

St. Mary Magdalen Parish

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IN ORDINARY TIME**

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*Many who heard Jesus were astonished.
They said,
"Where did this man get all this?
Is he not the carpenter,
the son of Mary?"*

Mark 6:2,3

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New Parishioners are Welcome!

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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

Closed

**Saturday and Sundays,
National Holidays
and
Holy Days of Obligation**



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From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In the second reading today St. Paul speaks to the people of Corinth about a thorn in the flesh that was given to him to keep him

from becoming too self-righteous about his accomplishments. He goes on to say that he asked the Lord three times to remove it. The Lord's response to Paul was simply, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

How often have we prayed for healing, especially from some unbearable burden – prayed even as intensely as Paul prayed. When the trouble did not only go away and seemingly got worse, can we hear those same words from the Lord, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Jesus simply tells us that it is o.k. to be weak. It is o.k. not to be in control, not to be perfect. God still loves us and that should be enough. What more do we need. It doesn't mean we can't still pray for the burden to be lifted, but maybe that prayer should include lifting the burden of worry or anxiety.

The Lord tells Paul that there is strength in weakness. Don't we see that in the crucified Christ? He surely knew weakness, powerlessness, and the weight of suffering. He was humiliated, beaten, mocked, and abandoned on the Cross. But out of all of this came salvation.

Paul eventually understood the meaning in the Lord's response. He came to know that Jesus didn't need Paul to do his thing for God. Rather, Paul needed to let God do His thing through him. The thorn was God's way of getting his attention. And Paul understood. He went on to say, "So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses by special boast..., for it is when I am weak, that I am strong.

We all have something that beats us up; our thorn in the flesh. Let us know that God's grace is enough for us. Let us surrender to it. God still loves us, weak or strong. He doesn't expect us to be perfect. He only wants us to know His love for us in our weakness so that His grace can allow us to let God use us for His work in our world.

God bless,
Msgr. Borcic

ISN'T THIS INTERESTING?

It came to my attention recently that the U.S. Mint has a three year program entitled, "Preamble to the Declaration of Independence Platinum Proof Coin Series." This series design was inspired by the handwritten words from the Declaration of Independence and includes "Life" in 2018, "Liberty" in 2019, and "Happiness" in 2020. This series has been designed to reflect the foundation of American principles: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The face value of the coins will be \$100 each. The current value of the 2018 "Life" coin is just under \$1,400. I'm not suggesting that everyone run out and purchase one of these coins; I am not in a position to do so for sure. In fact the last time I collected coins was when I was between the ages of 12 and 18; and I collected Buffalo nickels. Those I could afford.

The reason I even mention this is because of the message revealed in the 2018 "Life" coin. The obverse design feature is personified by Lady Liberty hold a small child in her arms and teaching the child to sow seeds in a field. The sword she carries symbolizes the power to defend life. The furrowed earth represents the forethought and labor required to sustain life. The tree and stream represent nature, suggesting the need to be good stewards of an environment that sustains life.



Isn't that message the same as the Gospel and what the Church teaches about life – to hold life as something precious; to teach others how to nurture life; to be ready to boldly defend life (from the womb to the tomb); and to be thankful for what God has provided for us, and to be good stewards of His Creation.

I find it interesting that the U.S. Mint would convey that message in such a public way, but that message is worth far more than the \$1,400 value of the coin today. Whoever designed the coin apparently captured the intent of the signers of the Declaration of Independence with regards to that important inalienable right to Life!

Even if we are unable to own the coin, it delivers a message we all hold dearly. Support Life!!

Msgr. B.

Get More out of Mass

MY dear friends,
 Another way to be prepared for Mass is to look ahead of time at the readings. It is a very good practice to either take the readings you heard on Sunday and look at them again during the week: Monday look at the first reading. Tuesday at the Psalm response. Wednesday at the Second Readings. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Gospel. This is a way of reviewing what you heard on Sunday and praying about the meaning in each reading. This way, one can begin to see where the Church is heading for the week.

Of course the easiest way to follow where the Church is leading is to go to Daily Mass and follow the daily readings. This is the best of course, but if you can't attend daily Mass, then I recommend staying with the Sunday readings for the week and reflecting more deeply on them.

This week we are reading from the prophet Ezekiel, St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, and the Gospel of Mark.

Here is a pattern one could follow;

Monday you could learn something about Ezekiel. In most Bibles there is an introduction that explains the who, what, when, where questions. Then read the reading from Mass again and see if it makes more sense now. Look for the simplest message.

Tuesday you could take the Psalm response, "*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy*", and use it for prayer for yourself, and your family.

Wednesday you could repeat what you did for Ezekiel, except for St. Paul and learn a little bit about the context of Second Corinthians then look for a simple message for your life.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Read the Gospel Passage. Thursday look at the content of the passage, what comes before and after it. This will give you a sense of the flow of the story. Friday look for a simple message from the passage. Saturday think about a way that you can apply the simple message to you life.

This pattern, or some part of it, can help you to take the message from Sunday and carry it into your life. This pattern, taken as a whole will give you new information, inspiration, and connection from week to week to what the Church is up to each week.

Peace~ Fr. Simon

GROWTH IN PRAYER

A mini-course based on the fourth part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) will be offered by

Father Simon-Felix Michalski, OP
 at **St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Rectory**

Session 2: July 11, 2018 – 1pm to 2pm
 and 6pm to 7pm

Session 3: August 22, 2018 – 1pm to 2pm
 and 6pm to 7pm

If you missed Session 1 you are still welcome to attend the next 2 sessions and may attend the afternoon or evening presentation

For additional information or reservation, please call: 314-352-2111, ext. 4

Stewardship Reflection

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" EZEKIEL 2:2-3

God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

This week in our Parish...

Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am

Monday, July 9, 2018

Quilters 9:00a Qrm

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Acts of the Apostles Series 1:00p Rectory

Knights of Columbus Mtg 7:00p KCrm

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Growth in Prayer Series 1:00p & 6:00p Rectory

Southampton Neighborhood Mtg 7:00p SH

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Bishop Barron Series 7:00p SH Rm104

Saturday, July 14, 2018

Confessions 3:30-4:10p CH

Mass 4:30p CH

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Mass 8:00a and 10:30a CH

Worth Repeating....



**Celebrating 100 Years
St. Mary Magdalen Centennial
September 7, 1919– September 7, 2019
Program of Events**

- Sept. 8th, 2018 Kickoff Celebration 4:30 Mass followed by barbecue catered by Kenrick's and served by members of the Knights of Columbus. Chairpersons: Bob and Mary Signaigo
- Pavers – A walkway leading to and surrounding the flag pole with a flower/shrub garden to commemorate 100 years.
- Signage – A large “coroplast” banner to be placed in the front of church where it will be the most visible to be provided by Ink Spot. Also, banners to hang from the street lights along Chippewa and Kingshighway. Chairperson: John Kilkenny
- Commemorative Book celebrating 100 years. Chairperson: Cindy Stollhans
- Invitations to Bishop Rivituso, Bishop Rice, and Bishop Lucas to celebrate Mass on a day of their choosing during the course of the anniversary year. In addition, invitations to Fr. Schilli, and all former Associates, seminarians, and any alumni who entered the priesthood to return and celebrate Mass. Chairperson: Monsignor Borcic
- Trivia Night –April 27, 2019– topics to be completely centered around the theme of St. Mary Magdalen parish. Chairperson: Joe Miklovic
- Sept. 7, 2019 (Saturday) 4:30 P.M. Mass followed by a dinner. The Cedars location is currently being considered. Buses will be available to transport anyone needing a ride. Chairperson: Judy Koettker
- A commemorative coin will be given out at the dinner. Chairperson: John Kilkenny
- Quilt is being designed by Cookie Muntges and Helen Niemira to be completed by quilters and hung in the front of church possibly on the wall behind the choir.
- Sept. 14, 2019 (Saturday) Archbishop Carlson will celebrate 4:30 Mass. Fr. Bruce Forman and the Young Catholic Musicians will provide the music. Reception to follow in school hall with light refreshments.

All current and former parishioners are invited to contribute any memories of their time here to be published both in the bulletin and possibly in the anniversary book. Marilyn Muegge and Ellen Graves will be visiting the homebound to write down their memories.

Please email your memories to Fran Voss at smmadmin@sbcglobal.net or mail to the rectory, or drop off your memories in the Sunday offertory collection addressed to Fran.

If you would like to help in any way please contact Charlie and Mary Dooling 314.351.4913



*You are invited to an
Ice Cream Social
hosted by
The Knights of Columbus
Ladies Auxiliary
on
Saturday, July 22, 2018
after the
4:30pm Mass
in the school hall.*

*It's mid-summer and you know it's just
going to be much too hot to cook in the
kitchen. So let the Ladies serve you up...*

*a hot-dog,
a bag of chips,
a soda...*

how about a pretzel?!

*Top it off with an ice cream sundae
with a great assortment of toppings!!*

ONLY \$1.00 PER ITEM



*So beat the heat and come on down for
a Good Old Fashion Ice Cream Social,
it's a Great Time!*

**PAPAPALOOZA
World Meeting of Families St. Louis**

Join us on **July 28** at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for an afternoon and evening with your family.

Enjoy family games with prizes and outdoor activities,

Catholic Exhibitors,

Outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Rivituso,

Dinner by P'Sghetti's and a youth concert.

All ages are welcome!

Registration is required by July 25

Price:

\$12.50 (Adult 17+)

\$5 (Children 3-16)

Ages 2 and under are Free.

Visit archstl.org/palooza for details and to register.

Questions? Call 314.792.7185

**Our Lady of Sorrows OLStars Presents...
On the Air...CHANNEL SURFIN'**

Performances will be **July 19, 20** and **21** at **7:30pm** and **Sunday July 22** at **2:00pm**. \$7.00 per person for all ages. The show will feature memories from television shows and commercials. Reservations can be made by calling 314.650.9394 by July 18 or tickets can be purchased at the doors. Refreshments will be sold before the show begins and again at intermission.

**St. Francis of Assisi Church Picnic
and Free Car Cruise**

Sunday, July 22 11am-7pm

1000 Luebbering Rd, Luebbering, MO 63061

Displaying of Classic and Modern Muscle Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles and Special Interest Vehicles.

Food, Indoor Bingo, Music, Civil War Extravaganza, Chuck-o-Luck, Flea Market, Beer Garden, Games for Kids, Quilt Raffle

Weekly Offertory Collection

**The totals for the Offertory Collection
for the weekend of June 30-July 1, 2018
will be posted in the July 15, 2018 bulletin.**

Please pray for healing and strength for ...
 Jennifer Abkemeier, Sr. Mary Carol Anth, CSJ, Keith Ballentine, Nancy Birkenmeier, Msgr. Borcic, Charlotte Brown, Kenny Brown, Theresa Campbell, Rosella Coffey, Madalene Costa, Jasper Giardina, Dolores Greer, Patricia Grotegeers, Lilly Hasty, Chris Harnett, James Havranek, Harry Henderson, Bonnie Hicks, Ed Howard, Dolores Hughes, Steve Jackson, Marie Kellner, Maria Landeros, Mamie Lawless, Cheri Massa, Irene Mazzola, Melanie, Richard Meyer, Ray Miles, Margaret Miller, Liam Niemira, Thad Niemira, Kristine Onanian, Carol Ovia, Mary Ann Plasmeier, Leslie Polokonis, John Potje, Joan Quante, Bob Schallom, Dorothy Schuchardt, Dodie Stollhans, Jean Sullivan, Cooper Treacy, Terri Victor, Bill Voss, Laihla Weihl, Lois Zitzmann ... *and for all our homebound and nursing home parishioners and for their family and friends who take care of them.*

*I will rather boast most gladly
 of my weaknesses,
 in order that the power of Christ
 may dwell with me.
 -- 2 Corinthians 12:9*

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 9, 2018
 8:00 A.M. Justin Owensby

Tuesday, July 10, 2018
 8:00 A.M. Living & Deceased of Meyer, Diem & Puls Families

Wednesday, July 11, 2018
 8:00 A.M. James & Lucille Sanders

Thursday, July 12, 2018
 8:00 A.M. Charles Vago

Friday, July 13, 2018
 8:00 A.M. Ann Schwarz Family

Saturday, July 14, 2018
 4:30 P.M. William Louis Bryant

Sunday, July 15, 2018
 8:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish
 10:30 A.M. Ryan Joseph Olsen 

Lector
Saturday, July 14, 2018 4:30 PM
 Mary Beth O'Donoghue
Sunday, July 15, 2018 8:00 AM
 Ken Luecke
Sunday, July 15, 2018 10:30 AM
 Sara Marek

Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, July 14, 2018 4:30PM
 Charlie & Mary Ann Halbrook
 Alt. Kris Onanian
Sunday, July 15, 2018 8:00AM
 Charlie & Mary Dooling
 Alt. Mark Laury
Sunday, July 15, 2018 10:30AM
 Bob & Miriam Marek, Garth Weihl, Dolores Guittar
 Alt. Cathy Maloney

Servers
Saturday, July 14, 2018 4:30 PM
 Brian & Katie Weaver
Sunday, July 15, 2018 8:00 AM
 Joe Brouk
Sunday, July 15, 2018 10:30 AM
 Tiffany Sakamoto

Faith-Music-Teenagers... This is a call to young people age 10-17 to share your vocal and/or instrumental musical talent in a faith-filled group of music ministers from 40 parishes and schools across the Archdioceses of St. Louis called *The Young Catholic Musicians*. These young people lead the music for Mass once a month at different churches. Auditions are being held through July. To schedule an audition, call Fr. Bruce Forman, 231-7464 Info on YCM web page: archstl.org/musicians

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
 Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

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