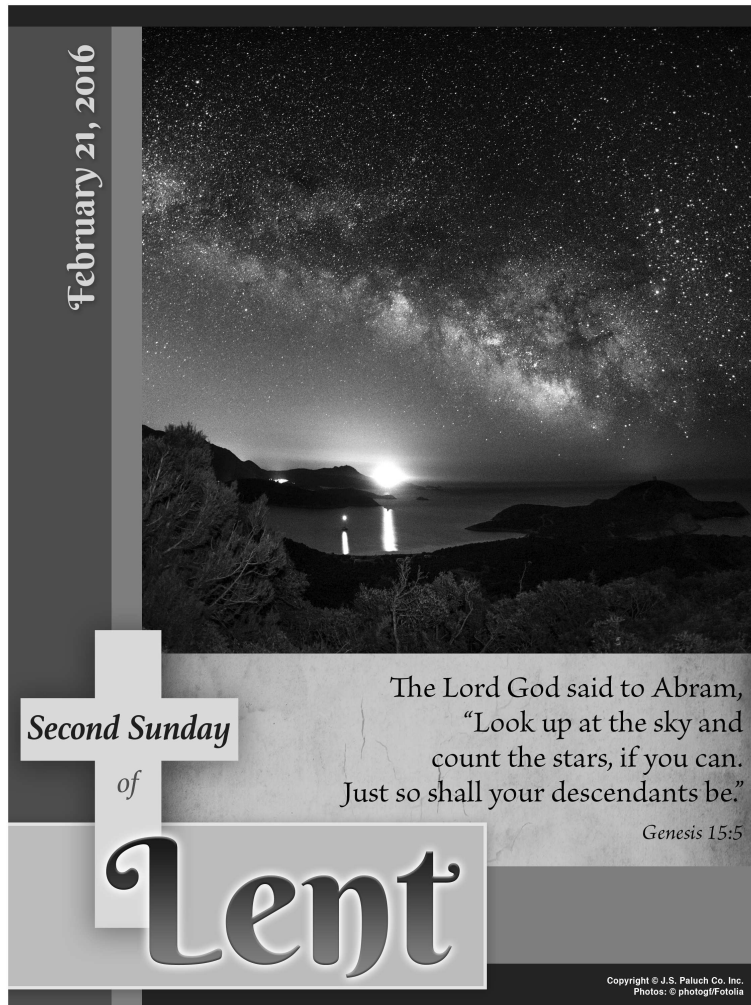


St. Mary Magdalen Parish

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919



Rev. Msgr. John J. Borcic, Pastor

Rev. John V. Kerber, Retired

Deacon Joseph J. Iovanna

Deacon J. Gerard Quinn, J.C.L.

New Parishioners are Welcome!

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses: **Weekday Mass:**

Saturday: 4:30pm Monday thru Friday: 8:00am

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am

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

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

Holy Hour: Every 1st Saturday of the month at 9:15am

Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact the Rectory

Weddings: Couples contemplating Marriage should contact the Pastor 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: Tuesday following 8:00am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday between 3:30pm and 4:10pm (or by appointment)

Rectory Office Hours

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

8:30am — 4:00pm Friday

9:00am — 12:00pm Saturday

**Closed on Sundays,
National Holidays,
and
Holy Days of Obligation**

SCHOOLS SERVING OUR PARISHIONERS

For registration and other information please contact

Our Lady of Sorrows School

5831 So. Kingshighway Blvd.

314.353.1451

St. Ambrose School

5130 Wilson Ave.

314.772.1437

St. Raphael the Archangel

6000 Jamieson Ave.

314.352.9474

South City Deanery PSR

4170 Delor

Nancy Haselhorst

314.773-3070



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

How is your Lent going? This is a question I posed to the parishioners of a parish in which I served as an Associate a number of years ago. I mentioned to them in my homily the week before Lent began, that I was going to ask them this question each time I saw them after Mass on Sunday during Lent.

Interestingly enough a number of parishioners responded very positively and were appreciative of the reminder as they began their week. A few of the people beat me to the punch and asked me the question before I could ask them. I had to give them an honest answer.

There were some, however, who made sure to leave the church by a different door. I wasn't sure if they did this for any practical reason or if they were trying to avoid answering a question which may have placed a little guilt on them. Not everyone takes Lent seriously.

There are too many distractions that keep us from really focusing on the need for spiritual renewal, repentance, or conversion during this time of the year. These distractions can take many different forms. We don't abstain from meat on Friday because others around us do not and we are too weak to lead by example – we simply (and conveniently) “forget.” We don't set aside time for prayer because there is too much happening in our lives or in our world that draws our attention. Things like the latest movie or the latest sports attraction, or whatever seems to whet our appetites at the time. We don't set aside time for the Sacrament of Penance because we don't really understand sin and the effects of sin in our lives – or maybe just don't believe it.

Many, many years ago different forms of prayer and fasting were obligatory for all Catholics. Back then every day during the 40 day season of Lent was a “fast” day. That meant we were permitted to eat only one large meal each day. That beats any diet I know – and not only did one become more physically fit, he or she became more spiritually fit.

Abstinence was required every Friday throughout

the year and also on the Ember Days which occurred four times during the year. During the Ember Days fasting and abstinence was required on the Wednesday and Saturday of that week as well as the Friday. You mean you had to fast and abstain on days throughout the year other than the prescribed days of Lent? Oh yes! And we did, too.

On Friday evenings the churches would be filled with parishioners for the Stations of the Cross. One had to stand in line for Confession on Saturday afternoon or evening. There was standing room only at some Masses on Sunday. Our weekends are too crowded today.

For some, these things are a reminder of what once was; for others this is somewhat of a revelation. In time, the Church felt that it was more important to allow each person to develop his or her own plan for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It took the heavy burden off of us. This meant that we were to take ownership of our spiritual growth and development; it was no longer imposed on us. Many people were grateful for this opportunity, but what happened? It's a question we each have to answer for ourselves. Will our answer make Lent different for us this year?

How is your Lent going?

Msgr. Borcic

Weekly Offertory February 14, 2016

Envelopes	\$ 1,469.00
Loose	361.00

Total	\$ 1,830.00
Collection as of 07-01-15	\$ 127,801.37

Magdalen Specials	
Soup Kitchen	36.25
St. Vincent de Paul	71.25
Pro-Life	27.25
Tuition Assistance	26.25

Total	\$ 161.00
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Thank you for your gifts to God and our Parish!

BEYOND SUNDAY

I have given a great deal of thought about the pledge I want to make to the Beyond Sunday campaign. What drives my decision most comes from my own history of Catholic education and my hope for the future. I was fortunate to be able to attend a grade school that was staffed almost totally with religious Sisters. Their devotion to the Faith was flawless.

The most significant thing that I can remember is how consistent our religious education was. What helped, of course, was the reinforcement we received not only from our parents, but from all of our parishioners.

When I was ordained in 1976 I was assigned to a parish with a Catholic school. I remember the faculty being mostly lay persons at that time with about six Dominican Sisters on the faculty or in the administration of the school. I was impressed with the knowledge of their faith and with their conviction to live the Catholic faith. There were many things, however, that challenged much of what they were trying to convey and teach – very different than 20 years before.

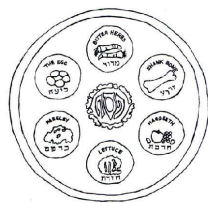
Today, some 40 years after my ordination and 60+ years since my elementary and high school education, I find that the religious education in the Catholic schools, while facing a lot of challenges, still remains consistent with the teachings of the Church, and the teachers continue to be faithful in their call to bring the knowledge and practice of that faith to their students.

There has been a great transition in education over the past 60 or so years. But I believe that, not only our Archbishop, but also those who administer our schools, continue to strive to keep our children Alive in Christ. And they strive to do so even more today than ever before.

Everyone should have the opportunity to receive a Catholic education. It not only helps to perpetuate the Catholic faith, it also helps to prepare the children of today to be our next generation of leaders, both in the Church and in the world.

So, for these reasons I will make a significant pledge to Beyond Sunday. I will do so because I want to help the Archbishop in his vision for our Catholic schools; and I believe that both the present and the future of the Church will be strengthened by the success of this campaign and by our generosity and loyal support.

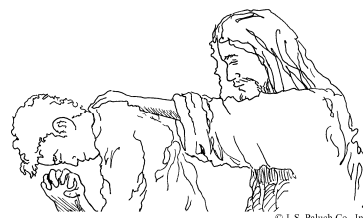
When invited to do so, please consider a sacrificial gift or pledge to the Beyond Sunday campaign. Let us take what we learn each week at Mass, beyond Sunday, and put it into practice through our charity and generosity.



ANNUAL SEDER CELEBRATION

Date: March 22, 2016
Time: 6:30pm
Registration: Call Fran at the
rectory (352-2111 ext. 4)

by March 11, 2016 to reserve a place.



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*The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear? -- Psalm 27:1*



Magdalen Lenten Fish Fry's 2016

4-7pm

Every Friday during Lent (dine in or carry out)

Featuring Chef Steve Jackson and Pianist Dolores Guittar

Menu

Fish Dinner Plate

\$8.50 Adults \$7.50 Senior Citizens \$6.50 children 12 and under

All dinner plates come with bread, coleslaw, choice of 2 sides (spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, green beans, French fries or Hush puppies) and one dessert

Coffee or tea offered for Dine-in only

Fish choices

Baked or Fried Pollock, Jack Salmon, Catfish Nuggets, Fried Shrimp



Date	Theme	Favor	Special Feature
February 26	Easy Jazz	F. Cookies	Ham Radio
March 4	Composers	Life Savers	Right to Life
March 11	Irish Night	Green Beer	Tenor/Show Tunes
March 18	German Night	Pretzels	Dulcimers
March 25	All Time Favorites	Gumbo Soup	Veronica's Veil

To All Bakers and Dessert Makers of the Parish



We need your bakery items (pies, cakes, cookies, brownies) for the Fish Fry's. Please bring your bakery items to the school hall on Friday after 3pm. If that is not convenient you are welcome to bring your goodies to the rectory and we will make sure they get brought over...

..... unless our Fr. Kerber get's to them first!!!



Chef
Steve Jackson
and
Professional
Fish Server
Nancy
Sewester

Photos by Marilyn



Lenten Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Food Drive during Lent. We are asking for your generous support and would like that parishioners follow the chart below to insure all the basic necessities are collected to serve those in need:

Weekend February 27-28	Tuna
Weekend March 5-6	Bath Soaps
	(body and bar)
Weekend March 12-13	Can fruit
Weekend March 19-20	Can Meats, chili,
	Stew and soups

In addition to your personal donations benefitting our own food pantry the Knights will receive up to \$100 dollars for each 500 lbs of food collected. The proceeds are then donated back to our St. Vincent De Paul for financial assistance.

The Knights would like to thank you for your generous support during this time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Morning of Prayer and Reflection on the Mercy of God

Saturday, March 5th
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Experience a time of prayer and contemplation during this Season of Lent as we open ourselves to God's mercy in our lives.

- Beginning at 9:00 a.m. with light continental breakfast in the cafeteria.
- Continuing with Bishop J. Hermann, Auxiliary Bishop—emeritus sharing on The Mercy of God.
- Ending at 11:30 a.m. after Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction led by Bishop Hermann

For more information or let us know you are coming, contact Christina Sanders, 351-1600 or olscre@sbcglobal.net.

Registrations encouraged, but not necessary.

Rummage Sale

St. John the Baptist School Cafeteria
5021 Adkins (at Delor, East of Bevo Mill)
Saturday, March 5, 2016
7:00am—11:00am

Stewardship Reflection

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."
(Genesis 15:7)*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is a grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our earthly home?

This week in our Parish...

Daily Mass at 8:00am Monday thru Friday
Monday, February 22, 2016

Quilters	9:00a	Qrm
Adult Education	1:00p	MR
Italian Classes	6:30p-8:30p	Rm104

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Adult Education	6:30p	MR
SVDP Mtg	6:45p	MR

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Mass	6:00p	CH
Confessions after Mass till	8:00p	CH

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Stations of the Cross after the 8am Mass

Italian Classes	6:30p-9:00p	Rm102,104,106
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Friday, February 26, 2016

Fish Fry	4-7p	SH
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Saturday February 27, 2016

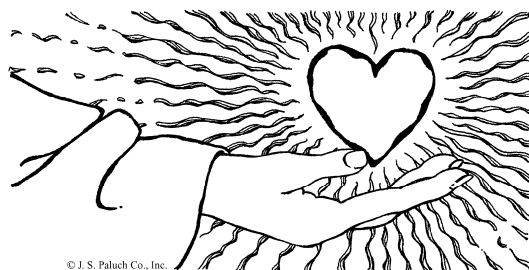
Reconciliation	9-10:30a and 3:30-4:10p	CH
Mass	4:30p	CH

Sunday, February 28, 2016

Mass	8:00a	CH
Mass	10:30a	CH



In your charity please pray for the repose soul of Cliff Oesterlei the dear brother-in-law of Carolyn and Deacon Joe Iovanna, who passed away last week. May he be with Our Lord in glory. Please keep all of Cliff's family and friends in your prayers and for all of our parishioners mourning the loss of their loved ones.



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Please pray for healing and strength

for... Andy Barker, Gary Barker, Janet Barmeier, Mary Bathon, Jason Beardslee, Jackie Behrendt, Marian Brandel, Marcy Buckles, Mary Cates, Stanley Coffey, Jr., Susan DeBarry George Dent, Jan Dreyer, William Fortner, Dale Foster, Genny Fujarski, Kyle Gabris, Nancy Gambino, Tony Greco, Pat Grotegeers, Charlie Haines, Jimmy Harvatin, Pete Harvatin, Elizabeth Hawkins, Kevin Higgins, Ed Howard, Janette Jewel, Marie Kellner, Dolores Kettenbach, Michael Krawczyk, Patricia Kennedy, Elmer Marz, Eric Mather, Mary Mather, Irene Mazzola, Jackie McGilligan, Fr. Tom McGrath, Julianne McMiller, Lou Ann Michaels, Sue Micciche, Julie Moser, Mary Muehlberg, Liam Niemira, Mike Savens, Marge Scheu, Noel Schneider, Curt Schuchardt, Dorothy Schuchardt, Lucille Seper, Hillary Siekerman, Beth Simmons, Steve Snelling, Edith Smiley, Becca Niemira Steinmetz, Dodie Stollhans, Jean Sullivan, Garth and Laihla Wehl, Janice Weiter, Agnes Wiltgen, Lois Zitzmann, Charles Zurfluh ... **and for all our homebound and nursing home parishioners and for their family and friends who take care of them.**

(It would be so very helpful if you or for a love one we are praying for, could keep us updated on how you or they are doing and if still need to be listed for prayers. We love to see our prayers at work. Thank you, Fran @ 352-2111 ext 4.)

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, February 27, 2016 4:30 PM

Charlie & Mary Ann Halbrook, Margaret O'Donoghue
Mary Beth O'Donoghue

Sunday, February 28, 2016 8:00 AM

Mary & Charlie Dooling

Sunday, February 28, 2016 10:30 AM

Mary Elkins, Cathy & Pat Maloney, Marisol Pfaff,
Bill Voss, Garth Wehl

Lectors

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 6:00 PM

Kris Onanian

Saturday, February 27, 2016 4:30 PM

Jim Abkemeier

Sunday, February 28, 2016 8:00 AM

Mary Dooling

Sunday, February 28 2016 10:30 AM

Garth Wehl

Servers

Saturday, February 27, 2016 4:30 PM

Kenneth Douthit

Sunday, February 28, 2016 8:00 AM

Harry Signaigo

Sunday, February 28, 2016 10:30 AM

Kayden Hardesty

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 22, 2016

8:00 A.M. Ruth Brown

8:00 A.M. Edward E. Donahue

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

8:00 A.M. Vincenza & Giovanni Drago

8:00 A.M. McMiller Family

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

8:00 A.M. Marge Behrendt

8:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society

6:00 P.M. Forgotten Souls

Thursday, February 25, 2016

8:00 A.M. Rosalie Logaglio

8:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society

Friday, February 26, 2016

8:00 A.M. Ann & Harry Eilerman

8:00 A.M. Paul Quante

Saturday, February 27, 2016

4:30 P.M. Mary Bante

Sunday, February 28, 2016

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

10:30 AM Terri Mazzola

Second Sunday Of Lent

February 21, 2016

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