

St. Mary Magdalen Parish

1919 ~ 100th Anniversary Celebration ~ 2019

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919

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DECEMBER 24 - 25, 2018



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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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www.magdalen.org

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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 Sunday we make the transition in the church from Advent to Christmas. We only have one day to do this because Monday is already Christmas Eve. So, the fourth week of Advent really consists of just one day this year. What can we do in such a short time? Our focus will soon be on the birth of Jesus, the God-man who took on human flesh to bring salvation to all people.

Maybe we can focus for this one day of the fourth week of Advent on the gift of the Life of Jesus and what that means for us. How can His becoming alive in our world help us to more greatly cherish God's gift of the life that has been given to us? This one day of Advent can be a help in looking forward to this Christmas and into the New Year.

The ten ways to cherish God's gift of life listed below were taken from the December issue of the *Liguorian*, a magazine published by the Redemptorists. May they be ways of drawing us to holiness and living our faith more fully during this special time of year:

1. Give consent to be used as God's instrument of loving mercy in the world.
2. Let words and deed be prayerful acts of faith, home, and love to be drawn closer to God every day.
3. Believe, trust, and have faith in God's Word and His way.
4. Unite with the Holy Trinity to sin no more so that life can reflect the beauty of God's love and promise of salvation.
5. Pray often.
6. Penance, penance, penance.
7. Participate in the Lord's work of redemption.
8. Keep the commandments of God and His Christ.
9. Share God's love – share Jesus – through acts of charity.
10. Be holy because our Lord is holy.

These ten practices can give real purpose to our lives as we celebrate the new-born life of our Savior at Christmas.

On behalf of Fr. Simon-Felix, our deacons, and our staff, I wish each of you and all members of your families a holy and blessed Christmas. May God's peace be with you! ~~ Msgr. John Borcic



May you be
richly blessed at
Christmas
and throughout
the New Year!



Msgr. John Borcic
Father Simon-Felix Michalski O.P.

Deacon Bill Weiss

Deacon Jim Martin

and

The entire staff
of St. Mary Magdalen Church

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

December 23, 2018



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Christmas 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Rejoice! The weeks of Advent waiting are over, and Christ is born!

We rejoice in our Savior's birth—remembering the great gift of faith He has given us through the mystery of His incarnation and the saving power of His death and resurrection.

Each year, the people of our archdiocese have been asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The men of our seminary, who have responded to Christ's call to follow Him, are truly a gift to the Church and to the Archdiocese of St. Louis. It is these men who will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2000 years ago to future generations here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

I ask you, once again, to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas Day collection, which helps pay the day-to-day expenses and maintenance of our seminary.

Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas. May the Lord of life come into your hearts and homes in a special way during this holy time of year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis



Dear Family,

Happy and Blessed Christmas! Christ is Born! Today true peace has come into the world! His reign is with power and is never ending! Joyful! Joyful!

For the world Christmas ends today. For Catholics it is just beginning. Christmas is a season not a day, so let us not end in one day, but keep the season joy filled and enjoy it all. Christmas is so special that the first Mass last 8 days and is called the Octave. It is a special 8 day celebration that continues the joy of the Christmas Day for 8 days. Then the Season continues to guide us to a deeper relationship with Christ.

In order to help you celebrate the Season I will recommend some Christmas season practices:

- Write a special prayer for the season, or find a special prayer for the season.

I would like to paraphrase back to you in my own words the preface I of the Nativity of the Lord as an example of how you write your own prayer by paraphrasing something from the Mass.

“Christ our Light, it is our duty and our salvation, always, and everywhere to give You thanks and praise, and worship. For in Your great love for us, the “Word became Flesh and dwelt among us” and, we in response, are humbled and blessed beyond measure.

May the light of this profound and wondrous mystery enlighten the corners of our minds and hearts with pure joy and truth.

Jesus, by becoming “visible” you help us to see the reality around us that is invisible to our physical eyes, and ever present to the eyes of our soul. Praise, Glory, and All Honor forever and ever!

May Mary our Mother, the Holy Angeles, the saints and our loved ones be united with us in our joyful celebration of Your overflowing love and mercy. Please send us someone we can help today and keep safe from all harm.

You with live and reign forever, with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.”

- Spend time looking at your Christmas tree and thinking about the symbol that it is. A symbol of

everlasting life, the beauty of God and family, and the joy of living. Thank God for all His blessings.

- Take the time to pray the rosary and meditate on the Joyful Mysteries. I recommend that you take one mystery per day and say the whole Rosary by sticking to one mystery. For example:

Monday: Annunciation, Tuesday Visitation, Wednesday Birth, Etc. Take time to really mediate on them. You may also wish to think about the other aspects of the story. For example I often meditate on the marriage of Mary and Joseph, the finding of the manger, the visit of the shepherds and wise men, the escape into Egypt and return to Nazareth. Use the Gospel of St. Matthew 1& 2, and Luke 1& 2 to help you.

Peace
Fr. Simon

Stewardship Reflection

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.”

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

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



Decorating the Church

Today 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.

This week in our Parish...

**Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am
Merry Christmas!**

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24, 2018

Rectory office closes early

Christmas Eve Mass 4:30p CH

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Rectory Office Closed

Mass 9:00a CH

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Rectory Office Closed

Saturday, December 29, 2018

Confessions 3:30p-4:10p CH

Mass 4:30p CH

Sunday, December 30, 2018

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass 8:00a CH

Mass 10:30a CH



**Rectory office
will be Closed
on
Christmas Day (25)
and the
Day After Christmas (26)**



**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

**Weekly Offertory Collection
The December 16, 2018 Offertory
Collection will be posted
in the December 30 bulletin.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;

Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;

Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21

Please pray for healing and strength for ...
 St. Mary Carol Anth, CSJ, Keith Ballentine, Janet Barmeier, Charlotte Brown, Kenny Brown, Rosella Coffee, Madalene Costa, Jasper Giardina Dolores Greer, Pat Grotegeers, Bryon Hollows, Ed Howard, Kevin Jourdan, Max Keiser, 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.*

*Blessed are you among women
 and blessed
 is the fruit of your womb.
 —Luke 1:42*



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 24, 2018
 8:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Christmas Eve
 4:30 P.M. Ryan Joseph Olsen
 4:30 P.M. Bernie Driscoll

Tuesday, Christmas, December 25, 2018
 9:00 A.M. John & Josephine Borcic


Wednesday, December 26, 2018
 8:00 A.M. Ferd & Betty LeMatty

Thursday, December 27, 2018
 8:00 A.M. Living & Deceased of Meyer, Diem & Pul Families

Friday, December 28, 2018
 8:00 A.M. Vincenza & Antonio Drago

Saturday, December 29, 2018
 4:30 P.M. For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 30, 2018
 8:00 A.M. James & Lucille Sanders
 10:30 A.M. Patrick Noonan

 In your charity please pray for the repose soul of parishioner and alumni Mary Jo Mason who passed away on December 11, 2018. May she be with Our Lord in glory. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time. May Mary Jo and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Lector
Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24, 2018 4:30 PM
 Julie Laury
Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25, 2018 9:00 AM
 Dolores Guittar
Saturday, December 29, 2018 4:30 PM
 Jim Abkemeier
Sunday, December 30, 2018 8:00 AM
 Rob Dirnbeck
Sunday, December 30, 2018 10:30 AM
 Melinda Arvay

Eucharistic Minister
Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24, 2018 4:30 PM
 Mark Laury, Nancy Sewester, Bob & Miriam Marek
Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25, 2018 9:00 AM
 Juanita Donatti, Mary Elkins, need 2 volunteers
Saturday, December 29 4:30PM
 Margaret O'Donoghue, Nancy Sewester
 Alt. Jim Abkemeier
Sunday, December 30, 2018 8:00AM
 Mary Dooling, Mark Laury Alt. Nancy Sewester
Sunday, December 30, 2018 10:30AM
 Bob & Miriam Marek, Garth Wehl, Mary Elkins
 Alt. Judy Still

Servers
Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24, 2018 4:30PM
 Ada, Vincent, Zelle Laury
Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25, 2018 9:00 PM
 Harry Signaigo
Saturday, December 29, 2018 4:30 PM
 Brian & Katie Weaver
Sunday, December 30, 2018 8:00 AM
 Ada, Vincent, Zelle Laury
Sunday, December 30, 2018 10:30 AM
 Harry Signaigo

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

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