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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.



APRIL
24
2022

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Easter
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

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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

PASTORAL STAFF

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FINANCE COUNCIL

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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

II Sunday of Easter - Acts 5:12–16; Revelation 1:9–13, 17–19; John 20:19–31



“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” (John 20:29) These words of Jesus make us feel so blessed! Indeed, we think that, perhaps, this is our surest beatitude! But it is a beatitude to which, in a certain sense, we often give up on. We would gladly see in order to believe, if it were possible. People of today have a sporadic desire to see. Miracles are sought and signs are being asked for. Sometimes it is a natural tendency that one would like to feel and touch the sacred. Is faith no longer enough? Has the resonance of the words of Jesus been lost over time?

Today’s people are ever more in need of God, of certainties, of guarantees and of values for which it is worth living. They feel the need to find the One from whom he comes and to whom he goes and looks for him, in so many ways. There are those who take the right and sure path of the Gospel. There are those who get lost in the dark and empty promise of superstition, of magic, in the dangerous whirlpools of

spiritism, of the occult and find not the Lord, not his truth and his light, but only useless tangles that hurts them. Some devote themselves to a spirituality made up of cheap signs, visions, emotions and are running after those who say: “Christ is here, Christ is there!” We look for strong sensations. We want to see miracles and so we risk not meeting the Lord and losing ourselves as well. The primary purposes of the senses are to help us to avoid any danger, to find food for survival etc. The senses also help in the enjoyment of life. The problems in life arise when we become obsessed with the senses in deriving pleasures for ourselves, more than relying on their basic functions for which they were created. Catering to the pleasures of life which these senses provide, leads to the decadence of the soul.

Jesus says today: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Let’s face it: we too would like to see, like Mary, like Joseph, like the apostles, like the common people of Palestine of that time. So yes, let’s say, we would really believe! Yet not everyone who saw believed. Most didn’t recognize Jesus. It’s a mystery. Perhaps it means that seeing does not mean recognizing, it does not mean understanding, it does not mean loving.

We really meet Jesus, we see him, we touch him and we love him if his Word arouses resonance in our hearts and if it leads us to a true conversion, even if our eyes see nothing and everything around is silent. This is how we become blessed. Thus the act of believing without seeing results from the trust one is having in the person of Jesus and this trust need not require the real “seeing.” To grow into this level of faith is a real blessedness and Jesus presents it as a beatitude. More than berating the quest for evidence in order to have faith, what Jesus aims at here is highlighting this “blessed faith.”

As the disciples of Jesus today, we often tend to be the people who “believe after seeing.” The search for miracles and wonders in life in order to have faith in Jesus has become like a habit for an ordinary faithful. Is it really true that we see nothing? Is it always true that we have never touched Jesus and that we have never heard of him?

The answer to these questions can be found if we, with patience, retrace the stages of our life filled with important, decisive, happy or painful moments. We think of the people who have loved us and whom we have loved, of those who still love us, esteem, trust, understand and with whom we reciprocate; we remember the gifts received and those given, the peace, the help, the protection that we have experienced many times.

Someone who said a word to us at the right time, gave us a smile just when we needed it most, held out their hand when we were about to fall or, from the ground, lifted us up. Someone or something that has rekindled our joy on a sad day, gave us courage or made our roots stronger and deeper. A look reassured us, a caress made us forget many things. How many times has this happened! And it still happens. How many times, then, have we encountered Jesus! He had a thousand faces, a thousand voices, a thousand looks, but it was always him! We have seen it, yes, and therefore we believe!

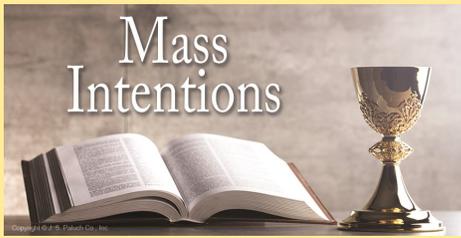
So, now, let’s enjoy the joy of knowing that we have seen it, so many times! Maybe he wasn’t on a cloud, he wasn’t immersed in a globe of light, he didn’t give off rays with the colors of the rainbow, but, simply, he was next to us, spoke our language and knew the meaning of our gestures, Even now Jesus is here.

Let us learn to recognize it every day, in the people we meet and with whom we share our lives. Let us look for him in the smallest brothers, in the poor, old and new, who populate our cities, listen to him in the humble, the peaceful, those thirsting for justice, in the prophets still present among us, in the Church. Yes, we know him closely. The “beatitude of faith” is an everlasting reminder from Jesus for us to refine, rejuvenate and rekindle our faith.

Prayer: *Lord, increase my faith and fill me with you when I see you and when I don’t see you, when I hear you and when you seem mute, when I touch you and when, instead, you seem far away. Give me the blessedness of knowing that you are always present in my life, as my traveling companion! Help me not to forget all the times you have intervened with love and mercy in my life. Help me to recognize you, always, so that I do not fear the dark, the dryness, the silence, but, even then, let me believe that you are present and intervene for me. Let me be blessed in the light and in the dark, blessed to be yours, to belong to you, to know that I can always count on you. Help me to look for, every day, one more reason, one more memory, one more hope to tell you that I love you. Amen.*

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



Monday, No Mass	April 25
Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.	April 26 Brad Cecil and Family
Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.	April 27 Kara Howard
Thursday, 7:00 a.m.	April 28 Kelci Murphy
Friday, 7:00 a.m.	April 29 Iain Howard
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	April 30 Nace and Lois Knott† Jerry and Amy Knott
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	May 1 Michael Mann Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene

LITURGICAL MINISTERS April 23rd and April 24th

Altar Servers:

4:30 p.m.	Sophie O'Bryan Lucas Payne
8:00 a.m.	Avery Burden Landon Burden Cooper Ebelhar
10:30 a.m.	Evan Flaherty Peyton Hopgood Brooks Rice

Lectors

4:30 p.m.	Sarah O'Bryan
8:00 a.m.	Tony Ebelhar
10:30 a.m.	Linda Rickard

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

4:30 p.m.	Mary Payne
8:00 a.m.	Sara Burden
10:30 a.m.	Imelda Millay



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	St. Mark the Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	St. Catherine of Siena Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	St. Pius V, Pope Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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:

How can I come to grasp more fully the meaning of my baptism?

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ST. MARY MAGDALENE HOLY WEEK 2022

CHRISM MASS, HOLY WEEK MASSES, NEW MEMBERS, \$29,050
RAFFLE GIVEAWAY AND EASTER EGG HUNTS!



K-12 Faith Formation

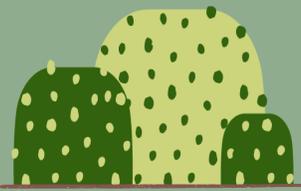
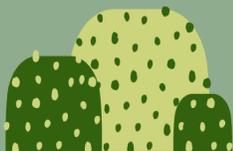


Confirmation
(Both Catholic and
Public)

Sunday, April 24th 1:30 p.m. In Church
Practice for Confirmation
Opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation

PREP

April 27th
Dinner, followed by classroom time



IN SPECIAL NEED OF PRAYER

HOMEBOUND/RETIREMENT HOMES:

Patrick Vowels; Patty Beyke; Martina Blandford; Benita Riney; Bobby Woodall

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; Joan Byrne; Sandra Clark; Maria Daugherty; Savannah Dean; Kelly Dean; Allan Ebelhar; Jennifer Ebelhar; Margie Elder; Sylvester Fischer; Jackie Freels; Betty Greenwell; Beau Greer; Carter Henness; Sam Holinde; Jim Hamilton; Melissa Hamilton; Kelly Hayden; Lavonna Holinde; Summer Holinde; Joseph Kaluzny; Robert Kamuf; Barbara Magan; John Morton; John Mulligan, Jr.; Larry Oller; Sandra Posey; Fr. Richard Powers; Tony Powers; Steve Raley; Hannah Riney; Donnie Risse; Joann Scales; Norbert Smith; Hillary Thomas; Ben Thompson; Brian Thompson; Alma Topper; Jim Warnock; Linda Warren; Tammy Willard; Matthew Willard; Paula Wilson; Chuck Winters, Rita Woodall.

COME JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION FOLLOWED BY PRAYING THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET



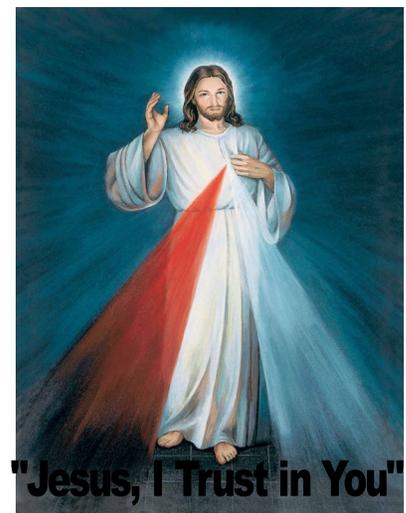
Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

“Our Lady of the most holy Rosary, pray for us.”
“Jesus, I Trust in You.”



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; Adam Howe; Austin Moser; Ryan Offerman; Aaron Staples.



APRIL 24
2:15 p.m. Stations of the Resurrection
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

OFFERINGS: OUR GIFTS TO GOD

<u>Weekly Actual</u>		<u>Weekly Budget</u>
April 17, 2022	\$9,269.00	\$ 7,911.93
April 10, 2022	\$6,699.00	
<u>Year to Date Actual</u>		<u>Year to Date Budget</u>
\$ 352,349.73		\$ 332,301.05 (Week 42)
<u>Weekly Deficit</u>		<u>Year to Date Deficit</u>
\$ 194.14		\$ 18,835.75

Thank you for your prayers and continual financial support to our parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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>

May Money Counters: David Cecil; Rose Marie Cecil; Mary Ann Knott

Rectory Renovation Contributions

Cost of the Project is approximately \$100,000.00

Total Received \$ 94,690.00

Total Number of Contributing Families: 94

Total Families Pledged: 1

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May 26-28, 2022

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<https://tinyurl.com/2p8rtta4>

If it's not possible for you to sign up online, paper registration provided in recent

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

- 25 Patti Bartley
- 26 Bernie Krampe
- 27 Connie Greenwell
- 28 Ashley Spalding
- 29 Kristi McCabe
Rhonda Mischel
Brooks Spalding
- 30 Andrew Offerman



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April

- 27 Gerald and Betty Bartley
- 30 Rick and Imelda Millay



WELCOME

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

If you are a visitor to St. Mary Magdalene Parish, we welcome you to our parish family.

If you are new to our parish and would like to register as a member, registration forms are in the Narthex or you may contact the parish office.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Office is Closed on Wednesdays

**St. Mary
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**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL**

Monday July 25th - Thursday July 28th

So much goes into getting VBS off the ground and running this year we are looking to format a group to assist with getting VBS off the ground and running. We are flexible with ways that you can serve, if your interested in giving of your time and talent in this way please contact Nick in the office.

WEEDEATING CREW SCHEDULE

May and June

May 6 and 7 Brad Stephen and Nick Stephen

May 20 and 21 Eddie and Sean Byrne

June 4 and 5 Jimmy Gilles Family

June 17 and 18 Danny, Tony, & Bryan Ebelhar



April 30, 2022 Theresa Wethington; Chris Payne; Donna Burns

May 7, 2022 Tonya Murphy; Rhonda Henry

May 14, 2022 Kristy Ebelhar; Shelly Riney

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

Thank you for being apart of this ministry.



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