

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. May-October
4:00 p.m. November-April
Sunday: 8:00a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays: See schedule
Holy Day: Contact Parish Office

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SACRAMENTS

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

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 4:00p.m. (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



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Today's Gospel passage reminds us that Christian discipleship demands self-control—"Deny yourself", the willingness to suffer—"take up your cross", the readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love, and generosity in surrendering our lives to God. Today's readings explain how we should practice true, dynamic Christian discipleship. Jeremiah, in the first reading, is certainly a prototype of the suffering Christ. In the second reading, Paul advises the Romans and us (Rom 12:1-2): to "offer our bodies as a living sacrifice" to God by explicitly rejecting the ungodly behavior of the

world around us and by discerning and doing the will of God. In today's Gospel, Jesus takes his disciples by surprise when, after Peter's great confession of Faith, Jesus announces that he "must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." After correcting Peter's protest, Jesus announces the three conditions of Christian discipleship: "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me."

True disciples of Christ are truly compassionate: they are willing to visit and help the infected and the sick in hospitals, the incontinent elderly, the handicapped and those who suffer dementia in nursing homes, and AIDS patients in hospices; They are truly humble: they are able to see that every good gift comes from God alone, and that His gifts to us of time, personal talents, and resources should inspire gratitude, not pride; They are truly patient: they are committed to working with challenging children, adolescents with problems, young adults who are struggling with their Faith, with the intellectually challenged and with those suffering dementia; They are truly forgiving: they are willing to forgive not just once, or twice, but again and again, because they know that God has forgiven them again and again; They are truly loving: they willingly visit people in prisons, in retirement homes, and in homeless shelters; and finally they are truly faithful: they are living out a committed, trusting relationship with God, with spouse, with family and friends.

A true disciple examines his or her conscience every day, asking three questions about discipleship: a) Did I sacrifice a part of my time, talents and income for my parish and the missionary activities of the Church? b) Did I practice self-control over my thoughts, words, deeds and use of mass media, and put loving restriction on the cell phone and Internet activities of my children? c) Did I train my children in my Faith in a loving, providing, redeeming God by encouraging them as we spend some time together as a family, praying and reading the Bible, and by teaching them through example and word to pardon each other, to ask for God's pardon for our own sins and failures, to thank God for His blessings and to participate in the Sunday school classes and youth programs?

"Take up your cross and follow me." A certain lady who spent her time working for the Lord – visiting the sick and the bed-ridden, helping the elderly and the handicapped – was diagnosed of a knee-problem needing surgery. The surgery unfortunately, was not a success and so left her in constant pain and unable to walk. It seemed that the Lord had ignored the prayers of this woman and her friends for a successful surgery. This was a woman who considered herself a personal friend of Jesus. She was utterly disappointed, and her cheerful disposition turned into sadness and gloom. One day she pulled herself together and shared with her confessor what was going on in her soul. The confessor suggested that she go into prayer and ask her friend Jesus why he has treated her this way. And she did. The following day the priest met her and saw peace written all over her face in spite of her pain. "Do you know what he said to me?" she began, "As I was looking at the crucified Jesus and telling him about my bad knee, he said to me, 'Mine is worse.'"

THE CROSS OF JESUS

The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalms — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
 Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;
 Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
 Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;
 Mt 18:15-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of
 Creation
 Thursday: St. Gregory the Great
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

TRAITS OF A TEACHER

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

—St. Joseph Calasanz



Monday,	August 31 No Mass
Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.	September 1 Fogle Family Living and Deceased
Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.	September 2 Patsy Hartz †
Thursday, Noon	September 3 Bill Knott †
Friday, Noon	September 4 Mary Ruth Cecil †
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	September 5 Bob and Terry Knott
Sunday, September 6 8:00 a.m.	Sydney Clouse
10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT (540-604)
September 3

Imagine, fourteen hundred years after death, boasting a best-selling CD! Yet outside the Church and within, Gregorian chant is enjoying a renaissance. Still, the timeless sacred music that bears his name is but part of Gregory's legacy. Renouncing civic service for monastic life, Gregory's administrative and diplomatic skills prompted continual summons from the cloister. Papal ambassador and advisor, he was eventually elected pope himself, renowned as a wise steward of the church's material possessions, generous benefactor of the poor, sponsor of missionaries, and promotor of monasticism. His liturgical enrichment of the Church endures not only in Gregorian chant, but in eloquent homilies still gracing the Liturgy of the Hours, the "Gregorian Canon" (Eucharistic Prayer I), and his spiritual classic, *Pastoral Care*, once presented to new bishops at ordination. Of countless impressive papal titles—Supreme Pontiff, Vicar of Christ, Successor of Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles—the title still so cherished that it heads official documents is the one Gregory coined to describe his papal ideal: Servant of the Servants of God. Together with being designated "the Great," a fitting epitaph.

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Parents who have children in K-8 and aren't attending Catholic schools

Our PREP program or religious education is just around the corner our 1st class is on September, 9th @ starting at 6:30 pm.

As of right now, we plan to have in-person classes for the fall unless diocesan direction changes.

If you are interested in sending your children to PREP this year, please call the office, e-mail Nick or touch base with Father concerning registration. The sooner we know the better so that we can accommodate for our new health guidelines.

Thanks!



**ST. MARY MAGDALENE
CEMETERY**

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

**MIDDLE AND HIGH
SCHOOL YOUTH
MINISTRY:**

We are discussing plans for what middle and high school youth ministry might look like while still being able to adhere to public health diocesan guidelines. Keep an eye on the bulletin in the coming weeks for more details.



THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

- THE PROPHECY OF SIMEON
- THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT
- LOSING JESUS IN THE TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM
- MEETING JESUS ON THE WAY TO CALVARY
- THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS
- RECEIVING THE BODY OF JESUS
- PLACING HER DIVINE SON IN THE TOMB

“While other martyrs suffered by sacrificing their own lives, the Blessed Virgin suffered by sacrificing her Son’s life, a Life that she loved far more than her own; so that she not only suffered in her soul all that her Son endured in His Body but moreover, the sight of her Son’s torments, brought more grief to her heart, than if she had endured them all in her own person”. ~St Anselm

NARTHEX/VESTIBULE UPDATE: August 24, 2020
Total amount needed for project: \$260,000.00
Total amount that has been collected to date: \$265,234.00
 (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.

OFFERINGS:

For August 23, 2020

Weekly Actual
 \$ 8,265.00

Weekly Budget
 \$ 8,343.94

Year to Date Actual
 \$55,449.00

Year to Date Budget
 \$ 66,751.52 (Week 8)

(Assumption Collection was added to Year to Date Actual)

Weekly Deficit
 \$ 78.94

Year to Date Deficit
 \$11,302.52

Money Counters: August: David and Rose Marie Cecil, Mary Ann Knott . **September:** Martha and Jim Kamuf; Dan Kamuf

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

- August**
- 30 Eddie Byrne
 - 30 Alex Ebelhar
 - 30 Kolbyrne Parker
 - 31 Paul Goetz
 - 31 Jan Mullican
 - 31 Donald Risse

- September**
- 1 Paula Payne
 - 2 Jackson Morris
 - 2 Chelsea Rice
 - 4 Payton Blandford
 - 5 Abigail Crisp

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!
Parishioners Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week:

- August**
- 30 Daryl and Janet McMaster
- September**
- 1 Grady and Donna Ebelhar
 - 1 Mark and Paula Payne
 - 4 Matthew and Jennifer Keller
 - 5 Bobby and Terry Knott

May you have a Happy and Blessed Anniversary!

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

WEEDEATING CREWS for September 4 and 5: Danny, Tony, Bryan Ebelhar and September 11 and 12: Mark Payne and Barry Hardy. 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!!**

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.

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.



September 5 Rita Wood
 Tracy Wood

September 19 Linda Rickard
 Sarah O'Bryan
 Michaeline Chandler

If you are unable to clean the week you are scheduled, please ask to switch with someone.

Cleaning Schedule for September through December is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Thank you for being apart of this ministry.

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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597- 2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852- 8380, or Nuria Elizondo, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information

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.

Rita Greenwell Adams; 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; Jim Hamilton; Melissa Hamilton; Kelly Hayden; Joseph Kaluzny; Robert Kamuf; 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.

URSULINE SISTERS TO OFFER TRIVIA SEPTEMBER 12 50TH MOUNT RAFFLE

TRIVIA NIGHT will take place on **Saturday, September 12**. This year it will be held at the Immaculate Parish Hall, 2516 Christie Place, Owensboro. Get your team together and join us from 6-8 p.m. for a fun evening of trivia, food and drinks. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. There is a \$25 entry fee per person. The deadline to register is Aug. 24. *Note: We will be following the physical distancing and safety guidelines recommended for group gatherings.*

THE MOUNT RAFFLE has been a tradition for 50 years and is an important source of funding for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. Tickets are still \$5 each. Our top prize is \$10,000! A new prize was added – a diamond ring valued at \$5,000! We also have a handmade queen-size quilt valued at \$1,000 and cash prizes of \$3,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$250, and \$100. The drawing will take place on **Sunday, September 13**. Due to coronavirus concerns, the Ursuline Sisters' ability to sell tickets in person will be limited this year. We encourage supporters to buy tickets online: visit <https://ursulinesmsj.org/mountraffle>. If you would prefer to order tickets by mail, write your check to the Ursuline Sisters and mail to: Mount Raffle, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356. Questions? Contact Carol Braden-Clarke, director of development, at 270-229-2008 or carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org. Thank you for your support of the Ursuline Sisters.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP & VOTER REGISTRATION

The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship (en Español), a teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>



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