

# St. Mary Magdalen Parish

1919 ~ 100th Anniversary Celebration ~ 2019

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919



LENT  
2019

MARCH 10, 2019  
*First Sunday of Lent*

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.  
~ Luke 4:1-2

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The graphic features a central vertical composition. At the top is a purple banner with the date and title. Below it is a large, light-colored cross made of small dots. The background is a landscape of a wide, flat desert under a blue sky. In the foreground, there are green olive branches. To the right, there is a smaller inset image of a peaceful river flowing through a lush, green forest.

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:** Saturday: 4:30pm  
**Weekday Mass:** 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, March 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 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



Dear Parishioners and Friends,  
 You've probably heard the expression "If March comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb" and vice versa. Since

Lent started at the beginning of March this year maybe we can apply the same thought here: If Lent comes in like a lion will we allow it to go out like a lamb?

Basically what I mean is that we often enter Lent with many great intentions – increase our prayer life; take advantage of special devotions, like Stations of the Cross; make our sacrifices this year difficult and more meaningful; pay closer attention to the needs of others and respond to those needs with real generosity. Lenten intentions that come in like a lion!

Then comes the First Sunday in Lent, just a few days removed from Ash Wednesday, and we hear again the story of the temptation of Jesus in the desert. And we look at those bold proclamations we made just several days before. I have found it difficult to turn my thoughts to the Lord in prayer, I get too distracted; I had the opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross, but I was too busy; I find myself not even making the expected sacrifices, like following the laws of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Lenten Fridays; and there are those whom I have already ignored, especially those who make me feel uncomfortable in their need.

I guess Lent will go out like a lamb once again.

However, Lent is just beginning and the Holy Spirit is in our hearts urging us not to listen to the devil's temptations this time, but rather to say no to him and pick up the pace of our efforts. Even if we cannot do something more in all of the areas of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we can surely intensify our efforts in one or another.

The Gospel reminds us that Jesus underwent a battle with temptations, similar to the kinds of temptations to which we are all vulnerable. There was the temptation to live on bread alone – as if material things were are only source of lie. There was the temptation to seek and gain power and glory – as a

way of trying to escape vulnerability. There was the temptation to throw oneself down – as a way of presuming no responsibility for our actions, since "God will take care of everything." Jesus rose above these temptations and we can as well.

Think it over, and start over if you need to. If your Lenten intentions came in like a lamb, let the go out like a lion; if your Lenten intentions came in like a lion, let them also go out like a lion, ready to embrace the Passion of Jesus and His Resurrection with everything you have in your soul!

God bless,  
 Msgr. Borcic



**Prayer  
 Fasting  
 Almsgiving**

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<b>Weekly Offertory Collection                  March 3, 2019</b>	
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 3,621.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>713.00</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,334.00</b>
 <b>Total Collection as of the fiscal year                  07-01-18—06-31-19                  \$129,364.67</b>	
 <b>Magdalen Specials</b>	
<b>Soup Kitchen</b>	<b>\$ 57.00</b>
<b>Pro-Life</b>	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Tuition Assistance</b>	<b>3.00</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 68.00</b>
 <b>Thank you for your gifts to God and our Parish!</b>	

**Lenten Challenge—Feed the Hungry!**

Beginning this first week of Lent our greatest need is for canned meals. We would like to collect meals in a can, like stews, chili, beef ravioli, lasagna, et. In preparation for the second week we be looking to collect all kinds of pasta and pasta sauces.

Our goal is to collect 100 cans of food or household items or personal care items each week. Please help us reach our goal of 600 items (or more) by the end of Lent. We will accept any and all food, household, and personal care item donations anytime.

Watch the progress of our parish’s generosity on the chart placed near the sanctuary. Each basket that is colored in will represent 25 items donated.



Donations may be brought to the weekend Masses, daily Masses, or to the rectory office.

**Lenten Retreat over three Days  
You are invited!**

**Living Life to the Full**

*Living out the Baptismal Mission by embracing the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit (see John 10:10, Romans 5:5, and Philippians 4:4)*

**Daytime:** March 12 through March 14th  
1:00 P.M. to 2:15 P.M. at St. Mary Magdalen Church  
Or **Nighttime:** March 26 through March 28th  
7:00 P.M. to 8:15 P.M. at St. Joan of Arc Church

This three day retreat will explore the meaning and the purpose of our lives as well as giving several practical tips to helps us to grow in grace and fight off temptations.- *Fr. Simon Felix Michalski OP*

**T**he Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis needs you! Would you like to come to the most beautiful building in Saint Louis and volunteer one morning or afternoon a week. There are opportunities waiting for you as a Greeter or Tour Guide. Greeters sit at the desk in the vestibule and welcome people from around the world. Greeters are needed Monday thru Friday from 10:00am to 1:00pm or 1:00pm to 4:00pm Tour Guides are needed on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings to share the beautiful mosaics in our Cathedral Basilica. You will receive training if interested in becoming a Tour Guide or a Greeter. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talent for a few hours a week to share this great treasure of our faith. Please contact Sister Pat Donnelly at 314.373-8241.

**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**

**Saint John Vianney RELIC Pilgrimage  
visiting St. Louis**


Friday, March 15, 2019  
Begins with Mass at 12:05pm  
at the Cathedral Basilica, 4431 Lindell Blvd.

**Used Book Sale**

Given by Lodge Missouri #1 of CSA Fraternal Life  
Sunday, March 10, 2019 From 10am—2:00pm  
American –Czech Education Center  
4690 Lansdowne Ave.



**Magdalen Lenten Fish Fry's 2019**  
**4:00 PM—7:00 PM**  
**School Hall**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Special Feature</b>
March 15	Irish Night	Green Beer	O'Voss Family Trio * 
March 22	Jazz	Fortune Cookies	Special
March 29	Composers	Life Savers	Right to Life
April 5	Rat Pack	Hershey Kisses	DuBourg Swing Dancers *
April 12	German Night	Pretzels	Dulcimers*
April 19**	Good Friday	Gumbo Soup	St. Vincent de Paul

\*Starts at 6:30pm \*\*Fish Fry ends at 6:00pm

**Thank you St. Mary Magdalen Parish!**  
**From Respect Life Apostolate**

Thank you for the generous donation of \$400.00 to the LifeLine Coalition on February 19, 2019. The purpose of the LifeLine coalition is to offer practical assistance to any woman experiencing an unplanned or crisis pregnancy. The member agencies of the Lifeline Coalition rely on the financial support of faithful Catholics to aid them in providing life affirming services and assistance.

All donations go directly to the care providers for the women and families experiencing crisis pregnancies. The agencies, located throughout the archdiocese, offer their assistance in all communities and serve all those in need regardless of their race, religion, etc.

Your gift exemplifies your faithful commitment to the sanctity and dignity of all human life. Your witness is a testimony that *“Each of us is willed each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.”* Pope Benedict XVI

Please pray for all of us as we continue to work together to help women choose life. On behalf of all who will benefit from your generosity, again I thank you.

~ Karen M. Nolkemper  
 Executive Director, Respect Life Apostolate

**Soup Kitchen**

Our next Soup Kitchen is March 12.

**SAUCE MAKERS:** please drop your sauce off this Sunday, March 10 to the School hall which will be open for donuts after the 8 and 10:30am Masses. 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, March 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.

**Saint John Nepomuk—Rummage Sale**

(1625 S. 11th Street)  
 Saturday March 30, 2019  
 9am—3pm  
 Hope to see you there!



Collection hosted by  
*The Knights of*  
*Columbus Council*  
 #453  
*Ladies Auxiliary*

Collection of shoes will be held through the next 4 weeks. Collection box is located by the relics in the chapel. Thank you!



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

*Thanks for the Memories and the Faith Community  
From Jane Siebel, Parishioner since 1946*

As a child, my father, Edward Bulte told of his attending SMM school in the first house on the north side of Devonshire. According to him, Ozzie Schultes was the fastest runner at SMM. Dad spoke fondly of his best friend, Eddie Doerr, who lived on Sutherland across the street from the school yard. He often spoke fondly of his favorite teacher whose name I sadly cannot recall.

As a child, I remember dedicated teachers who helped me learn the 3R's, enthusiastically instilling in me a love of learning (Thanks, Sr. William Frances). Sister Mary Emma, as principal, tirelessly educated and disciplined us while running the school and convent.

As a teacher at SMM, I give thanks for the many students – it was an honor being with them through life's ups and downs, always in prayer. Parents supported the staff, in oh, so many ways, including one parent who made ornaments for each student in my homeroom, so I could add a Christmas note of encouragement. (Thanks, Mary Ann) Teachers bonded together, planning lessons and liturgies, sharing ideas, always encouraging and laughing through the good times and the challenges. A BIG thank you to Theo Kiene—a mentor, a friend and a dedicated teacher to SMM.

Thanks to Fr. Bob Ratzberger and Fr. Tom Bryon, SMM was the first school to take 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to Camp Don Bosco for a week during the school year. Sr. Virginia, Judy Mueller, and I coordinated the activities and lessons with my 3 year old daughter, Tricia, tagging along. Mass was held outdoors by the bonfire. One night, as we camped under the stars, we awoke to horses milling in the field with us. Another time, it got so cold Fr. Bryon made an emergency run with warm coats, hats and gloves for the students.

As a parent of three at SMM, I remember standing in the Fish Pond booth with Karen Harbaugh who always brought joy and love to every occurrence.

Our favorite New Year's Eve parties were held in SMM gymnasium with parents and children playing

sports and games all evening long. Thanks to the Quante family my daughter always had a place to go after school until I arrived home from work. Thanks to all the coaches who encouraged and gave of their time in basketball, volleyball, soccer and more. Those were the best of times!

As a parishioner, I loved meeting people of all ages, sharing our faith journeys through Renew programs. The Welcome Committee introduced me to many people. (One young man was introduced to one of our SMM graduates at the school picnic, only to fall in love and marry - congrats Maria and Tim). Thanks to our music ministers, our souls were uplifted in our Sunday liturgies – holy, holy, holy. Thanks to our steadfast workers who organized meals for the Soup Kitchen – still going strong. The Housing Connection made sure landlords were held accountable for their property. The list goes on and on.

What do I remember? I remember the priestly people of SMM and oh, so many good people. I treasure our time together. Yes, I found the kingdom of God in the here and now, as Jesus said, here at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in her people. With gratitude and praise, I celebrate the beloved people of SMM on their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

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

**Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am**

**Monday, March 11, 2019**

Quilters 9:00a Qrm

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

Lenten Retreat 1-2p CH  
Knights Columbus Mtg 7:00p KCrM

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

Lenten Retreat 1-2p CH  
Extra Lenten Mass 6:00p CH  
Southampton Neighborhood Mtg 7-9p SH

**Thursday, March 14, 2019**

Stations of the Cross after 8:00am Mass CH  
Lenten Retreat 1-2p CH

**Friday, March 15, 2019**

Fish Fry 4-7p SH

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**

Confessions 3:30p-4:10p CH  
Mass 4:30p CH

**Sunday, March 17, 2019**

Masses 8:00a & 10:30a CH

***Happy St. Patty's Day!***

**Please pray for healing and strength for ...**  
 Keith Ballentine, Nancy Birkenmeier; Charlotte Brown, Kenny Brown, Jean Cebuhar, Rosella Coffee, Madalene Costa, Robert Daggs, 'Erica', Jasper Giardina, 'Jennifer' Ellen Gianella, Dolores Greer, Pat Grotegeers, Bryon Hollows, Ed Howard, Kathy Huelsing, Kevin Jourdan, Max Keiser, Marie Kellner, Pat Kennedy, Steve Luzecky, Margaret Lyons, Mary Mather, Irene Mazzola, Julianne McMiller, Catherine Miller, Patricia O'Neal, Patrick Noonan, Robert Purk, Joan Quante, Mary & Rich Ryan, Todd Shelton, Noel Schneider, 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 long time parishioner, *Ruth Adams*. Ruth passed away on March 1, 2019. May she be with Our Lord in glory. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. May Ruth and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**Lector**

**Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:30 PM**  
 Mary Beth O'Donoghue  
**Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:00 AM**  
 Mary Dooling  
**Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:30 AM**  
 Tiffany Izard

**Stewardship Reflection**

*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me. (Deuteronomy 26:10)*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

**Eucharistic Minister**

**Saturday, March 16, 2019 4:30PM**  
 Kris Onanian, Juanita Donatti  
 Alt. Charlie Halbrook  
**Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:00AM**  
 Charlie Dooling, Seminarian Matt Glazier  
 Alt. Ray Morales  
**Sunday, March 17, 2018 10:30AM**  
 Bob & Miriam Marek, Mary Elkins, Marisol Pfaff  
 Alt. Seminarian Chris Rumbach

**Servers**

**Saturday, March 16, 2018 4:30 PM**  
 Nancy Sewester  
**Sunday, March 17, 2018 8:00 AM**  
 Joe Brouk  
**Sunday, March 17, 2018 10:30 AM**  
 Tiffany Sakamoto

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, March 11, 2019**  
 8:00 A.M. Noel Schneider—Special Intention  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**  
 8:00 A.M. Frances Brown  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**  
 8:00 A.M. Ferd & Betty LeMatty  
 6:00 P.M. Purgatorial Society  
**Thursday, March 14, 2019**  
 8:00 A.M. Jim Abkemeier—Special Intention  
**Friday, March 15, 2019**  
 8:00 A.M. Ellen Gianella—Special Intention  
**Saturday, March 16, 2019**  
 4:30 P.M. Bill & Agnes Frank  
**Sunday, March 17, 2019**  
 8:00 A.M. Harry & Ann Eilermann  
 10:30 A.M. For the People of the Parish

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
 Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 -- 4:1 [3:20 -- 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

# First Sunday of Lent

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