

St. Mary Magdalen Parish

1919 ~ 100th Anniversary Celebration ~ 2019

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919



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

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 (December 11 - 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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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This Sunday we begin our four week journey of Advent. Each week we have a number of opportunities to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming.

Advent is a time for us to direct our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time as well as to celebrate the anniversary of our Lord's birth at Christmas.

Here are a few suggestions to keep in mind as we make this a time of special preparation:

The First Week, December 2-8 – During this week we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas (Dec. 6) and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8). St. Nicholas was richly generous to the poor. Consider taking an ornament from the Giving Tree and purchasing a gift for a person or family in need. December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation; be sure to make Mass attendance that day a priority. Masses for the Holy Day will be at 8AM and 12 noon.

The Second Week, December 9-15 – During this week we celebrate the Feasts of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12) and St. Lucy (Dec. 13). Gather for prayer at 6:30PM on Dec. 11 with Fr. Simon-Felix. Pray for Christian migrants who suffer greatly during this time of year as they seek to build a new home for their families. St. Lucy is the patron for the vision impaired. Pray to her that we may not be blind to our own faults and failings, and that we might seek the reconciliation we need in order to see the Savior with all clarity. The Sacrament is being offered on Dec. 13 both at 1:30PM and 6:30PM.

The Third Week, December 16-22 – Sunday of this week is Gaudete Sunday. We begin to reflect with joy that the Lord is near! Do you have an hour to give to help feed the homeless? Our turn for Soup Kitchen is Tuesday, Dec. 18th. Can you volunteer an hour (5 – 6PM) to serve the families at Sts. Peter and Paul? It will give new meaning to the "JOY" of Christmas as you see the face of Jesus in each client who comes to be fed.

The Fourth Week, December 23-24 – This is hardly a week, consisting of only a day and a half. After the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday (Dec. 23), consider volunteering a short time to assist fellow parishioners decorating the church for Christmas. Accomplishing this task gives us a sense that we have

completed our Advent journey this year and now we eagerly await Jesus' birth, knowing that our salvation is near.

God bless,
Msgr. John Borcic

**Weekly Offertory Collection
November 18, 2018**

Envelopes	\$ 3,558.17
Loose	487.51
Total	\$ 4,045.68

**Total Collection as of the fiscal year
07-01-18—06-31-19
\$74,426.15**

Magdalen Specials

Soup Kitchen	80.00
Pro-Life	1.00
Tuition Assistance	60.00
Total	\$ 141.00

November 25, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 2,198.00
Loose	802.00
Total	\$ 3,000.00

**Total Collection as of the fiscal year
07-01-18—06-31-19
\$77,426.15**

Magdalen Specials

Soup Kitchen	0.00
Pro-Life	1.00
Tuition Assistance	0.00
Total	\$ 1.00

Thank you for your gifts to God and our Parish!



Giving Tree

The tradition continues...

Check out our Traditional Giving 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.**

All gifts need to be placed under the "Giving Tree" **no later than 11:30am on Sunday, December 16.** This ensures timely delivery of the gifts before Christmas.



A Special Thank You ...

to 9 year old parishioner **Veronica Jakul-Potter** for making the beautiful star that adorns the Giving Tree! It is actually 2 stars together—so you see a Star from any angle you look at the tree! Check it out!

Christmas Trees

Boy Scout Troop 336 of St. Michael's Parish in Shrewsbury are selling Christmas trees from their lot in the Mackenzie Pointe Shopping Center. Hours are from 6 to 9pm Monday through Friday; 9am—9pm on Saturday and Sunday. Your patronage is appreciated by our scouts.

—Ray Geisman, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 336

ADVENT NOVENA

We have been invited to join the Seminary community as we prepare for the joy and splendor of Christmas. The annual Novena will take place beginning Wednesday, December 5th and conclude on Thursday, December 13th. Each evening of the Novena will begin at 7:00PM in the Chapel of St. Joseph at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, 5200 Glennon Drive in Shrewsbury, and will include prayer, Scripture, a reflective homily, and hymns led by the seminarian choir.

Below is the schedule including the name of the homilist for each evening:

Wednesday, December 5	Father Fadi Auro
Thursday, December 6	Father Jason Schumer
Friday, December 7	Archbishop Robert Carlson
Saturday, December 8	Father James Mason
Sunday, December 9	Father Donald Anstoetter
Monday, December 10	Bishop Robert Hermann
Tuesday, December 11	Deacon George Staley
Wednesday, December 12	Father Mirco Sosio
Thursday, December 13	Father Paul Hoelsing

Everyone is invited to attend one evening or all nine evenings

This is truly a wonderful and prayerful way to prepare for Christmas!

A BIG THANKS to all who made this year's craft fair a success! To all who worked, cooked, B-B-Qued, baked, cleaned, shopped, ate, decorated, emptied trash, washed dishes, served the food, counted the money, made copies of stuff, stitched the quilt, assembled the baskets, moved the crafters, and any others we missed...THANKS! Our crafters say, over and over again, how nice and helpful the children and the people are!

Congratulations to this years raffle winners:

Quilt	Linda McGuire
Fall Basket	Donna Higgins
Winter Basket	Pat Maloney
Spring Basket	Louis Garavaglia
Summer Basket	Chris Wilson

Dear Parishioners,

We received a letter from Archbishop Carlson asking us to remember those affected by the deaths and devastation caused by the current wildfires in northern California. To help provide immediate and long-term aid to those impacted by this most recent natural disaster, the Archbishop has asked that parishes take up a second collection.

All parish donations will be given to Catholic Charities of St. Louis who will forward 100% of funds raised to Catholic Charities USA for distribution among the Catholic Charities Agencies providing relief in the wildfire-impacted communities.

In response to the Archbishop's request, a second collection will be taken at all Masses on the **week-end of December 8 and 9**. I know that we have been asked to give much already during this holiday season, but imagine how this devastation must impact so many families as Christmas approaches.

If you are able to help, and if you wish to prepare your donation prior to next week's collection, please make your check payable to St. Mary Magdalen but mark the envelope **"Wildfire Assistance."**

Msgr. Lou Meyer used to say, "You really don't know how people feel unless you first walk in their shoes." By the Grace of God we do not have to walk in the shoes of those affected by the wildfires, but imagine if we did! What would our Christmas be like this year? Thank you for your generosity.

Advent Morning Mini-Retreat

St. Mary Magdalen Church

December 15, 2018

9:00am—12:00pm

Dear Parish Family,

Please join us for this mini-retreat where we will reflect on Wisdom Chapter 1 and the implications for our Christian life. Advent is a season of joyful expectation of the coming of Jesus, an invitation to Jesus, to be born into our hearts in a deeper way this year. As John the Baptist says: **"Someone is shouting in the desert, get the road ready for the Lord! Make a straight path for him to travel."** (Mark 1:3) The retreat will consist of 3 conferences and 3 prayer experiences. After the retreat we will have the option of going out to lunch together if you so desire. - Fr. Simon Felix

GIVING THANKS

THANK YOU

FROM THE 'POOR' IN OUR COMMUNITY

On behalf of the Lord's Poor of our Community and the St. Vincent DePaul Society Conference at St. Mary Magdalen, we would like to say "thank you" for all that you did to make the FCSLA food drive a tremendous/magnanimous success. The poor are the incognitos of Christ; they veil His presence with their pained and suffering humanity. Each time we wipe their tears, bind their wounds, and make life a little better for them, it is Christ's tears we wipe, His wounds we bind, and it is His life we continue in the here and now. Because of your VERY generous efforts, during the Month of November, we collected such a plethora of food/toiletry items that the pantry in the basement of the rectory was over-flowing; also, \$3,394.67 in cash donations was receipted – the Thanksgiving Celebration of the Eucharist itself netted \$ 352.00 - extraordinary! The FCSLA Organization's \$ 600 Challenge Match was successfully met due to your generosity !

We will continue to work for the Lord's poor at St. Mary Magdalen!

Together 'we' have made a difference for The Lord's Poor and those less fortunate. Your acts of stewardship toward families in our parish in need will not go unnoticed. Last year our Conference aided over 7,000 individuals.

Joe Purk - St. Vincent de Paul

Joe Miklovic - First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association

"FOOD for THOUGHT"

Handwritten sign found on the wall of Blessed Mother Teresa's room

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; *be kind anyway*. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; *build anyway*. The good you do today, people will forget tomorrow; *do good anyway*. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; *give your best anyway*. For you see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God. *It was never* between you and them anyway.

Our Conference is here in times of 'chaos' because YOU were there in times of 'calm'!

First Sunday of Advent...Happy New Year! We are now entering the Holy Season of Advent. A time of making room in heart for Jesus. That he may thrive in your life and this may be the best year of your life in your relationship with Jesus, The Holy Spirit, and the Father. By our Baptism we participate in the life, love, and work of the Trinity. You could begin this Advent by reading in the Catechism of the Catholic Church numbers 1066-1109, or 1110 to 1112 for the summary. This section of the Catechism teaches about the Sacred Liturgy and its role in gathering us into the life of the of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. It is our Sacred Liturgy that prepares us for an encounter with Christ. It is so beautiful and transformative in its power to make us into saints, (Union with God).

Indeed the Catechism says the Liturgy is our source of life, which is preceded by the other works of the Church, (us)...evangelization, faith, conversion, and good works. Indeed, the Sacred Liturgy during the Advent season is beautiful and filled with evocative imagery.

The Opening Prayers (Collects) of the first week speak about running forward to meet Jesus with arms filled with good works and hearts filled with JOY! We ask God to keep us ALERT and help us In our TRAILS. We ask our Loving Father, to PREPARE our hearts and powerfully give us the grace of MERCY. We implore HIM to rescue us from the dangers of our SINS, and to be set free from the BONDAGE of sin. We are grateful, and we give God praise during the first week for being freed from our ancient enslavement and our hope of future prize of true freedom. (and that is just the first week!)

We also will be reading from the Prophet Isaiah the first week of Advent. He will be inspiring us to climb God's mountain of peace, and tell us of the Kingdom of peace. Isaiah will tell us about the death of death, the eternal city of God, and how He will bring life and light out of the darkness and deserts of life. On Saturday, Isaiah will tell us about Jesus will return to set all things aright.

I have given you three ways to meditate and pray during Advent, so I ask you to choose one of them, (or find another way), to enter into Advent with more silence and attention to God's hidden and subtle movements in your own heart. Give God the time he needs to speak to you in this lovely and holy season of Grace. May God Bless you, Fr. Simon Felix

Soup Kitchen

December 18 is our next Soup Kitchen meal. Sauce Makers have been notified and should pick up their supplies this Sunday, December 2, Donut Sunday, in the school hall and a package of meat from the freezer. Please return your sauce in **TWO** weeks, Sunday December 16 and place in the fridge marked for Soup Kitchen. On that day, the hall will be open from 10-1025. Call to make other arrangements if you can not return your sauce on December 16.

We fed 125 guests in November. The meal was much appreciated on a very cold, blustery evening.

We are still collecting small wrapped candy for treat bags to hand out at our Dec. meal. Please take candy to rectory no later than Dec 16 and mark "For Soup Kitchen" Thanks to all who make this meal possible each month.

The Magdalen Quilters have one-of-a-kind baby quilts for sale for \$50.00 each, and one-of-a-kind table runners for \$25.00 each. Contact Helen Niemira at (314) 329-6666 or Nan Bommarito at (314)585-8568 for details.

This week in our Parish...

Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am

Monday, December 3, 2018

Quilters	9:00a	Qrm
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Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Church Cleaning	8:30a	CH
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Friday, December 7, 2018

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		CH
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Saturday, December 8, 2018

Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

Mass	8:00a	CH
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Mass	12:00p	CH
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Private Rental	1:00p-8:00p	SH
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Confessions	3:30p-4:10p	CH
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Mass	4:30p	CH
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Sunday, December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass	8:00a	CH
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Mass	10:30a	CH
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SVDP Cookie Packing	12:00p	RMR
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Soup Kitchen Cookie Packing	12:00p	MR
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Please pray for healing and strength for ...

Sr. Mary Carol Anth, CSJ, Keith Ballentine, Janet Barmeier, John Baumgartner, Charlotte Brown, Kenny Brown, Rosella Coffee, Jasper Giardina Dolores Greer, Pat Grotegeers, Ed Howard, Marie Kellner, Pat Kennedy, Amy Koeninger, Steve Luzecky, Irene Mazzola, Thad Niemira, Robert Purk, Diane Roeder Mary & Rich Ryan, Mary Signaigo, Dorothy Schuchardt, Jean Sullivan, Lois Zitzmann, Marianne Zuniga, the people in California affected by the deadly fires *and for all our homebound and nursing home parishioners and for their family and friends who take care of them.*



In your charity please pray for the repose soul of parishioner *Marie Gambino* who passed away on November 19, 2018. May she be with Our Lord in glory. Please keep Marie's daughter Angela and all her family in your prayers during this difficult time. May she and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Mass Intentions

- Monday, December 3, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
- Tuesday, December 4, 2018**
8:00 A.M. "Erica"
- Wednesday, December 5, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Eli (Joe) Politte
- Thursday, December 6, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
- Friday, December 7, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Msgr. Louis F. Meyer
- Saturday, December 8, 2018**
4:30 P.M. Bill and Agnes Frank
- Sunday, December 9, 2018**
8:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish
10:30 A.M. Deacon Don Driscoll

Lector

Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday, December 8, 2018 8:00 AM

Dolores Guittar

Saturday, December 8, 2018 12:00 Noon

Kris Onanian

Saturday, December 8, 2018 4:30 PM

Mary Beth O'Donoghue

Sunday, December 9, 2018 8:00 AM

Julie Laury

Sunday, December 9, 2018 10:30 AM

Sara Marek

Eucharistic Minister

Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday, December 8, 2018 8:00 AM

Juanita Donatti, Fran Voss

Saturday, December 8, 2018 12:00 Noon

Mary Elkins, Need one Volunteer

Saturday, December 8 4:30PM

Mary Ann & Charlie Halbrook

Alt. Margaret O'Donoghue

Sunday, December 9, 2018 8:00AM

Mark Laury, Charlie Dooling

Alt. Nancy Sewester

Sunday, December 9, 2018 10:30AM

Marisol Pfaff, Kristina Jackson, Bob & Miriam Marek

Alt. Mary Elkins

Servers

Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday December 8, 2018 8:00 AM

Jim Abkemeier

Saturday, December 8, 2018 12:00 Noon

Nancy Sewester

Saturday, December 8, 2018 4:30 PM

Jim Abkemeier

Sunday, December 9, 2018 8:00 AM

Ada, Vincent, Zelle Laury

Sunday, December 9, 2018 10:30 AM

Harry Signaigo

Stewardship Reflection

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." LUKE 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus it is never too late.

First Sunday Of Advent

December 2, 2018

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