Vidi Dominum

February 23, 2020 - 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our Spiritual Staff Members

by Fr. Chris

Spiritual Boot Camp

a Lenten workout

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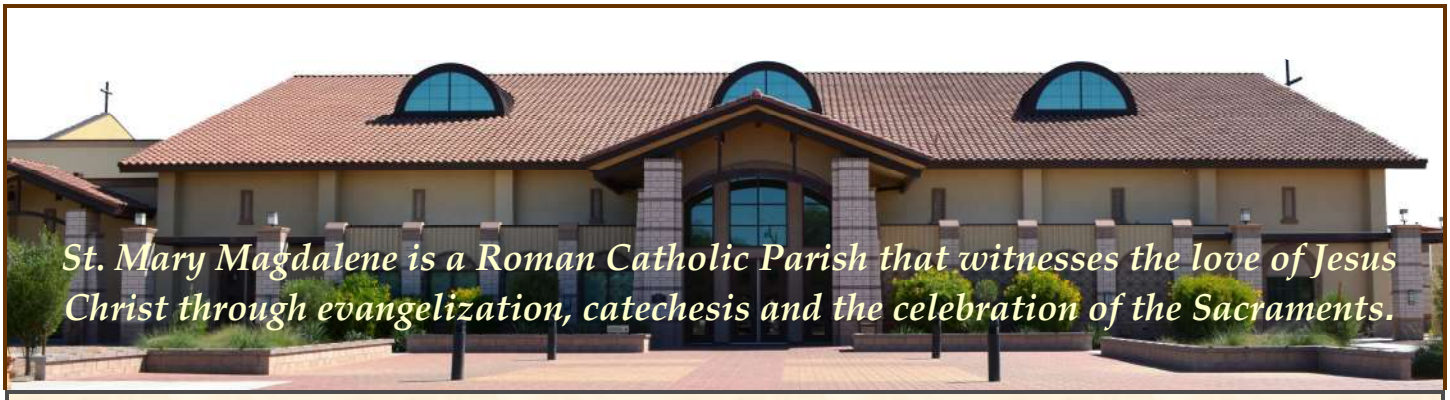

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - Noon.

Sunday Masses Times

Saturday (Vigil)		4:30 pm
Sunday	7:30 am	9:30 am
	11:30 am	4:30 pm*

Latin Mass (Novus Ordo)

*4:30pm, First Sunday of Every Month

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

Communal Prayer (in the Church)

Chanted Lauds (Morning Prayer) Tuesdays at 7:15am
Rosary & Divine Mercy, prayed after 8:00am daily Mass

Perpetual Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except during morning weekday Masses. A key card is required for access after parish office hours. **Join us in the chapel for:**

Holy Hour for Life: Thursdays at 5:30pm
Holy Hour for Priests: 1st Sunday of each month at 3:00pm

Confessions

Monday - Friday 8:45 am - 9:15 am
Saturday 8:45 am - 11:15 am

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We are looking forward to meeting you! Please visit the Parish Office or smarymag.org/about-parishregistration to formally register as a parishioner.

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Parish Library
For access to our selection of theological and spiritual titles, email your first and last name, email address, and phone number to tom@smarymag.org. Find and check out any book in our online catalogue and pick it up in the parish office during office hours!

Adoration

The following hours are in need of Weekly Adorers: **Sun 10:00am & Noon; Mon 2:00am & 3:00am; Tues 12:00am & 3:00pm; Weds 6:00pm; Thurs 12:00am**
There are currently other hours with only one scheduled adorer. Ideally, we would have at least 3-4 people committed to pray in our Adoration Chapel for every hour of the week. Visit smm.weadorehim.com to sign up or login. Contact Roger at Liturgy@smarymag.org with questions.

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Fr. Chris introduces us to the newest (and former) saintly superheroes that have been chosen to be our spiritual companions this year.

6. Lenten Spiritual Boot Camp
You've seen plans for marathon training, but this week, we share a workout plan of a spiritual sort.

8. Parish Programs / Parish Life Communities

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

This Week's Saints, Special Observances & Mass Intentions

Sunday –*7th Sunday of Ordinary Time;* 7:30 + Larry Alibrandi; 9:30 Pro Populo; 11:30 SI Louie & Lita Martinez; 4:30 SI Fr. Ed
Monday - 8:00 SI Jeff, Kaci, Katilyn, and Zack Brown
Tuesday - 8:00am + Julius & Julia Cheranko
Wednesday - *Ash Wednesday;* 6:30 + Irma Najarro; 8:00 + Connor McGurran; 7:00pm + Connor McGurran
Thursday - 8:00 + Warren Gilbert
Friday - 8:00 SI Deacon Larry St. Onge
Saturday - 8:00 + Fr. Doug Lorig; 4:30 + Richard Paul Belyan, Sr.

Pray for us…

*We extend **Our Prayers and Sympathy** to the family and friends of Easton Barnaby, Joe Daniels and Sandy Laureys, who have recently passed away. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace*

Our Spiritual Staff Members by Fr. Chris Axline

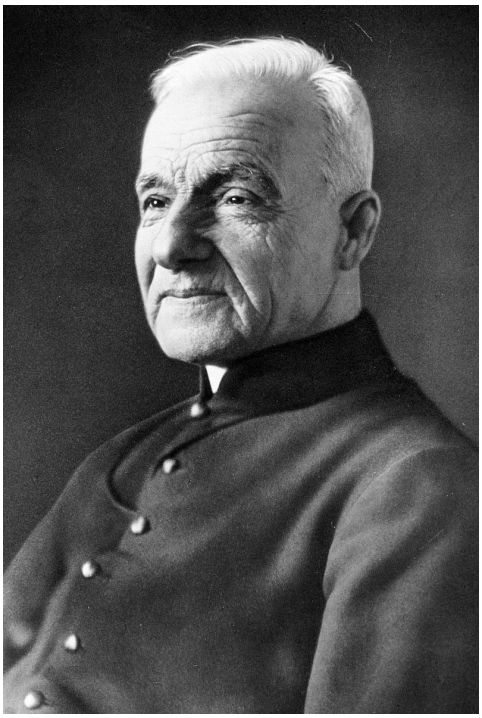
Ever since I was a child, I have enjoyed learning about the saints. Now, as a priest, I love celebrating the many saints' feasts and memorials on the liturgical calendar. I find their stories both inspiring and challenging: inspiring because God worked through them despite their human weaknesses, and challenging because they remained faithful to the Lord and His Church both in good times and in bad.

It prompts me to reflect on my own life and whether I could make the same choice if put in similar circumstances. One thing I notice is that these heroic men and women—Catholic superheroes we can rightly call them—were not born saints. Rather, they became saints through the choices they made every day. Like us, they too made mistakes but would admit their failings and entrust them to God's mercy, thus turning their mistakes into opportunities to be drawn closer to the heart of Christ and purified by His Love.

Because of my admiration for the saints, when Fr. Will introduced the staff of St. Mary Magdalene four years ago to the idea of adopting a saint to be a "spiritual staff member" I was supportive and excited about the idea.

Part of the rationale behind the adoption of saintly intercession is that the chosen saint and their specific charism would guide the staff during that year. This saint would accompany us during our prayer and in our ministry, helping us be faithful to the Lord and guiding us in our efforts to serve you, the families and parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene. I saw the good fruit of this practice and wanted to continue it when I became pastor of St. Mary Magdalene. The first step involves me (or formerly Fr. Will) asking the Lord to reveal which saint He has chosen to walk with us in the coming year. Once the Holy Spirit leads us to this spiritual staff member, we invoke the intercession of that saint every time we pray as a staff, petitioning him or her for intercession and guidance. We also have regular reflections on that saint, reading about his or her life and, exploring his or her writings.

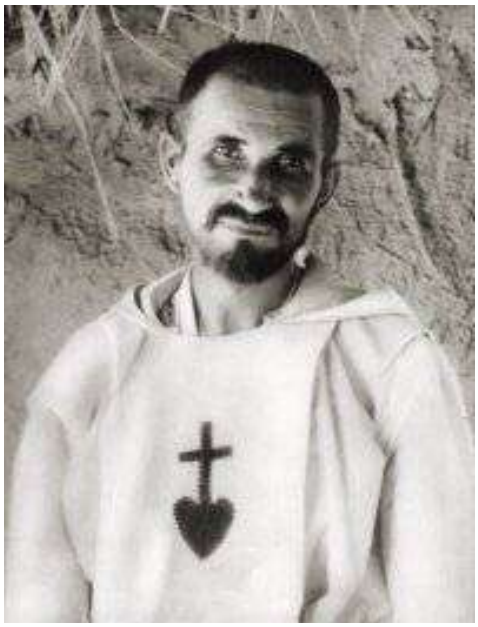
I would like to share with you about the saints that have walked (and are walking) with the staff for the last four years, and some of what we have learned (and are learning) from these Catholic superheroes!



2017: St. Andre Bessette. Born near Montreal on August 9, 1845, Andre was the eighth of twelve children. He went to work as a farmhand after being orphaned at age twelve. As a young adult, he wound up working in a factory in the United States during the Civil War. At age 25, Andre applied for admission to the Congregation of Holy Cross in Montreal but was denied until the local bishop wrote a recommendation for him. He was never ordained a priest but remained a humble lay brother his entire life. His role within the congregation was doorkeeper and sacristan. As doorkeeper, he was attentive to all the community's visitors, many of whom recognized his holiness when they prayed with him. Andre had a charism for the care of the sick and would frequently visit and care for anyone ill. In one instance, an epidemic hit at a nearby college, and Andre's care resulted in zero deaths. This began a constant influx of sick persons seeking his intercession. Andre, however, never took credit for the many healings, instead always attributing them to the intercession of St. Joseph, to whom he was intensely devoted. Andre received up to 80,000 letters every year asking for his prayers. Andre heard the call to build a chapel dedicated to St. Joseph on Mount Royal Hill. Despite having no resources, he set out to complete this endeavor and persevered until it came to fruition 50 years later! Andre died in 1931 at age 92 and is buried in the same chapel he built. Today there is a huge shrine to St. Joseph at that location, and miraculous healings continue to occur.

Why was he chosen? Because of his deep devotion to St. Joseph, known to help with construction projects, Andre's intercession is invoked to help us in our campaign to fundraise and build our parish hall.

Quotes: "Someday, Saint Joseph is going to be honored in a very special way on Mount Royal!" "St. Joseph cures."



2018: Bl. Charles de Foucauld. Born September 15, 1858 in France, Charles was orphaned at the age of six, and was raised by his Catholic grandmother. However, he later renounced his Catholic faith and entered military service with the French army serving in Algeria (bringing along his mistress Mimi). The Lord used the example of the faithful practice of Jews and Muslims living in Algeria as a catalyst for Charles to resume practicing his own Catholic faith. He returned to France and joined the Trappists as a lay brother. At age 42, he was ordained a priest and heard a call to missionary life in North Africa, where in 1905 he established a community in Tamanrasset, remaining there until his martyrdom on December 1, 1916. Charles was killed by a local tribe raiding his city and he, along with two French soldiers, was shot and killed.

Why was he chosen? Bl. Charles' life centered on God and was animated by prayer and humble service. So, inspired by his example, we ask his intercession to help us, the staff, live our faith humbly yet with deep conviction and courage.

Quote from Bl. Charles: "The love of God, the love for one's neighbor…All religion is found there…How to get to that point? Not in a day since it is perfection itself: it is the goal we must always aim for, which we must unceasingly try to reach and that we will only attain in heaven."

2019: St. Therese of Lisieux. Born January 2, 1873 Therese entered the Carmelite cloister in Lisieux, France at the age of 15. Known for her powerful and zealous prayer and powerful writings on redemptive suffering, she was named a Doctor of the Church by John Paul II on October 19, 1997. Therese, because of her fervent prayer for the salvation of souls, is also the patroness of missionaries (even though she never left the convent!) Her autobiography *Story of a Soul* is a beloved spiritual work read throughout the world. She lived a short life dying of tuberculosis at the age of 24 on September 30, 1897.

Why was she chosen? St. Therese is invoked in light of the visible attrition of our parish in recent years and the scandal that has rocked our Church as a whole. She can help us face crosses and trials with love, instead of fear.

Quotes: "I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul." "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth."

2020: Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi. Francis was born September 26, 1182 to an Italian merchant family and in his youth dreamed of seeking glory in combat. He experienced a dramatic conversion before a Crucifix which audibly spoke to him and commanded him to "rebuild my church." This powerful moment reshaped the rest of his life, infusing it with deep love for Christ and the bold desire to share the Gospel. He was the first person to receive the stigmata (the five wounds of Christ on the hands, feet, and side). He is perhaps most well-known for his love of animals and creation. However, when I visited Assisi in 2012 and again in 2019, I learned about why: St. Francis would sometimes preach to animals when the children of God would not listen! St. Francis was so changed by love for Christ that he was willing to live in great poverty, to endure persecution, and to radically embrace the Gospel. He invites us to ask ourselves: How important are Christ and His Church in my life? Am I willing to give up anything for Christ? That's the true power and message of St. Francis!

St. Clare was born July 16, 1194 also in Assisi. At age 15, she heard Francis preach at her parish and was so moved by his witness to the Gospel that she knew she was called to a life of poverty as a bride of Christ. Clare had such great love and faith in the Eucharist that when her family, who was opposed to her religious vocation, came into the monastery and tried to force her to leave, she clung fervently to the altar and they found they were unable to move her. She went on to become, with Francis, co-founder of the Poor Clare nuns. One of the most famous stories from the life of Clare is when the town of Assisi was under threat from the Saracen army. Clare had the Most Blessed Sacrament placed on the wall facing the invading army asking for Christ's protection for the city and her convent. Her faith resulted in the Saracens fleeing the city. Clare also became the patron saint of television because when she was too ill to attend Christmas Midnight Mass, the Lord allowed her to miraculously see it from her bed. In the US, Poor Clares are perhaps best known for founding and sustaining of EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) under Mother Angelica.

Why were Francis and Clare chosen? Their simple love for the Gospel and their radical love of poverty and simplicity as gifts from God.

Quotes: "Don't be afraid. Trust in Jesus" (St. Clare). "I need to be absolved from my sins, but I do not wish to be absolved from the obligation of following Jesus Christ" (St. Clare). "Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy" (Christ to St. Francis).

These spiritual staff members have been a huge gift for me and the staff, and I hope they will inspire and challenge you too. Know that the staff also has a weekly holy hour (every Tuesday from 12:00pm-1:00pm) where we pray in silence for each other and for all your intentions. Any parishioners who want to come pray with us in the chapel at that time are always welcome.

Fr. Chris Axline is pastor of St. Mary Magdalene.

Lenten Spiritual Boot Camp

Whether you give up chocolate, hot showers, or your Friday nights for a weekly Holy Hour this Lent; what is most important is that what you give up allows for a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ to develop.

When we're trying to get back in shape - a two week boot camp can be just the kick-start we need. Perhaps this Lent we could use a *spiritual* boot camp. Visit www.piercedhands.com/lenten-boot-camp/ for more information, and for links to the readings and other resources mentioned in the plan below.

Begin each day with a 5-minute warm-up, offering the Lord your distractions and discussing with him anything that might be weighing on you. When you've slowed down and entered into a spirit of prayer, feel free to begin.

Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-17; Reading from St. Peter Chrysologus; 15 minutes silence
Thursday	Genesis 3; decade of the rosary; 10 minutes silence
Friday	Stations of the Cross (St. Alphonsus Liguori version); a few minutes silence after each station
Saturday	Matthew 4:1-11; decade of the rosary; 10 minutes silence
First Sunday	Sonnet XIV (John Dunne); 20 minutes of prayer (your choice)
Monday	Isaiah 53; memorize Isaiah 53:5; 15 minutes silence
Tuesday	Rosary; 10 minutes silence
Wednesday	Lectio Divina on Hebrews 12:1-4, then silence: 30 minutes altogether
Thursday	CCC 598-605; 2 decades of the rosary; 10 minutes silence
Friday	Mark 15:16-39; 15 minutes silence
Saturday	Matthew 17:1-9; Reading from St. Leo the Great; 10 minutes silence
Second Sunday	O Deus Ego Amo Te (Gerard Manley Hopkins); 25 minutes of prayer (your choice)
Monday	Exodus 12; Easter homily by Melito of Sardis; 15 minutes silence
Tuesday	Reading from St. John Chrysostom; John 14; decade of the rosary; 10 minutes silence
Wednesday	John 15; CCC 606-611; 20 minutes silence
Thursday	John 16-17; 15 minutes silence
Friday	Stations of the Cross (Mother Angelica's); silence after each station
Saturday	John 4:5-42; journal on the reading; decade of the rosary
Third Sunday	O Sacred Head Surrounded (or listen here); 30 minutes of prayer (your choice)
Monday	Psalm 42-43; 20 minutes silence
Tuesday	CCC 456-460; Rosary; 10 minutes silence
Wednesday	Reading from St. Augustine; memorize Romans 5:8; 15 minutes silence
Thursday	Isaiah 50:4-10; Reading from St. Aelred; 20 minutes silence
Friday	Luke 23:18-49; decade of the rosary; 15 minutes silence
Saturday	John 9:1-41; write 5 things it tells you about who Jesus is; 20 minutes silence
Fourth Sunday	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (or listen here); 10 minutes silence; 30 minutes of prayer (your choice)
Monday	Jonah; 2 decades of the rosary; 20 minutes silence
Tuesday	Luke 9:23-26; Take Up Your Cross; 25 minutes silence
Wednesday	CCC 612-618; Psalm 22; 20 minutes silence
Thursday	Isaiah 58; 2 decades of the rosary; 25 minutes silence
Friday	Stations of the Cross (inspired by Caryll Houselander); silence after each; Wisdom 2:12-24
Saturday	John 11:1-45; Ignatian meditation on the passage (find a guided one here); 10 minutes silence
Fifth Sunday	Ah, Holy Jesus (or listen here); 20 minutes silence; 30 minutes of prayer (your choice)
Monday	Ezekiel 16; Luke 15; 20 minutes silence
Tuesday	Scriptural Rosary; 15 minutes silence
Wednesday	Isaiah 53; make a good examination of conscience; 20 minutes silence
Thursday	Reading from Maximus the Confessor; 30 minutes silence
Friday	Matthew 26:14-75; 30 minutes silence
Saturday	Matthew 27:1-66; Office of Readings; 30 minutes silence
Palm Sunday	The Hint of an Explanation; 30 minutes of prayer (your choice)
Monday	Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; 30 minutes silence
Tuesday	Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; 2 decades of the rosary; 30 minutes silence
Wednesday	Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; 30 minutes silence
Thursday	Ezekiel 36:16-28; Romans 6:3-11; 2 decades of the rosary; 30 minutes silence
Friday	Isaiah 53; John 19 (if not attending the Good Friday Liturgy); Psalm 22; 45 minutes silence
Saturday	Office of Readings; the Exultet; 45 minutes silence

Parish Ministries

Liturgical Ministries: Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters and Eucharistic Ministers, Adoration Volunteers are wanted - this is a great way to serve the Lord in the most important functions of the Church

Contact: liturgy@smarymag.org

Music Ministry: Liturgical choirs for adults & children, strengthening vocal ability & contributing to the beauty of the sacred liturgy, according to the rich tradition of sacred music as understood and shown forth by the mind of the Church

Contact: claire@smarymag.org

Pastoral Care: Volunteers are needed to bring Communion to the sick and homebound. This Ministry also coordinates Anointing of the Sick, Funerals, and other end of life needs

Contact: pastoralcare@smarymag.org

Marriage & Family Life - Coordinates Ministries involving Engaged and Married Couples, Parents with Young Children and Weddings

Contact: athena@smarymag.org

Infant Baptism - Coordinates all Infant Baptisms and Baptism Preparation. Must be registered with the Parish for 3 months prior to baptism. Please visit our website for more information and to register your child for baptism.

Nullity - Ministry for those seeking Annulments
Contact: nullity@smarymag.org

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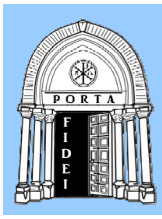

Porta Fidei - Adult Faith Formation Opportunities such as Parish Missions, Speaker Series' & Bible/Book Studies. Learn more about your faith and grow in your understanding of the Catholic Church & its teachings

Contact: tom@smarymag.org; lita@smarymag.org

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RCIA & Adult Confirmation: Formation for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, preparation for adults interested in becoming Catholic, and/or Catholic adults desiring Confirmation and/or First Communion.

Contact: lita@smarymag.org

Family Catechesis - Religious Education for Children (pre-school - 5th grade) & their parents & Sacrament Preparation Classes meet at the parish on Tues & Wed nights. Lil' Lambs (preschool) meets Wed & Thurs morning

Contacts: familyformation@smarymag.org

GS24 - High School Youth Group & Sacrament Prep. Meets Sun nights + activities throughout the year.
*Text **GS24** to the number **84576** for text updates*!
Check out our weekly Vlog on Youtube at "SMM YM"

Contact: gs24@smarymag.org, jake@smarymag.org

Edge - Middle School (6th-8th grade) Youth Group & Sacrament Prep. Meets Thurs nights + activities throughout the year

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Safe Environment - Coordinates Training Opportunities and Obligations for all volunteers
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Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on February 26th! Prepare your hearts for Easter by joining us for services on Ash Wednesday, if you can! Mass will be celebrated 6:30am, 8:00am, 5:00pm and 7:00pm. Liturgy of the Word Services will be offered at noon and 3:00pm. Ashes will be distributed during all of the services.

Lenten Fridays

Join us for Mass at 6:00pm, Stations of the Cross at 6:40pm and a meatless potluck soup dinner immediately following. You are welcome to come to one or all of the above; whatever works best for you and your family. Every Friday during Lent.

Holy Hour for Priests: March 1st

"Out of hundreds of possible ways of fostering vocations, prayer was the single one Our Lord specified." - Ven. Fulton Sheen.

Join us in prayerful support of our priest, seminarians, and holy vocations. The Holy Hour for Priests takes place every 1st Sunday of the month at 3:00pm in our Adoration Chapel.

Adult Faith Formation

All adults are welcome to join us in the hall to learn more about our faith and meet other parishioners...

RCIA Friends & Family Night: ***The Works of Mercy & Intro to Lent with Lita Martinez*** Monday, February 24th, 7pm-8:30pm

Top Golf for Teens!

Looking for a fun event for the whole family? Register today for the annual Topgolf for Teens Fundraiser. Sunday, April 26th, 6:00pm-9:00pm. Join the whole parish for 3 hours of golf, a buffet dinner, and raffle prizes. Proceeds support our middle and high school youth ministries. **Early-bird pricing is $50/ticket until February 23rd!** Register on the Parish Website.

Curious about Adoration?

Not sure how to pray in silence before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? All are welcome to explore this beautiful privilege by attending an orientation meeting on Saturday, February 29th at 9:00am in the Holy Family Room.

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Capital Campaign Fundraisers

Link your Fry's Card to St. Mary Magdalene

Go to Frysfood.com, log into your account, navigate to your account summary and find the section for Community Rewards. Click 'add' if this is your first time using Community Rewards (or edit to change your selection). In the search box, enter *St. Mary Mag* and click Search. Our Organization's number is QK226 (the old number was 29655 and still works – you just can't search for it). Select and click Enroll. Then use your Fry's Card when you shop and a 1% of all purchases will be donated to St. Mary Magdalene!

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Youth Evangelization

GS24 (High School) Sundays, 6-8pm in the hall.
2.23 "Dead" Series Night 2: Hell-Bound
EDGE (6th-8th grade) Thursdays, 6:30-8pm in the hall.
2.27 No Edge - Pray for our Edgers on Retreat this Weekend!

Parish Life Communities

Parents with Young Children (PWYC)

All Parents with Young Children are welcome to a special Family Holy Hour Next Saturday at 9:00am in the Church. The whole family can participate in adoration, confession, the rosary, and Benediction; and noise and disruptions are not an issue!

Financial Peace University

This is the proven plan to pay off debt, and save and build wealth, from a biblical perspective. The 9-week course, 6:00pm on Fridays, begins on Feb. 28th. For more information and to register, visit www.financialpeace.com/groups/1111008?c=ccf

Knights of Columbus

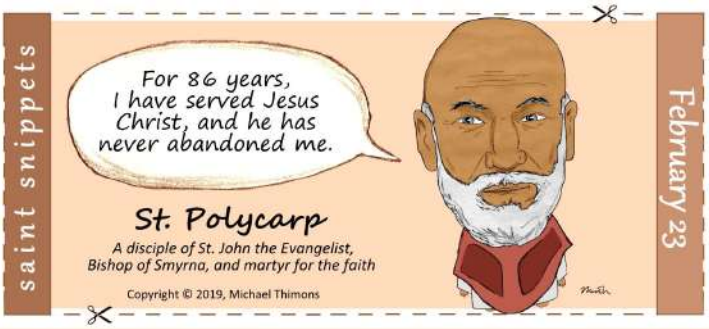
The ***Annual State Raffle*** is going on now! There are ten cash prizes, ranging from $500 to $10,000. Get your tickets for $5 each, or a book of 5 tickets for $20, outside after Mass. Proceeds benefit our capital campaign and local K of C sponsored charities.

Respect Life Initiatives

40 Days for Life, a groundbreaking, international mobilization to end abortion, takes place Feb. 26th - April 5th. Our parish goal is to fill all hours on Fridays from Noon to 7:00pm with peaceful prayer outside of Planned Parenthood in Tempe. Sign up on-line at: 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/tempe/

Holy Hour for Life is sponsored by Family Life Ministries this Thursday. Adoration and Rosary for the unborn is e very Thursday from 5:30 - 6:30pm in the St. Michael Adoration Chapel. Prayers are led by Parish Life Communities and Ministries. Community prayer begins at 6:00pm. All are welcome to join us in this powerful hour for life!

Life Runners is the world's largest Pro-Life running/walking team with chapters all over the world, including one here in Gilbert, AZ. Our mission is to pray, fundraise, and run/walk as a Team until we Cross the finish line that ends abortion...All in



Christ for Pro-Life! Visit liferunners.org for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Learn the tools of forgiveness and healing on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 21st-22nd in Tucson or May 15th-17th in Phoenix. To apply online, and for more weekend dates visit www.wwmearizona.com.

For more upcoming events at St. Mary Magdalene, visit smarymag.org/event

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Around the Diocese

A Desert Morning of Prayer and Discernment
Join other women, 18-35, who are considering a call to the consecrated life, for a day of prayer and discernment including Mass, breakfast, Q&A with the nuns, Adoration, and a talk from Fr. Vinhson Nguyen. Feb. 29th, 8:00am-11:30am at Our Lady of Solitude Monastery in Tonopah. For more information, and to RSVP, contact Sr.anthonymary@dphx.org, (602) 354-2005.

Foster Care Information Session
Children are in need of loving families. Catholic Charities Foster Care and Adoption Program is here to walk alongside you during this journey. Come, ask questions, and learn more. Tuesday, March 3rd, 6:00pm, at St. Juan Diego Catholic Church in Chandler. RSVP at (602) 943-3843 or foster@cc-az.com.

11th Annual Desert Nun Run!
Support the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration of Our Lady of Solitude Monastery in Tonopah, AZ by running or walking their biggest annual fundraising event. 7:30am on Saturday, March 7th at Kiwanis Park. For more information, and to register, visit: desertnunrun.com/. ***Would you like to volunteer?*** Contact Lita@smarymag.org to inquire as to how you can help make this event a success!

Young Catholic Professionals Lenten Retreat
All young adult professionals (21+) are invited to prepare your heart for Easter as we explore the theme "Growing in the Desert: Seasons of Dryness". We will spend our day thinking about how we can grow with the Lord with great speakers, guided reflections, group discussions and Adoration. Saturday, March 7th, 9:00am-2:00pm at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Phoenix. Light breakfast will be served. The event is FREE, but registration is required: www.eventbrite.com/e/st-joseph-lenten-retreat-tickets-93690439627

Mercy & Mary Retreat with Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC
Join the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy for an inspiring retreat led by best-selling author of 33 Days to Moring Glory, Fr. Gaitley. March 6th & 7th at Our Lady of Joy in Carefree. Space is limited. visit events.marianmissionaries.org/events/mercy-mary-retreat-phoenix-az/ for details, and to register.

JPII Celebration & Fundraiser
A Protestant Guy Skates into Theology of the Body and Becomes Catholic! This year, our keynote speaker is Glenn Stanton. Glenn is the director of Global Family Formation Studies at Focus on the Family. He debates and lectures extensively on the issues of gender, sexuality, marriage, and parenting at universities and churches around the world. March 7th, 6:30pm-9:30pm at . Tickets: dphx.org/event/jp2-celebration-and-fundraiser. Fundraiser supports the St. John Paul II Resource Center for Theology of the Body and Culture in the Diocese of Phoenix.

Diocese of Phoenix Biblical Studies Conference
Come explore the meaning of salvation, grace, and faith with speakers Dr. John Bergsma, Dr. Michael Barber, and Dr. Tim Grey. March 13th-14th at Corpus Christi Parish in Phoenix. See www.dphx.org/event/bible-conference for more information and to purchase your tickets.

For more information, and for other events happening around the Diocese, visit: dphx.org/events/

TV Mass
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