


St. Mary Magdalen Parish

1919 ~ 100th Anniversary Celebration ~ 2019

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919



LENT
2019

MARCH 31, 2019
*Fourth Sunday
of Lent*

Whoever is in Christ
is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.
~ 2 Corinthians 5:17

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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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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
9:00—10:00am

Prayer Support Group: Twice a month, Tuesdays.
(*Tuesday, April 2)

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



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As a member of the boys' choir in elementary school, we sang the following Introit in Gregorain chant at the beginning of Mass on the fourth Sunday of Lent:

“Laetare Jerusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam: gaudete cum laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis....”

Which translated means:

“Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you who loved her: rejoice with gladness, you who have been in sorrow....”

So, the fourth Sunday of Lent, called *Laetare* Sunday from the opening word of the Latin Introit, is a time to rejoice. We also have, in the middle of Advent, *Gaudete* Sunday, which is also a call to rejoice. The difference between the two is very subtle but meaningful. *Gaudire* means to rejoice but has the intent of inwardly rejoicing; while *Laetare* has the intent of outwardly manifesting our joy.


It is sort of like coming to an oasis in the desert. You may come upon it unexpectedly and it's not something you are likely to keep to yourself. Rather, you would be inclined to shout it out to others in the desert so that all can experience the comfort and relief the oasis brings.

In Lent, when we are in the midst of a strict desert experience involving a more intense prayer life, genuine fasting, serious acts of charity, and authentic sorrow for our sins, the church suddenly calls us to rejoice. Amidst the difficulty, distress, and grief associated with our Lenten observance, the Church reminds us that we, like the Prodigal Son in the Gospel, can always turn away from our sinfulness and turn back to the Father, who receives us with great rejoicing.

Suitably preparing ourselves during our Lenten journey will bring us closer to the God who loves us and ultimately lead to a deeper relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose blood was poured out on the Cross so that the gates of heaven would once again be open to us – the comforting message which is our oasis in the desert.

This, then, is that joyful message we hear this week and which we are compelled to share with others, especially with those making this journey with us. Don't just *gaudete*, (rejoice only inwardly), **LAETARE!** (manifest that joy)! “Rejoice with gladness, you who have been in sorrow.”

God bless,
Msgr. Borcic



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water projects

Turning used shoes into water
www.shoemanwater.org

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

Collection of shoes will be held through the next 1 weeks. Collection box is located by the relics in the chapel. Thank you!

Weekly Offertory Collection	
March 24, 2019	
Envelopes	\$ 1,620.00
Loose	663.00
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Total	\$ 2,283.00
Total Collection as of the fiscal year	
07-01-18—06-31-19	
\$133,958.67	
Magdalen Specials	
Soup Kitchen	\$ 100.00
Pro-Life	25.00
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Total	\$ 125.00
Thank you for your gifts to God and our Parish!	



**Lenten Challenge—
Feed the Hungry!**

This week of Lent our greatest need is for cans of soup—all kinds of soup. We will still accept meals in a can, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly at any other times as well. In preparation for the fifth week we will be looking to collect shampoo and bar soap. We have surpassed our initial goal of 600 items and are well on our way to exceed 1000 items before the end of Lent.

**The third week we received 315 items
The total for the two weeks is 719**

Watch the progress of our parishioners 'generosity on the chart placed near the sanctuary. Each food basket that is colored in green represents 25 items donated. You will see a weekly total, a running total, and, at the end of Holy Week, a grand total. Thank you for your generosity!

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

**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**

Last Call for Memory Book Pictures...We are getting ready to finalize our book to commemorate the 100th anniversary. This is our very last call for a picture of your family! We will not be able to accept any more pictures after April 1st. We can copy an original photo and return it to you, or we can accept a digital copy through email. Please call Mary Dooling 225-8537 or Cookie Muntges 832-4531 for more info. We would love to hear from you.

Seder Celebration

The annual Seder will take place in the school hall on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 16, 2019 beginning at 6:30pm. There is no cost but reservations are required. Please fill out the reservation form below and return it to the rectory office no later than Monday, April 8, 2019.

Msgr. Borcic,

I would like to make a reservation for the annual Seder celebration and dinner to be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

Number of persons in my group: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone or E-mail: _____

Please return this form to the rectory office by April 8, 2019



Magdalen Lenten Fish Fry's 2019

4:00 PM—7:00 PM

School Hall

Fish dinner Plates \$8.50 Adults; \$7.50 Seniors; \$6.50 Children 12 and under

All dinners come with coleslaw, 2 sides, and choice of 1 dessert

Date	Theme	Favor	Special Feature
April 5	Rat Pack	Hershey Kisses	DuBourg Swing Dancers *
April 12	German Night	Pretzels	Dulcimers*
April 19 (3-6p)	Good Friday	Gumbo Soup	St. Vincent de Paul

*Starts at 6:30pm

Mercy and Healing for Hurting Women

Project Rachel will offer a one day retreat on Saturday, May 11 for any woman wounded by an abortion experience. Marisol Pfaff, a certified spiritual director with extensive training in counseling and Fr. Tom Pastorius bring a wealth of experience and most importantly hope, love and mercy to participants.

The retreat is held in a confidential, home-like setting along with all information confidential.

Encourage someone you love to accept this opportunity for healing on this Mother's Day Weekend.

For more information contact Marisol at 314.792.7596 or mpfaff@archstl.org.



1st Sunday Donuts and Coffee

April 7, 2019

Hosted by the *Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary* next Sunday after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses in the school hall. Please join the Ladies and other parishioners for refreshments and conversation. If you are new to the parish or just visiting we would love for you to join us.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish—Dutzow

Annual Palm Sunday

Chicken & Sausage Dinner

Sunday, April 14

The day included an all you can eat chicken and sausage dinner and all the fixings, a beer and wine garden under tent, music, raffles and games and activities for kids and adults. Located on South Highway 94 in beautiful Missouri wind country, in between Balducci and Blumenhof wineries and 5 miles north of Washington MO. All are welcome.

For more information call 636.433.2678 or visit our website at www.svdutzow.org



Prayer for an End to Infanticide

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join us in prayer for an end to infanticide:

Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.

The Prayer Group will meet in the Church Chapel on Tuesday, April 2 from 6:30pm –7:15pm. All are invited to join others for 45 minutes of deep prayer led by Fr. Simon Felix. Please join us.

The St. Peter Bible Study will meet on Thursday, April 4 after the Stations of the Cross in Church. Please join us.

Fourth Sunday In Lent Laetare Sunday

Joyful, Joyful!

We are half way through Lent and there are only 21 days until Easter Season Begins. So we pause this Sunday to REJOICE and give Him thanks.

This Holy Season of Lent is of course connected with the Easter Season giving us a total of 90 days special grace each year. Lent is 40 days and Easter is 50 days, and then...PENTECOST. The giving of the Holy Spirit in a new way to the world.

Pentecost used to have a season as well, but now the Church has us go directly into Ordinary Time. This means that Ordinary Time is Pentecost Time. In other words, we are given to understand that our ordinary way of operating in the world, is in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the ordinary sense of the word, we are all charismatic's, because we all are filled with the Holy Spirit and given gifts for the building up of the body of Christ, in this time and place! God is in the "now" of our lives. We are in a relationship with a "living" God, who is with us now. Heaven is simply the eternal now. Our relationship begins now and continues into eternity, for eternity entered time, and has drawn us all into the family of God. Rejoice in the Lord Always, again I say rejoice." (Philippians 4: 4)

Our reading this Sunday act like a diving board into joy. We recognize that God has removed the "reproach" of sin from us. Our sins can be forgiven and forgotten, once and for all. We are reminded today that we receive the Lord in Holy Communion at each Mass. Not a dead symbol, but the living Lord of heaven and earth dwells in us.

We rejoice because we are now a new creation, who dwells in, and loves through, the Holy Spirit, at work in the world. We remember today that God, like the Father in the story, is searching for us, to bring us home to him. He is "eager", and ever ready to forgive us, and clothe us with virtues, and throws a wondrous party to honor our choice to come home to Him.

My dear friends, let each of us, this day, repent and go home to the Father, through the Son and Holy Spirit. Shall we not rejoice together with Him, forever? Shall we not embrace joy and love forever? Shall we not be so glad that we did?

Peace
Fr. Simon



**St. Mary Magdalen
Easter Egg Hunt**

*Sponsored by
The Knights of Columbus #453
Ladies Auxiliary*

**April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday
after the 10:30am Mass**

**The hunt will take place
on the front lawn of the school building.**

**FREE
All kids up to the 8th Grade**



This week in our Parish...

Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am

Monday, April 1, 2019

Quilters	9:00a	Qrm
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Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Election	all day	SH
Prayer Group	6:30p-7:15p	CH

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Church Cleaning	8:30a	CH
Extra Lenten Mass	6:00p	CH

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Stations of the Cross after 8:00am Mass		CH
St. Peter Scripture Study after Stations of the Cross		
Precious Blood Prayer Group	7-9p	RMR

First Friday, April 5, 2019

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	8:30a-noon	CH
Fish Fry	4-7p	SH

First Saturday, April 6, 2019

First Saturday Holy Hour	9-10a	CH
Confessions	3:30p-4:10p	CH
Mass	4:30p	CH

Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 7, 2019

Donuts after the 8am and 10:30am Masses		SH
Mass	8:00a	CH
Mass	10:30a	CH

Please pray for healing and strength for ...
 Keith Ballentine, Tom Bergfeld, Nancy Birkenmeier; Ida Olivia Bracken, Charlotte Brown, Kenny Brown, Pam Bundren, 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, Dale Klobe, 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, Dodie Stollhans, Jean Sullivan, Anne Turek, 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

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (Joshua 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 1, 2019

8:00 A.M. Martha Louise Brouk

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

8:00 A.M. Jessica Turk

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

8:00 A.M. Lydia Molina & Perez Family—
Special Intention

6:00 P.M. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, April 4, 2019

8:00 A.M. Jim Hoffman

Friday, April 5, 2019

8:00 A.M. Jacqueline Behrendt

Saturday, April 6, 2019

4:30 P.M. Ruth Adams

Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:00 A.M. Matthew Fedora
 10:30 A.M. For the People of the Parish



Cecilia Lily Athena Kirkpatrick

on

March 24, 2019

Proud Parents

*Rickey Kirkpatrick
& Anastasia Mezinis*

Celebrant

Msgr. John J. Borcic

Lector

Saturday, April 6, 2019 4:30 PM

Ron Gianella

Sunday, April 7, 2019 8:00 AM

Rob Dirnbeck

Sunday, April 7, 2019 10:30 AM

Dolores Guittar

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, April 6, 2019 4:30PM

Juanita Donatti

Alt. Margaret O'Donoghue

Sunday, April 7, 2019 8:00AM

Charlie Dooling, Seminarian Matt Glazier

Alt. Mary Dooling

Sunday, April 7, 2018 10:30AM

Marisol Pfaff, Kristina Jackson, Ray & Mary Schaefer

Alt. Seminarian Chris Rumbach

Servers

Saturday, April 6, 2018 4:30 PM

Brian & Katie Weaver

Sunday, April 7, 2018 8:00 AM

Harry Signaigo & Charlie Dirnbeck

Sunday, April 7, 2018 10:30 AM

Kenny Douthit

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b;
 Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;

Jn 8:1-11

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019

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