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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (The end of Oct. until May)
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30 am
Weekdays: See schedule
Holy Day: Contact Parish Office

PASTORAL STAFF

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Contact Pastor at least a month before the baptism for instructions.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 3:00pm (one hour before Mass time); anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGES: Contact the pastor six months in advance to begin marriage preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: By Appointment Only



The central theme of today's readings is that God takes care of our physical and spiritual needs if we put our trust in Him. He shares with us Jesus as our Savior and spiritual food, in Word and in Eucharist, thus preparing us for the Heavenly banquet, and challenges us to share our blessings with others.

In the first reading, Isaiah consoles the Jewish exiles in Babylon, assuring them of their return to homeland and promising them that Yahweh

their God alone can and will provide for their spiritual and physical needs. He will pardon their sins and will offer them participation in His eschatological banquet. In the second reading, Paul argues that since God's love for us is so immense and infinite, "nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord." In today's Gospel, Jesus demonstrates God's caring love for us by feeding the people, spiritually by his preaching and physically by the miraculous multiplication of five loaves and two fish, which the apostles had brought for their lunch and which they gave Jesus to feed the people. This miracle shows the Divinity of Jesus, the providing care of God and the compassion of Jesus for the crowd. It is a Messianic sign, presenting Jesus as the new Moses who fed the Israelites in the desert and the new Elisha who miraculously fed the starving people of Gilgal (2 Kings 42-44). So, we need to nourish our souls with Jesus in Word and Sacrament. We nourish our souls with the Word of God (by listening to God through reading the Bible) and with the Bread of Life (by receiving Jesus in Holy Communion). We need to find time to be with Christ both in personal and family prayer and in Adoration of the Eucharist whenever this is available. One way of listening to God is to read a passage in the Bible until it speaks to the heart, then stop to reflect on the message God is conveying to our hearts. The next step is to respond to God by prayer, which is talking to Him, as to a friend in conversation, telling Him everything and asking Him for whatever we need. And also, we need to share our blessings with others around us, generously and sacrificially, in order to alleviate their spiritual and physical hunger. God lavishly blesses the large-hearted, who generously and sacrificially share their resources with others.

"I shared my rice because she has several starving children:" From her personal experience, Mother Teresa relates a story showing how generous the poor are, and how ready to share what little they have with others because they themselves have experienced hunger and poverty. Learning of a poor Hindu family in Calcutta who had been starving for many days, Mother Teresa visited them and gave a parcel of rice to the mother of the family. She was surprised to see that the woman divided the rice into two equal portions and gave one to her Moslem neighbor. When Mother Teresa asked her why she had done such a sacrificial deed, the woman replied: "My family can manage with half of what you brought. My neighbor's family is in greater need because they have several children who are starving."

ST. MARY MAGDALENE
1ST COMMUNION
2020

AS YOU KNOW RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST IS AN IMPORTANT TO US AS CATHOLICS BUT ESPECIALLY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE RECEIVING IT FOR THE FIRST TIME.

ON AUGUST 9TH SOME OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE RECEIVING THEIR 1ST COMMUNION. PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM AS THEY PREPARE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT!

Carley Brey
Cooper Ebelhar
Robi Mitchell
Lucas Payne
Caroline Stephen
Lilly Stephen
Charlie Stephen
Bobby Thompson



PREP and SACRAMENTAL NEWS

PREP teachers:

If you were a catechist in 2019-2020 and you're interested in being a catechist in the Fall I'd like for us to gather before we begin the year which will be the second Wednesday in September. We plan on gathering at 9:15 am on Sunday, August 2nd. I plan on meeting for around 30-45 min. Before I start to make plans for the fall, I would like for us to go over the diocesan policy for our public health situation, discuss the potential for what teaching could look like if we go back into quarantine and a few other things. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

PREP Parents:

Parents, keep an eye on the bulletin for more information concerning PREP, meeting times and registration forms in the coming weeks. If we are able to have PREP in the Fall based on the diocesan policy concerning the public health situation, our plan is to start the second Wednesday of September.

Parents of 8th graders, Confirmation 2021:

Keep an eye out in the Bulletin in the next few weeks about gathering to see if we have enough young people to have Confirmation and to go over what the program will look like.

OUR DEEPEST NEEDS

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, “The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs” (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, “Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?” After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today’s Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water!

You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. John Vianney

Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord; Hiroshima Memorial Day

Friday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan; First Friday

Saturday: St. Dominic



Monday,	August 3 No Mass
Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.	August 4 Houston Stephen †
Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.	August 5 Chris and Kim Hagan
Thursday, Noon	August 6 F.G. and Winnie Riney †
Friday, Noon	August 7 Bobby Collignon †
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	August 8 David Clouse †
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	August 9 Tom Kamuf † Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene

SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY (1786-1859)
August 4

A busy pastor jokingly suggests the secret of John Vianney’s holiness: “He died seventeen years before telephones!” Call they didn’t, but visit they did, keeping Vianney eighteen hours a day in the confessional. Stories abound of reading hearts and exorcisms, but Vianney’s first miracle was getting ordained. Difficulty with studies delayed him, prompting the rector’s apology to the bishop, “So far to ordain just one, especially *this* one!” The bishop, who could not know he was ordaining the future patron saint of parish priests, replied, “No burden to ordain one good priest!” In Ars, only an elderly handful attended Mass, “praying,” one told Vianney, “for a priest with brains.” But he stayed forty-two years, fulfilling the promise he made the day he arrived. In a sculpture just outside the village Vianney points skyward: “Show me the way to Ars,” he tells a boy, “and I’ll show you the way to heaven.” To someone who feared there was no heaven beyond the grave, Vianney smiled, “My child, it would have been heaven enough to have lived as Jesus’ disciple on earth.”



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Please join us in praying for our Confirmation candidates!

<i>Treyson Byrne</i>	<i>Gabbie O'Bryan</i>
<i>Chole Coomes</i>	<i>Blair Riney</i>
<i>Cooper Jones</i>	<i>Josh Thomas</i>
<i>Ruthie Jones</i>	<i>Leah Thompson</i>
<i>Cole Parker</i>	<i>Bella Wood</i>

Confirmation @ St. Mary Magdalene will be with the Bishop on Tuesday, August 18th @ 6:00 pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!
Parishioners Celebrating Birthdays
This Week:

August 5-Gary Fulkerson
5-Betty Wallace
6-Emma Riney

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!
Parishioners Celebrating Wedding
Anniversaries This Week:

August 5-Chris and Kim Hagan

May you have a Happy and Blessed Anniversary!

If your birthday is omitted from this list, or incorrectly dated, please contact the parish office.

Narthex/Vestibule Update: July 19, 2020

Total amount needed for project: \$260,000.00

Total amount that has been collected to date: \$263,434.00

(additional brick donations \$ 8,300.00)

this amount is of the \$305,828.00 pledged over the next 5 years.

Please write in the memo or for section of your check Narthex when donating. Thank you to all that have generously donated, it is deeply appreciated.

PRAYER AND HUMILITY

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.

—St. Dominic



St. Dominic, pray for us.

OFFERINGS:

For July 26, 2020

Weekly Actual

July 26 \$ 7,061.00

Weekly Budget

\$ 8,343.94

Year to Date Actual

\$28,346.00

Year to Date Budget

\$ 33,375.76 (Week 4)

Weekly Deficit

\$ 1,282.94

Year to Date Deficit

\$5,029.76

Money Counters: August: David and Rose Marie Cecil, Mary Ann Knott



ST. MARY MAGDALENE CEMETERY

Please contact church office to purchase a cemetery plot.
(270) 771-4436.

WEEDEATING CREWS for August 7th and 8th: Eddie and Sean Bryne and for August 14th and 15th James Gilles Family. What needs to be done: The ditches along Hwy. 56 and Knott Road; Around the curbs and parking lot; Around the church, sidewalks around the rectory, parish office, and parish hall. We are thankful for the generous parishioners donating their time to keep the parish grounds neatly trimmed. **THANK YOU!!**

DEEPEST SYMPATHY EXTENDED to the family of Donald Kamuf, who passed away on July 22, 2020, brother of Dan Kamuf and Jim Kamuf.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” (Matthew 5:4).



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*Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

August 2, 2020

Thus says the Lord:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!
You who have no money,
come, receive grain and eat;
Come, without paying
and without cost,
drink wine and milk!

Isaiah 55:1

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of preparing the unbaptized, and those un-formed by Christianity (termed, uncatechized), for acceptance of Christ, of the Catholic Faith, and reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. Full initiation normally concludes with the Easter Vigil (the night before Easter Sunday). The process usually takes a year, although there may be exceptions, due to age or infirmity. **Catholic initiation** (outside of the R.C.I.A.) indicates that a person is already validly baptized, already accepts Christ, and now wishes to be a Roman Catholic. This catechesis (learning the Faith) can be adapted to the specific needs and circumstances of the individual. If you know of anyone interesting in learning about the process please let Fr. Shaiju know.

Thank You

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Thank you for warmly welcoming me back to St. Mary Magdalene Parish. I am enjoying being reacquainted with family friends and friends made while working at Holy Angels School.

Thank you for sharing your family stories and how God has blessed each of you during good times and difficult ones.

I am in the office Monday and Tuesday: 7:30a.m.–2:00 p.m. and Thursday: 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. I am looking forward to serving the parish as the Administrative Assistant in the parish office.

May God Bless You,
Nancy Greenwell

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! — *Isaiah 55:1a*

WELCOME

We Are Glad You Are Here

If you are a visitor to St. Mary Magdalene, we want to welcome you. If you are new to the parish, please call the office at (270-771-4436) to register in the parish.

Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday

7:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

IN SPECIAL NEED OF PRAYER

HOMEBOUND/RETIREMENT HOMES:

Patty Beyke; Ruth Ann Hardy; Mag Kaelin; Sarah Kamuf; Jean McCarty; Benita Riney; Patrick Vowels.

We ask that you pause a moment and say a prayer for the sick in our community.

Alice Boarman; John Boarman, Nicole Brey; Sydney Clouse; Maria Daugherty; Savannah Dean; Kelly Dean; Allan Ebelhar; Jennifer Ebelhar; Margie Elder; Miles Evan; Sylvester Fischer; Jackie Freels; Patrick Fulkerson; Jim Hamilton; Melissa Hamilton; Kelly Hayden; Barbara Magan; John Morton; Jessica Oberst; Larry Oller; Sandra Posey; Steve Raley; Donnie Risse; Juanita Smith; Norbert & Helen Rose Smith; Hillary Thomas; Brian Thompson; Alma Topper; Jim Warnock; Linda Warren; Paula Wilson; Rita Woodall

***Please note: Names will remain on the list for one month.**

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY:

As a parish family, we at St. Mary Magdalene pray for all the members of our parish. We especially pray for our parishioners and their relatives who are currently on active duty in the military.

Jackson Brett; Zachary Brett; Cody Byrne; James Calhoun; Cameron Ebelhar; Chris French; Adam Howe; Austin Moser; Chad Norris; Ryan Offerman; Aaron Staples.

CONTACT WITH ALUMNI

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center at Western Kentucky University is trying to reach out and make contact with alumni in our Diocese. If you'd be interested in receiving periodic updates and newsletters, please send your contact information to Fr. Mike Williams, either at mew_62@hotmail.com or text it to 270-929-9280.

Audubon Area Community Care Clinic – COVID-19 Tests

The Audubon Area Community Care Clinic in Owensboro is conducting COVID-19 tests for the community. Their hours are 8-12 pm and 1:30-5 pm Monday – Friday. If people have insurance, insurance is billed for the test but there is no other charge. For those without insurance, you can still get a test without charge. Tests are usually back between 24-36 hours. Call 270-686-6040 to set an appointment.

“Transfiguration to Transformation: Awakening” now online August 8th

August 6th marks both the Feast of the Transfiguration and the day the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima 75 years ago... one an experience of divine light revealed to the world, the other, a revelation of darkness and humanity's violence. We are all invited into the transforming love of God, whether it comes as a revelation of light or in darkness. “Transfiguration to Transformation: Awakening” will be offered as an online retreat Saturday, Aug, 8, from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. by the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The upheaval and crisis of recent events have revealed new things, challenged our assumptions and now offers us a profound opportunity for growth and transformation. To what are we awakening? What wisdom are you discovering from all you are experiencing and witnessing? What is needed for our personal and collective transformation? Join us as we explore our awakenings and the transformations in our lives through all God is revealing. The program will include prayer, presentation, self-reflection and a sacred listening/sharing process. The presenters are Sharon Browning Esq., and Maryann Joyce. Browning is an attorney, spiritual guide, and facilitator of retreats on a variety of spiritual topics. Joyce is director of the Retreat Center at Maple Mount and is a trained spiritual director. The cost is \$25 for this Zoom retreat.

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