



St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family



Pastor

Fr. P. Del Staigers

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Fr. Ed Pratt

Fr. Chris Worland

Fr. Pat Crone (retired)

www.saintmarymagdalene.org

Vision

St. Mary Magdalene Family of Parishes
will celebrate Christ in the Eucharist,
form joyful disciples, and evangelize
others through loving service and
acts of kindness.

St. Andrew the Apostle Church

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St. Veronica Church

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Parish Office Hours

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St. Andrew - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

(SASEAS) - (513) 575-0093

www.saseasschool.org

St. Veronica School - (513) 528-0442

school.stveronica.org

You shall call his name

Jesus,

for he will save his people
from their sins.

- Matthew 1:21

WELCOME

Whether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family – Saint Andrew, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Saint Veronica. We hope you find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful. If you are interested in knowing more about our parish family, please contact the parish office or visit www.saintmarymagdalene.org.

POINTS TO PONDER

The Magi were low on the religious and social ladder, along with shepherds. They were considered by many to be little more than horoscope writers of their own day. Superstitious at best.

They don't seem to be too insightful either! Whatever made them go to power-hungry Herod to inquire about a newborn king in the first place? Didn't they realize Herod would want to eliminate any competition to his throne? He would slaughter the newly born male children in Bethlehem to eliminate any possible competition.

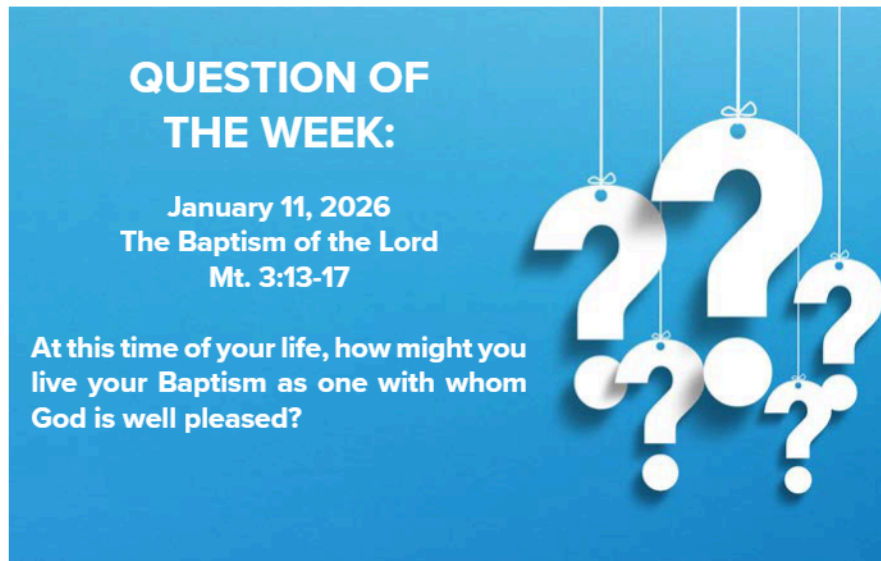
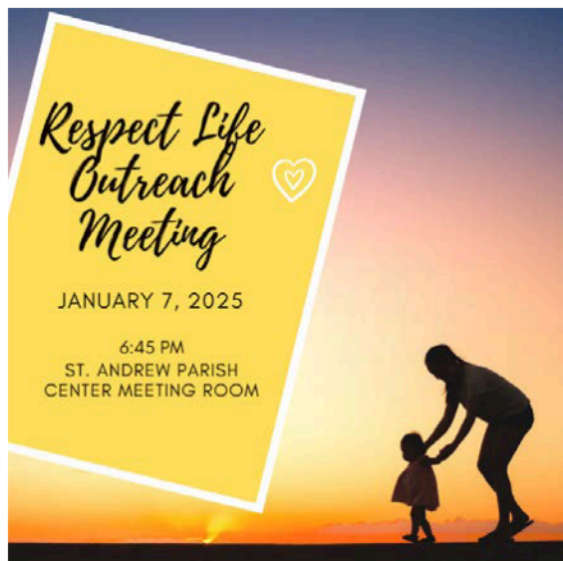
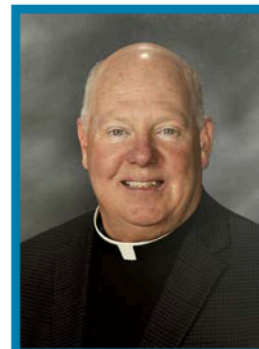
It is always interesting in the Scriptures, in history narratives, and in our own lives to see how people sometimes align themselves with people, with ideologies, with ways to get our own way, that with people they never have otherwise associated with. Power, whether perceived or real, is seductive. Sometimes, people get trapped in situations, not even realizing the dynamics at work. You may be able to think of these situations, maybe in your own life. People who are at odds with others join together to force a situation into being. (We see this during Holy Week when Herod and Pilate join together to take Jesus down.)

The story of The Magi is a *journey narrative*, even Herod was attempting to use them for his own purposes. They were people on a quest, looking for more in their lives. God showed them a light. They didn't have to follow that light. They could have chosen to stay put, satisfied with the status quo. As always, God makes the first move; God always does that. They follow.

The surprise of these birth stories is that God didn't want just a few choice and upright people to recognize the light that God had ignited in the world's darkness. God was not after the perfect Christmas card scene. Maybe that's how we would have done things, but God's arms are much larger than ours and God's embrace is universal. The shepherds are guided to the Christ; so are The Magi -- in 2026, so are we!

"Often we try to soothe our hearts with creature comforts. If the Magi had done that, they would never have encountered the Lord. God, however, is always there within our restless questioning." – Pope Francis

Fr. Del Staigers



MASS INTENTIONS

Key: (A): St. Andrew, (S) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, (V) St. Veronica

Monday, January 5

8:00 a.m. (S) Charlie Bailey †
7:30 a.m. (V) John Iacobucci †

Tuesday, January 6

7:30 a.m. (A) Julie Kruse †
7:30 a.m. (V) Mary Holthaus †

Wednesday, January 7

8:45 a.m. (S) Anthony Ruhe
12:00 p.m. (S) Joe Noschang
12:00 p.m. (V) Ralph Kelly †

Thursday, January 8

12:00 p.m. (A) Kelly Cousino †
7:30 a.m. (V) Sr. Ruth Kettman †

Friday, January 9

8:00 a.m. (S) Bob Crist †

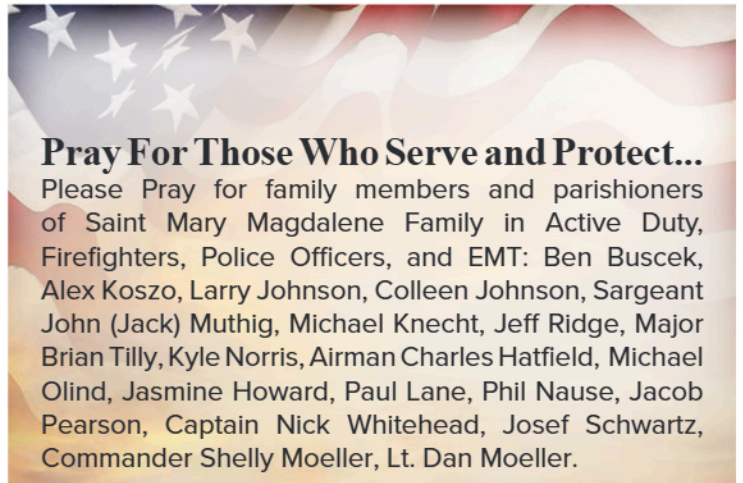
Saturday, January 10

7:30 a.m. (A) Michael Kilday †
5:15 p.m. (A) Glenn Faber †
5:00 p.m. (S) Annette Hudson †
4:00 p.m. (V) Liam Snyder †

Sunday, January 11

9:00 a.m. (A) Intentions of Roberta Brockman
11:00 a.m. (A) People of our Parish
8:00 a.m. (S) Annette Hudson †
10:00 a.m. (S) Laverne Ackerman †
8:00 a.m. (V) Bill Row †
9:30 a.m. (V) Intentions of the Kugbe Family
11:30 a.m. (V) People of our Parish

† – Deceased



Pray For Those Who Serve and Protect...
Please Pray for family members and parishioners of Saint Mary Magdalene Family in Active Duty, Firefighters, Police Officers, and EMT: Ben Buscek, Alex Koszo, Larry Johnson, Colleen Johnson, Sergeant John (Jack) Muthig, Michael Knecht, Jeff Ridge, Major Brian Tilly, Kyle Norris, Airman Charles Hatfield, Michael Olind, Jasmine Howard, Paul Lane, Phil Nause, Jacob Pearson, Captain Nick Whitehead, Josef Schwartz, Commander Shelly Moeller, Lt. Dan Moeller.



PLEASE JOIN US AT THE
Baptism Class
for parents who would like their children under the age of 7 to be Baptized
Tuesday January 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm
St. Veronica
Parish Ministry Center
To Enroll, go to:
saintmarymagdalene.org/baptism
and select a Baptism class at the bottom



FINANCIAL UPDATE
Sharing God's Gifts
Sunday Offering for December 28, 2025
Not Available at time of printing.
Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

By Fr. Chris Worland

The story of The Magi captures our imaginations. In the middle of this story of an impoverished family that had to sleep on hay when Jesus was born, we have these Magi dressed in fine robes and bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Before they get to The Christ Child, Herod tries to deceive them. They delight in the newborn King and then go home by a different route.

While this story is compelling, it is important to not get so caught up in story that we forget its significance for us today. The Magi represent all those on a journey. The Magi represent us. They travel through desert and mountain following a star. We experience mountains and deserts in our journey always looking for meaning and purpose. Just as The Magi discovered, this meaning and purpose is rooted in Jesus Christ. It is Christ who ensures that all who continue to search will find Him. It is Christ who dispels our darkness. It is Christ who fills us with light and make us new again. Once we have encountered Christ in this way, we cannot help but go home by a different route as well.



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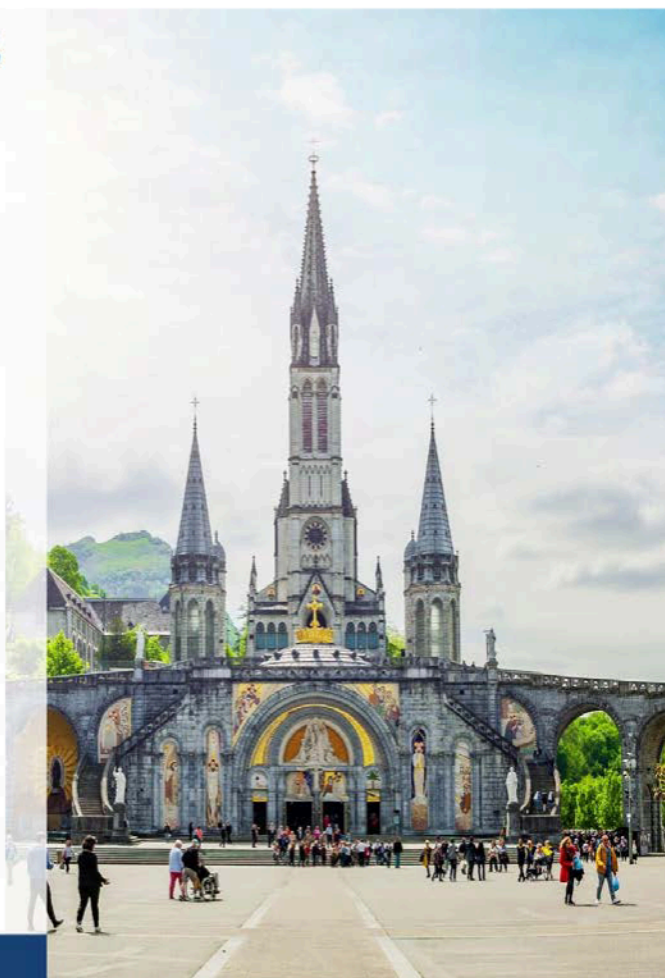
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STOCK THE PANTRY FOR ST. ANDREW

St. Vincent de Paul dedicated his life to helping the marginalized and vulnerable, and his legacy continues to inspire us to lend a helping hand to those in need. The St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish continues to align with his values. Here at St. Andrew Parish, we are collecting nonperishable food items each month to distribute to local families and individuals who are struggling to put meals on their tables. Please drop off your donations at the back of church on the **2nd Sunday** of the month before or after the weekend Masses. Thanks for all the support and donations we continue to receive from our St. Andrew parishioners.

Here are the food items we will be collecting for January: **Canned Tuna or Chicken and crackers.**

Mass Plus+

The Eucharistic Prayer

For All St. Mary Magdalene Parishioners

Details **January 11 10:30-11:25**

- Between 9:30 and 11:30 am Mass
- St. Veronica Welcome Center (Door to the Right of Main Church doors)
- Talk includes informal discussion
- Come to one session or more!

January Topic:
Actions and Objects



Zoom available
Contact:
ebesl@stveronica.org
Presented by
Emily Besl

St. Mary Magdalene Parish
St. Veronica Campus Welcome Center
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Grief Support Group

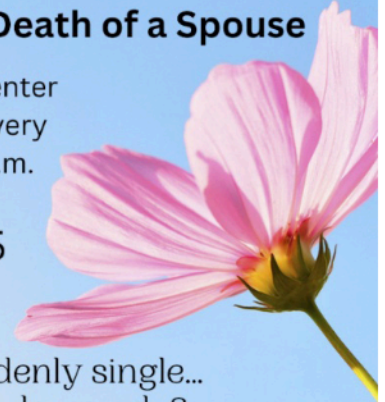
Navigating the Death of a Spouse

St. Veronica Welcome Center
Second Wednesday of every
month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

January 14, 2025
@ 6:30 pm

You're suddenly single...
Now what do you do?
We understand what you're
going through.

Questions? Contact Carol,
cglaser@saintmarymagdalene.org




All boys and girls from St. Mary Magdalene Parish Family ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus

FREE THROW CONTEST

SASEAS School students—Jan 5th and 9th during gym class
St. Veronica School students—Week of Jan 12th during gym class
All other contestants—Jan 11th in the Seton gym at noon

For entry forms or additional information contact: Paul Callahan at 513-600-0858 or pcallahan5@fuse.net



Knights of Columbus



True Devotion to Mary

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School
*please enter through the doors
closest to the church.

January 13th & 27th
6:30-8:30pm

Questions?
Contact Eileen
513-324-5889 or
epdevercux@hotmail.com

SIMPLY SENIORS

Do you have a Dream about joining other senior St. Mary Magdalene parishioners for a fun-filled afternoon of good food and friendship? If so, come to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Cafeteria on Monday, January 19 for a homemade Chili Lunch. We will gather beginning at 11:30 am and will line up at 12 Noon for chili and all the fixings. **Please RSVP** to Jan McRoberts, janmcroberts3@gmail.com, 513-248-1314, or sueburroughs1944@gmail.com, 513-877-2153, **by Tuesday, January 13**, so we can provide enough of the homemade chili. An excellent way to begin the new year is by following your dreams and meeting new parishioners and renewing old friendships. Blessings for a good 2026.

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Andrew

Saturday: 5:15 p.m., Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saturday: 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

St. Veronica

Saturday: 4:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
& 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Andrew

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m., Thursday: 12:00 p.m.,

Saturday: 7:30 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Monday & Friday: 8:00 a.m., Wednesday: 8:45 a.m.
(August-May when school is in session), 12:00 p.m.

St. Veronica

Monday & Tuesday: 7:30 a.m., Wednesday: 7:30 a.m.

(only when school is not in session), 9:00 a.m.

(August-May when school is in session), Thursday:
12:00 p.m., First Friday of the month only: 7:30 a.m.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Andrew: Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 3:30 p.m.

St. Veronica: 2:30 p.m.

Other times are available by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

St. Andrew: First Tuesday of the month, after 7:30
a.m. Mass until Noon.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Fridays after 8:00 a.m.

Mass until 1:00 p.m. and the first Friday of the
month, 6:00 p.m.-Midnight

St. Veronica: First Wednesday of the month,
1:00-5:00 p.m.

St. Andrew Model Train Show

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Open to the Public: 9:30am – 2:00pm

Great for families as well as collectors and enthusiasts!

- Large N-track display
- Interactive display for kids
- Dealers who buy and sell trains
- Food & Fun for Everyone!

St. Andrew Parish Center
550 Main St.
Milford, Ohio

General Admission \$5 per person
(under 12 free with adult)

Sponsored by: The St. Andrew Holy Name Society

What is my purpose in life?
Is there life after death?
Why do we need a Church?

THE SEARCH

A 7-Session Video & Discussion Series that explores life big questions.

TUESDAYS January 6, 13, 20, 27
February 3, 10, 17
(Bad Weather Backup Dates:
February 24 & March 3)

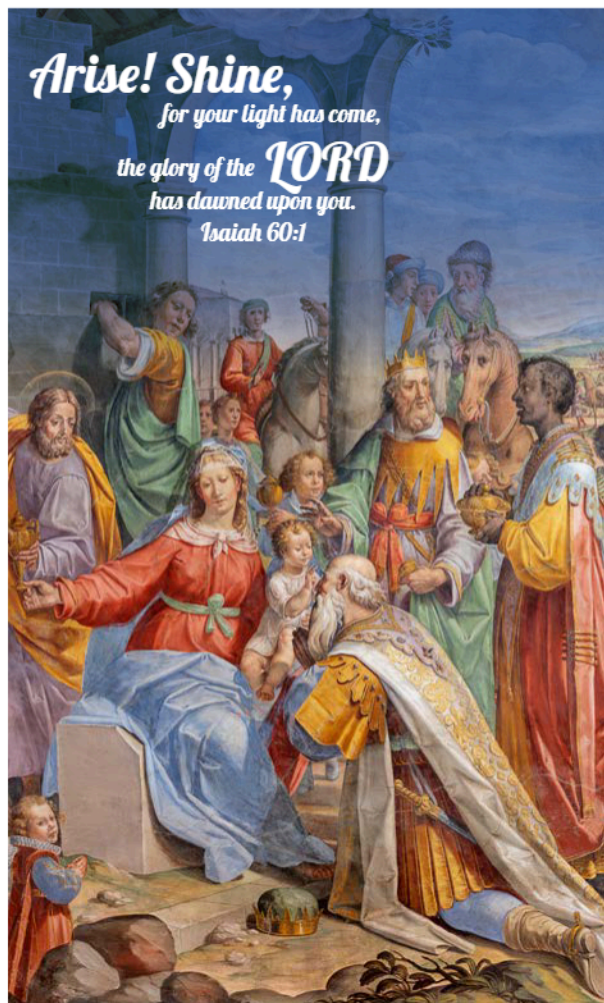
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
St. Andrew Church Basement

Scan to Preview!

Contact: Elizabeth Otte to RSVP (not required, but appreciated)
Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation
513-831-3353 Ext 104
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SAINT OF THE WEEK



ST. JOHN NEUMANN

Saint of the Day: January 5

Patron Saint of Educators/Teachers

Perhaps because the United States got a later start in the history of the world, it has relatively few canonized saints, but their number is increasing.

Saint John Neumann was born in what is now the Czech Republic. After studying in Prague, he came to New York at 25 and was ordained a priest. He did missionary work in New York until he was 29, when he joined the Redemptorists and became its first member to profess vows in the United States. He continued missionary work in Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, where he became popular with the Germans.

At 41, as bishop of Philadelphia, he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a short time.

Gifted with outstanding organizing ability, he drew into the city many teaching communities of sisters and the Christian Brothers. During his brief assignment as vice provincial for the Redemptorists, he placed them in the forefront of the parochial movement.

Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, Saint John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized in 1977, he is buried in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia.

*Read the full article: "St. John Neumann" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-basil-the-great/> (Accessed December 22, 2025).*