

St. Mary Magdalen Parish

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919

When Jesus saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them,

*for they were like sheep
without a shepherd.*

Mark 6:34



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 22, 2018

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

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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 Gospel today we heard how Jesus' heart was moved with pity for the thousands who sought him out and He looked upon them like "sheep without a shepherd." If sheep do not have a shepherd, someone to keep them together, to keep them safe, to find pastures in which they can graze, then they will be scattered and find themselves in danger of being devoured by wolves.

Jesus uses this image as He looks upon the many, many people who have come from far places just to be with Him, to hear Him speak, and to witness His healing power. Jesus, as shepherd, can lead these people on the path that leads to the Father. In Him there is unity; in Him there is safety; in Him there is the nourishment they need to learn about God and His Kingdom. This is a simple definition of Jesus' role as Shepherd.

But that's just part of the story. The shepherd's role is never complete. There is always more to do, more to accomplish in the course of each day, as long as the sheep are in His care. The sheep learn to trust the shepherd as he leads them to their final destination.

If we fashion ourselves as sheep needing a shepherd, as the people in the Gospel are viewed, then we have to realize that we never come to a full grasp of God's Kingdom until submitting to the final invitation. Until then we must continue to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd. This means committing ourselves to holiness.

Interestingly enough many of us seem to exist as sheep without a shepherd. What we learned about our Faith in school seems to be enough to carry us through. Is there not a need to learn more? No Saint ever thought they knew enough about Christ. Every one of them continued to learn more about their Faith through prayer, through readings, through conversations, through sermons, through learning how to practice it better, through any way they could (even through suffering).

Let us remember that when we reach heaven we're not going to be given a test to see how much we learned in grade school or how much we know. Rather, the question will be how holy have we become. The Gospel challenges us to look at life the way sheep would look at it (follow the Shepherd to the final destination). The key may be in today's Psalm – the familiar Psalm 23, "The Lord is My Shepherd..." – our call to holiness.

God bless,
Msgr. John Borcic

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Weekly Offertory Collection	
July 15, 2018	
Envelopes	\$ 3,267.00
Loose	378.81
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Total	\$ 3,645.81
Total Collection as of fiscal year	
07-01-18 thru 06-31-19	
\$ 12,536.56	
Magdalen Specials	
Soup Kitchen	\$ 128.00
Pro Life	19.00
Tuition Assistance	58.00
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Total	\$ 205.00
Thank you for your gifts to God	
and our parish.	

Getting More from the Bible Part 2 and Part 3...

My dear friends,

An ancient way of reading the Scriptures that bears much fruit for prayer is found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, numbers 115-119. It is known as the four senses of Scripture. In this way of reading Scripture one can take into consideration that the words in Sacred Scripture can have multiple meanings or “senses”. It is akin to reading the Scripture with a different pair of glasses each time, so that with each pair of glasses, one sees things that reveal different meanings in the text.

The Ancient Church distinguished between the literal and spiritual meanings.

The literal meaning is not to be denied, or overlooked. For it is the base of the other meanings in the Sacred Text. The literal sense is drawn out through study, sound exegesis, and continuity with the teachings of the Church. It is very helpful here to have a good Catholic commentary to help with this aspect. Another way to get at the literal meaning is use a Catholic study Bible, which will have foot notes to help one grasp the literal sense. The principle behind this way of utilizing the literal sense is to try and find out what it meant of the original listeners to the text, and then see if it has a meaning for us today. This is commonly called the “Historical Critical Method” and it recognizes three layers of meaning in the text: The world behind the text (the cultural milieu of the authors), the world of the text (the culture of the Jesus), and the world in front of the text (our cultural perspective and the history of the Church)

Part 3

The Spiritual sense goes a little deeper than the literal sense and looks to unity of God’s plan for our Salvation and at the realities and events available to our understanding through signs and types. The Spiritual sense includes the allegorical sense, the moral sense, and the anagogic sense.

The allegorical sense looks to “types” in the old and new testaments that point to Jesus and his mission. For example, the figure of Moses, leading his people to freedom, points to Jesus leading us all to freedom from sin. Another example is the feeding of the five

thousand by Jesus is pointing to the Eucharistic Liturgy we celebrate today.

The moral sense of Scripture leads to how we are act in this world. For example, Jesus forgiving his torturers points to the necessity of our forgiving others.

The anagogic sense points to the second coming of Christ, and the realities of our redemption; death, judgment, heaven, and hell. For example, the wedding at Cana points to the heavenly banquet for those who persevere in the trails of life.

Consider these two medieval poems that help us to direct more meaning form Scripture:

“In the Old Testament is the New Testament Concealed, and in the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed”

And

*The Letter speaks of Deeds; Allegory to Faith;
The Moral how to act; Analogy our destiny”*

Peace

Fr. Simon Felix

MUCH-NEEDED PRAYER

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.
--St. Francis de Sales

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



**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



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR THE
100TH ANNIVERSARY
KICK OFF CELEBRATION
September 8, 2018**

Beginning with Mass at 4:30pm followed by a Barbecue, catered by Kenrick's and served by members of The Knights of Columbus Council 453 in the School hall.

**Annual
Silver and Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass
2:30 pm Sunday, September 16, 2018
at the Cathedral Basilica,
4431 Lindell Blvd.**

Celebrant is Archbishop Robert Carlson.

Couples celebrating their **25th, 50th or 50-plus wedding anniversary during 2018** are invited. Family members and friends are welcome to join the couples at this special celebration. Celebrating couples who are registered by August 24th will receive a certificate of congratulations, and their names and wedding date will be printed in the Mass program. Couples can register on line at the Archdiocese of St. Louis website or contact the Office of Laity & Family Life at 314.792.7170.

**New York Times best-selling author of
"Left to Tell" Immaculee Ilibagiza
Rwandan Genocide Survivor
to present mini-retreat
at Our Lady of Sorrows**

(5020 Rhodes Avenue, St Louis, MO 63109).
Friday evening, September 14th
and Saturday morning, September 15th.

Tickets: Individual \$57; For One plus Guest: \$76.

Registration: www.immaculeecom

Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience Immaculee's powerful journey through remarkable personal testimony. Witness to the life-saving power of faith and the Rosary, as she huddled with seven other women in a cramped bathroom for 91 days while killers lurked just outside the door.

For more info, call or email Sue 314-351-4673 dunn.susan2@gmail.com

**75th Annual Novena
to Our Lady of the Snows
Saturday, July 28 through Sunday, August 5
Mass begins at 7:30pm**

"Mary's Journey of Faith—Where am I on the Journey?" Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, Scripture reflections and prayers. Each evening concludes with a candlelight rosary procession.

For more info call 618-394-6276 Snows.org/novena

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.

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>

Movie Screening:

“I Lived on Parker Avenue”

The Daughters of St. Paul in collaboration with Missouri Right to Life are hosting a screening of the short documentary film, “I Lived on Parker Avenue” on Thursday, Aug. 23, 7 pm at Pauline Books & Media, 9804 Watson Rd. in Crestwood.

This inspiring 2017 pro-life, pro-adoption film follows the dramatic cross-country reunion between then Louisiana college student David Scotton and his Indiana-based birth-parents. The film also explores the life stories of David’s birth parents and adopted parents, and his mother’s experience at an abortion facility when pregnant with David.

The documentary’s director Philip Braun III has high hopes for the film. “*With infant adoption decreasing in America over the last 25 years, our hope is that I Lived on Parker Avenue can inspire our nation with the beauty of the adoption option,*” Braun said.

Call 314-965-3512 for more information and to register. Admission is free.



Alexander John Garrett

on

July 15, 2018

Parents

John & Kayla Garrett

Celebrant

Msgr. John J. Borcic

Our Lady of the Holy Cross

(8115 Church Rd.)

Annual Homecoming-Flea Market

Sunday, August 26, following 10:00 a.m. Mass until 6:00 p.m. join us for the Our Lady of the Holy Cross Parish Homecoming-Flea Market. Our Grand Raffle prizes this year are: 1st Prize - \$500, 2nd Prize - \$250 Cardinal Gift Card and 3rd Prize handmade, crocheted afghan. Our Flea Market is new this year; we are accepting items until August 13 for the Flea Market area. We will again have games for the children, a DJ, an All Day Raffle and, of course, our Grand Raffle. You do not need to be present to win. Once again we will have chicken dinners (the chicken provided by Gregg's Bar and Grill) available. Additional information may be directed to the rectory at 314-381-0323.

This week in our Parish...

Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am

Monday, July 23, 2018

Quilters 9:00a Qrm

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Acts of the Apostles Series 1:00p Rectory

Saturday, July 28, 2018

Confessions 3:30-4:10p CH

Mass 4:30p CH

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Mass 8:00a and 10:30a CH

Please pray for healing and strength for ...
 Jennifer Abkemeier, 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, Dawn Hurley, 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, Lee Simmons, Dodie Stollhans, Jean Sullivan, Cooper Treacy, Terri Victor, Bill Voss, Laihla Weihl, Lois Zitzmann, Loretta Zohner... *and for all our home-bound and nursing home parishioners and for their family and friends who take care of them.*

Stewardship Reflection

"...come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile." MARK 6:31

Do you spend time, everyday, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.

Mass Intentions

- Monday, July 23, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Bob Claywell
- Tuesday, July 24, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Tony Signaigo
- Wednesday, July 25, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Leo Birkenmeier
- Thursday, July 26, 2018**
8:00 A.M. All Members of the Prayer Chain
- Friday, July 27, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Dean & Irene—Special Intention
- Saturday, July 28, 2018**
4:30 P.M. Ellen Gianella—Special Intention
- Sunday, July 29, 2018**
8:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish
10:30 A.M. Thanksgiving for Volunteers

Lector
Saturday, July 28, 2018 4:30 PM
Ron Gianella
Sunday, July 29, 2018 8:00 AM
Mary Dooling
Sunday, July 29, 2018 10:30 AM
Tracy Minx

Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, July 28, 2018 4:30PM
Kris Onanian, Margaret O'Donoghue
Alt. Jim Abkemeier
Sunday, July 29, 2018 8:00AM
Nancy Sewester, Mark Laury
Alt. Ray Morales
Sunday, July 29, 2018 10:30AM
Mary Elkins, Bob & Miriam Marek, Bill Voss
Alt. Dolores Guittar

Servers
Saturday, July 28, 2018 4:30 PM
Harry Signaigo
Sunday, July 29, 2018 8:00 AM
Joe Brouk
Sunday, July 29, 2018 10:30 AM
Tiffany Sakamoto



READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

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