



SAINT MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.”

- Jn 6:56-57



SAINT MARY MAGDALENE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday:

9:00am—Noon;
1:00—5:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil):

4:30 pm

Sunday:

7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:30 am, 4:30 pm

Monday - Saturday:

8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday:

8:45am-9:15am

Saturday:

8:45am-11:15am

COMMUNAL PRAYER

(in the Church)
Rosary & Divine Mercy,
prayed after
8:00am daily Mass

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PERPETUAL ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed 24 hours a day 7 days a week. For access after office hours, call the office for a code.

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



FROM YOUR FINANCE COUNCIL

Collections/Faith Direct Totals,

Jul 28 Plate collection (cash & checks) \$10,874.51

Jul 28 Capital Campaign (cash & checks) \$2,113.00

New to St. Mary Magdalene?

We are looking forward to meeting you!

Please visit the Parish Office or Website to formally register as a parishioner.

Need Help?

Emergency Anointing of the Sick:

Only for emergencies, call 480-678-3353.



Prayer & Scripture

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of August 18, 2024

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

This Week's Saints, Special Observances & Mass Intentions

Saturday: 8am: SI Lestee family, 4:30pm: Pro Populo

Sunday: 7am: Si Abigail Jimenez, 9am: +Bob Anderson, 11:30: +Raymond Bussen, 4:30: Pro Populo

Monday: 8am: Si St Monica School

Tuesday: *St. Bernard*, 8am: Si Married Couples

Wednesday: *St. Pius X*, 8am: +Mary & Joseph Lucerelli

Thursday: *Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary* 8am: +Cristi Michelle Vargas

Friday: 8am: Si JR Castaneda

Saturday: 8am: Si Patrick McNeff

Father Chris' Funnies

How many religious sisters are male?.....
NUN of them!

Interested in Adopting a Seminarian?

Find out more by Emailing:
SmmAdoptASeminarian@gmail.com

PRAY FOR US: Please pray for those who are sick, *Filip Ayoub, Brian Carlson* and all of those in our parish Book of Intentions. We extend **Our Prayers and Sympathy** to all the deceased, including *Larry Kelty*, all those lost through abortion, all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and all those who have recently passed away. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Pray for an outpouring of grace for those who have received Sacraments:

Christopher & Bernadette Fleming and Josh & Nicole Menefee recently exchanged vows in the church! **Bernadette Fleming** also received the graces of her **Confirmation**. **Scarlett Watcomb** received her first Eucharist. **Josiah Ramirez & Bennet Hicks** were received into the Church through Baptism. Welcome and congratulations to you all!



Become a Regular Adorer

Thank you to all of those who answered the call to sign up for an Adoration hour!

The following hours are in need of Weekly Adorers:

Sun 10am, 11am, 4pm; Tue 12am, 3am; Fri 11pm, Sat 11pm.

Please consider signing up to be in the presence of our Lord for one hour a week. **Visit this QR code:**

Contact Chris at Liturgy@smarymag.org with questions. **Join us in the chapel for...**

Holy Hour for Life: Thursdays at 5:30pm



TV Mass

All those who are sick or homebound, and unable to attend Mass, can watch a live broadcast of the Mass at 9:00am, Sunday mornings from Ss.

Simon and Jude Cathedral on KAZT-TV (AZ-TV7, Cable 13) Followed by the show "Catholics Matter."

Catholic Radio: 1310 AM

Tune in to *Relevant Radio* from your car or computer, or download the app to listen with your smart phone! Visit relevantradio.com for the schedule of shows, including The Patrick Madrid Show and an interactive Family Rosary.

Also, visit dphx.org/catholic-media for local shows like The Bishop's Hour; Saturdays at 9:00am.

Prayer Line Ministry: Would you like to receive regular messages to pray for the needs of our parish? Sign-up on Flocknote or email prayerline@smarymag.org to say you want to sign-up as a prayer warrior. Let's create a powerful prayer warrior team here at St Mary Magdalene!



Children & Youth Faith Formation

Children's
special
event
coordinators

Catechists
& Aides for
kindergarten
& 1st grade -
Tue/Wed
evenings

OCIC
Catechists
& Aides for
children -
Sun
morning



**NEEDED: Faith
formation volunteers**
Share your love of our
faith with the children
and teens of our
parish!

OCIT
Catechists
& Aides for
teens - Tue
evening

Middle & High
school
Confirmation
Youth ministry
- Thu evening

Call us at
480-279-6737 x214
to find out how
you can help!

INFANT BAPTISM

Would you like to have your baby baptized?
Please register with the parish—must be registered with
the parish for three months prior to baptism. Please visit
our web site for more information and to register for
baptismal preparation.

Contact: admin@smarymag.org.



Please register your children and teens for 2024/2025

Faith Formation at the Saint Mary Magdalene

On website under the Formation Tab

Family Faith Formation—Kindergarten—Grade 5 (Tuesday & Wednesday Evenings)

Edge Youth Group—Grades 6-8 (Thursday Evenings)

GS24 Youth Group—Grades 9-12 (Sunday evenings)

Order of Christian Initiation—Grades 4-12 needing Baptism, 1st Reconciliation

Or 1st Communion (Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings)

Questions? Call or Text Mary Jane Choi in Parish Office

Familyformation@smarymag.org or (480) 279-6737 X214

St. Mary Magdalene is committed to maintaining a safe environment for our community, especially our youth. Help us fulfill that mission by completing the brief online course. You can go to our website (smarymag.org) and click the link on the banner on the home page - OR - scan the QR code that will take you directly to the CMG website login.

Together, all our clergy, staff, volunteers, and Parish Life Community Group members will create a safe environment wherein everyone on campus can encounter Christ.

Please take a few minutes and complete the training. It includes a message from Bishop Dolan, a short video, and a few policies to review and acknowledge. Questions? Contact: safeenvironment@smarymag.org



**Safe Environment Training
for LAY PERSONS**

ONLINE RENEWAL
Safe Haven: Religious Ed

2024/25 ONLINE RENEWAL Safe
Environment Curriculum for LAY PEOPLE -





Adult Formation & Communities

Interested in becoming Catholic? Have questions about the Catholic Church? Never been Confirmed?

Inquiry, OCIA & Adult Sacramental Preparation is year round. Contact Nicole Carlson adultformation@smarymag.org to get started or call the office to leave a message.

OCIA TEAM: We are in need of Catechists, Sponsors & small group leaders for adults preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist & Confirmation). Would you be willing to help us pass on the Catholic faith in any of these roles? **We will provide training.** If are interested, please email: adultformation@smarymag.org and inquire about joining the OCIA team.

Catholic Truth Seekers:

Are you a **Young Adult, aged 18-30** seeking fellowship and to grow in your faith? **We meet at 7pm on Fridays**—come join us!



Email: smarymagcts@gmail.com or Instagram [@catholictruthseekers](https://www.instagram.com/catholictruthseekers)

Cor: The Knights of Columbus and Saint Mary Magdalene invite all men 18 and over to join Cor, our monthly gathering of Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country. The mission of Cor is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brother-hood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity. Meeting on 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Respect Life Initiatives: Do you care about Dignity of Life issues or want to learn more? Join our Flocknote group “Respect Life Initiatives” or email Ashley at respectlifesmarymag@gmail.com for more information.

Join in the **Holy Hour for Life Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 PM** in the St. Michael Adoration Chapel. The Respect Life Initiative is sponsoring. Group prayer begins at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to this powerful hour for life!

Magis Women Presents:

STANDING FIRM:

ARMING YOURSELF IN GOD'S MIGHTY POWER.

All women are welcome. Opening night is Monday September 9th, 6:30pm – 8pm in the sanctuary. Please don't miss this important meeting.

The meetings will be every other Monday. We will break just before Thanksgiving and will resume in January 20205.

The cost is \$30.

<https://magiswomen.breezechms.com/form/0a5b7b>

Register by following the link or the QR code.. You can also register opening night. Studies will be handed out the first night. Questions? Contact Jennifer: jdtortorici@yahoo.com

The study is to help all interested in learning more about how God empowers believers to stand firm in daily life by engaging in suggested journaling, prayer and art invitations. The study will lead to a deeper understanding of the spiritual battle we are all in, while equipping the student with an ability to share that understanding with others.



Marriage & Family

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Did you just get engaged? Congratulations! Are you Catholic but got married outside of the church? Getting married in the Catholic Church is a beautiful experience, but usually provokes many questions. We are here to accompany you. Contact us to start your Preparations.

Contact: liturgy@smarymag.org

NULLITY Guidance and assistance for those seeking Annulments.

Contact: liturgy@smarymag.org



Learn to track your cycle to better understand your health and God's design of the feminine body

9/16, 9/30, 10/21, 11/18, 12/2

Mary College at ASU | 6:30-9PM

A course designed for single women with:
regular cycles - irregular cycles - period pain -
PCOS/Endometriosis - desire to discontinue
hormonal birth control



Registration tinyurl.com/vitalsign24

Contact: nfp_admin@dphx.org
Instagram: @phoenix.nfp

IGNITING HEARTS

Theology of the Body Immersion

Encounter the Good News of Love, Sex, Marriage, and the Body!

Join Michael & Rachel Villanueva on a 9 session adventure through St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Seek truly satisfying answers to life's burning questions, such as:

- Who am I and what is my origin, purpose, and destiny?
- Why is there evil in the world, and can it be defeated?
- What does true love look like and how am I to love others?
- What's behind the Church's teachings on sex and gender?

Thursdays
Aug 29 - Oct 24
6:30-9pm

Diocese of Phoenix
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400 E Monroe St
Phoenix, AZ 85004

JOHN PAUL II CENTER
for Theology of the Body

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER:
dphx.org/jp2/events

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Find peace, power and passion after divorce

Fall Session
Wednesday nights
Sept 4, 2024 - Oct 30, 2024
St Timothy's Catholic Church in Mesa
Room #2 in the Church Hall
7-9pm
Cost: \$30 per person



Is your marriage in trouble? Is Retrouvaille right for you? This program is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship. Some couples go to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. There are upcoming opportunities in the Phoenix area:
https://retrouvaille.org/program_information/



Evangelization

This is the 2nd edition since the Eucharist Congress in July - have you had a chance to watch any of the videos from the Conference? I have watched several: Bishop Barron, Jonathon Roumie, Chris Stefanik, Monsignor James Shea, and Gloria Purvis so far and I honestly can't tell you which is my favorite. I will say that I think Chris S and Fr. Mike were tied for energy levels, but all who spoke seemed to be so filled with the Spirit, I was moved so much with each one! St Mary Magdalene has a special Eucharist Revival page with links to all the full speeches from the Congress. There are also other links and resources on that page; the link is at the bottom of this page or you can use the QR code to go to our page.

The sending forth mission of the Congress was "**Walk with one**," meaning, who can you pray for, be a witness to, invite to mass or adoration this next year. Have you picked your one? I have prayerfully been discerning this and I have chosen my one. It is someone that has been on my heart my whole life - one of those family members that just tugs at me. It isn't that I had given up hope for them, I just had set aside my efforts. So this year, I am FOCUSING my efforts and my prayers and I will be directly witnessing in LOVE to this person even if it makes them uncomfortable and makes me uncomfortable at times, in hopes that there will finally be fruit. But, we all have to remember - the work is up to us, and the fruit is up to God.

If you haven't watched Gloria Purvis' testimony from the Eucharist Congress yet - I encourage you to do so this week (it's linked out from our website). I think I relate to it because she had a connection to God as a young child, a gift of faith as I did. She also had a conversion to Catholicism that her family didn't follow, which I can also relate to. What I most appreciated was the truth she spoke about **UNITY**. There is so much INFIGHTING within the church today, about how people vote, how people worship...She threw DOWN to speak against the divisive language we hear so much about today. She called us back to unity remembering that *no matter what: JESUS is always on the throne*; reminding us we are CATHOLIC FIRST.

Remember, one of Jesus' last prayers was that we all would be ONE,
as He and the Father are ONE.

-Nicky C - Adult Formation & Evangelization

How are you answering Jesus' prayer?

Do you add to the unity or division of the Church?

Go to the link below or the QR code

<https://www.smarymag.org/eucharistic-revival>





Order of Worship

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Seasonal)

Mode 2 Ps 95 (94): 6-7 - RM

O come, let us wor - ship God and
bow low be - fore the Lord.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, [All strike their breast] through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE

Roman Missal Chant

Each line by cantor(s), then all:

III

K Y-ri- e, e- lé- i- son. ij Chri- ste, e- lé- i- son. ij Ký-
ri- e, e- lé- i- son. Ký- ri- e, e- lé- i- son.

GLORIA

Roman Missal Chant

IV

G Lo-ry to God in the highest, and on earth peace to peo-
ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you,
we glo-ri- fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord
God, heav-en-ly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Je-sus Christ,
On-ly Be-gotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-
ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;
you take a-way the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Father, have mer-cy on us. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-
lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo- ry of God the Fa- ther. A- men.

FIRST READING

Prv 9: 1-6

Wisdom has built her house, / she has set up her seven col-
umns; / she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, / yes, she
has spread her table. / She has sent out her maidens; she
calls / from the heights out over the city: / "Let whoever is
simple turn in here; / To the one who lacks understanding,
she says, / Come, eat of my food, / and drink of the wine I
have mixed! / Forsake foolishness that you may
live; / advance in the way of understanding."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Mode 3 Ps 34 (33): 9 - L

Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Eph 5: 15-20

Brothers and sisters: Watch carefully how you live, not as
foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the op-
portunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not
continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the
will of the Lord. And do not get drunk on wine, in which
lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing
one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving
thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ to God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6: 56

Mode 4

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord

GOSPEL

Jn 6: 51-58

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (Seasonal)

Ps 31 (30): 15, 16 - GR

I trust in you, O Lord; my life is in your hands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels)

1. Pa - nis an - gé - li - cus fit pa - nis hó - mi - num;
2. Te tri - na Dé - i - tas u - ná - que pós - ci - mus:

1. Dat pa - nis cé - li - cus fi - gú - ris tér - mi - num;
2. Sic nos tu ví - sí - ta, si - cut te có - li - mus;

1. O res mi - rá - bi - lis! man - dú - cat Dó - mi - num Pau - per,
2. Per tu - as sé - mi - tas duc nos quo tén - di - mus, Ad lu -

1. ser - vus et hú - mi - lis.
2. cem quam in - há - bi - tas. A - men.

Translation:

The Bread of angels becomes the bread of men;
The heavenly Bread is the ultimate of prophetic signs.
O wonder of it all! The poor, the servant, and the lowly eat of the Lord.

O Triune Deity, one thing we ask you: May you visit us as we worship you.
Lead us in your footsteps as we strive toward the light wherein you dwell.

PREFACE ACCLAMATION

Roman Missal Chant

H O - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Hosan - na in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosan - na in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

CONSECRATION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Roman Missal Chant

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Resur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

LAMB OF GOD

Roman Missal Chant

Lamb of God, * you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, * you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, * you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (Seasonal)

Mode 7

Jn 6: 35 - RM

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; who - ev - er comes to me will not hun - ger and who - ev - er be - lieves in me will not thirst.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Am the Bread of Life

Based on John 6

Suzanne Toolan, RSM

Verses

1. I am the Bread of life. You who
 come to me shall not hun - ger; and who be -
 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.

Refrain

And I will raise you up, and I will
 raise you up, and I will raise you
 up on the last day.

Additional verses:

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|--|--|
| 2. The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever. | 4. I am the Resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die,
you shall live for ever. |
| 3. Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. | 5. Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
Who has come
into the world. |

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COMMUNION HYMN

Look Beyond

Refrain

Look be-yond the bread you eat; See your Sav - ior and your
 Lord. Look be-yond the cup you drink;
 See his love poured out as blood.

To verses

Verses

1. Give us a sign that we might be - lieve in
 2. I am the bread which from the heav - ens
 3. The bread I give you will be my ver - y

D.C.

you. Mos - es gave us man - na from the sky.
 came; Those who eat this bread will nev - er
 flesh; My blood will tru - ly be your drink.

Text: Darryl Decote, b.1945
 Tune: Darryl Decote, b.1945
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MEDITATION HYMN

Gift of Finest Wheat (BICENTENNIAL)

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With
 gift of fin - est wheat; Come, give to us, O
 sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses:

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy,
Lord, to share this heav'nly food. | 3. The myst'ry of your presence,
Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world can not
contain comes in our hearts
to dwell. |
| 2. Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord? | 4. You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your
name, in truth and charity. |

HYMN SPOTLIGHT

"Gift of Finest Wheat" (Text: Omer Westendorf; Music: Robert Kreutz)

"This beautiful song has become widely recognized as one of the finest recent Lord's Supper hymns, primarily because of its use of biblical images. The stanzas introduce each of these images in turn, and the refrain repeatedly brings us back to the hymn's controlling thought: God's "gift of finest wheat" is Christ, "the bread of life" (Ps. 81:16; John 6:35). The solid theological text aptly presents many of the central meanings of the Sacrament of [Holy Communion]." - Source: Hymnary.org

As we come off the heels of the moving and impactful **10th National Eucharistic Congress**, it's an interesting fact to note that for the **41st International Eucharistic Congress** (the last of only two held in the U.S.), held in Philadelphia in 1976, *Gift of Finest Wheat* was chosen as the official song (Thanks Nicky Carlson, our Adult Formation Coordinator, for discovering this fun fact!); no doubt because of the rich melody and compelling lyrical imagery of Jesus in the great gift of the Eucharist, as well as it's call for us "to serve each other in [Christ's] name, in truth and charity," something that's all too easy to lose sight of, but is important now more than ever. -RM

SMM BUILDING PRAYER

All-powerful and all-merciful Father, you have created all things through your Son, and have made him the unshakable foundation of your Kingdom. Through the gift of your eternal wisdom, grant that our effort to build the parish of Saint Mary Magdalene, for your glory and our own well-being, may progress day by day to its successful completion. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL)

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter,
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our
 1. his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,
 2. food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful
 1. His the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of
 2. Flee to you from day to day. You with - in the
 1. peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood:
 2. veil have en - tered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
 1. "Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion Has re - deemed us
 2. Here on earth both Priest and Vic - tim In the eu - cha -
 1. by his blood."
 2. ris - tic feast.

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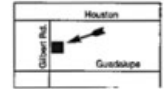
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