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We, the Catholic Community of St. Mary Magdalen
• Embrace our baptismal commitment to Christ
• Live a life of faith, service, and worship
• Seek to transform the world through prayer & evangelization
FROM THE PASTOR

“Racism is a Poison of the Soul.”
Archbishop Charles Chaput, Philadelphia

This past Saturday our nation sunk to a new low. White supremacy groups took center stage in Charlottesville, Va. and it was both sad and shocking to anyone of faith and values.

To see American streets with people walking with white sheets and Confederate flags, doing the ‘Heil Hitler’ salute is just disturbing. Yes, we live in a very politically divided country today, but as Christians - followers of Jesus, we need to make sure that whatever we think politically, we clearly and loudly condemn any ideology that espouses bigotry, hatred, discrimination, and violence.

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, the President of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops, said “We stand against the evil of racism, white supremacy and neo-nazism. We stand with our sisters and brothers united in the sacrifice of Jesus, by which love’s victory over every form of evil is assured.”

We may not have been in Charlottesville Saturday spouting white supremacy. Yet every slur, every racist or derogatory comment or even joke we utter about another human being comes from the same seed of evil. Let’s do better as individuals, as a church, and as a community, to not only preach the Gospel but also to live it.

VERMILION CATHOLIC—50 YEARS

Vermilion Catholic will hold a special
Anniversary Mass of
Thanksgiving, Thursday, August 31 @ 6:00 pm in
the school auditorium,
honoring their alumni whom have received holy orders. Fr. Danny Picard, class of 1968 will be the celebrant. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today’s Gospel from the Book of Matthew describes what occurred in Tyre and Sidon when Jesus cured the daughter of a Gentile woman. Tyre and Sidon were Gentile cities. The Apostles faithfully followed the Lord wherever He went, just as we are called to do.

There was only one reason that the Lord made this trip (on foot, of course, as that was the only alternative at that time), and that was to cure the daughter of the Gentile woman. Making an effort like that is a sign of Christ’s love, and His understanding of a need. He was also trying to teach His followers, which includes us, how important each individual and her or his faith is.

Jesus’ Apostles found this situation, and perhaps even this entire trip, to be a fruitless and empty gesture, more of a bother than it was worth. They even plead with Jesus to ignore the woman and send her away. They said, “Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us.” However, Jesus is teaching a lesson to each of us, actually two lessons. He does not “send her away” but finally responds, saying “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

The two lessons of Jesus: first, we need to know and understand that Jesus loves us and He is aware of our needs; second is that when we pray and appeal for help (all the woman finally said was “Lord, help me!”) a key to answered prayers is persistence. She had it, and we need to have it.

August 13, 2017
1st collection $11,962.41
2nd Collection: Maintenance $2969.72

Second Collection
This Week: No Second Collection
Next week: Utilities

Thank you for your stewardship!
ACTS MEN'S RETREAT DEC 7-10, 2017
Registration forms at church doors and office. Contact John Listi at 893-0244 or johnvlisti@gmail.com

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT
Aug. 24-27
Please pray for all women of our parish

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS
This year’s annual meeting will be held on Monday, August 28th, from 10:00am-12noon at the home of Vickie Patout. RSVP Edith 893-5770 or Vickie 522-2999 by Saturday, August 25th if you will be attending. New members are welcomed.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS
Attendance at a class is necessary before the baptism of your child. If you’ve attended for a previous child, it’s not necessary to attend again. Classes are held the 2nd Monday every other month.

Next Class: Monday, September 11, 2017 6:00pm in the Ministries Bldg.

HELP NEEDED
CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Children’s Church for children ages 4-6, is held each Sunday during the 9 AM mass. Volunteers are needed to lead the lessons each week. If you are interested, contact: terrent.broussard@gmail.com or renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org or call the office 893-0244.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE AND PARENT MEETING—TODAY
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IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM
WE WELCOME
Kennedy Lisette Bertrand
Laurel Dubois
Hollie Cosette Ryder
Aninslie Renee Ryder

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY
FOR THE FAMILY OF
Earl Warren Allain
Elive Brown

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

PRAYERS * SCRIPTURE COURSE *RETREATS
SANCTUARY CANDLE
For all who are experiencing difficulty in their marriages

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
In Thanksgiving By Elizabeth Dardeau

Deacon Andrew Schumacher will give a 4 week course on Praying With Scripture.
Sessions will be held on Wednesdays: August 23rd, Aug. 30th, Sept 6th and Sept. 13th.
Join us in the ministry building from 6:30 until 8:00PM.
All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to deepen your prayer life and your knowledge of scripture.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

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RCIA * ACTIVITIES* PILGRIMAGES

TAKE A PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO
FEBRUARY 9-13, 2018
(Friday to Fat Tuesday)
During Mardi Gras weekend, Fr. Michael will be leading a Pilgrimage to
The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. All are invited.

PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS

*Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe
*Church of the Holy Family
*Folklore Ballet Performance
*Church of the Miracles in Tepeyac
*Aztec Pyramids of the Moon and Sun
*Cathedral in Puebla

For more information:
Call 337-291-1933 or
Email info@holytravels.org

2018 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
SEPT. 24-OCT 3, 2018
Fr. Louie Richard, Spiritual Guide

Information Meeting in Ministries Building
Thursday, Sept 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Peter’s Primacy Nazareth
Capernaum Stella Mares
Holy Sepulcher Gethsemane
Via Dolorosa St. Anne’s Church
Mount Tabor Caesarea Philippi
Mount of Beatitudes Dead Sea Scrolls
Church of the Nativity Annunciation Grotto
Boat Ride Sea of Galilee Miracle of Multiplication
For more information contact Fr. Louie or:

Magnificat Travel 337-291-1933
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FUN DAY— RETREAT
For People with Developmental Disabilities
ages (5 years-Adult)

When: Saturday, September 9, 2017
Where: STMM Ministries Bldg
Time: 10 AM – 2 PM

For more Information: Susan-522-3535 or
Tommy– 212-6513
No cost to attend

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

• Are you interested in being Catholic?
• Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation?
• Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?
Sessions to begin in September. Contact: Sr. Carm srcarlatiolais@gmail.com or Renella Livers renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org or call 893-0244.
Celebrating Venerable Henriette Delille and the Sisters of the Holy Family -175+ Years of Service

In 1842, almost twenty years before the Civil War the Sisters of the Holy Family were founded in New Orleans by Henriette Delille, a descendant of slaves and a free woman of color.

When Henriette was 24 years old, she underwent a religious experience “I believe in God. I hope in God, I want to live and die for God”. Henrietta practiced heroic virtue. She had faith, lived in hope and love, and was compassionate, forgiving, and merciful. She believed in justice and was not afraid to do what was right in the eyes of God.

Henriette and her followers chose to follow God's call, by teaching the slaves, caring for the elderly, and sharing what they had with the poor and the needy. For over 175 years, the Sisters of the Holy Family, in the spirit of Henriette, have continued to serve youth, elderly and needy members of society.

Fr. Louis Richard and many priests of our diocese were cared for by the Holy Family Sisters at Immaculata Seminary. Holy Family sisters served in New Orleans, Lafayette and throughout Louisiana; other US States as well as Belize, Panama, Central America; and in Nigeria, Africa. Five Holy Family Sisters are currently active in the Lafayette diocese.

All are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving at 2:00 PM Sunday November 19, 2017 St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans.
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