

St. Mary Magdalen Parish

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919

Blessed be
God
who chose us in Christ,
before the foundation
of the world, to be
holy and without
blemish before him.
Ephesians 1:3, 4

**JULY
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2018**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rev. Simon-Felix Michalski, O.P. Part-time Associate

Deacon William Weiss

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 Gospel today Mark tells us that Jesus began to send His Apostles out to preach the Kingdom, to heal the sick, to raise people from the dead, and to expel demons. Mark uses the words “began to send” rather than “sent” implying that Jesus will continue to do so, and does so even today. In a very real way we share in the mission of the Apostles.

As Jesus sends His Apostles he tells them that they do not need a whole lot of stuff to take with them. They were to be dependent upon God for food and for a place to sleep. Their acknowledgement of their dependence on God is a true call to holiness. Stuff would just distract them from concentrating on His mission.

Isn't Jesus telling us the same thing – couldn't we get by with fewer “things?” Look not only at the stuff you have but also concentrate on the stuff that fills your calendar. Sometimes we keep ourselves so busy that we never have time to pray. Without prayer, reminding ourselves of our dependence upon God, will we have time to preach the Kingdom to others; to preach the Kingdom faithfully; to tend to others' needs with love, compassion, and mercy?

In order to fulfill our mission we must be holy. We are called to holiness, and we can't get there unless we pray. Does prayer have a place in your day? Maybe, as we are putting together our “to do” list for the coming days, weeks, or months, we should make time for prayer – and make it a priority. By doing so, we will come to holiness.

Remember, Jesus began to preach His Church by sending the Apostles first. He sends us to continue the work of building up the Kingdom and of healing. Let us prepare ourselves to be up to the task by acknowledging our dependence on God, and by striving for the holiness that is so necessary to do so. Let us pray!!

God bless,
Msgr. Borcic

Weekly Offertory Collection	
June 30-July 1, 2018	
Envelopes	\$ 5,168.00
Loose	605.00
Total	\$ 5,773.00
Total Collection as of fiscal year	
07-01-18 thru 06-31-19	
\$ 5,773.00	
Magdalen Specials	
Soup Kitchen	\$ 298.00
Pro Life	74.00
Tuition Assistance	86.00
Total	\$ 458.00
+++	
Weekly Offertory Collection	
July 8, 2018	
Envelopes	\$ 2,533.00
Loose	584.75
Total	\$ 3,117.75
Total Collection as of fiscal year	
07-01-18 thru 06-31-19	
\$ 8,890.75	
Magdalen Specials	
Soup Kitchen	\$ 50.00
Pro Life	60.00
Tuition Assistance	38.00
Total	\$ 148.00
Thank you for your gifts to God	
and our parish.	

Getting More from the Bible...

When praying and reading with the Sacred Scripture more one might think that one could run out of insights for one's life. However, we can not exhaust the meaning impeded in the Sacred Text. To begin, one should read the Catechism of the Catholic Church 101-114 to get a foundation in place for using the Scripture for inspiration. There are definite principles involved in interpreting the Bible. The first principle is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us, to understand the Scripture within the heart of the Church. The Holy Spirit guides the Church to help us in correctly reading and praying with the Scriptures.

Here are some other key first principles:

- One must try and discover the Author's intention and context for writing the book. (CCC 110)
- The other Author of Scripture is God, so one must take into account the teachings of the Church, the lives of the saints, and traditions of the Church. (CCC 111)
- One must keep in mind the unity of the Bible, and not take verses out of context with the whole of the Bible. A famous saying is without context, one gets only pretext." It is common sense that if one takes a sentence from here and there and everywhere, one could make any book say whatever one wanted to say. (CCC 112)
- One must be attentive to the Living Tradition of the Church, the magisterium, which guides us, and protects us from falling into error. (CCC 113)
- One must be aware of the levels of meaning in the text. Scripture is like an iceberg, the part of the iceberg that is above the water, is like the literal meaning. The other interlocking meanings are under the water and must be mined by prayer and study. (CCC 114)

With those principles in mind here is an easy method of study: **SOAP**

With a journal in hand to write out a verse

S: Scripture: Write it down

O: Observation: What is the verse saying? What is the question it is trying to answer? What are the verbs? nouns? Does the verse relate to a world view? Or a spiritual practice? Or a way to love?

A: Application: How does it apply to my life?

P: Take the verse to prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to teach you.

For example: **S:** Matthew 6:7

O: The verse is about praying. Praying is both a spiritual practice and a way to express love. The verbs are "babbling" "thinking" and being heard". The verse seems to be about how not pray. Do not just babble with a lot of words, but instead pray with intention and focus.

A: Question myself, do I babble when I pray? Answer, sometimes.

P: Holy Spirit help me to pray with an undivided heart. Amen

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

If you missed Session 1& 2 you are still welcome to attend the session 3 and may attend the afternoon or evening presentation
 For additional information or reservation, please call: 314-352-2111, ext. 4

This week in our Parish...

Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am

Monday, July 16, 2018

Quilters	9:00a	Qrm
No Parish Council Mtg		

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Acts of the Apostles Series	1:00p	Rectory
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Wednesday, July 18, 2018

No Finance Mtg

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Bishop Barron Series	7:00p	SH Rm104
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Saturday, July 21, 2018

Confessions	3:30-4:10p	CH
Mass	4:30p	CH
Ice Cream Social	5:30p	SH

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Mass	8:00a and 10:30a	CH
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Soup Kitchen

Our next Soup Kitchen is **July 17**.

Sauce Makers: Please drop your sauce off this Sunday. If you need to make other arrangements, please call Mary Schaefer at 722-3008 or 607-0195.

Brownie Bakers: Please drop off your brownies at the rectory by NOON on Tuesday, July 17. If you need to have your brownies picked up please call Charlie or May Ann Halbrook at 481-2448 before Tuesday to arrange for pick up.

St. James the Greater parish will be praying a novena for the Feast of St. James the Greater beginning Saturday, July 21 until Sunday, July 29. Fr. Rajpaul Sundararaj will be the celebrant on all the days of the festal novena, with the following dates, times, and subjects. All are welcome to join us any or all evenings in the church, 6401 Wade Avenue, St. Louis, 63139.

- Sat., Jul. 21 after 4:30pm Mass: James, One of the Twelve
- Sun., Jul. 22 after 10:30am Mass: James, the Friend
- Mon., Jul. 23 7pm: James, the Visionary
- Tue., Jul. 24 7pm: James, the Fisherman
- Wed., Jul 25 7pm: James, the Brother
- Thu., Jul. 26 7pm: James, the Son
- Fri., Jul. 27 7pm: James, the Disciple
- Sat., Jul. 28 7pm: James, the Missionary
- Sun., Jul. 29 10:30am Mass: James, the Martyr

**Project Rachel Retreat
August 17-19**

Abortion can leave deep, unresolved wounds in the hearts and souls of women. If you or a woman you know is hurting from an abortion experience, The St. Louis Project Rachel Team is offering a retreat on August 17-19 for women seeking hope, healing, and peace. The retreat is offered in a private, non-judgmental setting. To learn more or to sign up, contact Marisol at 314-792-7451 or

ihnpfaff@swbell.net

or go to

<http://archstl.org/respectlife/page/project-rachel-retreats>



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

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 with the Centennial Celebration in any way please contact Charlie and Mary Dooling 314.351.4913

**Mercy Retreat Center,
2039 North Geyer Road,
St. Louis, MO 63131-3332 presents:
Courage For Caregivers:
"Sustenance for the Journey"
Saturday, July 28, 8:30-4:30 p.m.**

If you are a professional or at-home caregiver, you know how challenging and exhausting it can be to support those with intensive or chronic care needs. Caregivers need care too. Mercy presents a one-day retreat designed for active caregivers in need of spiritual encouragement and community support. Courage for Caregivers, a collaborative program between the Henri Nouwen Society and Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, will address the needs of individuals in caregiving roles - professionals and those who find themselves caring for family members or friends. Presenter: Marjorie J. Thompson is a Presbyterian minister, teacher, retreat leader, and author who was deeply influenced by her mentor, Henri Nouwen. Cost: \$75 (includes Lunch and workbook). Seating is limited. Phone: 314.966.4686 (7:30-4 pm M-F) Kathy Walden or online at mercycenterstl.org.



*You are invited to an
Ice Cream Social
hosted by
The Knights of Columbus
Ladies Auxiliary
on
Saturday, July 21, 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!*

**To our dear St. Mary Magdalen
parishioners 90 + years young -
Today, we gratefully lift you in prayer!**

*Ruth, Shirley, Charlotte, Rosella, Bob, Mary,
Marie, Dottie, Emma, Ed, Ann, Louise, Leona,
Doris, Irene, Julianne, Louis, Deloris, Mary
(Ann), Ray, Dorothy, Gerry, Dodie, Anne,
Marie, Francis*



**Quotes from St. Frances de Sales
21 Aug 1567 – 28 Dec 1622
Bishop of Geneva**

"Let God be the air in which your heart breathes at ease."

"The Lord delights in every little step you take."

"Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me and I in Him.'

**St. Mary Magdalen
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**

Our SVDP Food Pantry is in need of **canned vegetables (all kinds)** and **canned meats**. You may drop them off in the baskets at church or the rectory. Thank you for your continued donations.

**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.

Please pray for healing and strength for ...
 Jennifer Abkemeier, Linda Adams, Sr. Mary Carol Anth, CSJ, Keith Ballentine, Nancy Birkenmeier, Msgr. Borcic, Brent Family, Charlotte Brown, Kenny Brown, Theresa Campbell, Rosella Coffey, Jasper Giardina, Dolores Greer, Patricia Grotegeers, James Havranek, Bonnie Hicks, Bryon Hollows, Ed Howard, Dolores Hughes, Steve Jackson, Marie Kellner, Maria Landeros, Mamie Lawless, Cheri Massa, Irene Mazzola, Melanie, Richard Meyer, Ray Miles, Liam Niemira, Thad Niemira, Kristine Onanian, Carl Oviaan, Mary Ann Plasmeier, Leslie Polokonis, Joan Quante, Rob Ryan, Bob Schallom, Dorothy Schuchardt, Mary Ann Schuette, Dodie Stollhans, Jean Sullivan, Cooper Treacy, Terri Victor, Bill Voss, Laihla Weihl, Lois Zitzmann, Loretta Zohner... *and for all our homebound and nursing home parishioners and for their family and friends who take care of them.*

Stewardship Reflection

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” - Mark 6:8
 How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our life’s journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. When we really put God first in everything and put money and possessions second, we experience more freedom to joyfully serve God and others.

Mass Intentions

- Monday, July 16, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Harry & Ann Eilerman
- Tuesday, July 17, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Robert Phares
- Wednesday, July 18, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Lois Zitzman— Special Intention
- Thursday, July 19, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Valerio Bianco— Special Intention
- Friday, July 20, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Vincenza & Giovanni Drago
- Saturday, July 21, 2018**
4:30 P.M. Joseph Kuszaj
- Sunday, July 22, 2018**
8:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish
10:30 A.M. Agnes Stattman

Lector
Saturday, July 21, 2018 4:30 PM
Kris Onanian
Sunday, July 22, 2018 8:00 AM
Rob Dimbeck
Sunday, July 22, 2018 10:30 AM
Dolores Guittar

Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, July 21, 2018 4:30PM
Joan Jewell, Jim Abkemeier
Alt. Margaret O’Donoghue
Sunday, July 22, 2018 8:00AM
Mary Dooling, Ray Morales
Alt. Charlie Dooling
Sunday, July 22, 2018 10:30AM
Kristina Jackson, Marisol Pfaff, Mary & Ray Schaefer
Alt. Pat Maloney

Servers
Saturday, July 21, 2018 4:30 PM
Brian & Katie Weaver
Sunday, July 22, 2018 8:00 AM
Nancy Sewester
Sunday, July 22, 2018 10:30 AM
Harry Signaigo

In Christ we have redemption



by his blood

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 -- 11:1
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
 Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

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