

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 2021

Pastor: Fr. Robert Rodgers
Deacon: Mike Martinson

Daily Mass Schedule, Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week

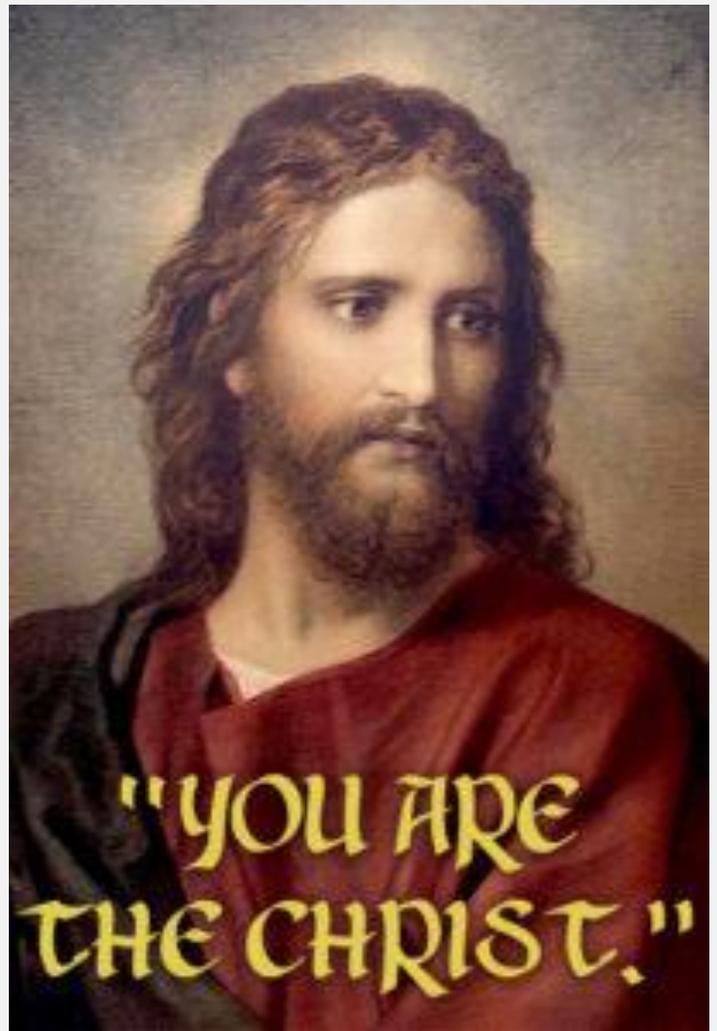
Monday, September 13, 2021	1 Tm 2:1-8
St. John Chrysostom	Lk 7:1-10
No Mass	
Tuesday, September 14, 2021	Nm 21:4-9
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Phil 2:6-11
Mass: 7:00 a.m.	Jn 3:13-17
Intention: Fr. Robert Rodgers	
Wednesday, September 15, 2021	1 Tm 3:14-16
Our Lady of Sorrows	Jn 19:25-27
Mass: 6:00 p.m.	
Intention: Matthew Ballou	
Confession: 5:30-6 p.m.	
Thursday, September 16, 2021	1 Tm 4:12-16
Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian	Lk 7:36-50
Mass: 7:00 a.m.	
Intention: Peter Ballou	
Friday, September 17, 2021	1 Tm 6:2-12
St. Robert Bellarmine	Lk 8:1-3
Mass: 7:00 a.m.	
Intention: Tracey Garretson	
Holy Hour: 5:00 p.m.	
Saturday, September 18, 2021	1 Tm 6:13-16
Mass: 5:30 p.m.	Lk 8:4-15
Intention: Gail Klispie	
Confession: 4-5 p.m.	
Sunday, September 19, 2021	Wis 2:12, 17-20
Mass: 8:30 a.m.	Ps 54:3-6, 8
Intention: Tess Vigil	Jas 3:16-4:3
Spanish Mass: 10:30 a.m.	Mk 9:30-37
Intention: Pro Populo	

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Weekend Lay Ministry Schedule:

	September 18 5:30 p.m.	September 19 8:30 a.m.
Lectors:	Shawn Ala	Wes Baumstarck
Altar Servers:	Isabel Accursto Sophia Lombard Samuel Lombard	Elianna Baumstarck Caden Clark Hazel Marrtinson
Musicians:	Dave/Lisa	Cecile/Judy
Hospitality Ministers:	Jim and Jane O'Connor	Tom and Connie Clark

Coffee and Rolls: Danielle Earl



*I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living.*
Ps 116

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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Food for the Needy – 347-6123 Music Ministry – 388-0930
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Bulletin Announcements – stmarym@rtconnect.net

Bulletin Information Deadline: Wednesday at Noon

From Deacon Mike. . .

“Behold the wood of the cross, on which has hung our salvation: come, let us adore!” This weekend we remember the events of twenty years ago, when terrorist attacks on our nation resulted in nearly three-thousand deaths. One of the many images that came from that day was a picture of two steel beams still standing formed in the shape of a cross. I don’t know when that picture was taken for sure, but I do see the hand of God in it. For three days after the terror attacks and every year on September 14, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Every year on Good Friday we celebrate the Passion of Jesus and this Tuesday we will celebrate the means by which Christ met his death. St. Rose of Lima said, “apart from the cross, there is no ladder by which we may get to heaven.”

Many instruments could have been chosen to bring about our salvation, but it was the cross that Jesus chose. The cross is a sign of great suffering. But it is through this suffering that our redemption was won. At the time of Jesus’ death, the cross was something to be feared. Many crucifixions would take place along the side of the road to make people fear the Romans. With Jesus’ crucifixion, the instrument of death became a gateway to life, to salvation. It is why we no longer fear the cross, but rather, adore it! The crosses in our lives are not something to be feared. Uniting our crosses to the suffering Christ faced on the cross will aid us in our redemption. We are a people of the cross. We boldly preach Christ crucified. So much so that we begin every one of our prayers with the Sign of the Cross. This is why we can say, “we adore you O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.”

On a more personal note, September 14th marks the 19th anniversary of my grandfather’s death. So in a special way, I ask that we take time this week to adore the cross and to pray for all those who have died or are near death. Even though death no longer has any power over us, it can still be fearful. There are many who are dying alone each day. Let us ask Jesus to take their fear away. May God Bless you abundantly this week.

"He aquí la madera de la cruz, de la que ha colgado nuestra salvación: ¡ven, adoremos!" Este fin de semana recordamos los hechos de hace veinte años, cuando los ataques terroristas a nuestra nación resultaron en casi tres mil muertos. Una de las muchas imágenes que vinieron de ese día fue una imagen de dos vigas de acero todavía en pie formadas en forma de cruz. No sé con certeza cuándo se tomó esa foto, pero veo la mano de Dios en ella. Durante tres días después de los ataques terroristas y cada año el 14 de septiembre, la Iglesia celebra la Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz. Cada año, el Viernes Santo celebramos la Pasión de Jesús y este martes celebraremos los medios por los que Cristo encontró su muerte. Santa Rosa de Lima dijo, "aparte de la cruz, no hay escalera por la cual podamos llegar al cielo".

Se podrían haber escogido muchos instrumentos para lograr nuestra salvación, pero fue la cruz la que eligió Jesús. La cruz es un signo de gran sufrimiento. Pero es a través de este sufrimiento que se ganó nuestra redención. En el momento de la muerte de Jesús, la cruz era algo temible. Muchas crucifixiones se llevaban a cabo a lo largo del camino para hacer que la gente temiera a los romanos. Con la crucifixión de Jesús, el instrumento de la muerte se convirtió en una puerta de entrada a la vida, a la salvación. ¡Es por eso que ya no tememos a la cruz, sino que la adoramos! Las cruces en nuestras vidas no son algo que temer. Uniendo nuestras cruces al sufrimiento de Cristo enfrentado en la cruz nos ayudará en nuestra redención. Somos un pueblo de la cruz. Predicamos con valentía a Cristo crucificado. Tanto es así que comenzamos cada una de nuestras oraciones con la Señal de la Cruz. Por eso podemos decir: “Te adoramos, oh Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque con tu Santa Cruz redimiste al mundo”.

En una nota más personal, el 14 de septiembre marca el 19 aniversario de la muerte de mi abuelo. Por eso, de manera especial, les pido que nos tomemos un tiempo esta semana para adorar la cruz y orar por todos los que han muerto o están cerca de la muerte. Aunque la muerte ya no tiene ningún poder sobre nosotros, todavía puede ser terrible. Son muchos los que mueren solos cada día. Pidamos a Jesús que les quite el miedo. Que Dios los bendiga abundantemente esta semana.

“OUR RETURN TO THE LORD”

Last Weekend’s Collection: \$3,850.33

Building Fund: \$22,042.78

We are grateful for your generosity and appreciate your loyalty to our parish. Thank you for embracing the biblical vision of stewardship and tithing.



The Diocese of Grand Island, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Omaha and Diocese of Lincoln Victim Assistance Ministries, are hosting *The Way: A Healing Retreat for Male Survivors of Abuse*, October 1-3, 2021, at Camp Comeca in Cozad, Nebraska. The retreat will be facilitated by retreat developer Sue Stubbs of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and Dr. Gerry Crete, also of Atlanta. Retreat Chaplain will be Father Sean Kilcawley of the Diocese of Lincoln. Information about the retreat team may be found at: [nebraska_men_s_bio_page.pdf\(ymaws.com\)](http://nebraska_men_s_bio_page.pdf(ymaws.com)).

The Way is a healing retreat for men who are survivors of abuse—a three-day guided meditation and prayer experience for men whose abuse by another has deeply affected their heart, mind, body, and soul. The location at Camp Comeca offers a quiet, scenic environment in rural Nebraska. The retreat schedule and additional information may be found at: [nebraska_men_s_retreat_broch.pdf\(ymaws.com\)](http://nebraska_men_s_retreat_broch.pdf(ymaws.com)).

Participants from all (Arch)dioceses are welcome to attend. For those who are traveling by air, the Diocese of Grand Island is happy to offer recommendations for travel and assistance in arranging ground transportation.

Registration is open through September 23, 2021. To register or for more information, please email Elizabeth Heidt Kozisek at bheidt@gidiocese.org or call her at 308-379-1949.

Experience a Weekend That will Truly Change Your Life!

Saint Anthony of Padua Evangelization Retreat in Cody, September 24-26, 2021

The retreat is a grace that has helped us focus upon the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Catholic Community. Based upon the book, *Evangelization: God's Love for Man* by Alfonso Navarro. The retreat focuses upon the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

The retreat moves from the basic foundations of imitation and conversion to specific actions which are necessary in our walk to live our Catholic Life. These actions include prayer, study, suffering, community and witnessing.



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\$500 – 1st

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\$100 – 3rd

\$10 per ticket or 6 for \$50

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or St. Mary Magdalen Parish office
Drawing will be held at November Bingo

You may donate online at
<https://dioceseofcheyenne.org/living-and-giving-in-christ>.

frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are

Ayuden a los religiosos y religiosas ancianos. Las hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes mayores de órdenes religiosas católicas han dedicado su vida en servicio a los demás: educaron a los jóvenes, cuidaron a los enfermos y sirvieron a los menos afortunados. Hoy, muchos son ancianos y necesitan ser atendidos. El regalo deducible de impuestos al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos ayuda a proporcionar medicamentos, cuidado de enfermería y más. Sean generoso con la segunda colecta de hoy.



**Please Join Us in Praying the Rosary
Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
If you are unable to come to the church join us from
home, and we will be united in prayer.**

Father Bryce Lungren — Wyoming Cowboy and Catholic Priest

“The more you live out your sonship with God,” says Father Lungren, “the better your life will be.”

National Catholic Register, [Alexandra Greeley](#) Blogs July 27, 2021

Out in the wild, wild West — actually, in Wyoming — ranching, herding cattle, and riding horses must be part of everyday life for many folks there. Imagine, then, a dashing young man who turned in his spurs to become a priest. That would be Father Bryce Lungren, parochial vicar at [St. Matthew’s Catholic Church in Gillette, Wyoming](#).

Why a cowboy/priest? As it turns out, Father Bryce is a Wyoming native. “Our extended family had a ranch,” he said. “I grew up Catholic and it was a staple in life. We went to Mass every Sunday. After high school, I moved to Montana, and worked for 10 years, three of which were ranching. I guess my biggest decision in life came that first Sunday on my own, when it was up to me whether to go to Mass or not. And thanks be to God, my uncle just picked me up and we went.”

From then on it was a steady stream of learning about Catholicism, he said, and eventually, he started asking bigger questions. While he was ranching, he kept thinking that life was as good as it gets. But, he added, he realized his heart was not fulfilled. He realized that the priesthood was looking back at him. “And I learned about the beauty of the Church and of the priesthood through Catholic radio,” he said.

“My whole MO (*modus operandi*) as a priest is to be a son before a Father,” he said, “so I live out our baptismal identity as sons and then out of that my priestly vocation. What I do currently is like Peter: I left all behind and followed the Lord. And then over time he gave it back to me, so I am basically ranching again.” No wonder Father Bryce has found his true home and vocation: tending to parishioners and herding cattle.

He noted that most days he spends only the mornings in the office, and in the afternoons, he is out checking on folks around town or playing with one of his two horses. “I do spend time ranching with parishioners,” he said. “I got my buddy, the music teacher at the Catholic school, to help break colts. It is super cool for us to work together. And I take other parishioners out riding as well. That is the beauty of what I get to do.”

Even with so much beef at hand, Father Bryce admits that cooking is not his gig. Instead, he said, he provides beef for parishioners through a cattle co-op that Wyoming just passed into law.

“Each year I pick up about 12 open heifers and run them for the summer fattening them on grass. Throughout the fall, I butcher them and make the beef available to the partners. It’s a win/win for us all.”

“The more you live out your sonship with God,” he said, “the better your life will be. The part of my nature as a cowboy and a priest work well together and complement each other. My time in the parish also includes running the mission circuit in the northeast corner of Wyoming. We have three mission churches, and on a Sunday, that is a 200-mile loop. ... I do that every weekend and it is so good.”

While he may not actually spend time in the parish kitchen, he does have a favorite family recipe that his mom always makes — cabbage burgers. “Whether it’s for the bishop or my buddy, Kelly, all I have to do is pull one out and warm it up,” he said.

(Note: Visitors to the church website can click on a portal called Wyoming Catholic Cowboys [here](#) and [here](#).)