

St. Mary Magdalen Parish

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919

JULY 29, 2018 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS TOOK THE LOAVES, GAVE THANKS,
AND DISTRIBUTED THEM TO THOSE WHO WERE RECLINING,
AND ALSO AS MUCH OF THE FISH AS THEY WANTED.

— John 6:11



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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



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This weekend Father Don Bosco Darsi will be present to speak on behalf of the Diocese of Vijayawada in India. This Diocese had its beginnings in 1646 with French Franciscan missionaries serving the people at Bandar. It really began to grow in 1855 when it was served by the PIME missionaries out of Milan, Italy. By 1937 it became its own diocese with its first Bishop, Domenico Grassi.

The diocese spans nearly 3,400 square miles, which is just larger than the entire State of Virginia. It has a population of 5.1 million people, of whom just 260,000 are Catholic. There are 100 parishes; 175 diocesan priests and 72 religious priests who are actively engaged in pastoral ministry. They are assisted by 800 religious sisters from 50 different religious communities.

Among the various ministries outside of the individual parishes, the diocese supports 10 colleges, 35 high schools, 169 elementary schools, 17 technical training centers, 70 orphanages for both boys and girls, 17 hospitals, 5 rehabilitation centers, a special school and college for persons with vision, hearing, and speech disabilities.

While the government provides some aid, the diocese is responsible for providing all the financial assistance for the institutions that benefit the poor and needy children in the region. The diocese is dependent upon assistance from beyond its own country and its own government to maintain all of the services and programs.

Father Don Bosco will speak to these needs and many others in the diocese of Vijayawada in his appeal to our parishioners. He is part of the Missionary Plan of Cooperation, sponsored by our Archdiocese, in which missionaries from all over the world are invited to speak at every parish primarily during the summer months. Each of the missions share equally in the total generosity shown by parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

There is an envelope in your packet of envelopes for this purpose. If you may have discarded it you can send an offering to the parish office in an envelope marked "Mission Appeal." Please make checks payable to St. Mary Magdalen parish. The total amount received will be remitted to the Archdiocesan Mission Office for distribution.

Thank you for your generosity.

God bless,
Msgr. John Borcic

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Weekly Offertory Collection	
July 22, 2018	
Envelopes	\$ 2,603.00
Loose	480.00
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Total	\$ 3,083.00
Total Collection as of fiscal year	
07-01-18 thru 06-31-19	
\$ 15,619.56	
Magdalen Specials	
Soup Kitchen	\$ 25.00
Pro Life	.00
Tuition Assistance	6.00
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Total	\$ 31.00
Thank you for your gifts to God	
and our parish.	

Using the Scriptures Each Week

As Catholic Christians our main book should be the Bible. There is a three-fold approach to using the Sacred Scriptures as our main book. Here are the three categories or ways to use the Bible and a couple of principles to help one to apply the three-fold method.

The first Principle is to follow the readings used at daily Mass.

The Second principle is to stretch this out over the whole week. It could take too to do all three steps in one day. Instead, doing one step at a time on any given day, just three days a week can make it possible for ones life. This way, by the end of the week, one would have completed the three steps.

THREE STEPS TO USING THE BIBLE

ONE: it is good to read the Bible like one would read any book. Start in the New Testament. I recommend that one would read two chapters of the Gospel at a time to get the flow of the Gospel. In the Holy Mass we get the readings in small snippets, and it is important to get the flow. For this process just read it and get a sense of the flow of the Gospels.

TWO: Study the text. For this, one needs to get a good Catholic commentary or Catholic Study Bible, and read about the text. Learn about the history of the books, the people, and the times of the Bible. I am speaking about the traditional “w’s” of journalism: who, what, where, when, and why. This will give you some context for the readings.

THREE: Pray with the Scriptures. It is so good pray with the Scriptures. One of the best methods I have seen is from Pope Francis’ JOY OF THE GOSPEL” It gives a method for praying with the Scriptures, and list the three temptations why people quit praying with the Bible. It is paragraph # 153. Here it is:

How to pray with the Scriptures: Joy of the Gospel # 153 Pope Francis

“153. In the presence of God, during a recollected reading of the text, it is good to ask, for example: “Lord, what does this text say *to me*? What is it about my life that you want to change by this text? What troubles me about this text? Why am I not interested in this? Or perhaps: What do I find pleasant in this text? What is it about this word that moves me? What attracts me? Why does it attract me?”

When we make an effort to listen to the Lord, temptations usually arise. One of them is simply to feel troubled or burdened, and to turn away. Another common temptation is to think about what the text means for other people, and so avoid applying it to our own life. It can also happen that we look for excuses to water down the clear meaning of the text. Or we can wonder if God is demanding too much of us, asking for a decision which we are not yet prepared to make. This leads many people to stop taking pleasure in the encounter with God’s word; but this would mean forgetting that no one is more patient than God our Father, that no one is more understanding and willing to wait. He always invites us to take a step forward, but does not demand a full response if we are not yet ready. He simply asks that we sincerely look at our life and present ourselves honestly before him, and that we be willing to continue to grow, asking from him what we ourselves cannot as yet achieve.”

Peace,

Fr. Simon Felix

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



The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.
-- Psalm 145:15



**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.

**Introducing a Prayer Support Group
at 6:30 PM in the
St. Mary Magdalen Church
with Fr. Simon-Felix Michalski O.P**

Dear friends, in order to pray well at home, and at Liturgy, is good to be involved in a prayer group that meets once or twice a month for prayer and support. It is like a support group.

I am beginning such a group here at St. Mary Magdalen We will meet every other week beginning August 14th at 6:30 PM in the Church. We will meet for one hour and fifteen minuets each time.

The order of prayer will be:
Intercessory prayer for the Parish (10 minutes)
A teaching about the Mass (20 minutes)
A chance to practice Mental prayer or Contemplative prayer and faith share (20 minutes)
A final intercessory prayer time for our needs (10 minutes)

This will be a no guilt group, come whenever you can and don't worry about when you miss a session. Come randomly if you want. It is an open group and there is no need to commit to anything. Just come and pray with us when you can.

The dates are...

- August 14th
- August 28th
- September 11th
- September 25th (we will join with the Vincent de Paul group for a special Mass)
- October 9th
- October 23
- November 13
- November 27
- December 11



Coffee and Donuts

Hosted by the *Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Council 453* next Sunday, August 5, 2018 after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses. We love for you to join the ladies and other parishioners for some **Eddie's Donuts** and refreshments. If you are new to the parish or just visiting please stop by.



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July 28, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Archdiocese of St. Louis, an important agency dedicated to the mission of the church and our call to evangelization is our own Latin America Apostolate. Since 1956, we have sent over 45 archdiocesan priests to serve the people of Bolivia, one of the poorest countries in South America. This year, we offer praise and thanks to our Lord, as Fr. Patrick Hayden and Fr. James Michler both celebrate 25 years of missionary service to the apostolate. Their perseverance and endurance in an archdiocese where there is only one priest for every twenty-thousand Catholics is an outstanding testimony to their faith and to the support and encouragement they receive through the faithful of our local archdiocese.

As Pope Francis reminds us, *“the drive to go forth and give, to go out from ourselves, to keep pressing forward in our sowing of the good seed, remains ever present”*, and so our mission continues (EG 21). He goes on to say that, *“new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization”* (EG 120). While we are all called to be missionary disciples to our friends, family, and neighbors, we are also called to evangelize to all the ends of the earth. Although many of us do not serve in the mission field, we can and should support those who are evangelizing to the marginalized and forming missionary disciples in global communities, including our priests in La Paz, Bolivia.

Without the prayers and sacrifices of the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, our Latin America Apostolate could not offer formation, catechesis, social services, and pastoral care to the parish community of Maria Reina. Ask God how He is calling you to participate in this mission financially. Please pray

for our Latin America Apostolate, missionaries, and all involved with this ministry. The annual collection for our Latin America Apostolate will take place in all parishes during the weekend of August 4th-5th.

Asking God’s blessings on you and your families, and grateful for your support of our Latin America Apostolate, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
 Archbishop of St. Louis

**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.

This week in our Parish...
Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am

Monday, July 30, 2018		
Quilters	9:00a	Qrm
Tuesday, July 31, 2018		
Acts of the Apostles Series	1:00p	Rectory
SVDP Mtg	6:45p	MR
Wednesday, August 1, 2018		
Church cleaning	8:30a	CH
Friday, August 3, 2018		
Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament	8:30-12p	CH
Saturday, August 4, 2018		
First Saturday Holy Hour	9:15a	CH
Confessions	3:30-4:10p	CH
Mass	4:30p	CH
Sunday, August 5, 2018		
Donuts after the 8am and 10:30a Mass		SH
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, Pat Grotegeers, Dawn Hurley, James Havranek, Bonnie Hicks, Bryon Hollows, Ed Howard, Dolores Hughes, Dawn Hurley, Steve Jackson, Marie Kellner, Maria Landeros, Mamie Lawless, Cheri Massa, Irene Mazzola, Melanie, Richard Meyer, Ray Miles, Liam Niemira, Thad Niemira, Kristine Onanian, Carl Ovian, 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 Wehl, 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

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"
JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!

Mass Intentions**Monday, July 30, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Rita Hartman

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

8:00 A.M. Rob Ryan & Family –Special Intention

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

8:00 A.M. Carl Ovian—Special Intention

Thursday, August 2, 2018

8:00 A.M. Khanh Pham—Special Intention

Friday, August 3, 2018

8:00 A.M. Velva Birkenmeier

Saturday, August 4, 2018

4:30 P.M. James David Coppa

Sunday, August 5, 2018

8:00 A.M. Eli (Joe) Politte

10:30 A.M. For the People of the Parish

Lector**Saturday, August 4, 2018 4:30 PM**

Cindy Stollhans

Sunday, August 5, 2018 8:00 AM

Marilyn Muegge

Sunday, August 5, 2018 10:30 AM

Dennis Miller

Eucharistic Minister**Saturday, August 4 2018 4:30PM**

Jim Abkemeier, Joan Jewell

Alt. Mary Beth O'Donoghue

Sunday, August 5, 2018 8:00AM

Ray Morales, Charlie Dooling

Alt. Mary Dooling

Sunday, August 5, 2018 10:30AM

Kathy Ray, Bill Voss, Dolores Guittar,

Kristina Jackson

Alt. Mary Elkins

Servers**Saturday, August 4, 2018 4:30 PM**

Jim Abkemeier

Sunday, August 5, 2018 8:00 AM

Ada, Vincent, Zelle Laury

Sunday, August 5, 2018 10:30 AM

Harry Signaigo

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Peter Chysologus

Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Wednesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori

Thursday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;

St. Peter Julian Eymard

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. John Vianney; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;

Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11,

17-18; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31,

33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;

Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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