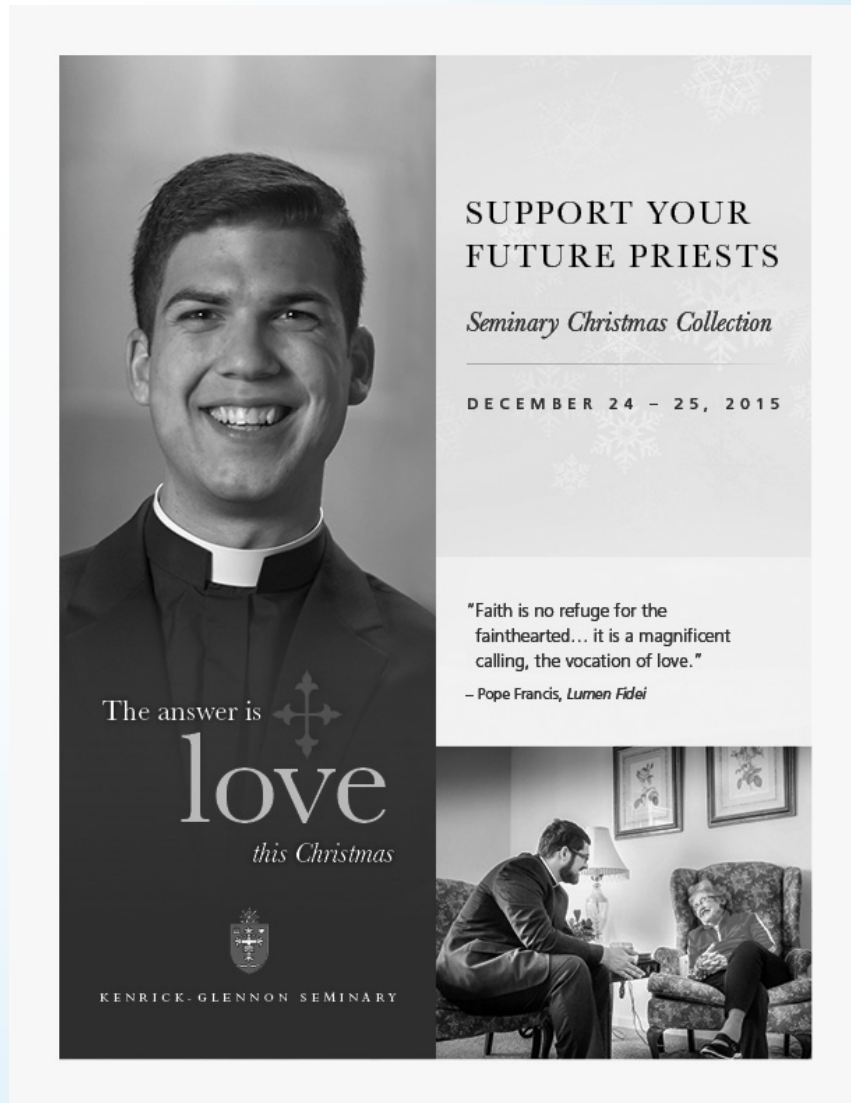


St. Mary Magdalen Parish

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919



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— Pope Francis, *Lumen Fidei*

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love
this Christmas

KENRICK-GLENNON SEMINARY

Rev. Msgr. John J. Borcic, Pastor

Rev. John V. Kerber, Retired

Deacon Joseph J. Iovanna

Deacon J. Gerard Quinn, J.C.L.

New Parishioners are Welcome!

For information: Call our Parish Rectory 314.352.2111 ext. 4

www.magdalen.org

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses: **Weekday Mass:**

Saturday: 4:30pm Monday thru Friday: 8:00am

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am

Daily Rosary: Mon. thru Fri. before 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 4:10pm (or by appointment)

Rectory Office Hours

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

8:30am — 4:00pm Friday

9:00am — 12:00pm Saturday

**Closed on Sundays,
National Holidays,
and
Holy Days of Obligation**

SCHOOLS SERVING OUR PARISHIONERS

For registration and other information please contact

Our Lady of Sorrows School

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5130 Wilson Ave.

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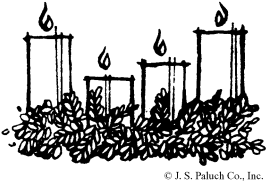
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

When I was first ordained I was assigned to the Epiphany Parish on Smiley Avenue. The pastor at the time liked to share a few things that came across his desk. Well, about a week or so ago I received something that I would like to share with all of you.

We received a letter from the Annual Catholic Appeal telling us that one of our high school students wrote a winning essay on Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal. For his efforts this student received a scholarship from the ACA payable to his school.

They also sent a copy of the essay and, when I read it, I thought that everyone should have the opportunity to read what he wrote. The essay, however, is rather lengthy so I thought I would just print a few excerpts.

“Going to [my parish] for most of my life, I truly get a feel of the community. I love being a part of something bigger. In this case, that is participating and attending Mass. I see Mass as a very important part of the faith.... As children of God, it is our role to reach for a better life in Christ – to become closer not only to Him but His people.”

“.... I was taught that we are all children of God, and if this is true, then I believe that makes us all holy; although we may not [always] act so.”

This young man has helped our volunteers at the soup kitchen occasionally and commented on them and their commitment.

“I believe that in order to fully be a part of the Church you must be willing to help the community and its people as well. You can’t have one foot in the door and one out. If you want to truly be a part of the Catholic Church, you must fully be involved with it.”

“The Annual Catholic Appeal is very important. I believe the ACA’s mission is crucial to the future of the Church. By raising money, the organization is able to support all kinds of causes. The money collected is directly given back to the people. The

organization gives back to the youth, parishes, those in need, those who serve the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and many other important things.”

These are a few of the remarks made in this essay. He closes with these:

“With generous donations, big or small, the ACA makes good use of every penny and reassures us all that there is a light at the end of the tunnel – light that can outshine the darkness and bring us all to everlasting happiness.”

The young man who wrote this is **Alex Andrews**, a student at St. Mary’s High School. If you know this young man, offer your congratulations to him on a well written essay. But more importantly congratulate him on his insight into the charity of people like you, and people throughout the entire Archdiocese, who are so generous to the ACA each year. While he himself may not have money to give because he is currently a student, he has given much by motivating others to do so in his award-winning essay.

Way to go, Alex, and thank you!

God bless,
Msgr. John Borcic

Weekly Offertory		
December 13, 2015		
Envelopes	\$	3,488.00
Loose		442.71
Total	\$	3,930.71
Collections as of 07-01-15		
	\$	95,774.21
Magdalen Specials		
Soup Kitchen		33.00
St. Vincent de Paul		142.00
Pro-Life		7.00
Tuition Assistance		93.00
Total	\$	275.00
Thank you for your gifts to God and our Parish		

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015



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Christmas 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Rejoice! The weeks of Advent waiting are over, and Christ is born!

We rejoice in our Savior's birth—remembering the great gift of faith He has given us through the mystery of His incarnation and the saving power of His death and resurrection.

Each year, the people of our archdiocese have been asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The men of our seminary, who have responded to Christ's call to follow Him, are truly a gift to the Church and to the Archdiocese of St. Louis. It is these men who will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2000 years ago to future generations here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

I ask you, once again, to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas Day collection, which helps pay the day-to-day expenses and maintenance of our seminary.

Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas. May the Lord of life come into your hearts and homes in a special way during this holy time of year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

*Wishing you a
Blessed Christmas
and
Happy New Year*



*Monsignor John Borcic
Father John Kerber
Deacon Joe Iovanna
Deacon Gerry Quinn
& our Entire Parish Staff*



The Rectory Office
will close at noon on
Thursday, December 24
and
will remain close till
Monday, December 28

Have a Blessed Christmas!



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*December 24, 2015
Christmas Eve Mass
4:30pm*

*December 25, 2015
Christmas Day Mass
9:00am*

From the bulletin editor... Since the bulletin needs early transmittal for New Years, please have all articles submitted to Fran by the following time.

January 3, 2016 bulletin by noon December 22
Thank you!



Church Decorating Today

We will be preparing the church for our Christmas celebration and Christmas season. **If you can give us about a hour of your time after the 10:30am Mass today Sunday, December 20th**, it will help us immensely and be greatly appreciation. And you will have had a part in making our church most attractive for those who will worship with us on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and throughout the Christmas season.

Trivia Night

(Super Hero Theme)

Saturday, January 16, 2016

To benefit *Our Lady's Inn*, being held at Chaminade College Prep School Atrium, 425 South Lindbergh, STL, MO 63131. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., trivia starts at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person /\$200 per table of 8. Price includes 2 free drinks per person! Light snacks will be provided. Mulligans, raffle items and silent auction. For more information or to register visit: www.ourladysinn.org or call Amy Rager @ 314-736-1544.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Our Lady's Inn, an emergency shelter for homeless pregnant women and their children.

Stewardship Reflection

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."
(Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for you?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained?

Happy Holidays from eScript!

Be sure to present your eSript card when doing your holiday shopping at Schnucks to ensure a portion of all your purchases goes to our church. Contact Fran at the rectory to get yours. As always, they're not just for parishioners; your family, friends and co-workers may also help support SMM!



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**Christmas TV Mass
For The Homebound**

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Advent and Christmas? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joyful hope in the coming of our newborn Savior.

**Sunday and Christmas TV Mass
KTVI channel 2.2 at 9:00 a.m.**

Mass is also online at www.HeartoftheNation.org.

This week in our Parish...

**Daily Mass at 8:00am Monday thru Friday
Monday, December 21, 2015**

Quilters	9:00a	Qrm
Adult Education	1:00p	MR
No Parish Council Mtg		

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

Adult Education	6:30p	MR
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Thursday, December 24, 2015

Christmas Eve

Office Closes at noon		
Mass	4:30p	CH

Friday, December 25, 2015

Christmas Day

Office closed		
Mass	9:00a	CH

Saturday December 26, 2015

Reconciliation	3:30-4:10p	CH
Mass	4:30p	CH

Sunday, December 27, 2015

Mass	8:00a	CH
Mass	10:30a	CH

***Farewell Open House
for Jeannine Our Parish Nurse
after all the Masses in the School Hall***



Please pray for healing and strength for

Gary Barker, Mary Frances Bathon, Jackie Behrendt, George Dent, Jan Dreyer, Genny Fujarski, Charlie Haines, Elizabeth Hawkins, Kevin Higgins, Ed Howard, Janette Jewel, Marie Kellner, Dolores Kettenbach, Michael Krawczyk, Mary Mather, Rich Mather, Irene Mazzola, Jackie McGilligan, Fr. Tom McGrath, Julianne McMiller, Lou Ann Michaels, Tracy Minx & Shannon Leisure, Lydia Molina, Sister Pat Murray, Tom & Josie Niemira, Marge Scheu, Ed Schmidt, Noel Schneider, Dorothy Schuchardt, Will Schuchardt, Beth Simmons, Steve Snelling, Edith Smiley, Becca Niemira Steinmetz, Dodie Stollhans, Garth and Laihla Weihl, Janice Weiter, Agnes Wiltgen, Lois Zitzmann **and for all our homebound and nursing home parishioners and for their family and friends who take care of them.**

Eucharistic Ministers

Thursday, December 24, 2015 4:30 PM

Christmas Eve

Charlie & Mary Ann Halbrook, Bob & Miriam Marek
Sara Marek, Kris Onanian

Friday, December 25, 2015 9:00 AM

Christmas Day

Sr. Mary Carol Anth, CSJ, Mary Elkins,
Dolores Guittar, Marisol Pfaff, Sr. Rita Schmitz, CSJ,
Jeannine Wieczorek

Saturday, December 26, 2015 4:30 PM

Charlie & Mary Ann Halbrook, Margaret O'Donoghue
Mary Beth O'Donoghue

Sunday, December 27, 2015 8:00 AM

Mary & Charlie Dooling

Sunday, December 27, 10:30 AM

Mary Elkins, Cathy & Pat Maloney,
Jackie McGilligan, Marisol Pfaff, Garth Weihl



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 21, 2015

8:00 A.M. Vincenza & Giovanni Drago
8:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

8:00 A.M. Paplinskas & McMiller Families
8:00 A.M. Laura Klos—Special Intention

Wednesday, December 23, 2015

8:00 A.M. Baby Charlie—Special Intention
8:00 A.M. Ray Bernall—Special Intention

Thursday, December 24, 2015

Christmas Eve

8:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
4:30 P.M. Edward Kuntz

Friday, December 25, 2015

Christmas

9:00 A.M. Rosalie Logaglio
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society

Saturday, December 26, 2015

4:30 P.M. August Lyle

Sunday, December 27, 2015

8:00 AM Richard Mussman
10:30 AM For the People of the Parish

Lectors

Thursday, December 24, 2015 4:30 PM

Christmas Eve

Fran Voss

Friday, December 25, 2015 9:00 AM

Christmas Day

Dolores Guittar

Saturday, December 26, 2015 4:30 PM

Jim Abkemeier

Sunday, December 27, 2015 8:00 AM

Ken Luecke

Sunday, December 27, 2015 10:30 AM

Tony Diani

Servers

Thursday, December 24, 2015 4:30 PM

Christmas Eve

Ada, Vincent & Zelle Laury

Friday, December 25, 2015 9:00 AM

Christmas Day

Harry Signaigo

Saturday, December 26, 2015 4:30 PM

Kenny Douthit

Sunday, December 27, 2015 8:00 AM

Kayden Hardesty

Sunday, December 27, 2015 10:30 AM

Harry Signaigo

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

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