

St. Mary Magdalen Parish

1919 ~ 100th Anniversary Celebration ~ 2019

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018



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WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH
AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE,
AND I WILL RAISE THEM ON THE LAST DAY.

John 6:54

Rev. Msgr. John J. Borcic, Pastor

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,
As we prepare to launch the year-long activities in conjunction with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of St.

Mary Magdalen Parish, we are taking a look at what St. Louis looked like in the year preceding the launching of our parish.

Two major events occurred world-wide which had an impact on the City of Saint Louis. The first was World War I, "The war to end all wars." The United States entered the war in 1917, and celebrated victory in November, 1918. The Armistice was celebrated with parties and parades all over the U. S., including Saint Louis. But the lasting impact of this victory was the City's vision of building a memorial to all who served in the Great War. The realization of this vision became the Soldiers' Memorial in downtown St. Louis.

The second event was the Spanish Flu epidemic, which was quickly making its way west from the east coast. Not only did this have an impact on our City but St. Louis was singled out as a major contributor in overcoming the devastation of this flu. Due to the foresight of Dr. Max Starkloff, Health Commissioner for the City, the citizens were prepared for this inevitability.

Because of the capability of Dr. Starkloff, who had the foresight to act quickly and decisively, St. Louis fared well in its battle against the influenza. By year's end the flu had all but been wiped out in St. Louis, while other cities were still battling it. St. Louis is often held up as a model city, because of the quick and sustained action by its leaders and its many nurses, doctors, and volunteers. St. Louis experienced one of the lowest excess death rates in the nation, just 358 per 100,000 people. Only five cities in the country had better outcomes.

Other facts about our City in 1918: The Municipal Opera held its first season, opening with the production of Robin Hood. From the very beginning, Mayor Kiel, maintained that there would be free seats available to patrons who were not able to afford a ticket.

The U. S. Football (Soccer) Association reached national status when Saint Louis teams entered the completion in 1918. Washington University completed an unbeaten football season by defeating the

University of Nebraska for the 1918 Missouri Valley Conference Championship. St. Louis University also had a football team in 1918, but there was no record of success.

The Saint Louis Cardinals finished 8th (last) in the National League with a record of 51 wins and 78 losses. They finished 33 games behind the (OH NO!) Chicago Cubs. The most notable player on the 1918 team was Rogers Hornsby. This would be the last time the Cardinals finished in last place until 1990 when they were last in the Central Division. The Saint Louis Browns finished 5th in the American League with a record of 58 wins and 64 losses. They finished 15 games behind the Boston Red Sox. The most notable player on that team was George Sisler.

Hope you enjoyed this.

God bless,

Msgr. John Borcic

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Weekly Offertory Collection August 12, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 3,118.00
Loose	399.00
Total	\$ 3,517.00

**Total Collection as of fiscal year
07-01-18 thru 06-31-19
\$ 28,226.32**

Magdalen Specials

Soup Kitchen	\$ 203.00
Pro Life	9.00
Tuition Assistance	8.00
Total	\$ 220.00

**Thank you for your gifts to God
and our parish.**

**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 began such a group here at St. Mary Magdalen and we first met on August 14th and we will continue to meet every other week at 6:30 PM in the Church. We will meet for one hour and fifteen minutes 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 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

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.



**100th Anniversary Parish
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.

No Cost ... but please RSVP
the number of people attending in your party
by August 27, 2018
352-2111 ext 4.



**A Request from
The Centennial Book
Committee**

We are looking for pictures of families who have sent their children through school at St. Mary Magdalen or local schools, and either are or were long-time residents of the parish neighborhood. These pictures may be published in the Family section of our Centennial Commemorative Book space permitting. We will photograph your picture and return the original to you. Please contact Mary Dooling (314-225-8357) or Cookie Muntges (314-832-4531) for more information.

The Little Sisters of the Poor

Invite you to join them in thanking God for 150 years of service to the needy elderly of St. Louis and far eastern Missouri.

Mass of Thanksgiving

The Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of Saint Louis—principal celebrant
10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 25, 2018
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis
4431 Lindell Boulevard, Saint Louis, MO 63109

A number of Little Sisters who have served in St. Louis will be returning for this special event, and they look forward to greeting you and thanking you in person during the reception that will follow in Bolan Hall.
No RSVP is needed.



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

Memories shared...

from Jackie Swanston Cox (class of 1980)

My sisters and I went to grade school at Magdalen and I have so many happy memories there. However, a sure way to bring a smile to my face is to think of the Magdalen School Picnic. Showing up the night before to see what rides were being set up for the year, attending Mass, then the parade, and the race to Mullally Field to get on the rides. etc. I remember being so excited to win a WHOLE CAKE in the Cake Walk game! Or stepping all over the pull off bingo tickets that were on the ground by the end of the day. Our parents worked in the booths, our friends roamed the grounds all day, we were able to freely go on ride after ride, eat when we got around to it, and hang out with our classmates!

The teachers and PTA did such a good job getting us excited about the big end of the year event and I loved the anticipation of the thrill of that day. It was a wonderful way to end the school year AND kick off our summer.

All current and former parishioners and alumni are invited to contribute any memories of their time here at St. Mary Magdalen. Please email your memories to Fran Voss at 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.

PRESS RELEASE

**ST. MARY MAGDALEN CENTENNIAL
 TRIVIA NIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA**

Trivia Questions will ONLY relate to the HISTORY
 of STMM over the last 100 Years

BENEFITING
 OUR ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH

SAVE THE DATE -- Saturday, April 27th, 2019

The event will take place at our remodeled school hall. Doors open immediately after the 4:30 PM Mass, and Trivia begins promptly 15 minutes later. Get a table of your neighbors and past parishioners and their families together for an evening sojourn of history filled with fun with a prize for 1st place, attendance prizes, silent *RAFFLE* items, a scavenger hunt, 'Dead or Alive', 'heads/tails' and 50/50 drawings. A prize will be awarded for the *table containing the most donated canned goods*. All proceeds benefit St. Mary Magdalen Parish

Cost to participate is a few donated canned goods per participant for the Parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference – trivia round sponsorships are also available.

Refreshments being provided include beer, soda, bottled water and popcorn but feel free to bring your favorite beverages and snacks; this is a non-smoking event, except in designated places outside.

The 100th 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, and past parishioners, to our Trivia Extravaganza to spend some time enjoying the company of our fellow parishioners, of the past and present, at will be the social event of the year.

Never Forget : You Are Always Welcome Home!

To make a reservation and secure additional information for – The ST. MARY MAGDALEN CENTENNIAL TRIVIA NIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA can be obtained via phone or e-mail. For more information, call (314) 422-8640 or e-mail MIKLOVIC@SWBELL.NET

Getting more out of Mass

The times in between Masses

My dear friends,

I am proposing two spiritual practices that can help us get more out of Mass; One is making a Holy Hour and the other is frequent Confession. I firmly believe and promote the concept of having a personal prayer life which supports our communal prayer. This helps us to “tune in” during Mass. I have been promoting this concept with my previous articles. In this article I hope to help you figure out the **when** and the **how** of a personal spiritual practice.

The Holy Hour

The Holy Hour is a spiritual practice promoted by Blessed Fulton J. Sheen during his life time. He said that Priest and Religious should have a continuous hour per day in the presence of the Lord. He said, If you will allow me to paraphrase, “ that it is a way that Priest and Religious can have the time they need to pray for the people, prepare homilies, and take the time to listen to God.”

I also recommend it for the laity. It is so true that we all need to carve out time to be in the God’s Presence in front of the Blessed Sacrament in order to list, love, and learn from God. It is a time which we can sacrifice to God and hour, (or half hour) of our time. During this time with God, one can do any kind of spiritual practice one wants to do. One could have spiritual reading, Sacred Scripture, vocal prayer, intercessory prayer, mental prayer, Rosary, or contemplative prayer. Or one could simply just sit in God’s presence and spend time at the feet of the Master.

I would recommend choosing one of following the options: Make a holy hour once per month, or once per week, or once per day depending on our life’s duties and responsibilities. Choose one of the options and do it. Try a holy half hour if an hour seems to long. An hour is better though because it takes about twenty minutes to let go of our daily cares and focus on God. If you can not make your holy hour in Church then have a place in your home in which you can pray for an hour. Sometimes, one could mix it up by praying in different places. Perhaps, one could pray in a cemetery, or at the Park, or in a small chapel. If one considers “good, better, best” paradigm as a way of viewing the options: then in the Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle is **best**, and cemeteries,

nature, and prayer rooms fall into the **good** and **better** categories. There is a beautiful presence of God in an “empty” church, because it is not empty...Jesus s there and millions of angels too! Wouldn’t you like to be there too! Wherever you can find the time and place for your holy hour is great. What matters most is giving God an hour once per month, or per week, or per day, however you can practice it. The only option that I do not recommend is “NOT” doing it. What could be more important than sitting at the feet of the Master? Surely we can make time for the Lord.


May God Bless you.

Fr. Simon Felix,

READINGS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday:	Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22	
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30	
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16	
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14	
Friday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51	
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12	
Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69	

<i>This week in our Parish...</i>		
Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am		
Monday, August 20, 2018		
Quilters	9:00a	Qrm
Parish Council Mtg	6:30p	MR
Wednesday, August 22, 2018		
Growth in Prayer Series - with Fr. Simon	1:00p & 6:00p	RMR
Saturday, August 25, 2018		
Confessions	3:30-4:10p	CH
Mass	4:30p	CH
Sunday, August 26, 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, Cheryl Buschmann, Theresa Campbell, Rosella Coffey, Jasper Giardina, Dolores Greer, Pat Grotegeers, Dawn Hurley, James Havranek, Bryon Hollows, Ed Howard, Dolores Hughes, Dawn Hurley, Kris Jackson, Steve Jackson, Marie Kellner, Maria Landeros, Cheri Massa, Eric Mather, Mary Mather Irene Mazzola, Richard Meyer, Ray Miles, Liam Niemira, Thad Niemira, Kristine Onanian, Carl Oviaan, Marietta Palguta, Mary Ann Plasmeier, Joan Quante, Rob Ryan, Bob Schallom, Dorothy Schuchardt, Mary Ann Schuette, Dodie Stollhans, Jean Sullivan, Bill Voss, Lois Wolf, Lois Zitzmann, Marianne Zuniga... *and for all our homebound and nursing home parishioners and for their family and friends who take care of them.*



Lillian Natalie Martinez
 on
 August 12, 2018
 Proud Parents:
Nikolaus & Lauren (Driscoll) Martinez
 Celebrant:
Deacon Donald L. Driscoll

Stewardship Reflection
"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..."EPHESIANS 5:15
 A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually through out the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom of earth.

Mass Intentions
Monday, August 20, 2018
 8:00 A.M. Josh Weiter
Tuesday, August 21, 2018
 8:00 A.M. Loretta Abkemeier
Wednesday, August 22, 2018
 8:00 A.M. Gertrude Smith
Thursday, August 23, 2018
 8:00 A.M. Bob Claywell
Friday, August 24, 2018
 8:00 A.M. Julie Edgar
Saturday, August 25, 2018
 4:30 P.M. For the People of the Parish
Sunday, August 26, 2018
 8:00 A.M. Mary Lee Dooling
 10:30 A.M. Terri Mazzola

Lector
Saturday, August 25, 2018 4:30 PM
 Mary Beth O'Donoghue
Sunday, August 26, 2018 8:00 AM
 Rob Dirnbeck
Sunday, August 26, 2018 10:30 AM
 Fran Voss

Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, August 25, 2018 4:30PM
 Margaret O'Donoghue
 Alt. Kris Onanian
Sunday, August 26, 2018 8:00AM
 Nancy Sewester, Mark Laury
 Alt. Ray Morales
Sunday, August 26, 2018 10:30AM
 Ray & Mary Schaefer, Kathy Ray, Kristina Jackson
 Alt. Bob Marek

Servers
Saturday, August 25, 2018 4:30 PM
 Brian & Katie Weaver
Sunday, August 26, 2018 8:00 AM
 Ada, Vincent, Zelle Laury
Sunday, August 26, 2018 10:30 AM
 Harry Signaigo

THE GIFT OF GRACE
The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.
 --St. Rose of Lima

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