

St. Mary Magdalen Parish

1919 ~ 100th Anniversary Celebration ~ 2019

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919

Third Sunday
OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 16, 2018

*Whoever has two cloaks should
share with the person who has none.
And whoever has food should do likewise.*

Luke 3:11

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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
 (new schedule in 2019 will be posted)
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 prepa-
 rations 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 arrange-
 ments.

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,

This past Monday I received a phone call from my oldest great-nephew, who is seven. He is doing a project in his second grade class regarding Christmas customs and traditions which were, or still are being followed in his family. He chose to do his project on the Croatian side of the family which is why he called to interview me.

Many Eastern European people have kept quite a number of traditions which they continue to carry out even to the present day. I only shared a few of these with him so as not to put too much on his seven year old mind.

While going through these I thought it would be interesting to share a few with you. In Croatia, 86% of the people are Roman Catholic and so everything centers around Jesus' birth. Advent is a very important time of year. Advent wreaths are handmade and circular so as to show there was no beginning and no end in the wreath, symbolizing eternity.

Decorations always include a clearly identifiable display of the nativity scene. Oftentimes the table is used as the manger and straw is brought into the home and laid on the table as a reminder of the original Christmas manger.

Christmas Eve is a day of fast and abstinence. No meat is eaten on that day and the only meal is served late at night and consists of fish prepared a certain way, along with vegetables, and followed by specially made pastries and desserts. After the dinner the entire family attends midnight Mass in the local church.

Christmas Day is spent with family or at church. The family dinner typically consists of cabbage rolls stuffed with meat and rice, all kinds of roasted meat, sausage, cheese, and more cakes and pastries.

The Christmas season comes to a close on January 6 with the Feast of the Epiphany (also the twelfth day of Christmas). In many home this is the day of gift giving, modeling the giving of the gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which the three Kings brought to the baby Jesus. On that day, too, the practice of

blessing the home and chalking the number of the new year and the first letters of the names of the three kings is done.

There are very many other customs as well. I remember celebrating these while growing up. Christmas was a most festive time, but the emphasis was always about celebrating the Birth of Jesus. Our family still holds on to some of them and we reminisce about the others. They serve as fond memories of our family who taught them to us and the real reason for the Season.

On this third Sunday of Advent, as we celebrate the joyful anticipation of the coming of the Christ child, you have the opportunity to reflect on customs and traditions you may have had in your families – or maybe still do – and may they be reminders of loved ones and the love brought into the world through the birth of Jesus. Whatever your traditions may be, please join us for the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve or for the 9:00am Mass on Christmas Day, to celebrate what Christmas is truly all about. This is the one custom we all have as Christians.

Come, Lord Jesus!

God bless,
Msgr. John Borcic

Weekly Offertory Collection

December 9, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 3000.00
Loose	311.00

Total	\$ 3,311.00
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Total Collection as of the fiscal year

07-01-18—06-31-19

\$86,797.15

California Wildfire Collection	\$ 464.00
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Magdalen Specials

Soup Kitchen	57.00
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Pro-Life	2.00
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Tuition Assistance	51.00
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Total	\$ 110.00
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Thank you for your gifts to God and our Parish!



Giving Tree Gifts are due today!

Reminder...

Today, Sunday December 16th is the due date for the Giving Tree gifts to be returned and placed under the tree. All gifts need to be under the Giving Tree no later than 11:30am this Sunday morning. This will ensure timely delivery of these gifts before Christmas. If you are offering a check to SVDP to purchase a gift or gift card, kindly mark the envelope "Giving Tree."

Thank you for supporting the "Giving Tree" this year and your enthusiasm and very generous support in the past for our brothers and sisters in Christ who benefit from the Giving Tree. It is through your thoughtfulness and generosity that we are able to share a little Christmas joy with others.

God bless you!

Soup Kitchen

Our next Soup Kitchen is December 18.

SAUCE MAKERS: please drop your sauce off this Sunday, December 16. If you need to make other arrangements, please call Mary Schaefer at 722-3008 or 607-0195

Brownie Bakers: please drop off your brownies at the rectory by NOON on Tuesday, December 18. If you need to have your brownies picked up please call Charlie or Mary Ann Halbrook at 481-2448 before Tuesday to arrange for pick up.

Candy donations: please drop candy off at rectory by Sunday, December 16. Mark package "FOR SOUP KITCHEN." We are making the treat bags this after noon.

Early Bulletin transmittal dates

Articles for the *December 30* bulletin must be in by **noon on Tuesday, December 18.**

Articles for the *January 6* bulletin must be in by **noon on Friday, December 21.**

Thank you, Fran

AN ADVENT REFLECTION ON THE "O" ANTIPHONS DECEMBER 17 – 23

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer (prayed by all priests and deacons – and many lay people) from December 17 – 23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of the Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17 O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love; come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18 O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai; come to rescue us with your mighty power.

December 19 O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all His people; come to save us without delay!

December 20 O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal kingdom; come and free the prisoners of darkness.

December 21 O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice; come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 22 O King of all nations and keystone of the Church; come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23 O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of the Law; come to save us, Lord our God!

Each antiphon provides a reflection for each of the last days before Christmas. May they be an opportunity for us to take a moment each day to ponder and pray as we long for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

The Third Sunday of Advent

Hello All! Joyful, Joyful!

It is Rejoice Sunday and I pray that this week is one of pumping up the joy. Perhaps you could take some time to notice beauty everyday this week, in order to enter into the beauty of Christmas.

Our opening prayers this week ask us WORSHIP God with Gladness and Rejoicing. We ask God this week to Cast His Light into our darkness and visit us with His Grace. We ask God this week to cleanse us from every stain of sin, (go to confession and receive healing this week!). We ask God for healing too this week, as we are all in need of the touch of God in our lives. We ask God this week for GLADNESS our hearts. Let's take these themes this week and write a prayer for this week.

“ Loving Father, We REJOICE in Your Presence and the presence of the Angels, and bid them to rejoice with us in Your Goodness.

Give us the grace this week to worship You with joy. Fill our hearts with gladness and clarity of vision of beauty in Your world, as it reflects the beauty of Your face. Cast into the darkness of our minds the brilliant light of Your love and healing, so the we might receive every grace and blessing from Your loving Hands and Heart.

Thank you for sending into our world Your precious Son, Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer. His life and love have changed everything. He has set us free from the power of sin, the power of satan, and the darkness of ignorance.

Thank you for the Holy Spirit who fills us with gladness and the gifts to serve You with joy. Continue to open us to Your light, love, and peace, as we journey toward You. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen and Amen”

Our first readings this week are from the Book of Numbers, the prophets Zephaniah and Isaiah. They remind us of being led by the Holy Spirit to recognize Jesus in our lives and his actions in the world. On Wednesday and Thursday Isaiah reminds us that God is in love with us, and that He is in charge of it all and How God forgives those who repent, and

turn to Him. This Friday, Isaiah describes what repentance looks like.”

Our Gospels follow the conflict Jesus entered into because His light shone in the darkness and the darkness could not comprehend it (see John 1). Jesus attempts, time and time again, to open their eyes to God's Kingdom. (Are my eyes open?) He reassures St. John who has a moment of doubt (Do I need reassurance?) Jesus defends St. John publicly as well. (Has Jesus defended you?) Jesus then directs us to leave the lesser lights behind, and walk into the Great Life of Love. (What is holding me back?)

Happy Meditating a Praying this week
and Joyful, Joyful!

~ Fr. Simon Felix



Decorating the Church

Next Sunday, December 23 we will be decorating the church. We could use the help after the 10:30am Mass. With the help of many we could be finish with in the hour. If you can give us some time, even a short bit of time, this would be most appreciative. For those who can assist until the project is completed your are invited a chili lunch after. We will take a count during the decorating to see how many will be able to stay for lunch.

Mark your calendar:

Catholic Men for Christ

Archdiocese of St. Louis

February 2, 2019

Registration: catholicmenforchrist.org

or call Touhill Performing Arts Center
ticket office 314-516-4949

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Catholic Women for Christ

Archdiocese of St. Louis

March 9, 2019

Registration: catholicwomenforchrist.org

Or call Touhill Performing Arts Center
Ticket office 314-516-4949

Keeping our dear senior parishioners in our hearts this Advent Season:

Thank you for sustaining and lifting all SMM parishioners and staff in your prayers and in heartfelt giving of yourselves in so many ways!

A reminder that Pope Francis recognizes as part of his mission to “affirm that”... (speaking of) you (our senior parishioners)... “are a treasury of wisdom and a gift of love and beauty for both the Church and the world.” In his October 3, 2014 liturgical celebration in Rome, he further says... “**He (God) is with you!** With God's help, you are and will continue to be the memory for your people; and also for us, the great family of the Church. Thank you!” ...You “who have faith are like trees that continue to bear fruit”... “To Grandparents”, (and significant mentors) “who have been blessed to see their children's children (cf. Ps 128.6), to them are entrusted an even greater task: to convey the experience of life, the story of a family, the story of a community or even of a people; to share with simplicity their wisdom and the same faith which is the most precious legacy!”

Isaiah 40:31...

*“but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.”*

Ring In The New Year!

St. Matthias Parish

800 Buckley Rd—Parish Center

7th Annual New Year’s Eve Dinner Dance

6:30pm—Doors open

7:30pm Dinner served

8:30– 12:30am—the music of

The Scott Laytham

and

Karl”Tricke” Holmes Duo

For your listening and dancing pleasure!

Cost: \$30 per person includes dinner, favors, snacks, set-ups, champagne toast. BYOB or beer and wine available @ \$2.00 per drink

For tickets or info call

Sandy 544—2162 after 3pm or

The St. Matthias parish Office 892-7500



**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.

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.

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

or email

miklovic@swbell.net

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 17, 2018

Quilters	9:00a	Qrm
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Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Church Cleaning	8:30a	CH
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Saturday, December 22, 2018

Confessions	3:30p-4:10p	CH
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Mass	4:30p	CH
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Sunday, December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass	8:00a	CH
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Mass	10:30a	CH
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Decorating the Church	11:30a	CH
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Please pray for healing and strength for ...

Sr. Mary Carol Anth, CSJ, Keith Ballentine, Janet Barmerier, Charlotte Brown, Kenny Brown, Rosella Coffee, Madalene Costa, Jasper Giardina Dolores Greer, Pat Grotegeers, Bryon Hollows, Ed Howard, Kevin Jourdan, Marie Kellner, Pat Kennedy, Amy Koeninger, Steve Luzecky, Irene Mazzola, Thad Niemira, Robert Purk, Diane Roeder Mary & Rich Ryan, Bob Schallom, Mary Signaigo, Dorothy Schuchardt, Jean Sullivan, Lois Zitzmann, Marianne Zuniga, and for all our homebound and nursing home parishioners and for their family and friends who take care of them.

Stewardship Reflection

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests know to God.” Philippians 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that our god is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.



Mass Intentions

- Monday, December 17, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Charles Vago
- Tuesday, December 18, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
- Wednesday, December 19, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Bishop John Gaydos
50 Years A Priest
- Thursday, December 20, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Loretta Abkemeier
- Friday, December 21, 2018**
8:00 A.M. Vincenza & Giovanni Drago
- Saturday, December 22, 2018**
4:30 P.M. Joseph Kuszaj
- Sunday, December 23, 2018**
8:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish
10:30 A.M. Lois Zitzmann—Special Intention

Lector

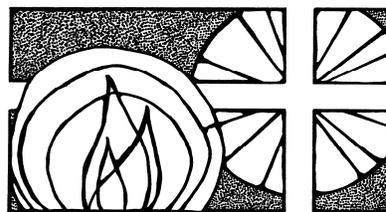
- Saturday, December 22, 2018 4:30 PM**
Kris Onanian
- Sunday, December 23, 2018 8:00 AM**
Ken Luecke
- Sunday, December 23, 2018 10:30 AM**
Fran Voss

Eucharistic Minister

- Saturday, December 22 4:30PM**
Mary Beth O'Donoghue, Joan Jewell
Alt. Kris Onanian
- Sunday, December 23, 2018 8:00AM**
Nancy Sewester, Charlie Dooling
Alt. Ray Morales
- Sunday, December 23, 2018 10:30AM**
Dolores Guittar, Mary & Ray Schaefer, Bill Voss
Alt. Kathy Ray

Servers

- Saturday, December 22, 2018 4:30 PM**
Brian & Katie Weaver
- Sunday, December 23, 2018 8:00 AM**
Harry Signaigo
- Sunday, December 23, 2018 10:30 AM**
Tiffany Sakamoto



*The King of Israel,
the LORD, is in
your midst, you
have no further
misfortune to fear.
-Zephaniah 3:15b*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17
- Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
- Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56
- Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Third Sunday Of Advent

December 16, 2018

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