

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

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MISSION STATEMENT

To proclaim as St. Mary Magdalene the good news of the risen Christ and to come together as a parish family to love, worship, and serve God the Father through the Body and Blood of His Son, Jesus.

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

There will be signs in the sun,
the moon, and the stars.
When these signs
begin to happen,
stand erect and
raise your heads
because your
redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28



FIRST Sunday OF *Advent*

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30p.m.
Sunday: 8:00a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-Friday
8:00 a.m. Saturday
Holy Days: Contact Parish Office

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact Nick Higdon at the parish office

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.–4:15 p.m. before Mass. First Saturday 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m. or anytime by appointment.

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: At Mass on First Fridays; or Contact Fr. Augusty Anytime.

A Message from Fr. Augusty

I Sunday of Advent - Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



With the beginning of Advent, the new liturgical year, we restart the journey. The goal is always the same, but the paths can be different, as well as the rhythm of our steps can be different. Flat roads, tree-lined, full of sun; narrow streets, stony, uphill, dark; light, quick, fresh steps, heavy, slow, tired steps and so on.

Paths and steps vary in our life, but, as always, the important thing is to walk! There is One who does not vary and does not leave us alone. He is our goal that does not change. Jesus is the Sun of our every morning. Let's move forward with confidence then.

Let's not stop to look at the tip of our toes or the pavement of the road. Once again, with determination, fixing our aim on him with heads held high, let us continue our journey. Neither the roughness of the road nor the beauty around us can lead us into the temptation to stop or take a shortcut.

Today's Gospel should be the lamp for our feet, a light for our path. It is the right sign for this time. How much dissipation fills our days? We run after useless, superficial and passing things. Then we gasp and complain that we are out of breath, and we say we can't make it anymore. We are drunk with images, noises, facts, desires and passions. We feel stunned! We don't always manage to understand what is essential and what is superfluous. We believe we need everything and the more we have the more we lack something. We cling strongly to what we have, often to mask the emptiness of ideas, of ideals, of great dreams capable of making us breathe fresh air. Stress, anxiety and worries, the so called diseases of our time, also affects even children. It seems that, inevitably, it falls on us, but most of the time, we make it ourselves, custom made. Whenever I became consumed with worry, my mom always reminded me: "Worry does not come from God." I know she's right. Worrying about how things might go or could go or will go—none of that comes from God. The things that come from God tend to bring peace. Even if it's a difficult, daunting path to take, there's a calmness in choosing to have him close in our journey.

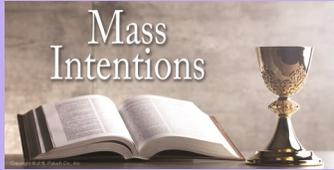
Yes, it's true, every life has its troubles. The problems are there and often cannot be solved overnight. When the going gets tough, you can't walk happily. But one thing is certain: nothing, ever, can pollute our heart, if we don't permit it. We can be tired. We can feel fatigue. We can sweat and cry. Yes, but inside, at the bottom of the heart, it is possible to remain at peace and ease.

This is why we need to ask for faith, hope and charity every day. They give wings to the heart and do not let it be weighed down, despite everything and everyone. Like the manna in the desert, we need to rediscover the humility and faithfulness of asking for it every day. It is not enough to ask it for once and pretend that it will be given to us without any effort on our part.

This season of Advent is a reminder that you can't rely on your own strength alone. Don't let yourself get discouraged and don't let things get the upper hand on you. It helps us to know how to choose, give, distribute and even give up on something. Find more space for what matters and makes you truly alive, not just surviving. The quality of life is measured not by what you can buy or sell, but by what you know how to give, what you know how to appreciate, what you know how to wait and what you know how to appreciate not once a year or on special occasions, but every day. Do not burden your heart by distracting yourself, at all costs, from all that can give your life meaning and purpose. Don't get overwhelmed by the troubles of life. Take them to your loving God, one by one, and present them to the Lord who understands you because he knows you and loves you more than anyone else.

Advent prepares us for Christmas; therefore, let not our thousand commitments leave no time to be with our Lord in prayer. Every day find a warm, pure and colorful space, a time in which to breathe God deeply.

Prayer: At the beginning of this Advent I come to you, Lord, loaded with so many burdens. You know them and you know that I would gladly do without them then I realize that, for some reason, in one way or another, it is I who put on most of them. I don't even give you enough time to lift my existing burden before I am again bent down under a new weight. As I attempt to free myself, it is then that I worry about so many things that are then of so little use or are useless! Sometimes I think that having and accumulating more make me feel calmer and more satisfied. But it's not like that, it's never like that and I always understand it later! Lord, only you can satisfy me, only you can reach deep down in my heart. You alone can give me the serenity and the desire to smile when walking costs me and the first stop to rest a bit still seems far away. Come, Jesus! Help me to put things back in order and prepare me to welcome you. Amen.



Monday,	November 29 No Mass
Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.	November 30 Jim Kauffeld†
Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	December 1 Dorothy Knott† Tim McCabe
Thursday, 7:00 a.m.	December 2 Margie Merimee†
Friday, 7:00 a.m.	December 3 Auston and Haley Moser
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	December 4 Anne Jones Doug Riney†
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	December 5 John Wathen† Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	St. Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	St. Francis Xavier Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	St. John Damascene Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 4th and 5th

Altar Servers:

4:30 p.m.	Lucas Payne, Ryan Krampe, Rachel Krampe
8:00 a.m.	Avery Burden, Landon Burden, Cooper Ebelhar
10:30 a.m.	Shaiden Mitchell; Kobi Mitchell Huston Miles

Lectors:

4:30 p.m.	Jana Bryant
8:00 a.m.	Fred Greenwell
10:30 a.m.	Julie Garvin

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

4:30 p.m.	John Hartz
8:00 a.m.	Darlene Thomas
10:30 a.m.	Jason Elder

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me if Christ returned this week?

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THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— *Jeremiah 33:15*

If you are homebound and would like Fr. Augusty to visit you on Fridays, please contact the church office
270-771-4436

"I was Sick and You visited me. . ." Matthew 25:36

NET Retreat Sunday, November. 14th



K-12 Faith Formation



Confirmation
(Both Catholic and Public)

Meeting Dec. 5th, 9:15-10:15 with both Catholic and Public School students

Confirmation
(Public School)

Our next meeting will be Winter 2022

Middle and High School youth (6th-12th)

Watch the bulletin for more details

PREP

Our next meeting will be Dec. 1st (w/ Mass)
Our last meeting for the Fall will be Dec 8th.
(Dinner 6:00- 6:30 Classroom time 6:30 - 7:30)



IN SPECIAL NEED OF PRAYER**HOMEBOUND/RETIREMENT HOMES:**

Patrick Vowels; Patty Beyke; Martina Blandford; Sarah Kamuf; Benita Riney;

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

John Boarman; Laura Bockencamp; Larry A. Boswell; Gary Bratcher; Nicole Brey; Maria Daugherty; Savannah Dean; Kelly Dean; Allan Ebelhar; Jennifer Ebelhar; Margie Elder; Sylvester Fischer; Jackie Freels; Betty Greenwell; Beau Greer; Jim Hamilton; Melissa Hamilton; Kelly Hayden; Lavonna Holinde; Summer Holinde; Joseph Kaluzny; Robert Kamuf; Barbara Magan; John Morton; Bob Nation; Larry Oller; Sandra Posey; Fr. Richard Powers; Tony Powers; Steve Raley; Hannah Riney; Donnie Risse; Diane Roberts; Joann Scales; Norbert Smith; Hillary Thomas; Ben Thompson; Brian Thompson; Alma Topper; Tracey Thorp; Jim Warnock; Linda Warren; Tammy Willard; Matthew Willard; Paula Wilson; Chuck Winters, Rita Woodall.

**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; Chris French; Adam Howe; Austin Moser; Ryan Offerman; Aaron Staples.

OFFERINGS: OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Will Be Updated December 5th

November 14, 2021

Weekly Actual

\$ 5,559.00

Weekly Budget

\$ 7,911.93

Year to Date Actual

\$ 154,677.00

Year to Date Budget

\$ 158,238.59 (Week 20)

Weekly Deficit

\$ 2,352.93

Year to Date Deficit

\$ 3,561.59

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/stmarymagd/payments-2>

December Money Counters: Jim Kamuf, Martha Kamuf, and Dan Kamuf

COME JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

FOLLOWED BY PRAYING 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.”

“Jesus, I Trust in You.”



St. Francis Xavier
1506-1552

Feast Day—
December 3

Known as the Apostle to the Indies and to Japan, Francis was

born in Spanish Navarre, the youngest in a large family. He studied at the University of Paris, where he met St. Ignatius of Loyola, and was among the first seven Jesuits who vowed to be spiritual soldiers for Christ. They were ordained as a group in 1537. For 11 years, from 1541 until his untimely death after only two weeks on the Chinese coast, Francis evangelized in the East Indies, Mozambique, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Japan. A missionary prone to seasickness who had trouble learning foreign languages, Francis is the patron saint of missionaries, Borneo, the East Indies, India, Pakistan, Japan and Outer Mongolia.

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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
all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world
for the ruin of souls. Amen.

The Knights of Columbus at Sorgho will be making sausage Friday Dec 3rd. Preorders will be taken until Sunday Nov 28th. Cost is \$7.50 (2lb) roll for non-smoked or \$8 roll for smoked. To order please contact (text/or call) Joey Smith 270-903-8986, Chris Cluck 270-993-9455, Al Thompson 270-314-6450. Order available for pick-up after noon on Dec 3rd.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November

29 Laila Hundley
30 Mary Dixon
Donna Ebelhar
Cami Fulkerson
Madison Scherm

December

1 Jonathan Heath
3 Cathy Ebelhar
Bill Wood
4 Drew Hartz
Louis Szemethy
Mike Uhter
Lorinda Wilson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November

28 Jim and Martha Kamuf
Clayton and Karen Gilbert
29 Scott and Chelsea Rice

December

4 Brian and Theresa Wethington

CHRISTMAS MASS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sign Up Sheets are in the Narthex
Please consider signing

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

*Collection Helps Aging Sisters, Brothers,
Priests in Religious Orders*

The Diocese of Owensboro will hold the Retirement Fund for Religious collection Dec. 11-12. The parish-based appeal is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington, D.C. Proceeds help religious communities across the country to care for aging members. Last year, the Diocese of Owensboro donated \$25,971.14 to the collection.



*Our Lady, Queen of Peace,
pray for us and our world.*

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, Tuesday, Thursday,
and Friday**

7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Wednesday Office Closed

ST. MARY MAGDALENE CEMETERY

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



November 13 Darlene

Thomas; Anne Jones

November 20 Julie Garvin;

Michele Blandford; Kathy

Thompson

If you are unable to clean
the week you are scheduled, please ask to switch with
someone. Cleaning Schedule is posted on the bulletin
board in the Narthex.

Thank you for being apart of this ministry.

YOUNG ADULT (18-40) Ministry **Owensboro Area**

We are excited to announce the formation of
a Young Adult Leadership Team for the
Owensboro area. We are looking for young
adults (18-39) who would be willing to
commit to a year of monthly meetings to cast
vision for our area ministry, plan events and
gatherings, and even be the leaders at those
events.

If this sounds like something you feel called
to or if you know of someone who you think
would be a great member, please direct them
to the application page at [https://
owensborodiocese.org/owensboro-area-
young-adults/](https://owensborodiocese.org/owensboro-area-young-adults/)

Deadline to apply is December 3, 2021 and
applicants will be contacted by the Office of
Young Adult Ministry.



Advent Retreat: Saying “Yes” with Mary Dec. 11 at Mount Saint Joseph

Do you often begin Advent with good intentions to
prepare spiritually for Christmas, only to lose those good
intentions in the holiday busy-ness? This Advent retreat
from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11 offers an
opportunity to put good intentions into practice. Take
time out of this hectic season to reflect on the event that
Christians believe changed history forever—God
becoming human in the Incarnation of Jesus. Jesus’
mother Mary will serve as our guide and companion for
the day. The retreat will include reflections on the
infancy narrative from the Gospel of Luke, beginning
with Mary’s invitation to say “YES” to God’s call. With
input sessions, quiet and embodied prayer, and small
group sharing, retreatants will be encouraged to examine
and apply to their own lives the virtues and attitudes of
Mary: openness to the unexpected, courage, surrender,
generosity, joy, willingness to endure hardship, and a
serene peace that can only come from God. Retreatants
will gather in the Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium, 8001
Cummings Road, Maple Mount. They will be led by
Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU, and Maryann Joyce,
director of the Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Ministry. To
register, call 270-229-0206 or email
retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online: [https://
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