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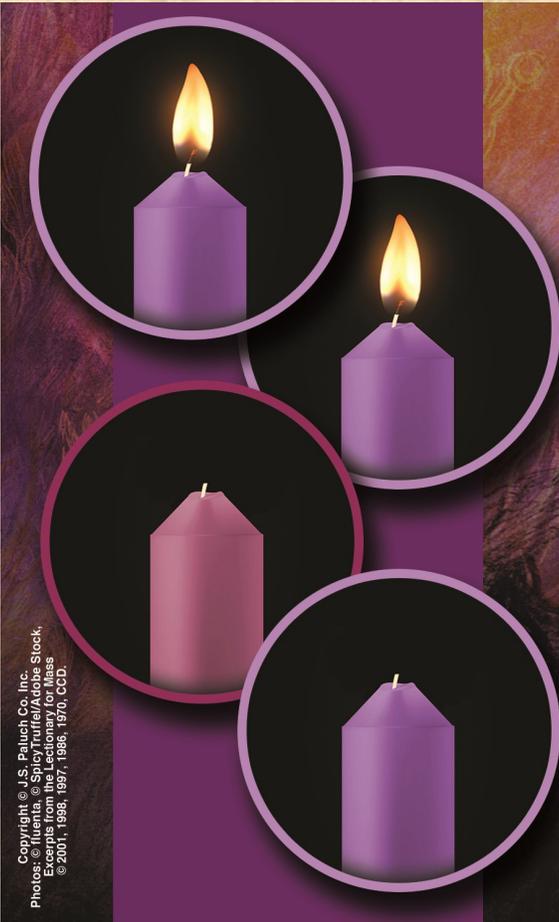
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Second SUNDAY of Advent

December 6, 2020

John the Baptist appeared
in the desert proclaiming
a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:4



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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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Homecoming is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Advent. All three readings focus on the absolute necessity of our getting ready for Christ's "Homecoming" into our hearts and lives by true repentance, reparation, prayer and the renewal of our lives.

The first reading from the prophet Isaiah tells us about the Babylonian exiles coming home to their native country, Judah, and their holy city, Jerusalem.

Isaiah assures his people that the Lord will lead them in a grand procession to their homeland and take care of them as a shepherd cares for his sheep. The second reading from the second letter of St. Peter invites us to get ready to go home to Heaven with Jesus at his Second Coming. Peter tells those who doubt the Second Coming of Jesus that God's way of counting time is different from ours and that God has His own reasons for delaying the Second Coming of Christ. The Gospel tells us through John the Baptist how we should prepare to receive Jesus our Savior's "coming home" into our lives during the Advent season by repentance and the renewal of life. John preached that the appropriate behavior for those preparing "the way of the Lord" was to be baptized "as they confessed their sins." He wanted the Jews to prepare their lives for the Messiah by filling in the valleys of prejudice, leveling the mountains of pride and straightening out their crooked paths of injustice and immorality. John recommended a baptism of repentance in the river Jordan to the Jews who were familiar with ritual and symbolic washings. The most amazing thing about John's baptism was that, as a Jew, he was asking fellow-Jews to submit to the baptism of repentance which only a Gentile was obliged to undergo.

So, we are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives so that Jesus may be reborn in us. Let us ask with Alexander Pope the challenging question, "What do I profit, if Jesus is born in thousands of cribs all over the world unless he is born in my heart and in my life?" We need to allow Jesus to be reborn in our lives. People around us should recognize Jesus' rebirth in our lives by our sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, compassionate and merciful heart and spirit of humble and committed service. Let us accept the challenge of John the Baptist to turn this Advent season into a real spiritual "homecoming" by making the necessary preparations for the fresh arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus into our hearts and lives.

FIRST READING**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

SECOND READING**2 Peter 3:8-14**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the

Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through him all
things were made. For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
*(At the words that follow, up to and including "and
became man," all bow.)*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on
the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom
will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Encountering Hope in Advent

Matthew: 15 34-39

Jesus said, "How many loaves do you have?" "Seven," they replied, "and a few fish."he took the seven loaves and the fish, gave thanks, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. They picked up the fragments left over—seven baskets full".

When I read this passage from the Gospel, I couldn't help but to think back on my time in college seminary. Specifically, the image below comes to mind, this image is in the chapel where we spent a significant amount of time every day much of which was spent gazing at this image. It was a potent one for a young man discerning a vocation to the Priesthood and I would say a potent one for anyone attempting to live a Christian life. In the life of a Christian, we are asked oftentimes to do (privately and publicly) and say extraordinary things. I oftentimes feel and know others do as well that we have something lacking within us to do such acts but yet despite how we feel or think, God is still calling us to such a life.

So how is this Gospel an aid and hope to the challenges we are called to as Christians? We read a historical account of a gathering of hungry people and we read that Jesus takes a few loaves of bread, a few fish and feeds the 5,000 with some leftover. Ordinary circumstances: hungry people, a limited ability to feed them all, ordinary elements fish and bread. An extraordinary act that defies what we think is possible. I was reminded of an extraordinary reality of the way God does things daily in that seminary chapel. This image I referred to earlier was intentionally placed right behind the altar in the chapel. In the ordinariness of our days in seminary, we gathered together, participated in the Mass, watched an ordinary man preside, and witnessed ordinary elements of bread and wine become something extraordinary in the Eucharist.

In this season of Hope, in the weight of our responsibilities that come with our vocations and callings, I invite you to welcome God into the ordinary moments of life, so that he can empower us to do

something extraordinary in you so to "feed" those around you in need.

-Nick

Prep and High school youth

A statement from the diocese regarding religious education

Effective now until December 13th

There will be no in-person religious education or youth ministry gatherings in parishes during the time that schools are not in session for in-person instruction.

Please follow the school schedule for your county. If schools are not holding in-person instruction in your county, religious education and youth ministry will not meet in your parish.

Keep an eye on the bulletin and your email for any changes.



St. Mary Magdalene youth



COME AND PRAY THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Our Lady of the most holy Rosary, pray for us.

**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL
THE ARCHANGEL**

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the
wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly
pray;
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into Hell Satan, and the
other evil spirits, who prowl about
the world
for the ruin of souls. Amen.



NARTHEX/VESTIBULE UPDATE: NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

*Parishioners Celebrating Birthdays
This Week:*

December

6	Jason Hundley
6	Ruth Jones
6	Perry Warren
7	Perry Warren
8	Caroline Elder
9	Bill Head
9	Joseph Kaluzny
9	Shaiden Mitchell
10	Danny Ebelhar
10	Gracie Ebelhar
11	Bella Brey
11	Huston Miles
12	Betty Bartley
12	Nancy Greenwell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Wedding Anniversaries This Week:

December

10 Adam and Katie Ebelhar

May they have a Happy and Blessed Anniversary!

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

OFFERINGS: OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly Actual

November 22

\$ 7,270.00

November 29

\$ 9,115.00

Weekly Budget

\$ 8,343.94

Year to Date Budget

\$183,566.68 (Week 22)

Weekly Deficit

November 22 \$1,073.94

Year to Date Actual

\$ 162,571.15

Year to Date Deficit

\$ 20,995.53

Please remember that you can mail your contribution, drop it in the black mailbox by the parish office front door. Or use the online giving option: <https://secure.affinipay.com/pages/stmaryagd/payments-2>

Money Counters: December—Jim and Martha Kamuf; Dan Kamuf

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE

November 21/22 Saturday 4:00 p.m.—64; Sunday 8:00 a.m.—50; Sunday 10:30 a.m.—51 **November 28/29** Saturday 4:00 p.m.—58; Sunday 8:00 a.m.—47; Sunday 10:30 a.m.—59

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, No Mass	December 7
Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	December 8 Vince and Sarah Connor and Family Raymond Thomas †
Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.	December 9 Dorothy Knott †
Thursday, Noon	December 10 Michael Surface
Friday, Noon	December 11 F. G. and Winnie Riney †
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.	December 12 Deceased Members of the Kamuf and Merimee Families
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	December 13 Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Parish Gail McCabe

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 contact Fr. Shaiju.

REMINDERS FOR ATTENDING MASS DURING THE COVID 19

Please remember everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Those unable to wear a face mask throughout the entire liturgy, whether it be due to age (the CDC does not recommend those under the age of two to wear a mask), health condition, or preference, are asked to worship at home. The face mask should cover the nose and mouth. The pastor is not required to wear a face mask while celebrating Mass except for in procession and distributing Communion.

It is also important to maintain social distancing in the procession to Holy Communion. The tape on the floor indicates six feet distancing.

THANK YOU for your cooperation!!

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; Margie Elder; Allan Ebelhar; Jennifer Ebelhar; Margie Elder; Sylvester Fischer; Jackie Freels; Lisa Gillim; Martha Gillim; Jim Hamilton; Melissa Hamilton; Kelly Hayden; Joseph Kaluzny; Robert Kamuf; Barbara Magan; John Morton; Jessica Oberst; Larry Oller; Sandra Posey; Steve Raley; Hannah Riney; 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.

December 19 Darlene Thomas;
Anne Jones

January 2 Beth Miles; Aaron
Crisp



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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH PART-TIME CLEANING POSITION

This cleaning position is for the Parish Center and Hall and will be available January 1, 2021. Anyone interested in this position may contact Fr. Shaiju.

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8 AM – noon (Saturday)

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8 AM – 7 PM (Tuesday)
8 AM – 3 PM (Friday)

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WELCOME

We Are Glad You Are Here

If you are a visitor to St. Mary Magdalene Parish, 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph
1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10;
Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-
13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4;
Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde,
19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50,
53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-
8, 19-28



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