

St. Mary Magdalen Parish

1919 ~ 100th Anniversary Celebration ~ 2019

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919

April 7, 2019



Fifth Sunday

of

I put water in the desert
and rivers in the wasteland
for my chosen people to drink.

Isaiah 43:20

Lent

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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
9:00—10:00am

Prayer Support Group: Twice a month, Tuesdays.
(*Tuesday, April 30)

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,
 Now that we have passed the halfway mark in Lent things will seem to be moving a lot quicker as we move closer to

Easter. It's a good time to take a hard look at how true we've been to our Lenten practices.

Can we say that our prayer experiences have increased or improved during this time? If so, we need to be sure to continue to do so. If not, then it's time we put it into gear and put aside some time to meet Jesus in this year's Lenten journey. Prayer draws us closer to Jesus, and we need prayerful preparation in order to walk with Him during the days of His passion and death.

Jesus spent His last moments, prior to His time of suffering, in prayer. The Apostles who were with Him had difficulty keeping their eyes open even for a short time. Can we watch with Him just one extra hour in prayer? Maybe we can plan to attend Mass one day during the week as well as on the weekend; or come to Mass 10 minutes early, or stay 10 minutes afterwards, in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, allowing ourselves to be drawn closer to Him as we prepare to enter the holiest season of our Church.

What about our Lenten fast? So many of us could lay claim to having given up what we desired to give up during Lent. Maybe we can make these last few weeks a time in which we become more conscientious in keeping that one Lenten promise that has escaped us thus far. Or, if we have been diligent up to now, we might find something else to do in order to fortify our resolve. Don't forget that Jesus gave up EVERYTHING so that we might have a share in His Kingdom. We are asked to give up so little now. Our willingness to do so will help prepare ourselves to give Him our all when that day comes.

Now we examine our hearts in terms of almsgiving during Lent. Many, many people have been most generous in responding to our Lenten challenge of supplying food for our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. We have already surpassed our challenge goal and we keep soaring to new heights. Many others have been generous in donating new and used pairs

of shoes to the Shoeman Project. Some, I know, will be generous to the annual Rice Bowl collection. Still others will give to other charities and charitable organizations. Those who benefit from our charity will not necessarily be people we know, nor do we have to know. We are simply trying to respond to needs both local and distant. Have we truly been generous this year? Do we still need to motivate ourselves to some generous act of charity before Holy Week?

I also want to invite everyone to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Lent. In addition to the Saturday confessions prior to the evening Mass, we will hear confessions this Tuesday, April 9, from 1pm until 2pm. Also, on Saturday of this week, April 13, from 9am until 11am. Holy Week begins next weekend! Be ready!

God bless,
 Msgr. Borcic

Prayer to keep all human life sacred

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.

Weekly Offertory Collection March 31, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 3,373.00
Loose	446.00
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Total	\$ 3,819.00

**Total Collection as of the fiscal year
 07-01-18—06-31-19
 \$137,777.67**

Magdalen Specials

Soup Kitchen	\$ 5.00
Pro-Life	55.00
Tuition	105.00
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Total	\$ 165.00

Thank you for your gifts to God and our Parish!



**Lenten Challenge—
Feed the Hungry!**

This week of Lent our greatest need is for shampoo and bar soap. We will still accept meals in a can, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly and all kinds of soups at any other times as well. We have surpassed our initial goal of 600 items and the challenge goal of 1000 items.

**The fourth week we received 255 items
The total for the four weeks is 974**

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**

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 or call Fran at the rectory (314-352-2111 ext 4) no later than Wednesday, April 10, 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 10, 2019*

**St. Mary Magdalen Parish
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Conference #166**

**Fiscal Year October 1, 2018—March 31, 2019
BY THE NUMBERS.....**

**Donations-Memorials—Poor Box Receipts
\$21,730.01**

**Utilities—Rent— Food Distribution
\$59,231.32**

**Individuals—Units of Service Aided
4068**

**# Donors/Contributors
285**

**Thrift Store BLUE BOX Donations
\$4,623.40**

**Volunteer Hours of Service
4,421**

**We were HERE in times of Chaos...
Because YOU were HERE in times of Calm.**

For it is in giving that we receive!



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 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.

This week in our Parish...

Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am

Monday, April 8, 2019

Quilters 9:00a Qrm

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Lenten Confessions 1:00-2:00p CH

Knights of Columbus Mtg 7:00p KCrM

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Extra Lenten Mass 6:00p CH

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Stations of the Cross after 8:00am Mass CH

St. Peter Scripture Study after Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 12, 2019

Fish Fry 4-7p SH

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Confessions 9a-11a CH

Private Reserved 11a-5p SH

Confessions 3:30p-4:10p CH

Mass 4:30p CH

Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019

Mass 8:00a & 10:30a CH



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 for all kids up to the 8th Grade



Czech Spring Festival

April 28, 2019

St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church

1625 S. 11th Street

Dinners will be served from 11am until 5pm. The menu will be roast pork or 1/2 chicken baked with sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes, apple-sauce, bread, dessert coffee or Tea.

Adults \$11.00 Children 6-12 \$5.00 and under 6 Free.

Booths, games, lottery tree and raffle.

Music by **Joe Polach and the Czech Express.**

Getting Ready for Holy Week: Part One

Dear Friends,

I would like to take a little time over the next three weeks to encourage you all to make plans for Holy Week. It begins with “The Commemoration of the Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem” ,or “Palm Sunday”, or “Passion Sunday., on April 14th. Next is Holy Week, with an emphasis on the Triduum, or “three Days” of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, April 18th, 19th, and 20th. Easter Sunday is April 21st this year.

I want to encourage others to make a plan to attend the Triduum. It is the heart of the Liturgical year. It is considered one feast day, which we celebrate over three days. During the rest of the year, we normally begin and end each liturgy with the sign of the cross. The Triduum is different. During the Triduum, We begin with the sign of the cross on Thursday and do not make the sign of the cross until the End of Easter Vigil. This makes it, Liturgically, “one” service celebrated over three days. In addition, in my opinion, these are the some the most beautiful Liturgies of the Year.

My Dad and I once made plans to attend these all these Liturgies together. We were going to spend that special time together as father and son. Unfortunately, my Dad died that year during Lent, and we were never able to have that time together. I invite you to consider that it would be a wonderful memory for your family to have had that experience together.

To begin getting ready for Holy Week, let’s start by preparing some prayers for Holy Week. Let’s that follow what the Church is Praying for during the week. I invite you to write some prayers for yourself, based on the themes in the Collect of the Mass (Opening Prayer at each Mass.

Palm Sunday: The Themes are patient suffering, humility, and asking to share in the resurrection of the dead. We pray for growth in patience when we are suffering, the gift of being humble like Jesus, and that we too may share in the Resurrection of Jesus.

Monday: We recognize our weakness and pray that God revive us through the power of the Passion of Jesus.

Tuesday: We are asking for pardon through the sacred Passion of Jesus, for all of our sins and failures.

Wednesday: We recognize the power of the cross to defeat evil and we ask for a share in the resurrection of the dead.

Holy Thursday: We come in great anticipation and gratitude for the gift of the Eucharist and we ask God to make us grow in Love, and be filled with life eternal by our participation in this Liturgy.

Good Friday: We asked to made holy and to be protected from evil. By the shedding of the precious Blood of Jesus. We also pray for all the needs of the whole world at this Liturgy.

Easter Vigil: We pray for the grace to enter into this most profound Liturgy with open hearts and minds to God’s grace and plan for our lives.

Easter Sunday: We pray in gratitude for eternal life, Renewal in the Spirit, and enlightenment of our minds and hearts with a growth in faith, hope ,and love.

If you have never written a prayer try this outline...

O God: (name an attribute), Who (name something form salvation history the God did or is doing), We humbly Ask (ask for by name what you need) , We believe (state your personal belief that Christ can do this) and we Ask this Through His Holy Name. Doxology: You who live and reign with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Virgin Mary pray for us. Amen. St Mary Magdalen, pray for us. Amen.

-Fr. Simon Felix

Soup Kitchen Sauce Makers

We served 166 guests at the March meal with enough for seconds! The date for our next meal is Tuesday, April 16. The Sauce makers for the April meal have been contacted, and need to pick up their supplies today, April 7, Donuts Sunday, from the cafeteria in the school hall kitchen. Return sauce the following Sunday, April 14, from 10-10:25am to the school hall. Don’t forget a package of meat from the freezer, too. Please contact Mary Schaefer if you need to make other arrangements for pick up. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

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, Dolores Mather, Mary Mather, Irene Mazzola, Julianne McMiller, Catherine Miller, Eddie O'Donnell, 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

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

Mass Intentions

- Monday, April 8, 2019**
8:00 A.M. James & Lucille Sanders
- Tuesday, April 9, 2019**
8:00 A.M. Living & Deceased of Meyer, Diem & Puls family
- Wednesday, April 10, 2019**
8:00 A.M. Ferd & Betty Le Matty
6:00 P.M. Ann Schwarz Family
- Thursday, April 11, 2019**
8:00 A.M. Will Schuchardt
- Friday, April 12, 2019**
8:00 A.M. Mickey Hamilton
- Saturday, April 13, 2019**
4:30 P.M. Bill & Agnes Frank
- Sunday, April 14, 2019**
8:00 A.M. Harry & Ann Eilermann
10:30 A.M. For the People of the Parish



In your charity please pray for the repose soul of long-time parishioner, former school parent and friend to many of St. Mary Magdalen, **Frank Schembre**. May he be with Our Lord in glory. Please we ask that you keep his family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time. May Frank and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Lector—Palm Sunday Weekend

- Saturday, April 13, 2019 4:30 PM**
(1) Mary Beth O'Donoghue (2) Kris Onanian
- Sunday, April 14, 2019 8:00 AM**
(1) Ken Luecke (2) Julie Laury
- Sunday, April 14, 2019 10:30 AM**
(1) Sara Marek (2) Melinda Arvay

Eucharistic Minister—Palm Sunday Weekend

- Saturday, April 13, 2019 4:30PM**
Charlie & Mary Ann Halbrook
Alt. Juanita Donatti
- Sunday, April 14, 2019 8:00AM**
Mary Dooling, Ray Morales
Alt. Mark Laury
- Sunday, April 14, 2019 10:30AM**
Bob & Miriam Marek, Garth Weihl, Dolores Guittar
Alt. Kristina Jackson

Servers-Palm Sunday Weekend

- Saturday, April 13, 2019 4:30 PM**
Nancy Sewester
- Sunday, April 14, 2019 8:00 AM**
Vincent, Zelle & or Ada Laury
- Sunday, April 14, 2019 10:30 AM**
Tiffany Sakamoto

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 -- 23:56 [23:1-49]

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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