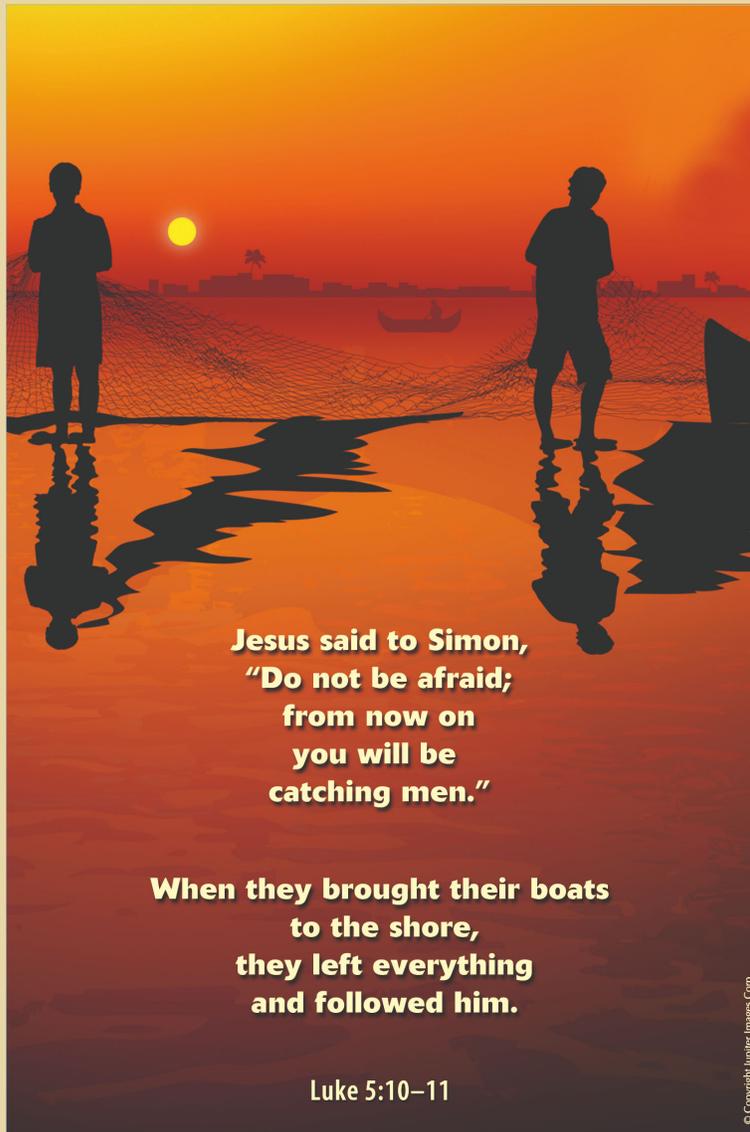


# St. Mary Magdalen Parish

1919 ~ 100th Anniversary Celebration ~ 2019

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919



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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:** Twice a month, Tuesdays.  
(Tuesday, February 19)

**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,  
The first reading last week told of Jeremiah being sent on mission to the Israelites. In the first reading from Isaiah, taken from today's Mass, we see God calling Isaiah for a mission to the Israelites. Interestingly enough, in the second reading, Paul discusses the mission he received from Christ as an apostle to the nations. And finally, in the Gospel, we see Jesus calling Peter, Andrew, James, and John to their mission to be fishers of men.

The common denominator in all of these readings is the term "mission." The word mission comes from the Latin verb *missio* which means to send. This implies that there are two parts to a mission. First, there must be the one who sends and second, there must be the one who is sent. The one who sends, in this instance, is God or Jesus, who is also God (the Divine). Those who are sent, as we meet them in these readings, are Jeremiah, or Isaiah, or Paul, or Peter and his companions (human beings who were not prepared to be sent. Nor were they asking to be sent).

If God were to ask you to go into the world to carry on his work, I'm sure you would feel unqualified or unworthy to do so. We all do. So did those we heard about today. That didn't matter. Isaiah, who thought he was too sinful a man, was made worthy by a smoldering ember touching his lips and his sins forgiven. Paul, who persecuted Christians, was made worthy through an encounter with the Divine as he was making his way to Damascus. Peter and his friends, who doubted the fact they could make a catch of fish, were made worthy through the assurance of Jesus' pardon and His encouragement to not be afraid.

What these people came to realize was that God supplied the grace and empowered them to carry out that mission. They were sent to make the world a better place. When we feel unworthy to respond to God's call in our lives, we must trust that He will empower us to do His work in our world as they did. He will energize us to do whatever it is that He wants of us.

Take time this week to reflect on how we are being sent to make our world a better place. We could be sent as a priest, a prophet, a teacher, a healer,

a father or mother, a spouse, a businessman or laborer, a doctor, nurse, or first responder, a volunteer, or as one committed to intense prayer. Whatever God's call, never feel you are unworthy. Rather, step up and say, "Here I am, Lord, send me." His grace will be enough!

God bless,  
Msgr. Borcic



**CENTENNIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**PAVER ORDERS ARE NOW DUE**

**Don't miss this opportunity!**

To honor, or in memory of, a loved one, a family or family member, a former parishioner, an alum, clergy, religious, or others, fill out an order form soon and return it to the Centennial Committee by February 25th. Order forms can be obtained at the doors of the church, at the rectory office, and off the parish website [www.magdalen.org](http://www.magdalen.org)

**Weekly Offertory Collection  
February 3, 2019**

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Envelopes</b> | <b>\$ 4,588.75</b> |
| <b>Loose</b>     | <b>736.00</b>      |
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| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$ 5,324.75</b> |

**Total Collection as of the fiscal year  
07-01-18—06-31-19  
\$115,694.17**

**Magdalen Specials**

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Soup Kitchen</b>       | <b>\$ 92.00</b>  |
| <b>Pro-Life</b>           | <b>39.00</b>     |
| <b>Tuition Assistance</b> | <b>142.00</b>    |
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| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$ 273.00</b> |

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



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

**Blessed Times at St. Mary Magdalen Parish**

*Submitted by parishioner and Alumni Class of 1968*

*Mike McMiller*

Reading Cindy Stollhan's stories about being a student at Saint Mary Magdalen brought back a lot of memories. While Cindy had graduated from St. Mary Magdalen in 1969 I graduated the year before in 1968. Some of our memories overlap. First I thank God for all the priests we had, *Msgrs. Mullally and Meyer, Fr. Vogler and Bob Marquitz*. I also thank God for all of the nuns that we had, teachers like *Sisters Margaret Arthur, Roberta Clare, Agnella, Celsa-Ann and Sister Consuela*, the principle. We were blessed that they served God by teaching us; dedicating their lives so that we might grow to know, love, and serve God. The quality of our education was evidenced by the success that we had in our high schools, in my case at Saint Louis U High. It is with a tinge of sadness when I think that today the Sisters of Saint Joseph are no longer an active part in educating the children of the parish. One of my very prominent memories at St. Mary Magdalen was of the CYC. We had a very active CYC with dances, year-round sports, canoe trips and more. We held general meetings once a month on Sunday after Mass and separate committee meetings during the month to plan each group activity. One of the highlights of the summer was putting on a musical production. It was a brilliant way to bring a large number of kids together for the summer to do something both productive and enjoyable. In "The Music Man" there were over 100 teenagers as part of the cast and crew, not counting the adult advisors. The musicals had plenty of chorus numbers where most of the cast, would be on stage singing together before an admiring audience (Of course they were admiring, they were all our families and friends.) The whole production would begin, at least for most of us, with tryouts at the start of the summer. There we would showcase our musical talents for the directors and our peers. (One reason why I was most often relegated to the chorus.) After tryouts but long before the play we had to collect money to defray the costs of both the play and, of

course, the cast party. To raise money, we would solicit sponsors whose names would be displayed in the program. It was then that I learned how many quick and diligent kids we had in the cast and crew. I was a procrastinator so by the time I got around to soliciting individuals and businesses I would be met with a consistent response: somebody had already been there and we have already given. Looking back on the list of sponsors it was impressive list, including politicians like the *Mayor of Saint Louis, A. J. Cervantes*, the mayor behind the construction of the Saint Louis Arch, and *James E. Godfrey* the Speaker of the Missouri State House of Representatives. Our kids knew people. There were the family business sponsors such as: *Hartnett Moving, Manzo's Importing*, and *McAnany Plumbing*. Many younger people may not realize that there were businesses that were sponsors that had their start in our neighborhood like *Quality Volkswagen* across from St. Mary Magdalen, *Saint Louis Honda* at Gravois and Kingshighway, and *Dave Sinclair Ford* on Kingshighway. In preparing for the musical we would meet together throughout the summer for rehearsals and scenery construction. A special thanks to our musical director *Gary Stoff* and production director *Mike Carroll* and all the adult leaders who dedicated a lot of their free time so we could put on the musical. We had many talented kids as part of the cast and crew. At the summit of the experience was the play that was put on for two days over a weekend in the youth center where there was plenty of room, though the acoustics left something to be desired. In the lead up to the production I learned the important lesson about the relativity of time. After we were told what characters we were to play and given the script, we were told to memorize our lines. This occurred a long time before the play was to be put on. But on the week before the play when you realized you still hadn't memorized your lines you would look back you and ask yourself where did the time go? Time is relative depending upon where you are standing. I still have nightmares about going on stage without ever having memorized my lines. What a memorable experience these musicals were! We all were on the stage singing, dancing, and acting. It was exhilarating! My lessons concerning the relativity of time did not end with the preparations leading up to the play. In the two Act play "The Music Man" I had a small part that put me

on stage at the very beginning of the first act and then after the middle of the second act. This meant that after I first appeared on stage, there were about eleven scenes and an intermission before I needed to be back on stage. That's a long time for a teenager. So when my good friend and fellow cast member Kim Figge informed me about a girl (who shall remain nameless for risk that the state and/or CYC statute-of-limitations may not be over) had offered to get some bonus, though possibly (and don't quote me on this) age inappropriate beverage for our cast party if only someone would drive her to her house, the solution was obvious. I had a car, I had the time, and she was very pretty. But a long time in the wings is but a short time on stage. It is all relative. I will never forget the look on Kim's face when we got back. Who could forget because it was same look on all the cast members who were not on stage. Everyone was frantic, asking each other where was I???? My part had been small but it was critical to moving forward the next scene. I made it back behind the curtain just in time to enter stage left. (or is that stage right?) Looking back I couldn't believe how close I came to missing the cue. Talk about your nightmares, I still wonder what the other actors would have done if I had missed the cue. After the production came the cast parties. For the Music Man tables had been set up on the parking lot next to the Youth Center to sit and enjoy the food and beverages. The joy at our accomplishment and our camaraderie overflowed at our cast parties. (The aforementioned spiking refreshment may have helped.) We had a great time! The Saint Mary Magdalen's CYC was such a blessing for our parish teenagers. Looking back so much has happened since that time yet these memories seem so close. Time is really relative. Saint Mary Magdalen was truly a vibrant parish with selfless leaders and great kids making it an amazing place to grow up with wonderful memories for which I thank God!

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Thank you Mike for your memories...I too was "relegated to the chorus"!! :) Fran (Class of 1970)

All are invited to share any memories they may have of St. Mary Magdalen past and present. Email your memories to Fran Voss, [smmadmin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smmadmin@sbcglobal.net) or drop off in the weekend collection



**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.

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

To make a reservation or more information please call Joe Miklovic at (314) 422-8640 or email [miklovic@swbell.net](mailto:miklovic@swbell.net)

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The above scheduled event, which benefits our Parish needs your help. If you, or your Parish Organization, would like to lend a hand please consider donating any/all baskets, new or used, for the Silent Auction Items. Any and all assistance, no matter how small is welcome. Call Joe Miklovic @ 353-1062 for any questions.

**Soup Kitchen**

Our next Soup Kitchen is **February 12**.  
**SAUCE MAKERS:** please drop your sauce off this Sunday, **February 10** to the School hall which will be open from 10-1025. 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, February 12. 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. Thank you.

**HOLY HOLY HOLY**

Dear Friends,

Our first reading this Sunday is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 6, verses 1-8. It is his witness about a vision that Isaiah received from God around 742 B.C. It is his commissioning from God to be a prophet. Isaiah sees into the Temple, a vision of Heaven! He sees the Heavenly Father, on a majestic throne, where the train of His robe fills the whole Temple. Imagine if God were sitting in our Church with His robe spread over the whole floor of our Church. Then Isaiah sees the Seraphim, “the burning ones” surrounding the throne. They are a kind of Angel. They are circling above the thrones, with six wings each! The Angels cry out “Holy, Holy, Holy, the Lord of Host, ( the word Host means a great body of angels, more than an army). St. Thomas Aquinas taught that there are more angels in existence than there are bits of matter in the universe. The Angels cry out, “All the earth is filled with His glory.” The angels see us, because our lives give glory to God by how we live. They see all creation giving glory to God by doing what it is supposed to do. For example, a tree gives glory to God by being a good tree. A fly gives glory to God by doing what a fly does. We give Glory to God by doing what God is asking us to do, namely worship, sacrifice, and praise as we become saints on our journey to Union with God BY LOVE, as we love God, our neighbor, and ourselves. ACTIVE SAINTS IN THE WORLD. The whole throne room of God is shaking and trembling at the sounds of the angels crying out, and Isaiah is struck by his unworthiness and falls to the floor. The Angels come to help him be pure and holy like God. Meanwhile God is asking “Whom shall I send?” Then Isaiah rises up and says “send me Lord?” This is why we know Isaiah’s name today. Because he said “Yes” to God and surrender his will to God’s will. This is the vision we remember at every Mass before we approach the altar for Holy Communion by singing Holy, Holy, Holy! We do this because it is the same thing happening to us that happened to Isaiah. We are approaching the Throne of Grace and, (even more than Isaiah did), we are receiving Jesus into our bodies. It is the most intimate moment of our lives. JUST THINK ABOUT IT, we get to do something that Isaiah, Moses, or Abraham never could do, we receive Jesus, body, blood, soul, and divinity into our

bodies, souls, and spirit. Then, my dear friends, we tell God... YES, SEND ME INTO THIS WORLD!

I WILL BE YOUR DISCIPLE!

I will do whatever you tell me to do!

Peace

Fr. Simon



**Family Photos**  
*“Pictures are worth a thousand words!”*

Did you take a family photo at Christmas? We are looking for more pictures of parishioners’ families for the centennial memory book. Your picture will trigger memories for us of past events and experiences - and remind us of our great fortune to be members of the St. Mary Magdalen community. 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.

Happy Valentines Day  
 February 14



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

**Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am**

**Monday, February 11, 2019**

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

**Tuesday, February 12, 2019**

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| Knights of Columbus Mtg | 7:00p | KCrM |
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**Thursday, February 14, 2019**

**Happy Valentines Day**

|                         |       |    |
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| St. Peter’s Study Group | 8:45a | CH |
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**Saturday, February 16, 2019**

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| Private Reserved | noon        | SH |
| Confessions      | 3:30p-4:10p | CH |
| Mass             | 4:30p       | CH |

**Sunday, February 17, 2019**

|                  |                |    |
|------------------|----------------|----|
| Masses           | 8:00a & 10:30a | CH |
| Private Reserved | 11:30a-12:30a  | SH |

**Please pray for healing and strength for ...**  
 Ruth Adams, Duane Aune, Keith Ballentine, Nancy Birkenmeier; Charlotte Brown, Frances Brown, Kenny Brown, Rosella Coffee, Madalene Costa, Robert Daggs, Myrtle Davis, 'Erica', Jasper Giardina, Dolores Greer, Pat Grotegeers, John Halloran, Bryon Hollows, Ed Howard, Kathy Huelsing, Kevin Jourdan, Max Keiser, Marie Kellner, Pat Kennedy, Amy Koeninger, Steve Luzecky, Mary Mather, Irene Mazzola, Lydia Molina, Thad Niemira, Ricky Perez, Mary Ann Plasmeier, Robert Purk, Diane Roeder, Mary & Rich Ryan, Bob Schallom, Noel Schneider, Gerry Sickles, Mary Signaigo, Ed Schmidt, 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.*



In your charity please pray for the repose soul of former parishioner, *Sam Davis* husband of the late Audrey Davis Sam passed away on February 1, 2019 May he be with our Lord in glory. Please keep all of Sam's family in your prayers. May he and all the faithful departed thorough the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**Lector**  
**Saturday, February 16, 2019 4:30 PM**  
 Mary Beth O'Donoghue  
**Sunday, February 17, 2019 8:00 AM**  
 Seminarian Chris Rumbach  
**Sunday, February 17, 2019 10:30 AM**  
 Melinda Arvay

**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Saturday, February 16, 2019 5 4:30PM**  
 Juanita Donatti, Nancy Sewester  
 Alt. Margaret O'Donoghue  
**Sunday, February 17, 2019 8:00AM**  
 Nancy Sewester, Seminarian Chris Rumbach  
 Alt. Mary Dooling  
**Sunday, February 17, 2018 10:30AM**  
 Dolores Guittar, Kristina Jackson, Garth Weihl,  
 Seminarian Mark Glazier Alt. Cathy Maloney

**Servers**  
**Saturday, February 16, 2018 4:30 PM**  
 Jim Abkemeier  
**Sunday, February 17, 2018 8:00 AM**  
 Ada, Vincent, Zelle Laury  
**Sunday, February 17, 2018 10:30 AM**  
 Kenny Douthit

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20 -- 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10  
 Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Do you have a call to the Priesthood?**

To all men between the ages of 18 and 40:  
 Have you ever considered  
 the possibility of becoming a priest?  
 Join us for a retreat at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary,  
 February 15-17  
 for time of quiet prayer  
 and reflections  
 on how God is at work in your life.  
 Register for free at <http://bit.ly/vocations19>

*Mass Intentions*

**Monday, February 11, 2019**  
 8:00 A.M. Ruby Vercelone

**Tuesday, February 12, 2019**  
 8:00 A.M. Joe Barbaglia—Special Intention

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019**  
 8:00 A.M. Ferd & Betty LeMatty

**Thursday, February 14, 2019**  
 8:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society

**Friday, February 15, 2019**  
 8:00 A.M. Doris Marie Berra

**Saturday, February 16, 2019**  
 4:30 P.M. Cecil Williams 

**Sunday, February 17, 2019**  
 8:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish  
 10:30 A.M. Frank Mohr—Special Intention

# Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 10, 2019

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