St. Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Catherine, Aledo
St. Anthony, Matherville

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **August 31, 2025**

Monday	7:30 AM St. Catherine	Deane Frye by Mike & Sally Frye
Tuesday	7:30 AM St. Catherine	Verna DeClerck by Family & Friends
Wednesday	7:30 AM St. Catherine	Janice Doherty by Jason & Kimberly Anderson
Thursday	**7:00 AM St. Anthony**	**HOLY HOUR**
Thursday	8:00 AM St. Anthony	Junior Ragan by Lloyd & Rosemary Cook
Friday	8 AM St. Anthony	McManus Family (Living & Deceased) by the McManus Family
Saturday	**7:00 AM St. Catherine**	**HOLY HOUR**
Saturday	4:00 PM St. Anthony	Julie Ramser
Saturday	5:30 PM St. Catherine	Joel Hartman by Janet Haines
Sunday	8:00 AM St. Catherine	Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene
Sunday	9:45 AM St. Anthony	Tom Harris by the Harris Family

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Wis 9:13-18b / Ps 90:3-6, 12-17 / Phlm 9-10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

Weekly Collection: $1,978

Parish office hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9am-12pm. Please leave a message any other time.

Confessions: Thursday and Saturday, 7am to 7:50am, during Holy Hour. Saturday at St. Anthony from 3pm to 3:50pm, and Sunday at St. Catherine from 7:10am to 7:50am.

Pray the Rosary: The rosary is prayed every **Wednesday, following the 7:30am Mass at St. Catherine's.** Everyone is invited to join us in praying for the **many intentions** in our parish and our families.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please call the parish office at 582-7500 to register or if you have any questions about our community.

Brookstone Mass: 10:15am tomorrow, Monday, September 1st. You are invited to attend Mass and take advantage of the opportunity to visit with our parish members who reside there.

CCD – Catechism – Begins next Sunday, September 7th: Look for registration forms in your email or you can pick up a form from Father following weekend Masses. The cost is $35 for one child, $60 for two. $75 for three or more. **Please make checks payable to ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH. Thanks.**

"Spiritual Adoption Program" Month Three: Your baby is quite active in the womb now-although his/her mother won't feel him/her for another couple of months. If his/her mother had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move his/her tongue. He/she is breathing fluid which continues until birth and obtains the oxygen his/her body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce.

Elizabeth Ministry Meeting: Wednesday, September 17th at 1pm, St. Catherine Hall. We will be finalizing plans for the Right to Life Breakfast on October 5th. Please join us, all are welcome.

For Married Couples: Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes are available online. NFP is a safe & effective, morally acceptable method of family planning that doesn't have the side-effects of artificial or hormonal methods. Register at www.ccli.org/ Contact Al & Beth Budelier at 563-324-7040 or elizabethimel@yahoo.com with any questions.

90th Birthday Celebration: Janet Harris will be celebrating her 90th birthday on September 4th. A reception will be held Sunday, Sept. 7th at St. Anthony Church after the 9:45 am Mass until 1pm. No gifts please, just your presence.

"Proclaiming Christ: Yesterday, Today, Forever" is the theme of the **2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal.** September 6-7, is Appeal weekend. It is an opportunity to help the Catholic Diocese of Peoria raise necessary funds for many ministries and apostolates that we as a single parish cannot offer. This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing asking for a pledge to support the Appeal. The mailing will include a pledge card and a return envelope addressed directly to the Diocese. You can make a one-time gift or make a pledge over eight months. We will also have pledge cards available in the pews next weekend. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese, and the work of the Church throughout the world.

FROM THE UNITED STATES BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Americans should not be forced to pay for the killing of preborn children or fund the clinics that kill them. The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. In particular, we will invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life with this prayer:

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL LETTER FROM BISHOP LOUIS TYLKA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For 150 years, our local Church – the Diocese of Peoria – has been guided by the Holy Spirit in witnessing and proclaiming our faith in Jesus Christ. Generations of faithful disciples have inspired us and sustained our efforts. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, we look back with gratitude for all who have gone before us proclaiming His name, and we in our day step forward with a renewed commitment to our mission: "Proclaiming Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever."

The mission given to us by Jesus remains as urgent today as ever. Through the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA), we are united in our shared responsibility to proclaim Christ in our parishes, schools, and communities. The ongoing work of our Diocese is strengthened, supported, and carried out in a variety of ways. It includes the formation of new priests, the dedicated work of Catholic educators, the protection of human dignity at every stage of life, the preparation of couples for marriage, and through the ministries that provide outreach and support to those in need. These efforts reflect our faith in action and they ensure that Christ's love and presence continue to touch many lives in profound ways.

Your generosity sustains and grows this mission, allowing it to flourish. Through your prayerful and financial support of the ADA, you share in the great work entrusted to us. Together, we are carrying forward the legacy of faith that has shaped the Church in the Diocese of Peoria for the last 150 years, building upon the foundations laid by previous generations.

I ask you to please join me in this year's ADA – both spiritually through prayer and sacrificially in making a financial commitment. Let us continue to "Proclaim Christ: Yesterday, Today, Forever."

God love you, and God bless you!

Most Reverend Louis Tylka, Bishop of Peoria

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) 1910-1997 - Feast Day: September 5th

Dedicated her life to serve the poorest of the poor, and to see Jesus in everyone. And the root of her strength to serve was in the Holy Eucharist. There she encountered the heart of Jesus in order to bring love to others. Some of her quotes:

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer.

When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.

Eucharistic Adoration offers to our people the opportunity to join those in religious life to pray for the salvation of the world, souls everywhere, and peace on earth. We cannot underestimate the power of prayer and the difference it will make in our world