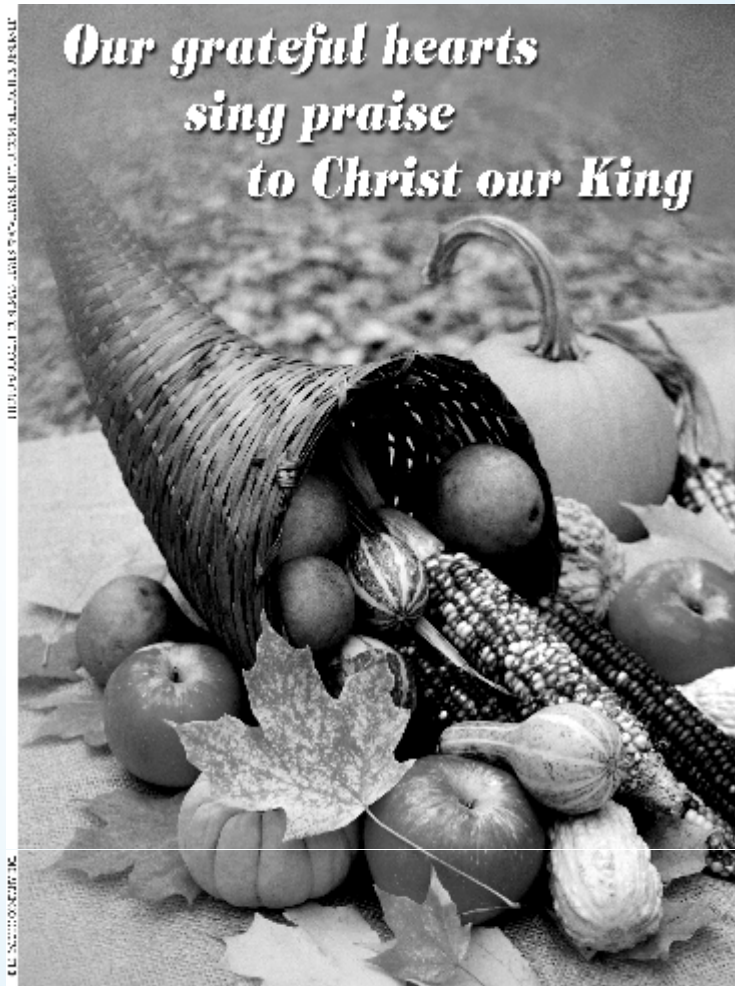


St. Mary Magdalen Parish

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919



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Rev. Leo Spezia, Associate Pastor
Deacon Joseph J. Iovanna
Deacon J. Gerard Quinn, J.C.L.
Yoelvis Gonzalez—Seminarist

New Parishioners are Welcome!

For information: Call our Parish Rectory 314.352.2111 ext. 10
- or - Check us out at www.magdalen.org

St. Mary Magdalen Parish

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SSYM Office Hours

1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 12-10pm;

3rd Tuesday of the month from 12-5pm;

Thursday's from 12-5pm

Rectory Office Hours

8:30am— 7:00pm Monday through Thursday

8:30am— 4:00pm Friday

9:00am—12:00pm Saturday

Closed on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am

Weekday Mass:

Monday thru Friday: 8:00am

Sunday Youth Mass: 6:00pm

Daily Rosary: Mon. thru Fri. before the 8:00am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every first Friday of the month from 8:30am until 12-noon

Holy Hour: Every first Saturday of each month at 9:15am

Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact the Rectory

Weddings: Couples contemplating Marriage should contact one of the parish priests as soon as they have made a decision to marry and at least six months prior to their intended date of Marriage so that proper preparations can be made.

Communion to the Sick: We are happy to bring Holy Communion to those who are confined to their homes. Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Perpetual Help Devotions: Tuesdays following 8:00am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays between 3:30pm and 4:15pm (or by appointment)

SCHOOLS SERVING OUR PARISHIONERS

—for registration and other information please contact...

Our Lady of Sorrows School

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St. Ambrose School

5130 Wilson Ave.

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St. Joan of Arc School

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,
 Last week I shared a couple of the changes that will be taking place in the Mass texts beginning next week, the First Sunday of Advent. Here are a few other simple ones that can easily be learned (boldface type indicates the change):

1. Preface Acclamation: **“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.** Heaven and earth are full of your glory....”

2. The Mystery of Faith: (There will be three options – see A, B, and C)

Priest: **The mystery of faith.**

(A) People: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

(B) People: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, **O Lord,** until you come again.

(C) People: **Save us, Savior of the world, for** by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

3. Sign of Peace:

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And with your spirit.**

4. Invitation to Communion:

Priest: **Behold** the Lamb of God, **behold Him** who takes away the sins of the world. **Blessed** are those **called to the supper of the Lamb.**

People: Lord, I am not worthy **that you should enter under my roof,** but only say the word and **my soul** shall be healed.

The Gloria and the Creed have many more changes. The ones I shared with you last week and the ones above should not take too long to learn. The Gloria and the Creed, on the other hand, may be a little more difficult, and we will all have to learn these together. Again, we will have pew cards to assist everyone; the changes are also in the missalette; and the priest will call attention to the changes for the first several weeks.

Toward the end of this week we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, a time to pause to give thanks for the

many blessings we have received in our lives. What better way to begin our Thanksgiving holiday weekend than by attending Mass and joining other parishioners in giving thanks to Almighty God, first for the gift of Jesus and also for the goodness that has been bestowed upon us. We have one Mass that day at 9:00am. Please consider joining us as we come together as a people of faith to give thanks.

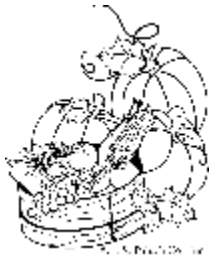
My prayers that day will be for all of you—the staff, the parishioners, and the many friends of St. Mary Magdalen parish. I am especially grateful for my clergy co-worker, Fr. Leo and our two Deacons, Joe Iovanna and Gerry Quinn. They are men of prayer and dedication to the Church and to all of us. We are so fortunate to have them with us.

I am also grateful to all of those who assist us in our work, from our paid staff to our many volunteers. I am very blessed to be your pastor and thankful to Almighty God for you. May this Thanksgiving be special for each of you!

God bless,

Msgr. John Borcic

| Weekly Collections | | |
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| November 13, 2011 | | |
| Envelopes | \$ | 4,080.00 |
| Loose Offerings | | 2,362.20 |
| Total | \$ | 6,442.20 |
| Collections as of 07-01-11 | \$ | 91,644.03 |
| Magdalen Specials | | |
| Soup Kitchen | \$ | 18.00 |
| Vincent de Paul | | 1,283.00 |
| Pro-life | | 3.00 |
| Tithing for the Poor | | 4.00 |
| Debt Reduction | | 25.00 |
| SSYM | | 8.00 |
| Total | \$ | 1,341.00 |
| Thanks for your gifts to God and our Parish | | |
| P.S.—Have you considered tossing in that extra 1.00? | | |



Thanksgiving St. Vincent DePaul Can Goods Drive!!

Sometimes I want to ask God why he allows poverty, famine and injustice in the world when He could do something about it, but I'm afraid He might just ask me the SAME QUESTION.

Please take a grocery 'bag' with you this weekend, November 20 and "help" those in our Magdalen community by filling with canned goods for those "in need" bringing your bag to church on Thanksgiving or the weekend of November 27.

*"I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink."*

—Matthew 25:35

MARCH FOR LIFE, DC

St. Mary Magdalen will be attending the March for Life in DC but this year we will be going directly to the National Shrine of Devine Mercy and than to DC. So basically we will spend two nights in Stockbrige, MA and than head over to DC on Sunday, stay one night there and attend the March on Monday. We always head back to St. Louis on Monday evening after the March, arriving in St. Louis on Tuesday. We do have space available—for further details call Marisol in the evenings at 481-8408.

"How can they say there are too many children, that is like saying there are too many flowers."

—Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta

Thanksgiving Day Offertory Collection

By tradition the offertory collection at the Thanksgiving Day Mass is given to the St. Mary Magdalen, St. Vincent de Paul Society for it's use in providing for the poor, less fortunate and for the numerous unemployed. Your kindness in remembering those that are struggling financially will be so greatly appreciated.



The tradition continues...



Next Sunday, don't forget to check out the Christmas Tree in the back of church. This is our traditional "Giving Tree", and the ornaments will have gift suggestions on them for those we hope to help out this year. You can make Christmas a little brighter for someone in need, by taking an ornament or two off the tree and purchasing the suggested gift. This year's ornaments will request gifts for: **Our Lady's Inn, Homeless Veterans**, and nursing home residents at **Avalon Gardens**. We are collecting an assortment of baby items for Our Lady's Inn, warm knit hats for the Homeless Veterans, and we are making up a Christmas goodie package for the nursing home residents. Thank you and God Bless You for your generosity in supporting the "Giving Tree" tradition at St. Mary Magdalen.

*I assure you, as often as you did it
for one of my least brothers,
you did it for me.*

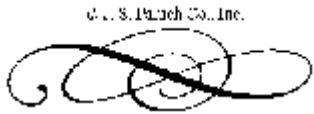
—Matthew 25:40

A new poster featuring the Seminarians from the Archdiocese of St. Louis has been posted in the back of church. Please take a look at it at your convenience. There are 42 young men preparing for the priesthood at all levels. Please pray for them. I received a new Vocation Prayer from the Archdiocesan Vocation Office and would like to reprint it here. Please feel free to cut it out and place it with your other prayers, or in a convenient place, and pray for vocations to the priesthood, and religious and consecrated life.

Heavenly Father, may Your Holy Spirit help foster vocations in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Grant to our young men and women generous and discerning hearts that desire to follow Christ always. May supportive parents, encouraging friends, faithful parish communities, and inspiring priests and religious sisters guide them in their vocations. Amen.

From the Desk of Fr. Leo...

As we approach the end of the Church Year, the lectionary turns our thoughts to the time of Christ's blessed return. There is an old German hymn entitled "Die Zeit ist nunmehr nah" (P. Gerhardt, 1653) and I give the words here for you to ponder and enjoy.



THE TIME is very near when, Lord, You will be here;

The signs of which You've spoken your advent should betoken;

We've seen them oft fulfilling in number beyond telling.

What shall I do then, Lord, but rest upon Your Word,

The promise You have given that You will come from heaven,

Me from the grave deliver and from all woe forever?

O Jesus Christ, how fair will be my portion there!

The welcome You'll address me, Your glances, how they'll bless me,

When I, the earth forsaking, my flight to You am taking.

Oh, what will be the word You'll speak, my Shepherd Lord!

What will be then Your greeting, me and my brethren meeting?

Your members You will own us, and near Yourself enthrone us.

I'll see then and adore Your body's bruises sore,

Whereon our faith is founded—the prints of nails that wounded

Your hands and feet be greeting, Your gaze with rapture meeting.

O Lord, alone You know, the joys so pure that flow In life's unfailling river in paradise forever,

You can portray and show them: by faith alone I know them.

What I've believed stands sure, and shall remain secure;

You'll say, "Come, taste and see, O child beloved by Me,

Come, taste the gifts so precious, I and my Father gracious

Can give you without measure, come, bask in endless pleasure!"

How sad, O Lord, am I, till I shall see on high

You come in glory hither to bring Your Church together;

Were You but now revealing Yourself, my wish fulfilling!

The time is known to You; this is my action due:

To be prepared for going, and all things so be doing,

That every moment even my heart may be in heaven.

This grant, Lord, and me bless, that so Your truth and grace

May keep me ever waking, lest Your day, overtaking Me unawares, affright me, but may, O Lord, delight me.



IACC—Mid-America

(Italian American Chamber of Commerce)

**Invites you to celebrate
the holidays!**

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

at the Italia America Bocce Club,
2210 Marconi Ave.

Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner begins at 6:15pm

Music by soprano *Gina Galati*

Tickets are \$40 per person

Online at <http://iacc-holiday2011.eventbrite.com>

or call 304-2962

R.S.V.P by November 29, 2011

SLUhtique Holiday Gift Boutique

The St. Louis University High School Mothers' Club hosts their annual holiday shopping event on Sunday, December 4 from noon to 3:30pm at the school (4970 Oakland Ave, 63110). Over 60 vendors will provide lots of gift giving ideas for family and friends. Shop for home accessories, jewelry and fashions, stationery, SLUH logo items and much more!! Admission is FREE and open to the public. FREE parking. Proceeds benefit SLUH students, faculty and staff and the students of Loyola Academy. For more information, contact martha_staley@hotmail.com.

South Side Youth Ministry

South Side Youth Ministry recently returned from fall retreat. The retreat was rooted in the Psalms, discovering how they contain the music of the bible and the prayer of the Church. While on retreat, we challenged the 45 participants to write their own psalm, capturing in a bold and honest way where they are in a relationship with God. For the next few weeks, I will share some of the psalms the teens wrote.

“My Lord, my Lord. I am on my knees again. Aid me, fix me, love me, for like old wood, my soul has grown splintered. I sigh to the stars, to your heart, questioning what seems to have been ignored by your knowing eye. I cry out in an empty room, oh Lord; why is an echo my only response? I walk blindly in the unforgiving darkness, searching for you; why do my feet stumble and grow callous while waiting for your light? Tears fill your absence and drop from my warm cheeks; Do you let them fall, let them wither my fragile heart? Or do you catch them as they drop, count and collect their endless numbers? Come to me, my Lord! I have tried to repair myself, but bare no fruit. Every beautiful blessing surrounds me, but my insides are perishing.

I am irreplaceable, but still broken beyond measure. You are my Savior, my Lord, my Father; I need you more than air. Have pity on me. Rescue me from being consumed by the waves of my disbelief. I will rely on you above all else. I will raise my voice, chant the words, ‘My Savior has won the battle in me’. I will trumpet your wonderful name until all my brothers and sisters fall to their knees in awe of you.

It is not in your unimaginable nature to leave me thirsty for things beyond drink, nor to leave me hungry for things beyond food. So like a child waiting for the return of its father, I will wait for you to find me in my darkness and take me into your protective arms.”

A THANKFUL HEART

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

--Cicero



Alaina Marie Haines
on November 6, 2011
Proud parents: Karen Hrdlicka &
Raymond Haines

Please note: The Rectory business office
will be closed
on Thursday, November 24
and Friday, November 25
for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Mark your calendar....
Monsignor Louis F. Meyer Memorial
Trivia Night

Saturday, February 18, 2012
at The Meyer Youth Center
Proceeds benefit our Parish

This week in Our Parish...

Monday, November 21, 2011

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| Quilters | 9:00a | Qrm |
| Sunflower Club | 10:30a | SH |

Thursday, November 24, 2011

Thanksgiving Day

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| Mass | 9:00a | CH |
| Rectory Office closed | | |

Friday, November 25, 2011

Rectory Office closed

Sunday, November 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent

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| Youth Mass | 6:00a | CH |
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Please pray for the soul of Gertrude Briggs, dear sister of parishioner Margaret Crawford who died on November 9th. May she be with Our Lord in glory. Please pray for all of Gertrude's family and friends and for all our parishioners missing and mourning their loved ones.

*Blessed are they that mourn;
for they shall be comforted—Matthew 5:4*

Please pray for... Shirley Birkenmeier; Nancy Bremmbacher; Marge Coronado; George Dent; Estelle Donald; Leo & Betty Ellinger; Agnes Grajek; Jean Hanh; Peter Harvatin; Ruth Hassler; Betty Ann Henn; Dolores Karcher; Marie Kellner; Mary Mather; Mary Merli; Sue Micciche; Joe Mohan; Mary Mohan; Jerry Perez; Rose Palumbo; Marge Purk; Ann Reichelt; Rosalie Sala; Tricia Savens; Dorothy Schuchardt; Lucille Seper; Ed Smiley; Edith Smiley; Dodie Stollhans; Shirley Tabaka; Nicolas Torretti; Ruby Wirtel; Lois Zitzmann

Mass Intentions



Monday, November 21, 2011
8:00 A.M. Rust & Berka Family
8:00 A.M. Leon Rankin

Tuesday, November 22, 2011
8:00 A.M. Barbara Johnson
8:00 A.M. Scott Zalatic

Wednesday, November 23, 2011
8:00 A.M. James & Irene Croak
8:00 A.M. Max Sanchez

Thursday, Thanksgiving November 24, 2011
9:00 A.M. Msgr. Louis F. Meyer
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society

Friday, November 25, 2011
8:00 A.M. Cecilia Spalding
8:00 A.M. Elmer Donald

Saturday, November 26, 2011
4:30 P.M. Mike & Mary Noonan

Sunday, November 27, 2011
8:00 A.M. Gene Schuchardt
10:30 A.M. For the People of the Parish

Eucharist Ministers
Saturday, November 26, 2011 4:30PM
Jim Abkemeier, Barb & Gary Barker, Charlie & Mary Ann Halbrook, Pat Grotegeers

Sunday, November 27, 2011 8:00 AM
Don & Bunni Auer, Nancy Sewester, Kathy Lalk

Sunday, November 27, 2011 10:30AM
Pat & Cathy Maloney, Mary Elkins, Scott Knubley, Dolores Hitch, Marisol Pfaff

Lectors
Thursday, November 24, 2011 9:00AM
Dolores Guittar

Saturday, November 26, 2011 4:30PM
Jim Abkemeier

Sunday, November 27, 2011 8:00AM
Ken Luecke

Sunday, November 27, 2011 10:30AM
Sara Marek

Servers
Thursday, November 24, 2011 AM
Luke Barrale

Saturday, November 26, 2011 4:30PM
Zelle Laury

Sunday, November 27, 2011 8:00AM
Tiffany Sakamoto

Sunday, November 27, 2011 10:30AM
Sam Michaels

Greeters
Saturday, 4:30PM Ron Gianella

Sunday, 8:00AM Dolores Johnson

Sunday, 10:30AM Doloroso Hughes, Sue Rice

Ushers
Saturday, 4:30PM Ron Gianella, Don Quante, Bill Yashuk, Rich Brutine

Sunday, 8:00AM Bernie Driscoll, Dick Furrer, Bill Hrdlicka

Sunday, 10:30AM Tom Brent, Norm Guittar, Jewell Douthit



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

November 20, 2011

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