arc School**

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**From the Pastor**

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Holy Week begins in just two weeks with Palm Sunday (March 24<sup>th</sup>). As we get near Holy Week each year I'm reminded of a newspaper article that I read several years ago. It was about a Jewish boy, high school aged, who played a varsity sport (probably basketball) for a local public high school. It happened that there was a game scheduled on Passover, a significant Jewish Holy Day. He asked to be excused from playing in the game in order to honor his faith commitment.

Of course, this became an issue at the school, first with the coaches and athletic director, and eventually with the administration. The boy was an excellent athlete and somewhat of a star player. As they looked into it they discovered that the boy's decision was a very legitimate one.

His family was in the practice of keeping the Jewish Holy Days sacred, and no work or other outside activity was ever done. They followed all of the prescriptions of Jewish tradition on those days and he felt an obligation to keep that time holy. Once this became clear, the coaches and administrators of the school honored the boy's request and allowed him to sit out the games during those days.

The whole event became a news item and it became a lead story in the local newspaper's sports section. I don't know what public opinion was or how this incident was acknowledged by those who read the article, but I know what my thoughts were.

I wondered if the day would ever come that we, as Catholics, would take our most sacred days (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday) as seriously as this young man did --- no work, no outside activity. I couldn't help but thinking, what an example he is to me and to people of any faith.

I invite you, as a Catholic, to consider how you will view the most solemn days of our Church this year. Will they be a weekend as usual? Will some effort be made to even remember that this is a holy season? Can this year be different than any other

year – setting aside a time for prayer and meditation and calling to mind the enormity of God's love for us as we celebrate these days?

Might we possibly consider joining with one another for the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, Good Friday services on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday? All of these services begin at 7pm. I invite each and everyone one of you to join one another and me as we gather to celebrate this most sacred time in our Church.

Msgr. John Borcic

<i>Weekly Offering</i>		
<b>February 24, 2013</b>		
Envelopes	\$	7044.00
Loose Offering		516.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,560.00</b>
<b>Collections as of 07-01-12</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>162,691.68</b>
<b>Magdalen Specials</b>		
Pro-Life	\$	126.00
Soup Kitchen		169.00
Tuition Assistance		150.00
St. Vincent de Paul		448.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>893.00</b>
Thank you for your gifts to God and our Parish.		



## Magdalen Lenten Fish Fry 2013

Every Friday during Lent  
4-7pm in School Hall  
Dine In or Carry Out

### Themes for each Friday

- March 15—Irish Night  
(Green Beer)
- March 22—Right to Life  
(Life Savers)
- March 29—Good Friday  
(Lenten Soup)

### Menu

#### Fish Dinner Plate:

\$8.50 Adults \$7.50 Seniors  
\$6.50 children 12 and under

All dinner plates come with bread, coleslaw, your choice of 2 sides (spaghetti, macaroni & cheese, green beans, French fries, Hush Puppies) and one dessert. Coffee or tea offered for Dine—in only.

#### Fish choices:

Baked Pollock, Fried Pollock, Jack Salmon,  
Catfish Nuggets, Fried Shrimp

Extras: Cheese Pizza, Crab Rangoon



Live  
Piano Music



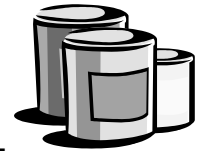
Great  
Fellowship!

The best tasting  
Fish in  
South St. Louis!



## I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

### The 40 Cans of Food Drive



Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 453 have agreed to donate one can of food for each day of Lent to help stomp out area hunger. All canned items collected will go to the St. Mary Magdalen St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. In keeping with the spirit of Lenten sacrifice the Knights are asking ALL parishioners to join us during these 40 days of Lent to also bring in canned food items. Please place all food items in the basket marked **Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive** located in the church.

### Soup Kitchen

Reminder that our next meal is **Tuesday, March 12**. volunteers who made the sauce for the lasagna, please put your container in the REFRIGERATOR in the school hall this Sunday. I will have the school hall open between 10:00 and 10:30a.m. **Brownie Bakers:** Please drop off your brownies at the rectory by NOON on Tuesday. If you need to have your brownies picked up please call Charlie or Mary Ann Halbrook at 481-2448 before Tuesday to arrange for pick up.

### *This week in our Parish...*

#### Monday, March 11 2013

Quilters	9:00a	Qrm
Yoga	5:30p	SH

#### Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Knights of Columbus Mtg	7:00p	K/Crm
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#### Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mass	6:00p	CH
KC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg	7:00p	MR

#### Thursday, March 14, 2013

Faith Development Program	1:00p	MR
Bible Study	6:30p	MR
SSYM	7:00p	SSYMrm

#### Friday, March 15, 2013

Stations of the Cross	3:30p	CH
Fish Fry	4-7p	SH

#### Saturday, March 16, 2013

Mass	4:30p	CH
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#### Sunday, March 17, 2012

Masses	8:00a & 10:30a	CH
Youth Mass	6:00p	CH

### To All Bakers & Dessert Makers of the Parish

We need your bakery items (pies, cakes, cookies, cupcakes, etc.) for the Friday Fish Fries of Lent and including Good Friday, March 29th. Please bring your baked items to the school hall from 3:00pm on. Thanks for your help!

**South Side Youth Ministry  
(All teens are welcome to join us!)**

**Sunday, March 10**

5:30pm Reconciliation  
6:00pm Youth Mass with Fr. Paul Gallagher  
7:00pm Hanging out with SSYM  
7:30pm Lifelight: chastity and the Human Dignity  
9:30pm Dismissal

**Wednesday, March 13**

7:00pm Hanging out at SSYM  
7:30pm Prayer night led by Nina Migneco and Jack Ruzicka: Love vs. Infatuation  
9:30pm Dismissal

**Sunday, March 17**

5:30pm Reconciliation  
6:00pm Youth Mass with Fr. Brad Modde  
7:00pm Hang out at SSYM  
7:30pm Lifelight: Stations of the Cross  
9:30pm Dismissal

**Wednesday, March 20**

7:00pm Hang out at SSYM  
7:30pm Prayer night led by Tara Becker: Comfort  
9:30pm Dismissal

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South Side Youth Ministry's spring retreat will be April 26—28. All teens, 8th graders through seniors in high school are welcome to join us! The cost is just \$50 for an authentically Catholic retreat to deepen your relationship with Christ.

For additional questions please contract [info@ssyouthministry.org](mailto:info@ssyouthministry.org).

Please consider financially supporting those teens who would like to, but just cannot afford this experience.

Please send donations to:  
South Side Youth Ministry  
4924 Bancroft Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63109

Thank you for your support!

Jess Vinduska  
SSYM Core Team Communications Chair

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Last weekend you heard an invitation by John Dereak, Grand Knight of Council 453 and parishioner of St. Mary Magdalen, to the men of the parish to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. I would also like to add my invitation to all men who are practicing Catholics to join the Knights. I have been a Knight for nearly 40 years and a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight since 1980.

I enjoy being associated with the Knights of Columbus, not only in the various Councils that I have been part of but also at the State level. I am often humbled by the good work I've seen these men do in so many different Catholic endeavors locally, State wide, nationally, and internationally. Millions of dollars and many more millions of volunteer hours are contributed each year to assist in the charitable work of the Church. And most of the time it is done silently and without acclaim.

At the same time I would like to invite all of the ladies who are wives, mothers, daughters, or sisters of Knights, living or deceased, to help revitalize the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary for Council 453. There will be an informal informational meeting on Wednesday evening of this week at 7pm in the Magdalen Room at the rectory. Women who meet the above criteria are encouraged to attend.

On a different note – Palm Sunday is approaching (March 24<sup>th</sup>). Each year I like to return to St. Vincent de Paul parish in Dutzow for their annual Palm Sunday chicken dinner. Each year I also invite any and all parishioners to join me. We will leave St. Mary Magdalen shortly after the 10:30am Mass and should return around 2:30pm (unless you need to stop at a local winery on Highway 94). If you ever had the urge to go to a great country parish picnic and chicken dinner, this is the one!! If interested, please call the rectory and let Fran know. I would like to have a count by Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Finally, in the pews today you may have seen post cards addressed to our U. S. Senators and Representative urging them to support and strengthen laws concerning Life and Religious Liberty. If you did not have a chance to sign the cards this weekend you can still do so over the next week or so. Cards need to be mailed by the end of this month. Your participation can go a long way to help preserve our religious freedom. — Msgr. John Borcic

***Lenten offerings for the week of March 10th***

Daily Mass at 8am

Wednesday evening Mass at 6pm

Thursday Faith Formation at 1pm – topic: **Angels, Saints and a Mother who cares**

Thursday Bible Study at 6:30pm – topic: **God’s Covenant—David, Jeremiah, and Jesus**

Friday Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30am until noon in daily Mass chapel in church

Friday Stations of the Cross at 3:30pm

Friday Fish Fry 4-7pm – join me in clean up at 6:30pm in the kitchen.

Almsgiving opportunities:

1. Rice Bowl which assist Catholic Relief Services. Rice Bowl offering boxes are at the doors of the church. Please return by Holy Thursday.
2. 40 cans of food for the 40 days of Lent. Food can be brought to the church or the rectory at any time, and can be brought a little bit at a time. All food donations during Lent will be credited to the Knights of Columbus.

A look ahead: March 19, 8am Mass, blessing and distribution of St. Joseph’s bread.

March 21 8am until 1pm, exposition and veneration of the relic of St. Mary Magdalen.



**The St. Margaret of Scotland Choir invites you to “The Shamrock and Thistle” Irish Pub on Sunday,**

March 17th for a St. Patrick’s Night of Food and Entertainment! Enjoy a feast by *Hendri’s Catering* of corned beef and cabbage, ham, carrots, and potatoes, with home-made desserts. The night will also feature a fabulous array of Irish entertainment. Doors open at St. Margaret of Scotland at the corner of 39th and Flad Ave. at 5pm, dinner starts at 5:30pm. Cost is \$20 per adult, \$12 per child 12 and under.

Call the SMOS rectory at 776-0363 for tickets.

**From the bulletin editor...**

As Easter approaches the bulletin company request that the following bulletins be transmitted earlier than usual.

The March 17th bulletin articles need to be sent to me by Tuesday, March 12th.

The March 24th bulletin (Palm Sunday) articles need to be sent to me by Wednesday, March 13th.

The March 31st bulletin (Easter) articles need to be sent to me by Wednesday, March 20th.

Any questions please call at 352-2111ext 4.

**Woman’s Place presents**

**Anger: The Fire Within**

A free workshop for women - Sat., March 23 9:30am to 11:30pm behind St. Mark’s Catholic Church in Affton. An uplifting and empowering workshop addressing the heated energy of anger, exploring the potential to transform this ‘fire within’ into a source for creative solutions. Open to all women. Pre-registrations is required, space is limited. Call by March 20...645-4848.

**St. Joan of Arc School**

**5th Grade— Ballroom Dance Culminating Event**

Thursday, March 21 at 10:30 AM (gym)

Please join us to celebrate

Elegance, Dignity, Teamwork and  
Ballroom Dancing!

**St. Joseph Altar at St. Ambrose on the Hill**

March 17, 2013

12 noon—5pm in the school cafeteria


Mass in Italian at 3:00pm

Sample food from neighborhood restaurants  
and markets


plus


homemade breads, cookies and cakes

Special prepared Italian delicacies for sale  
Music—Surprises—Traditions—Inspiration

*Rest in Peace*  Please pray for the repose soul of long time parishioner Lillian Goedeker who passed away on March 2, 2013. May she be with Our Lord in glory. Please keep all of Lillian's family and friends in your prayers along with all of our parishioners mourning the loss of their loved ones.

**Please pray for ...**  
 Laurie Adams, Gary Barker, Marge Coronado, Margaret Crawford, George Dent, Bob Downey, Julie Edgar Mary Elkins, Marie Gambino, Peter Harvatin, Ruth Hassler, Geraldine Karlsen, Dolores Kuhlman, Marie Kellner, Lagerman Family; Charlie Mather, Mary Mather, Jackie McGilligan, Sue Micciche, Jimmy O'Connell, Rita O'Keeffe, Rose Palumbo, Jerry Perez, Lucille Seper, Edith Smiley, Dodie Stollhans, Shirley Tabaka, Lois Zitzmann

Children's Liturgy of the Word   
 All children from pre-kindergarten age through third grade are invited to participate during the 10:30am mass on Sunday

 **Weekly Mass Intentions**  
**Monday, March 11, 2013**  
 8:00 A.M. Barb Schembre  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2013**  
 8:00 A.M. Robert Purk  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2013**  
 8:00 A.M. Todd Reigle  
 6:00 P.M. Purgatorial Society  
**Thursday, March 14, 2013**  
 8:00 A.M. Maureen Sullivan  
**Friday, March 15, 2013**  
 8:00 A.M. Vincenza & Giovanni Drago  
**Saturday, March 16, 2013**  
 4:30 P.M. People of the Parish  
**Sunday, March 17, 2012**  
 8:00 A.M. Anne & Harry Eilerman  
 10:30 A.M. Ferra McMiller Family

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
**Saturday, March 16, 2013 4:30 PM**  
 Jim Abkemeier, Pat Grotegeers, Joan Jewell, Ray Miles, Kristine Onanian, Margaret O'Donoghue  
**Sunday, March 17, 2013 8:00 AM**  
 Mary & Charlie Dooling, Mark Laury Nancy Sewester  
**Sunday, March 17, 2013 10:30 AM**  
 Dolores Guittar, Bob & Miriam Marek, Sara Marek, Mary & Ray Schaefer

**Servers**  
**Saturday, March 16, 2013 4:30 PM**  
 Alex Sakamoto  
**Sunday, March 17, 2013 8:00 AM**  
 Sam Michaels  
**Sunday, March 107 10:30 AM**  
 Daniel Kelly

**Lectors**  
**Saturday, March 16, 2013 4:30 PM**  
 Mary Beth O'Donoghue  
**Sunday, March 17, 2013 8:00 AM**  
 Ken Luecke  
**Sunday, March 17, 2013 10:30 AM**  
 Sara Marek

**Stewardship Reflection**  
*"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan."*  
 (Joshua 5:12)  
 Throughout the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years, but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

**Greeters**  
**Saturday, 4:30 PM** Ron Gianella  
**Sunday, 8:00 AM** Dolores Johnson  
**Sunday, 10:30 AM** Sue Rice  
**Ushers**  
**Saturday, 4:30 PM** Ron Gianella, Don Quante, Bill Yashuk, Rich Brutine  
**Sunday, 8:00 AM** Bernie Driscoll, Dick Furrer, Bill Hrdlicka  
**Sunday, 10:30 AM** Tom Brent, Norm Guittar, Jewell Douthit

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2013

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