St. Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Catherine, Aledo
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **September 7, 2025**

Monday	7:30 AM St. Catherine	Pauline Luepke by Steven & Kathleen Houle
Tuesday	7:30 AM St. Catherine	Bill Gissel by Erlinda Comstock
Wednesday	7:30 AM St. Catherine	Frank Bockman by JoDene Huntley
Thursday	**7:00 AM St. Anthony**	**HOLY HOUR**
Thursday	8:00 AM St. Anthony	Jim Slavish by Kathleen Kilcoin & Family
Friday	8 AM St. Anthony	Eugenia Stitzer by Friends & Family
Saturday	**7:00 AM St. Catherine**	**HOLY HOUR**
Saturday	4:00 PM St. Anthony	Dr. Charles Gerleman by Rose Mathers
Saturday	5:30 PM St. Catherine	Charles Novak
Sunday	8:00 AM St. Catherine	Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene
Sunday	9:45 AM St. Anthony	Sergio Avila by the Avila Family

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Nm 21:4b-9 / Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17
Weekly Collection: $1,833

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.

CCD – Catechism – Begins TODAY, 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 Four: Well, your little baby now weighs six ounces. He/she has fingernails and eyelashes, and unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until he/she dies. His/her tastebuds are working and his/her sense of hearing is present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All he/she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong.

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.

St. John the Beloved Parish, Woodhull Chicken Dinner, will host their **83rd Annual Chicken Dinner**, Sunday, **September 28, 2025,** from 11:30am-2:00pm. Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetables, rolls, dessert and drink included. Adults $15.00, children $8.00 (10 & under). Sweet treats available too.

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.

Where Two Or More Are Gathered: All Adults and Families are invited to the next gathering **Tuesday Evening, September 16th** at 6:30pm at the Bean Field Coffee House, 1708 13th St., Viola. This is an opportunity to informally talk about our faith and spiritual journey with Christ. Caffeinated and un-caffeinated drinks are available for purchase.

"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 are receiving a mailing asking for a pledge to support the Appeal. The mailing includes 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 also have pledge cards available in the vestibule. 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!

September 8th: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, September 8th is the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. *The Roman Martyrology* states Mary was "of the lineage of Abraham, born of the tribe of Judah and of the progeny of King David, from whom the Son of God was born, made man by the work of the Holy Spirit, to free humanity from the ancient bondage of sin."

We read in the Catechism:

488 *"God sent forth his Son", but to prepare a body for him, he wanted the free co-operation of a creature. For this, from all eternity God chose for the mother of his Son a daughter of Israel, a young Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee, "a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary":(Luke 1:26-27)*

The Father of mercies willed that the Incarnation should be preceded by assent on the part of the predestined mother, so that just as a woman (Eve) had a share in the coming of death, so also should a woman contribute to the coming of life.

489 *Throughout the Old Covenant the mission of many holy women prepared for that of Mary. At the very beginning there was Eve; despite her disobedience, she receives the promise of a posterity that will be victorious over the evil one, as well as the promise that she will be the mother of all the living. (Genesis 3:15-20) By virtue of this promise, Sarah conceives a son in spite of her old age. Against all human expectation God chooses those who were considered powerless and weak to show forth his faithfulness to his promises: Hannah, the mother of Samuel; Deborah; Ruth; Judith and Esther; and many other women. Mary "stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord, who confidently hope for and receive salvation from him. After a long period of waiting the times are fulfilled in her, the exalted Daughter of Sion, and the new plan of salvation is established."*

Mary always points us to Christ. Her birth is a celebration of God's plan in Jesus Christ for our salvation.

"It is most heartening to learn that young men and women, in their late teens and twenties, are increasingly attracted to meditative prayer in the Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. May all the faithful find in the Eucharist their source of strength and courage to imitate our Lady, totally open to his will in their daily lives. It is my hope that this devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist will spread to more and more parishes and dioceses across our nation."
- John Cardinal O'Connor

"This practice of adoration is based on strong and solid reasons. For the Eucharist is at once a sacrifice and a sacrament; but it differs from the other sacraments in that it not only produces grace, but contains in a permanent manner the Author of Grace Himself. When, therefore, the Church bids us to adore Christ hidden behind the Eucharistic veils and to pray to Him for spiritual and temporal favors, of which we ever stand in need, she manifests faith in her divine Spouse who is present beneath these veils, she professes her gratitude to Him, and she enjoys the intimacy of His friendship"
- Pope Pius XII