Welcome to St. Mary Magdalen Parish. Newcomers please introduce yourself and complete a census form located in the back of church or call the office 337-893-0244.

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FROM THE PASTOR

**The Soil... and the Sower**

Today’s Gospel reading from Matthew is one with which we are all familiar: the sower and the seed. For most of us, the parable was likely described by our teachers with God as the sower and our hearts as the ground.

Sometimes our hearts are open to his word, and the message of God grows in us and is apparent in our thoughts, words and deeds. And sometimes our hearts are like the scorched earth, and the word of God does not take root and we, too, wither. This is an important way to reflect on this passage and how we respond to God in our daily lives.

But a second way is to see ourselves as the sower! How we share our seeds of faith with others by the way we live our lives, for our actions speak louder than our words. Are we thinking “W.W.J.D.” (what would Jesus do?) or rather what can I get out of this?

Are we willing to reach out and help those who are in need, by sharing our time and talents, or are our seeds of faith left in the sower’s bag, where they will do no good and most likely rot?

As both soil and sower, there’s much food for reflection in this Gospel.

**Word for the Day**

Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance.

_Eckhart Tolle_

*Join us next Saturday 4:00 Mass*

*As we celebrate the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen!*

FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN

Mass at 4:00 PM next Saturday, July 22 is the parish feast of our patroness “St. Mary Magdalen”, one of the first to encounter Christ at the Resurrection and the first to begin spreading the Good News.

Our Mass next Saturday will be a special Mass devoted to St. Mary Magdalen. Please join us for the Mass, and for a light reception in the Ministries Hall following the Mass, where we’ll be serving the famous Madeline cookies, courtesy of the Ladies Altar Society.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest being Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not received Eucharist and Confirmation?
- Wants to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

We offer an opportunity to come together to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. Sessions to begin in September.

For information please contact Sr. Carm srcarmlatiolais@gmail.com or Renella Livers renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org or call 893-0244.

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Second Collection

This week: Maintenance
Next week: No Second Collection

*Thank you for your stewardship!*
SACRAMENT * PRAYER INTENTION

SANCTUARY CANDLE
In memory of
Gerald C. Harrington

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
In memory of
Francis & Rita Suire

IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM
WE WELCOME
Olivia Elizabeth Broussard
Elle Annese Dubois

OUR PRAYERS AND
SYMPATHY ARE WITH
THE FAMILIES OF
Charles William Massie III
Olga Langlinais Toups
Whitney Joseph Istre
Clougest John Boudreaux
Nolan Colomb, Jr

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ACTIVITIES

VITA is hosting a free Immigration Workshop for anyone in the community who wishes to learn more about the immigration process. Local immigration attorney Talayeh Voosoghi will lead the class and be available to answer general questions. Workshop will be held July 19th at 6:00 PM at the South Regional Library Auditorium in Lafayette.

“COME TO THE WELL”
A Day of Hope for those suffering the loss of a loved one.
August 12, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
The day is filled with prayer utilizing meditation “Living Scripture”, music, journaling, and personal sharing to honor and acknowledge the reality of loss. There are opportunities for retreatants to find strength in the sharing to move through the losses of life with hope for a renewed vision.
Speakers: Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel and Camille Pavy Claibourne, RN, PhD. Musicians: Lisa Shannon, Suzanne Babineaux, Benny Littell. “Living Scripture” will be enacted by Jeff Aycock and Tina Hebert
Pre-registration is required by August 3, 2017. Cost is $20 per person (includes lunch). Diocese of Lafayette, Office of Pro-Life 1408 Carmel Dr. Lafayette LA 70501 Trista Littell at 337.261-5607 for more information.
**WOMEN’S ACTS RETREAT**  Aug. 24-27


Registrations are now being accepted through mail. For more information, call Renella Livers 337-893-0244.

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**ACTS MEN’S RETREAT**
**DECEMBER 7-10, 2017**

Registration begins Sunday, August 13th.

**ACTS TEAM** - Men who have completed an ACTS retreat are invited to join the team. Contact John Listi at 893-0244 or johnvlisti@gmail.com

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**SILENT RETREATS**

**Grand Coteau**

**3, 5, AND 8-DAY RETREATS AVAILABLE**

June, July and August dates available. Check website for dates [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org)

- Day of Renewal For Women Andrea Vidrine
  - July 15, 9:00-4:00
  - St. Charles College Grand Coteau, LA
  - 337-662-5251 [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitsspiritualitycenter.org)

**MAN-TO-MAN**

**MEN’S CONFERENCE**

Man-To-Man Men’s Conference: Saturday, August 19, 2017 (8am to 2pm) at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Lafayette. Registration [www.m2m2017.com/](http://www.m2m2017.com/)

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**CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER SUMMER FOOD DRIVE**

This year the CSC is having a summer food drive. We are inviting local organizations and businesses to join in on a contest and create a design made out of canned/dried goods. The event is called “CAN-Struction. Judging will be on Friday, July 28th. If your business or organization would like to participate, please contact Kelli Davis at 337-230-0433.

**Fundraiser plate lunch sale - July 29th**

If you would like to buy a plate lunch on July 29th, it will benefit the Christian Service Center. More details coming soon.

Volunteers are needed to help with cooking on Fridays. Anytime you can give us will help. If you are interested please call 893-9756 or CSCABBEVILLE@GMAIL.COM.
END OF LIFE MATTERS

Rev. Keith LaBove
Pastor, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Lafayette
Hospital Chaplain, Diocese of Lafayette

Whose life is it, anyway? Must we do everything? Who decides? Does a living will help? These and other questions will be discussed at a seminar to be offered by Fr. Keith LaBove, Pastor of St. Patrick Church and long-time hospital chaplain. We will explore basic church teaching on the stewardship of life and end of life care, look at some specific issues that arise, and talk about advanced directives. This one night session will be repeated at 4 locations. All are invited and welcome to attend any of the presentations. Pre-registration is not required, and there is no cost to attend. Please join us!
**MASS INTENTIONS ~July 17th– July 23rd**

**MONDAY**  
**6:30 A.M.**  
*Ex 1:8-14, 22, Mt 10:34-11:1*  
Rev Paul Schott, SJ; Leah Broussard; Phanxico Xavier; Kirk James Boudreaux; Earl Alleman, Sr.

**TUESDAY**  
**6:30 A.M.**  
*Ex 2:1-15a, Mt 11:20-24*  
Rev Robert Seay, OFM; Phanxico Xavier; Kirk James Boudreaux; Kile Griffin; Roy Bertrand, Sr; Kyle & Carrie Mouton; E.J. Adams

**WEDNESDAY**  
**6:30 A.M.**  
*Ex 3:1-6, 9-12, Mt 11:25-27*  
Rev Clinton Sensat; John Vidos; Maxine & Marshall LeBlanc; Roger Sellers; Ken & Jackie Taylor; Ewell & Zula Hebert & Dwayne Hebert; Phanxico Xavier; Kirk James Boudreaux; Wardray Landry; Trent & Caitlin Boudreaux; Special Intention

**THURSDAY**  
**6:30 A.M.**  
*Ex 3:13-20, Mt: 11:28-30*  
Rev Bryce Sibley; Phanxico Xavier; Kirk James Boudreaux; Grace H. Cormier; Louelle Cormier; Francis Lachaussee

**FRIDAY**  
**6:30A.M.**  
*Ex 11:10—12:14, Mt 12:1-8*  
Rev Greg Simien; Fr. Joel Faulk; Cody Ross Mire; Lillian P. & Dudlley L. Broussard; Marshall, Maxine & Roland LeBlanc; Maria Nhan Nguyen; Maria Mai Tran; Nghiem Nguyen Phanxico Xavier; Kirk James Boudreaux; Eula Bourque & Infant Son Larry

**4:00 P.M.**  
*Feast of St. Mary Magdalene Wis 12:13, 16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Rev George Simon; Phanxico Xavier; Lexine Bélair Culmner; Maria Nhan Nguyen; Maria Mai Tran; Patrick Tomeny, Sr; Lillian & Alphe Romero; Odile & Nasta Landry; J.D. Mouton; Sherman Ditch & Family; Sterling “Cap” & Hazel Menard; Noel Clapp; Carbettt Duhon, Sr; M/M Sam Guarino & Family; Tony & Enid Guarino; Josephine Guarino; Flo B. Guidry; Nicole Leblanc; M/M John Vigneaux; Annie & Leonard Sellers & Wayne; Roger Sellers; Barbara & Daniel Jude Broussard; John Vidos; M/M Joe Bourque & Family; Esther Bohrer

**7:00 A.M.**  
Rev Jody Simoneaux; Maria Nguyen; M/M Louis Ledet; Helen Wyble; George Veayez Family; Theodule & Joyce Noel; Maria Mai Tran; Kathryn Hatch

**9:00 A.M.**  
Patricia Dold; Kirk Boudreaux; Dominic Truong Minh; Benji Vienne; Maxine & Marshall LeBlanc; Cleys & Lillie Landry; Lovelace & Gertie Broussard; Lexine B. Curtner; Orphaned Souls; Phanxico Xavier; Ewell Hebert

**11:00 A.M.**  
For the Parishioners

**3:00 P.M.**  
Dr. Hayden Mayeaux; Charlie Marie DuBuse Holmes; Gerald Libersat, Jr; Joe Livers

**5:30 P.M.**  
Jim Bouse; Ball & Ruby Lege & Family, Erin & Josh Thomas & Family, Tanya Rena Wilson

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| **Saturday, July 22nd**  
4:00pm | Fr. Michael Deacon Schumacher (S)  
Tammy Landry or Reba Broussard | Tim Landry or Tommy Laperouse | Austin Bourque Alexander Golden |
| **Sunday July 23rd**  
7:00am | Fr. Michael Allen McLain | Patricia Delcambre (S-)  
Phil Mouledous Julie Mouledous | Ryan McLain |
| 9:00am | Fr. Michael Deacon Vincent Deacon Schumacher  
Gene Sellers Mike Guilbeaux | Mollie Charpentier (S only)  
Anne Guilbeaux or Kenneth Choate | Jack Henry Andrew Dugas Ella Desormeaux |
| 11:00am  
No Baptisms | Fr. Louie Deacon Schumacher (S)  
Andy Veazey Jude Broussard | Phyllis Berberich | Celeste Broussard Zachary Broussard Ross Cao |
| 5:30pm | Fr. Louie Denise Orellano Letty Gallet | Joan Greco (S-Only)  