

# St. Mary Magdalen Parish

1919 ~ 100th Anniversary Celebration ~ 2019

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919

*Twenty-Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*



HUMBLY WELCOME THE WORD  
THAT HAS BEEN PLANTED  
IN YOU AND IS ABLE  
TO SAVE YOUR SOULS.

James 1:21b

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September 2, 2018

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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

**Perpetual Help Devotions:** Tuesday following 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

**Prayer Support Group:** Every other Tuesday (next date September 11, 2018) at 6:30pm in the church

**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.



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**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**

**From the Pastor**

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,  
The recent reports about the extent of the recent clerical abuse scandal have been received with shock, anger, disappointment, and grief. Pope Francis has responded to these new reports in a heartfelt letter addressed to the People of God in which he calls on the whole Church to be close to the victims in solidarity and to join in acts of prayer and fasting in penance for such atrocities.

Inserted into this week’s bulletin is a copy of the letter issued by Pope Francis a little over a week ago. In addition, it is important for all of our people to know that we, along with our Archbishop, stand with you at this difficult time in our Church. To that extent the following opportunities for prayer and penance are being offered to our parishioners and to all the faithful of the Archdiocese:

1. A Mass of Reparation at the Cathedral Basilica will be offered by Archbishop Carlson on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. The Mass will conclude with a Holy Hour, Confessions, and the singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
2. On that morning we will also have a Mass of Reparation offered at St. Mary Magdalen at 8:00AM. Since this is the First Friday of September, we will also pray the Scriptural Rosary of Reparation after Mass, during the first hour of Adoration that morning.
3. I would encourage, too, to make that First Friday of September a day of Fast and Abstinence, using the formula for fast and abstinence as on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday - abstinence from all meat and only one full meal during the day (this is not an obligation but a recommendation for that day. The very elderly and those with health issues may substitute a different form of fast).

Let us pray:

*Eternal Father, before your Son Jesus expired on the Cross, He offered the greatest gift of divine mercy, saying, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”*

*Help the faithful to offer the generous gift of forgiveness from the heart. Aid the Church in applying the healing salve of mercy to the deep wounds inflicted by scandal and persecution. Heal the anger and frustration of your people who are mystified by what*

*has happened in the Church. Only by your grace can we be reconciled to each other and forgive as Jesus does. Thank you for the many good servants who are working to heal those who suffer the scars of abuse. We implore you, O God, to transform the wounded and healed Church into a “civilization of love.” Cleanse your house of prayer of all that is defiled and dead. Through the grace of forgiveness, make us healthy and holy. We entrust this prayer to the heart of Mary, our Sorrowful Mother. Amen.*

God bless,  
Msgr. John Borcic



**Look what's happening:** Next week

we begin our year-long journey leading to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of our parish, September 7, 2019 (with the closing Mass celebrated on September 14, 2019). Over 230 people have responded for the Mass and barbecue dinner next Saturday. Great news! Thank you, everyone. Opportunities to participate in various events and activities throughout the year will be made available to all in attendance.

Two seminarians have been assigned to St. Mary Magdalen for this school year. They are both second year Theology students and are both from the Wichita Diocese. They are Christopher Rumback and Kirk Glazier. They begin their work at St. Mary Magdalen next weekend. They will be visiting our homebound and hospitalized parishioners. When you see them on Sunday morning, please welcome them -as you have for the many seminarians we have had over the years.

<b>Weekly Offertory Collection</b>	
<b>August 28, 2018</b>	
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 2,374.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>638.40</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,012.40</b>
<b>Total Collection as of fiscal year</b>	
<b>07-01-18 thru 06-31-19</b>	
<b>\$ 32,104.60</b>	
<b>Magdalen Specials</b>	
<b>Soup Kitchen</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>Pro Life</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Tuition Assistance</b>	<b>20.00</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 81.00</b>

## St. Mary Magdalen Parish Centennial Prayer

Good and gracious God,

We, the members of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in St. Louis, humbly ask your blessing upon us as we commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our parish.

Over the years, through the hard work of all who set out to establish your Church here, and those committed to helping it grow, you have shaped us into a community of believers, where one can feel at home and worship you with joy and gratitude.

You have called us to be a caring community with a welcoming spirit; with respect for the sanctity of life for all; with reverence for the dignity of each person; with a desire to reach out to our neighbor, especially the elderly, the hungry, the poor and others in need.

Nourished by your Word and the Sacraments, we have humbly responded to your call to lead holy lives, committed to the love of God and the love of neighbor.

With the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us, may we face our future with the same faith, hope, charity, and vision of those who have preceded us, and may we, through your grace and peace, commit ourselves to a new century of prayer and service.

We offer this prayer through the intercession of St. Mary Magdalen, through Mary, our Blessed Mother, and in the Name of Jesus, Her Son.  
Amen.



The Rectory Office  
will be closed on Monday, September 3  
for the Labor Day Holiday  
Mass will be at 8:00am

### Soup Kitchen

We served 145 guests last month and everyone enjoyed the meal. The date for the next Soup Kitchen is **Tuesday, September 18** and the volunteers to make the sauce have been contacted. Please pick up your supplies this Sunday, September 2nd, Donut Sunday, for the kitchen in the school hall cafeteria. Please return your sauce in 2 weeks, September 16. Hall will be open on that day from 10:00am—10:25am for returns. Thank you, Mary Schaefer

### Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior Presented by the Alzheimer's Association Hosted by South Grand Senior Ministry

An Education Program will be held:  
Thursday, Oct 18, 2018. 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Immaculate Heart of Mary -  
Father Keaney Parish Center  
4092 Blow Street, St. Louis MO 63116

Behavior is a powerful form of communication and is one of the primary ways for people with dementia to communicate their needs and feelings as the ability to use language is lost. However, some behaviors can present real challenges for caregivers to manage. Join us to learn to decode behavioral messages, identify common behavior triggers and learn strategies to help intervene with some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease.

**This is a free program HOWEVER reservations are requested to prepare for seating and materials. Call Ann at 481-7543**



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### St. Joan of Arc Parish 46th Annual Homecoming

5800 Oleatha

September 8th 11am-11pm  
September 9th 12pm-10pm

Lots of Entertainment, Beer Garden, Dining, Games, Bingo, \$10,000 Grand Award Raffle, and Carnival Rides

**Family Time ~ Sunday Noon—4pm**

For more information, visit  
[www.stjoanofarcstl.com](http://www.stjoanofarcstl.com)



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

*Shared by parishioner Marietta (Dolci) Palguta...*

Even though I didn't attend St. Mary Magdalen School I chose St. Mary Magdalen Parish based on the quality of the food and the people at the fish fry's! You see I went to St. Aloysius Gonzaga school and church! I compared St. Mary Magdalen food to the food of my childhood and YES I went to other fish fry's but found that St. Mary Magdalen food was very close to my memory. So I made the decision to join St. Mary Magdalen Parish a few years ago and I haven't looked back since. Amen+

Thank you Marietta for sharing and we too are glad that you made your choice to become part of our Parish Family! Love that you love our Fish Fry's!!!

All current, like Marietta 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](mailto:smmadmin@sbcglobal.net) or mail to the rectory, or you may drop off your memories in the Sunday offertory collection addressed to Fran.



**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 info.

**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 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, 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](mailto:MIKLOVIC@SWBELL.NET)



**Getting More of Mass**  
*Dealing with Distractions*

My dear Friends,

Frequently, one can be distracted at Mass, or even in personal prayer. Dealing with distractions can be tricky. If one fights them too hard; they become stronger! If one doesn't fight them, then one gets lost in distractions. The best approach, I find, is to simply acknowledge the distraction, and then go back to what you were doing before you noticed that you were distracted. For example, while sitting at Mass you notice that you are thinking of what to do next after Mass. Just notice it and say to yourself, "that is a nice thought, but I am at Mass now", and then try and tune into what you are doing at Mass. Do not get worried or frustrated about how many times you get distracted, only notice it, and let it go, and go back to praying. Thomas Merton famously said, "if have never been distracted, then you have never prayed." Distractions are part of the "battle for prayer" as the Catechism of the Catholic Church calls it. (CCC 2275).

Thoughts should be compared to a train. One thought links to another to form a "train" of thoughts. Once you notice that you are on a train of thoughts, you do not have to ride that thought train till the end of line. Just say to yourself, "I have better things to think about right now", and get off the thought train. Don't get angry, just get off the train. Then refocus on the present moment and continue what you were doing.

One more technique that helps me at Mass is to use "Echo Prayer". Listen to what the Priest is praying and echo it back in your heart to God. For example when the priest prays "it is truly right and just to give You thanks"; just pray to God something like this, "O Loving God, I thank you and praise you every day of my Life, thank you for the great gift of being here today at Mass". Then simply listen again to what the priest is praying and repeat the action of echo prayer. This way, one can stay tuned in to the mystery of Mass unfolding before you and keep a dialogue with God throughout the Mass. Give it a try and see if helps you tune into Mass better.

Peace

Fr. Simon Felix

**Joyful! Joyful!**  
**Want to know a little more about**  
**Fr. Simon-Felix Michalski O.P.?!**

Well you can, by tuning into the "The Pearl of Great Price" radio show hosted by Catholic Speaker Patty Schneier. Patty hosts this weekly radio show on Covenant Network that celebrates the beauty of every vocation and the joy of living it out. Each week, guests share their stories of God's personal call, discernment, and perseverance.

Fr. Simon was interviewed on her radio show on March 9, 2018. Here is the link to copy to the show...

<http://www.pattyschneier.com/radioshow/>

Just scroll down the list to **March 9, Fr. Simon Michalski** and click. You may be pleasantly surprised as you scroll down to see others on the list that you may also wish to listen to from past shows!

**Stewardship Reflection**

*"Be doers of the word and not hearers only... James 1:22"*

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with you financial resources? If now, what are you waiting for.

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

**Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am**

**Monday, September 3, 2018 –Labor Day**

Rectory office CLOSED

Quilters	9:00a	Qrm
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**Wednesday, September 5, 2018**

Church Cleaning	8:30a	CH
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**Saturday, September 8, 2018**

**Kickoff 100th Celebration Mass & BBQ**

Confessions	3:30-4:10p	CH
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Mass	4:30p	CH
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BBQ after Mass		SH
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**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

Mass	8:00a and 10:30a	CH
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Private Reserved	11:00a—4p	SH
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**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, Pat Fahey, Jasper Giardina, Dolores Greer, Pat Grotegeers, Dawn Hurley, James Havranek, Bryon Hollows, Ed Howard, Dolores Hughes, Dawn Hurley, Steve Jackson, Marie Kellner, Maria Landeros, Cheri Massa, Eric Mather, Mary Mather, Irene Mazzola, Richard Meyer, Ray Miles, Ellen Michalski, Liam Niemira, Thad Niemira, Kristine Onanian, Carl Ovia, Marietta Palguta, Mary Ann Plasmeier, Joan Quante, Rich & Mary Ryan, Bob Schallom, Dorothy Schuchardt, Nancy Sewester, 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.*

**Mass of Reparation**

Friday, September 7, 2018,  
7:00pm


Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis  
4431 Lindell Blvd.

*Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, Celebrant*

Following Mass there will be a Holy Hour, Confession and the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

*Mass Intentions*

**Monday, September 3, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Minnie Giardina 

**Tuesday, September 4, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Doris Marie Berra

**Wednesday, September 5, 2018**

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

**Thursday, September 6, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Dorothy Klock

**Friday, September 7, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Ann Schwarz Family

**Saturday, September 8, 2018**

4:30 P.M. William Louis Bryant

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

8:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish  
10:30 A.M. Marion Schonhoff

**Lector**

**Saturday, September 8, 2018 4:30 PM**

Cindy Stollhans

**Sunday, September 9, 2018 8:00 AM**

Charlie Dooling

**Sunday, September 9, 2018 10:30 AM**

Melinda Arvay

**Eucharistic Minister**

**Saturday, September 8, 2018 4:30PM**

Charlie & Mary Ann Halbrook

Alt. Nancy Sewester

**Sunday, September 9, 2018 8:00AM**

Ray Morales, Mary Dooling

Alt. Mark Laury

**Sunday, September 9, 2018 10:30AM**

Kristina Jackson, Pat & Cathy Maloney,

Dolores Guittar

Alt. Garth Weihl

**Servers**

**Saturday, September 8, 2018 4:30 PM**

Jim Abkemeier

**Sunday, September 9, 2018 8:00 AM**

Nancy Sewester

**Sunday, September 9, 2018 10:30 AM**

Harry Signaigo

**Keep the commandments of the Lord**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

## 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 2, 2018

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