


# St. Mary Magdalen Parish

1919 ~ 100th Anniversary Celebration ~ 2019

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919



**I am the**  
*bread of life;*

**whoever comes to me  
will never hunger,  
and whoever believes  
in me will never thirst.**

**John 6:35**

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August 5, 2018

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Rev. Msgr. John J. Borcic, Pastor

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

Deacon William Weiss

**New Parishioners are Welcome!**

For information: Call our Parish Rectory 314.352.2111 ext. 4

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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,

In preparation for the kickoff of the parish's Centennial celebration in 1919, I thought it might be of interest in taking a look at what life was like in the U. S. a year prior to the year St. Mary Magdalen became a parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

In March, 1918, the U. S. Congress established time zones and approved daylight savings time, which went into effect at the end of that month. General Motors acquired the Chevrolet Motor Company of Delaware. A total solar eclipse crossed the entire country from Washington State to Florida in June of that year. The Post Office Dept. began regular airmail service between New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC.

The total population of the country was 103.2 million – today there are 325.4 million people in the U. S. In 1918 the average life expectancy dropped by 12 years. This was due primarily to the number of lives lost in WW I and to the 1918 flue pandemic. Men only lived an average of 36.6 years and women, 42.2 years.

Just over 660,000 Model T. Fords were built and were selling for \$500.00. About 6.1 million cars were registered in the U. S. Velveeta cheese was created by Emil Frey. It was eventually sold to Kraft Foods. Opha May Johnson became the first female U. S. Marine. 300 women joined the marines in 1918.

Union wages in New York City were: Bricklayers – 81 cents an hour; Carpenters at 69 cents an hour; Painters at 63 cents an hour; Plumbers at 75 cents an hour; and Structural Steel Workers at 80 cents an hour. California's minimum wage rose to 21 cents an hour.

A few famous persons born in 1918 include Charles O. Finley, Mickey Spillane, Betty Ford, Leonard Bernstein, Ted Williams, Alan Jay Lerner, Billy Graham, Spiro Agnew. Here's a real oddity that occurred in 1918: The small town of Codell, Kansas was hit with a tornado for the third time in three years. Incidentally, all three hit on the same date,

May 20th of each year.

The President of the United States was Woodrow Wilson; the Governor of the State of Missouri was Frederick D. Gardner; the Mayor of the City of St. Louis was Henry Kiel; and the Archbishop of St. Louis was John Joseph Glennon.

Next week we'll take a brief look at what St. Louis and the Archdiocese looked like in 1918.

God bless,  
Msgr. John Borcic

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<b>Weekly Offertory Collection</b>	
<b>July 29, 2018</b>	
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 2,741.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>1,348.45</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,089.45</b>
<b>Total Collection as of fiscal year</b>	
<b>07-01-18 thru 06-31-19</b>	
<b>\$ 19,708.56</b>	
<b>Magdalen Specials</b>	
<b>Soup Kitchen</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>Pro Life</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>Tuition Assistance</b>	<b>100.00</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Thank you for your gifts to God</b>	
<b>and our parish.</b>	

### Getting More from the Mass

We have covered different ways of being prepared for Mass and a way of staying connected to the message you received on Sunday. These are remote preparations for Mass, or things you could do when away from the Church. These included meditating with the Scriptures, the Collect prayers, and learning about the context of the readings.

I would like to switch now to things one can do when you arrive at the Church. This is called proximate preparation, or prayers before Mass. How does one prepare for Mass? There are many ways, allow me to offer this way. Keep in mind the this is not the only way, but a way to prepare for Mass.

As you enter the Church, and bless and seal yourself in the Name of the Trinity with the sign of the cross, as you are moving toward the altar, make a real effort to connect to God. Place yourself in His presence and invite Him into your heart. Many people do not take the few seconds needed to “connect” to God as they walk in. They wait until they are seated, or kneeling to pray. I recommend making the connection as soon as you enter the sacred space. Your prayer could be:

*“Holy Trinity, I recognize your presence here in your Holy house, please open my mind, heart, and soul to receive all the graces, blessings, gifts, and good things you have for me, and my family today. Thank you Loving Father, may my worship of You today be worthy and pleasing today, and may all my deceased love one, the Holy Angles, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the Saints join with us today in this Mass. I also pray for all those who are gathered here today and for blessings to be upon them, and help for all their trials. Amen”*

Once, seated, start your pre-prayer by considering the principle goals of the Holy Mass. The Principe goals are blessing, reparation, adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, and supplication (intercession). The acronym is BR. ACTS; and remember you are setting your intentions with this pre-prayer. Your prayer could look like this:

*“Loving Father, At this Holy Mass, please help me to receive Your blessings, and help me to be a blessing for others. May any difficulties, irritations, unwanted thoughts, distractions, and judgments I have today, be recognized, and rejected, and may any inconvenience be offered to You as reparation for my sins,*

*and those of my family. I adore you, I love you, and I offer my life to you today, as an act of praise and worship. To prepare myself to do this I repent of sins and ask for forgiveness from You, as I forgive all those who have sinned against me. I am filled with gratitude as well for all the blessings, benefits, and graces You have sent to me and my loved ones, and I offer this act of worship in thanksgiving for our relationship, and all the relationships I have been given in my life. I also pray for all the needs I have today, the needs of the parish, the needs of the my family, friends, benefactors, and my enemies, and for all here today. I ask this through Your Son, Jesus, through he Holy Spirit, and through the intercession of Mother Mary, and St. Mary Magdalene. Amen.*

After setting your intentions, proceed to offer vocal prayers to God as usual.

Peace

Fr. Simon

### Stewardship Reflection

*“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” EXODUS 16:4*

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs”. Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

### **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**

**Our memories of Magdalen**

*Submitted by parishioner, Anna Marie Potje*

- School picnics, even the ones when it rained and had to move the booths inside the gym.
- May, the crowning of the Blessed Virgin. They were beautiful.
- Women’s bowling on Wednesday mornings, volleyball on Monday evenings.
- School’s soccer teams, baseball and volleyball, also basketball.
- Gene Schmidt’s training of track teams.
- Father and sons indoor soccer games on Thanksgiving day. (*Turkey Bowl*)
- Boys and girls scouts.
- CYC plays and their crowning of king and queen.
- Dances, usually courtesy of the Men’s club, inside and outside.

It was and is a feeling of home. And our thinking of a community that has felt, always, like family.

All current and former parishioners are invited to contribute any memories of their time here at St. Mary Magdalen as did long time parishioner Anna Potje. **Thank you Anna for the memories!!!** Please email your memories to Fran Voss at [smmadmin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smmadmin@sbcglobal.net) or mail to the rectory, or you may drop off your memories in the Sunday offertory collection addressed to Fran.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Centennial Celebration, please contact Charlie and Mary Dooling at (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



**"Happy Homecoming,"  
No Divine Intervention required !!**

**COME AS YOU ARE  
SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> 2019  
For the 100th Anniversary  
of St. Mary Magdalen  
Trivia Night**

Let's ALL offer a personal invitation to those parishioners, and their families, whom we haven't seen for a while. This outreach is important for parishioners and their families, who have moved out of our Parish to attend an evening of **St. Mary Magdalen Trivia in celebration of our Parish's 100th Anniversary**. In 2019, across the country, there will be churches celebrating Anniversaries. Our St. Mary Magdalen 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – the evening of the Trivia Night celebration is an opportunity for church parishioners to invite former parishioners and their families to accompany them to our Parish's recently remodeled school building for a Trivia History Lesson of our Parish.

This is a wonderful time for people to get together, reconnect and socialize with friends and their children that they may not have seen in a while also experiencing a History Lesson of our Parish.

Let's call this event "a Family Anniversary Reunion."

**COME AND SEE**

Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is a time for outreach through personal invitation, via any/all types of social media you are using. Every parishioner is encouraged to set aside that Saturday Night, to invite all of your family members to our Trivia Extravaganza to spend some time enjoying the company of our fellow parishioners, of the past and present, and will be the social event of the year.

**Never Forget :  
You Are Always Welcome Home!**

**Soup Kitchen**

We served 160 guests last month and everyone enjoyed the meal. **A BIG THANK YOU** to *Jeannine Wieczorek* for taking my place in July.

The date for the next meal is **Tuesday, August 14**, and the volunteers to make the sauce have been contacted. **Please pick up your supplies this Sunday, August 5, Donut Sunday**, from the kitchen in the school hall cafeteria.

Please return your sauce the following Sunday, August 12. The hall will be open from 10:00am—10:25am for returns.

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

Our SVDP Food Pantry is in need of **canned hams, spaghetti sauce, noodles (any kind)**. You may drop them off in the baskets at church or the rectory. Thank you for your continued donations.



**Coffee and Donuts**

Hosted by the *Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Council 453* today Sunday, August 5, 2018 after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses. We would 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.

***This week in our Parish...***

**Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am**

**Monday, August 6, 2018**

Quilters	9:00a	Qrm
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**Tuesday, August 7, 2018**

Primary Election Voting	all day	SH
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**Saturday, August 11, 2018**

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

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

Mass	8:00a and 10:30a	CH
Privately Reserved	11a-3p	SH

**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, Cheryl Buschmann, Theresa Campbell, Rosella Coffey, Jasper Giardina, Dolores Greer, Pat Grotegeers, Dawn Hurley, James Havranek, Bonnie Hicks, Bryon Hollows, Ed Howard, Dolores Hughes, Dawn Hurley, Kris Jackson, Steve Jackson, Marie Kellner, Maria Landeros, Mamie Lawless, Cheri Massa, Eric Mather, Mary Mather Irene Mazzola, Melanie, Richard Meyer, Ray Miles, Liam Niemira, Thad Niemira, Kristine Onanian, Carl Ovian, Marietta Palguta, 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, Lois Zitzmann, Loretta Zohner, Marianne Zuniga... *and for all our homebound and nursing home parishioners and for their family and friends who take care of them.*

**NO HARSHNESS**  
 Fight all error, but do it with good humor,  
 patience, kindness, and love.  
 Harshness will damage your own soul and  
 spoil the best cause.  
 --St. John Kanty

*Mass Intentions*

**Monday, August 6, 2018**  
 8:00 A.M. Glen Fecker

**Tuesday, August 7, 2018**  
 8:00 A.M. Ann Schwarz Family

**Wednesday, August 8, 2018**  
 8:00 A.M. Msgr. Louis F. Meyer

**Thursday, August 9, 2018**  
 8:00 A.M. John & Josephine Borcic

**Friday, August 10, 2018**  
 8:00 A.M. James & Lucille Sanders

**Saturday, August 11, 2018**  
 4:30 P.M. William Louis Bryant

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**  
 8:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish  
 10:30 A.M. Nicholas Chesnut

**Lector**  
**Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:30 PM**  
 Jim Abkemeier  
**Sunday, August 12, 2018 8:00 AM**  
 Julie Laury  
**Sunday, August 12, 2018 10:30 AM**  
 Kathy Ray

**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:30PM**  
 Mary Ann & Charlie Halbrook  
 Alt. Juanita Donatti  
**Sunday, August 12, 2018 8:00AM**  
 Mark Laury, Mary Dooling  
 Alt. Nancy Sewester  
**Sunday, August 12, 2018 10:30AM**  
 Mary Elkins, Pat & Cathy Maloney, Garth Wehl  
 Alt. Kristina Jackson

**Servers**  
**Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:30 PM**  
 Nancy Sewester  
**Sunday, August 12, 2018 8:00 AM**  
 Ada, Vincent, Zelle Laury  
**Sunday, August 12, 2018 10:30 AM**  
 Tiffany Sakamoto

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**  
 Monday: The Transfiguration of the Lord  
 Tuesday: St. Sixtus II and Companions;  
 St. Cajetan  
 Wednesday: St. Dominic  
 Thursday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
 Friday: St. Lawrence  
 Saturday: St. Clare

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
 Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;  
 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10  
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29,  
 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;  
 Mt 15:21-28  
 Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
 Mt 16:13-23  
 Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26  
 Saturday: Hb 1:12 -- 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20  
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 -- 5:2;  
 Jn 6:41-51

18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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