

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

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2021 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY



HOLY MASSES:

SATURDAY

5:00 PM 4:00 PM
MAY - OCT NOV - APRIL

SUNDAY

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Confessions: 1 hour before Sat. Mass

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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.

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Parish Pastoral Council: Purpose to initiate, promote, undertake, and carry out needs of the parish with the approval of the Pastor.
Shannon Offerman, Scott Burden, Julie Ebelhar, Perry Warren, Beth Miles, and David Cecil.

Finance Committee: The committee meets to review parish financial status and plan for future needs. The committee reports on financial activity to the Parish Council.

Kenny Knott, Rebecca Schwartz, Rita Wood, Sarah O'Bryan

Welcome to St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. It is my sincere prayer that you will find us to be a vibrant community of faith, committed to living our baptismal mission as the People of God in the world. The vitality and strength of any parish are determined by its people. Working cooperatively with the clergy, parish staff and pastoral ministers, it is the people themselves who must build up the Body of Christ by becoming faithful stewards of the life and mission of the parish. We take to heart the teaching of the Second Vatican Council which proclaims that we are "called to the fullness of the Christian life and the perfection of love." For this reason, I ask you to give serious and prayerful reflection on the ways in which the Lord may be inviting you to become a steward of your parish and a partner with us in the life and mission of the Church. This stewardship is exercised in the selfless sharing of our time, talents and treasures with one another in the spirit of the Gospel. Consider the following questions as means to guide your prayerful reflection on the call to stewardship:

- What talents, gifts or abilities are you willing to share in service to your parish and to the larger community?
- What amount of time can you reasonably give to such work, given the different and sometimes conflicting priorities of your life?
- What is a just and fair amount of your treasure your weekly income that you can give in a spirit of sacrifice to support the life of your parish?

This booklet is a directory of existing ministries that serve our parish. We hope that you will take a few minutes to go through it and prayerfully consider becoming involved in our active and life-giving parish.

In the gospel of John we are told that Jesus came to give us "abundant life." It is through the sharing of our time and talent that we experience this abundant life, and ultimately pass it on to those we are called to serve.

It is our hope that St. Mary Magdalene Church will continue to grow as a parish community and as a family of believers by sharing the gifts that God has so generously given us. Consider becoming our partner in the work of the ministry and gifting us with what we need most – you!

Thank you for all that you do now, and for your future participation.

Fr. Shaiju Thomas

Mass Times

Saturday	4:00 p.m. (November 1st- last Sunday of April) 5:00 p.m. (first Sunday of May-last Sunday of October)
Sunday	8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays	Tuesday and Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Thursday and Friday Noon
Holy Days	As announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 1 hour before Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: The first Friday of the month from 7:30 a.m.-Noon

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet: Every Monday Evening at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: Like all sacraments, Anointing of the Sick was instituted by Jesus Christ. The special grace of this sacrament unites a sick person to the passion of Christ providing strength, peace, and the courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness. The sacrament is not exclusively for those at the point of death, but also encompasses anyone of the faithful facing surgery, sickness, old age, or mental illness. To schedule an anointing, please contact Fr. Shaiju.

Homebound Communion: Please keep the parish informed so that we may minister to those who are ill at home or in the hospital. If you are unable to attend Mass and would like Communion in your home, please call the parish office.

Website and Social Media

St. Mary Magdalene Website.....www.stmarymagd.org

Parish Office Email.....office@stmarymagd.org

Follow St. Mary Magdalene on Facebook

St. Mary Magdalene Parish



How Do I....

find out about having my child baptized?

Contact Fr. Shaiju Thomas to set up an appointment for instructions and arrangements for the Baptism. You will need to attend baptismal preparation sessions.

find out about registering my child for PREP classes?

Contact Nick Higdon 270-771-4436.

schedule a Mass Intention?

A Mass intention is a way to remember a deceased loved one or friend, and is also a way to celebrate in thanksgiving or praise for a special date or anniversary. To schedule a Mass intention please contact Nancy Greenwell in the church office.

reserve the Parish Hall or a meeting room?

Call the church office 270-771-4436.

put something in the bulletin?

Email Nancy Greenwell. The deadline is Monday morning at 9:00 a.m.

purchase or inquire about a Cemetery plot?

Call the parish office.

Liturgical

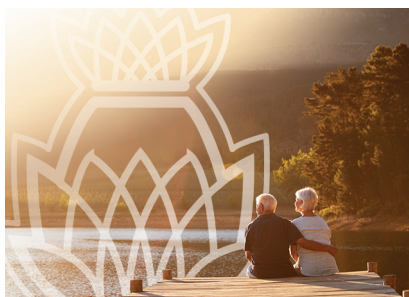
Liturgical Committee

The Liturgical Committee consists of a group of parishioners representing various liturgical ministries, the Pastor and Director of Music and Liturgy. The group meets to set goals, direction and standards for the overall liturgical life of the parish. Contact Jacob Hein if interested in joining.



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Being an Eucharistic Minister is very rewarding and is an honored area of liturgical service. Ministers take part in distributing the Body and Blood of our Lord to the community. Ministers are commissioned by the Pastor and serve at the Mass of their choice. Training is required prior to being added to the schedule. You must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and be at least 16 years of age.



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Lectors

The Lectors are a group of dedicated individuals who make a significant contribution to our Liturgy by proclaiming the Word of God. Through the proclamation of scripture, the Lector shares with us the very presence of our God. Lectors are scheduled at the Mass of their choice. Training is required prior to being added to the schedule. Open to adults and high school youth. Contact Fr. Shaiju Thomas for training.

Altar Servers

Assist at the various liturgical functions throughout the year. Open to both boys and girls third grade and older. Training is provided for all new servers. Servers are scheduled at the Mass of their choice. Adults are also encouraged to serve as well. This is a great way to be involved and learn more about the Liturgy. Contact Fr. Shaiju Thomas for training.

Greeters/Ushers

Greeters are the first persons to welcome individuals as they arrive for the liturgical celebration. Greeters locate themselves by the entrances of the church; open the door for those entering and sharing a few words of welcome. As an usher, they help with seating, assist with offertory collection and procession of the Eucharist. Ushers are scheduled at the Mass of their choice. Open to adults and high school youth.

Music Ministry

Many people in our faith community are blessed with the gift of voice or instrumentation in music. We are always looking for more people to share their musical talents with the Parish. A strong music program, made up of a variety of talents, is a real blessing to our liturgical celebrations. Opportunities to participate include adult choir, children's choir, youth choir, cantors, instrumentalists, funeral choir and hand chimes. Contact Jacob Hein for more information 270-771-4436 or jacob_hein@hotmail.com.



Art/Environment

Assist in the set up and take down of decorations in the church. Helps with care of flowers and plants. Contact Jacob Hein.

Weekly Church Cleaning

Helps with general cleaning of the church. Families clean the church every other week during the year until further notice.

After Mass Housekeeping

Provides light housekeeping following the Masses by straightening books, envelopes and flyers in pews, raising kneelers and removing any trash from pews.

Parish Life

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is a process of preparing the unbaptized, and those un-formed by Christianity (termed, un-catechized), for acceptance of Christ, of the Catholic Faith, and reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. Full initiation normally concludes with the Easter Vigil (the night before Easter Sunday). The process usually takes a year, although there may be exceptions, due to age or infirmity. Catholic initiation (outside of the R.C.I.A.) indicates that a person is already validly baptized, already accepts Christ, and now wishes to be Roman Catholic. This catechesis (learning the Faith) can be adapted to the specific needs and circumstances of the individual. Welcoming into full communion with the Catholic Church can be completed at various times during the year, at the discretion of the Pastor.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) serves the faith formation needs of children of the parish, particularly those outside the Catholic school system, although all are welcome to attend. The goal of our program is for our faith community to be true witnesses to the Risen Christ, as was our patroness, the first witness to the Resurrection, St. Mary Magdalene. Our program, which emphasizes each Sunday's Gospel teaching, and encompasses all basic Catholic doctrine, also models a loving Catholic community. Presently, about 30 children are in attendance, Kindergarten through 8th grade. We have 60 minute catechetical sessions, on scheduled Wednesdays, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. These are facilitated by dedicated parish volunteers. PREP normally starts the Sunday after Labor Day, and ends after the first Sunday in May. All volunteers must be in compliance with the Diocese of Owensboro Safe Environment Policy.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION is for those desiring for their children to receive sacraments, must be registered members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish and regularly attend Mass. This preparation is oriented to second grade parish children (already baptized): Second grade (about 7 yrs. old) is the normative age to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. PREP second graders receive that preparation in their regular PREP sessions, and Catholic School second graders receive their preparation at school. First Reconciliation is usually in mid-January. First Eucharist is usually celebrated in May. There will be a parent meeting to discuss the sacraments. All children receiving these sacraments have a mini-retreat together, on a Saturday morning, normally a week before the celebration of the sacraments. Information concerning dates and requirements will be communicated to the parents by the DRE.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is offered at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. weekend Masses, when enough volunteers, and children attend. This is for Kindergarten through 2nd grade. If Children's Liturgy is being offered at a particular Mass, the priest will announce for the children to come forward, after the Opening Prayer. Leaders dismiss with the children to the parish center, and return at the Prayers of the Faithful. We carefully follow the guidelines published for Children's Liturgy of the Word, available on the diocesan website. This is not a play time, but an actual experience of participating in the prayers, hearing the Gospel, a short commentary, and engaging in prayer petitions before returning to their families.

Please read the parish bulletin weekly for dates and changes, and all parish news. It is also available online at www.stmarymagd.org. Visit our Facebook page for up-to-date news as well.

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

This annual celebration is a way for the parish family to come together in thanksgiving and celebration of our Patroness, Saint Mary Magdalene. This event is free and a great way to spend the evening. This event is held the closest Saturday before the Feast Day on July 22nd

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is a four day event each summer. Our program allows for experiential learning by immersing into Bible-times experiences and meeting prominent people throughout the Bible. We allow participation from children ages 3 and up. This event is truly for every age: from the children who are participants, to our teens and adults who volunteer to lead crafts, become a Bible character, lead a Tribe, and more!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Takes place each year on the Sunday before Halloween. The event is for the entire parish beginning with a chili supper at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to dress up and participate in the costume judging contest and also to decorate their cars for the trunk judging contest as well. Prizes are up for grabs for both contests. After dinner, the Trick or Treating begins and the children go from car to car to get their treats.



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YOUTH MINISTRY is an integrated program for students in both the public and private school systems. The goals of Youth Ministry is: 1) to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today, 2) to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community, and 3) to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person (*Renewing the Vision, USCCB*). Our Youth Ministry program offers opportunities for prayer, catechesis, community building, and service. Youth Ministry is for students in both public and private school systems in grades 6-12.

YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Adult volunteers are a necessity to a good Youth Ministry Program. Any adult willing to come be a presence and mentor to our young people are encouraged to get involved. Our youth gain so much insight from the adults who are involved. Every adult who is involved is required to complete the Safe Environment training and background check provided through the diocese.



CONFIRMATION

Children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 8th grade. Our Confirmation Program includes students attending either public or Catholic schools. We expect those in the Confirmation Program to attend and participate in as many meetings, retreats, and service opportunities as possible in order to adequately prepare them for the sacrament. Preparation begins in August or September with Confirmation celebrated in the Spring.



STUDY OF THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES is a group that meets on Tuesdays, after morning Mass, with a social time from 7:45-8:00 a.m., with prayer and study from 8:00a.m. - 9:00a.m. Anyone may “drop-in any week” to the group, which generally meets from mid-September until mid-May. There is coffee, something to eat, and lively discussion and fellowship. All are welcome with no obligation to attend every week, and no previous Bible study experience is needed. Bibles are provided. All three of the Mass readings for the upcoming Sunday are read and studied. Commentary is prepared and shared by Nick Higdon, the facilitator.

MEN’S CLUB

The Men’s Club is a social and service club that is open to all men of the parish. The Men’s Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month for a business meeting and social get-together. The Club conducts fund-raising activities throughout the year. With the funds raised, the Men’s Club makes financial contributions to the Church and other ministries within the parish. The Men’s Club also performs various service projects on behalf of the parish.

Contact Jim Gilles for more information: (270) 929-0558

MEN’S CLUB COOK OUTS: Besides the picnic and the BBQ Festival, our Men’s Club gathers together twice a year in the Spring and the Fall for a Cook-Out of Burgoo, chicken and pork. The Proceeds go to help the Men’s Club charities and Youth Group. Please support this ministry by helping the cooks or by purchasing some foods.



FOUR-WHEEL DINNER: The Men’s Club does a fundraising once a year to support the parish and the community. Please purchase a ticket and support this event.

BBQ FESTIVAL: St. Mary Magdalene participates in the annual International BBQ Festival. The Festival is held on the second Friday and Saturday of May. The Cook-off is on Saturday. All are welcome to work at the cook or stir burgoo.

Men's Club Breakfast

The breakfast is provided free of charge by the Men's Club. They prepare and serve this meal to the Parish Family the 1st Sunday in February.

Parish Picnic

A 100+ year tradition continues. This event is put on by the entire parish community. This fundraiser is always the Saturday before July 4th, Contact Jason Elder for more information



Knights of Columbus:

This Catholic fraternal, community, service, and family-oriented organization is devoted to furthering the goals of the Pope and the Catholic Church. Membership is open to male parishioners 18 years of age and older.

Angel Tree

Our Angel Tree goes up the First Sunday of Advent. Each angel represents a *child*, one who might otherwise receive very little for Christmas, were it not for the generous spirit of God, alive in people, like you! *The angels each represent one gift for a child from one of the local elementary schools.*

Rummage Sale

This fundraiser takes place twice a year, one sale in the Spring and one in the Fall. Items are donated by the parishioners and sold during the rummage sale.

Parish Photography

Volunteers are needed to take photographs during parish activities and events and forward the photos to the parish office for use in the bulletin, website, Facebook, or other publications.

Office Volunteers

Volunteers assist the parish office staff with mailings, and other tasks. Flexible hours are available. Adult volunteers are recommended. During school breaks, college or high school age parishioners are welcome.



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Building & Grounds

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE helps to keep the building and grounds well maintained. The committee monitors preventative maintenance needs and assists in hands-on maintenance projects that include carpentry, electrical, plumbing. Parishioners experienced in building and grounds maintenance are encouraged to participate. To volunteer or seek information.

PARISH HALL: St. Mary Magdalene Parish Hall located near the parish office is often used for wedding receptions, family reunions, formal dinners, and other large gatherings. It can accommodate 260 people with tables and chairs. There is also a large kitchen and prep area where food can be stored, cooked and prepared.

RESERVATIONS: All reservations must be made through the parish office (270-771-4436). Time for preparation and decorating cannot conflict with any scheduled parish liturgy, functions, or meeting. Rules and Regulations may be obtained by contacting the parish office.

PARISH HALL AND MEETING ROOM RATES

Please consult the following chart for parishioner and non-parishioner rates for use of the Parish Hall.

Wedding Reception – Parishioners \$400.00
Wedding Reception – Non-Parishioners \$450.00

Insurance Policy..... \$ 95.00
Security Fee when alcohol is served \$100.00

Family Reunions \$150.00
Family Reunions – Non-Parishioners..... \$200.00

Anniversary Celebration
(without alcohol) \$150.00
Anniversaries – Non-Parishioners\$200.00 (without alcohol)

Birthday Celebrations (1 - 3 hours)
(without alcohol) \$150.00
Birthday Celebrations (1 - 3 hours) Non-Parishioners \$200.00
(without alcohol)

Celebrations/Dinners (music, alcohol, etc.) \$400.00

The small meeting room in the parish office can be reserved for a cost of \$50 for parishioners. This room is for small events such as baby and wedding showers. The room must be cleaned after use and trash taken out.

St. Mary Magdalene Church reserves the right to refuse lease with any person or group.

Hospitality

Bereavement

The parish offers bereaved families the opportunity to have a funeral meal prepared and served in the Parish Hall. Families are needed to prepare a dish or dessert and drop it off to the Parish Hall. Help is also needed with setup, serving and clean-up of the Parish Hall. Contact the parish office if you would like to help.

Meals to the sick

Volunteers prepare or provide meals for parishioners who are sick. Contact the parish office if you would like to help.