

# St. Mary Magdalen Parish

1919 ~ 100th Anniversary Celebration ~ 2019  
First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Heaven and earth  
will pass away,  
but my words  
will not pass away.*

MARK 13:31



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NOVEMBER 18, 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 (November 27 - 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.

**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,

Last week we received notification from the Annual Catholic Appeal letting us know that a student from St. Mary Magdalen

Parish was announced as having written a winning essay in the Appeal's essay contest this year.

Vincent Laury, a student at Chaminade College Prep, received a scholarship from the ACA for his excellent essay on Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal. Vincent is the son of Mark and Julie Laury, and the brother of Zellie and Ada Laury.

Here are a few excerpts from Vincent's essay:

*"A major part in living out the mission of the ACA is by living out stewardship. One of the more common ways to view stewardship is by coming to know that we are all called to be disciples of Jesus."*

*"I should be living this out always, therefore at my school I am a core member of our faith community group called Marianist Life Community, where I show day after day what it's like to live in a community where people care for each other."*

*"With this, I have also extended my stewardship to El Salvador and Ellington, MO where I have done service trips helping, cleaning up for, and spending time with impoverished families, seeking to send the spirit of love in their lives."*

Well said, Vincent, and thank you for your insightful remarks. On behalf of the entire parish I would like to extend our most heartfelt thanks and heartiest congratulations to you. We are proud of you not only for your winning essay but also for how well you communicate the importance of living the discipleship of Jesus, by both your word and your example.

Hopefully the words of this young man, who strives each day to be a living witness of his faith, may be an inspiration to all of us.

Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

God bless,  
Msgr. John Borcic



### A Gift of Thanksgiving to Parishioners and Friends!

Available in the back and sides of the church are the 2019 St. Mary Magdalen Parish Calendars. These beautiful calendars (your choice of three to pick from) are a gift to all our parishioners, friends, and visitors from *Jasper, Sebastian and Jackie Giardina*. This kind gesture is in loving memory of their dear father and mother, *John and Minnie Giardina*, founders of *John's Appliance*.

**John's Appliance**  
5204 Gravois  
St. Louis, MO 63116  
(314) 353-9343

*Thank you Jasper, Sebastian and Jackie for your continuous service and generosity to God and our Parish.*

### Weekly Offertory Collection November 11, 2018

|              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes    | \$ 3,006.60        |
| Loose        | 472.01             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 3,478.61</b> |

**Total Collection as of fiscal year  
07-01-18 thru 06-31-19  
\$ 70,380.47**

#### Magdalen Specials

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Soup Kitchen       | \$ 81.00         |
| Pro Life           | 40.00            |
| Tuition Assistance | 215.00           |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$ 336.00</b> |

**Thank you for your gifts to God and our Parish**



### Giving Tree

The tradition continues...

Our traditional Giving Tree appears Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Check out the Christmas Tree in the back of church! On the "Giving Tree", you'll find ornaments with gift suggestions for those we hope to help out this year. You can make Christmas a little brighter for someone else by taking an ornament or two off of the tree and purchasing the suggested gift.

Continuing the tradition started some years ago, we'll include ornaments for: *Our Lady's Inn*, *Avalon Gardens Nursing Home* residents, and SVDP families. We are making up a Christmas gift bag for each of the 70+ nursing home residents, collecting gift cards for SVDP families, and providing a 'wish list' of needed baby items for Our Lady's Inn. (Our Lady's Inn asks us to bring *unwrapped* gifts). **Thank you and God Bless You for your great generosity in supporting the "Giving Tree" tradition at St. Mary Magdalen.**

### Stewardship Reflection

*"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." Mark 13:26*

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond?



**The Rectory Office will be  
CLOSED  
on Thursday, November 22nd  
and Friday, November 23rd  
for the Thanksgiving Holiday!**

## *A few thoughts and a prayer for Thanksgiving*

Although a "secular" holiday, Thanksgiving Day is profoundly religious at its core. Even in the midst of the struggles we have to face in the United States, we really do need to stop and give thanks! We are a truly blessed people.

We gather to express our gratitude for our health, our happiness and our life together. Around tables throughout America, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will gather with mothers and fathers, Grandpas and Grandmas, extended family, neighbors and friends to thank God and one another. And then, we all feast; not only on the food, but even more importantly, on the gift of the love which inspires all family relationships and true friendships, the real source of lasting joy.

The Church calls her faithful sons and daughters to give thanks at Holy Mass. Our celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy is always a call to return to the source of every gift, the God who gave Himself for us. It is the invitation to give thanks which gathers us as families around the dinner table that day. We will tell stories of our past and toast the hopes for our future. Ought we not begin by giving our Lord an hour or two at Eucharistic Adoration and Mass?

We offer the following prayer: *"Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. We offer you, Father, this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for the gifts you have granted us. Help us to recognize them as the benefits we have received from you through no merit of our own. Amen."* Let us choose to make this prayer our own on Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our parishioners and friends, may it be a day for love and gratitude. No matter how difficult the challenges we face, we have so very much to be grateful for. As we give thanks, we find the strength we need to love even more fully.





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

All are invited to contribute any memories they may have of St. Mary Magdalen over the years. Please email your memories to Fran Voss at **smmad-min@sbcglobal.net** mail to the rectory, or you may drop off your memories in the Sunday offertory collection addressed to Fran.



**St. Mary Magdalen Parish  
Centennial Trivia Night  
Saturday, April 27, 2019  
School Hall**

**Doors open after the 4:30pm Mass  
Cost: donations to SVDP food pantry**

Trivia Questions will ONLY relate to the History of St. Mary Magdalen over the 100 years.

To make a reservation or more information please call Joe Miklovic at (314) 422-8640

or email  
miklovic@swbell.net

**Centennial Request**

The Centennial Book Committee is looking for pictures of families who have sent their children through school at St. Mary Magdalen or other local schools, and who 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.



**St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive  
Be The Difference!  
Help Set The Table For People In Need  
by purchasing just a few extra  
nonperishable food items!**

All food collected in the Month of November will be provided to our Parish’s Vincent de Paul Society Conference to help families in need.

At present, there is an URGENT need for the following nonperishable food items that are specifically requested on the following weekends.

- Dish Soap/Cleaning items Weekend of Nov. 25  
**Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

Monetary donations will also be collected from November 4th thru November 25th and matched up to \$600 by the FCSLA.

Everyone attending Masses during November has an exciting opportunity to further support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our Parish. Thanks to a challenge grant from the *First Catholic Ladies Slovak Association*, you have the opportunity to double the impact of your support—which means your \$10 check payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society can become a *twenty-dollar* investment in our St. Vincent de Paul Society. The FCSLA will match the first \$600 in receipt checks payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society this month.

You’re invited to give at whatever level best suits your resources knowing that the St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference proudly stands with you in making a difference in our Parish Community.

Don’t miss the opportunity to double your donation.  
Every donation counts!

*“If you can’t feed one hundred people,  
feed just one.” -Mother Theresa*

### Getting Ready for Advent

Dear friends,

Once you have plan for this year of your life, you can begin to think about your spiritual practices for the year. The formula needed is a simple one: Purpose = Practice + Repetition.

For example, if you are needing to work on having a better prayer life. Your plan could be to pray at certain times everyday. You may plan to pray once in the morning, once in the afternoon, and once at once at night. The next step would be to set a time limit on your prayer times. You say I will pray 10 minuets, three times a day. This would be a great plan for the year.

Next you could then determine what kinds of prayers you would do during that time frame. It could look like this:

*In the Morning:* Make a morning offering, set small spiritual goals for the day, Read the readings of the day.

*In the Afternoon:* Pray for others, and pray a Rosary.

*In the Evening:* Surrender you life to Jesus, review how you day went, and pray for the virtues you need.

Once your plan is in place, the time is set, and the kinds of prayers are determined, you can get ready for each season of the Church year. Each season has a flavor and a set of goals to aim for. Advent is for building Virtues, growing in Silence, and meditating on the Birth of Jesus.

*Christmas season* is for Celebrating life, meditating on the life of Jesus and the cost of discipleship.

*Lent* is for doing penance, meditating on the Passion of Jesus, and helping others.

*Easter Season* is about celebrating life in Christ, meditating on the Holy Spirit, and the acts of Mercy.

*Pentecost* is about receiving the gifts of the Spirit, the works of Mercy, and living life to the fullest.

*Ordinary time* is for growing in grace, knowledge, and discipleship.

Knowing the theme of the season helps us to pray together as the Church, and grow together as the Church, as 2 billion people are coming together with similar intentions and intercessions for the world. It is powerful.

Next week; A closer look at Advent

Peace, Fr. Simon Felix

### Soup Kitchen

Our December meal is on Tuesday, **December 18**, and we will continue the Christmas tradition of giving each guest a small treat bag of cookies and candy.

The *K of C Ladies Auxiliary* are providing all the delicious chocolate chip cookies... however, we are collecting candy to include with the cookies.

**ITEMS NEEDED** to fill the bags: Miniature candy bars, small candy canes, and individually wrapped hard candy. Donated candy may be dropped off at the rectory and is needed no later than Sunday December 16th so that our volunteers can make up the treat bags. We make 100+ bags.

**Please mark "FOR SOUP KITCHEN" on the candy and cookies.**

### Prayer Support Group

You are invited to come together and pray with others led by Fr. Simon Felix. The group will meet on Tuesday, November 27 at 6:30pm in the church. The prayer group meets twice a month, with a no guilt...come when you can approach. Just come and pray with us when you can.

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

##### **Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am**

##### **Monday, November 19, 2018**

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| Quilters           | 9:00a | Qrm |
| Parish Council Mtg | 6:30p | MR  |

##### **Wednesday, November 21, 2018**

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| Church Cleaning | 8:00a | CH |
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##### **Thursday, November 22, 2018**

##### **Thanksgiving Day**

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| Holy Hour | 7:45a-8:45a | CH |
| Mass      | 9:00a       | CH |

Rectory Office Closed

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| Private Reserved | All Day | SH |
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##### **Friday, November 23, 2018**

Rectory Office Closed

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| Private Reserved | All Day | SH |
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##### **Saturday, November 24, 2018**

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| Private Reserved | All Day | SH |
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| Confessions | 3:30-4:10p | CH |
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| Mass | 4:30p | CH |
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##### **Sunday, November 25, 2018**

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| Mass | 8:00a and 10:30a | CH |
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**Please pray for healing and strength for ...**

Sr. Mary Carol Anth, CSJ, Keith Ballentine, Janet Barmer, Charlotte Brown, Kenny Brown, Rosella Coffee, Marie Gambino, Dolores Greer, Pat Grotegeers, Ed Howard, Marie Kellner, Pat Kennedy, Amy Koeninger, Steve Luzecky, Irene Mazzola, Thad Niemira, Robert Purk, Mary & Rich Ryan, Mary Signaigo, Dorothy Schuchardt, Jean Sullivan, Marianne Zuniga *and for all our homebound and nursing home parishioners and for their family and friends who take care of them.*

**Advent Prayer– Lessons and Carols**

Celebrate the Advent Season with Sisters of St. Joseph. Welcome Advent as we sing together songs for the season, listen to the messages of waiting and take time for quiet and reflection. In prayer, we open ourselves to the gift of patience and joy.

**Sunday, December 2 at 2pm** at the historic motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 6400 Minnesota Ave. **RSVP by November 19 to 314-481-8800 or motherhousersv@csj.org.** Free will offering to benefit the CSJ Gulu Project, providing water filtration kits and training to women in Uganda.

**Mass Intentions****Monday, November 19, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Angela Gardin

**Tuesday, November 20, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Living & Deceased Benefactors of Msgr. Louis F. Meyer

**Wednesday, November 21, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Loretta Abkemeier

**Thursday, November 22, 2018****Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 A.M. Will & Carol Schuchardt  
Joe & Pauline Miklovic

**Friday, November 23, 2018**

8:00 A.M. Vincenza & Giovanni Drago

**Saturday, November 24, 2018**

4:30 P.M. Bill & Agnes Frank

**Sunday, November 25, 2018**

8:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish  
10:30 A.M. Alex Ebersole

**Lector**

**Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2018 9:00 AM**

Jim Abkemeier

**Saturday, November 24, 2018 4:30 PM**

Jim Abkemeier

**Sunday, November 25, 2018 8:00 AM**

Mary Dooling

**Sunday, November 25, 2018 10:30 AM**

Dennis Miller

**Eucharistic Minister**

**Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2018 9:00 AM**

Mark Laury, Nancy Sewester

**Saturday, November 24 4:30PM**

Kris Onanian, Mary Beth O'Donoghue

Alt. Juanita Donatti

**Sunday, November 25, 2018 8:00AM**

Ray Morales, Mark Laury

Alt. Charlie Dooling

**Sunday, November 25, 2018 10:30AM**

Pat & Cathy Maloney, Bill Voss, Kathy Ray

Alt. Garth Wehl

**Servers**

**Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2018 9:00 AM**

Harry Signaigo

**Saturday, November 24, 2018 4:30 PM**

Brian & Katie Weaver

**Sunday, November 25, 2018 8:00 AM**

Ada, Vincent, Zelle Laury

**Sunday, November 25, 2018 10:30 AM**

Harry Signaigo

**Thanksgiving Day Holy Hour and Mass**

Holy hour begins at 7:45am and concludes at 8:45am  
Mass following at 9:00am

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day--Suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

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