



# JULY 24, 2022

## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stannexcelsprings>

### THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends: 4:00PM Saturday - 8:30AM Sunday

Daily: 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday

Hour Hour 7pm Wednesday Adoration 7:30am Saturday

**Confessions 30 minutes prior to every Mass**

### *Mass Intentions*

Sat	July 23	4:00 PM	James Gerling+
Sun	July 24	8:30 AM	St. Ann Parishioners
Mon	July 25	8:30 AM	Nancy Gorski+
Tue	July 26	8:30 AM	Fr. Michael Gillgannon+
Wed	July 27	8:30 AM	Elivra Camilleri+

Thur	July 28	8:30 AM	Forrest Rowe+
Fri	July 29	8:30 AM	Robert Wuestenfeld+
Sat	July 30	8:30 AM	Fr. Carl Schmidt+
Sat	July 30	4:00 PM	James Kenny Sr.+

#### OFFERING

July 17 \$3,835.75  
Online giving (7/11-7/17) \$ 350.00

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Bill Greim, Tim Pingell, Stephan 'Doc' Kohl

### **FROM FATHER DREW**

#### Mary Magdalene July 22

In 2009 archeologists in Galilee discovered Magdala. At the time of Christ, Magdala was a thriving fishing town on the Sea of Galilee.

The Sea of Galilee is a big lake, about five miles wide and ten miles long. It's shaped sort of like the state of Illinois, if you can picture it. In the middle of the state, it juts out to the west, kind of like a fat man's gut. My hometown, Quincy IL is on the most western tip of Illinois. And Magdala is on the western tip of the Sea of Galilee, about seven miles or so southwest of Capernaum where Christ lived.

Now why is this important that Magdala has been found? Well, it is yet another gift from God. It is more evidence that the story about Christ is true. A first century synagogue was discovered in Magdala. The gospels tell us Christ went up and down the lake *preaching in their synagogues*. So assuredly if one ever goes to the synagogue in Magdala he will be standing in the same spot where God stood.

We honor The Magdalene today, Mary of Magdala, one of the Church's most beloved saints. St Luke tells us she was a great sinner of some sorts. And Christ did something for her that no other religious leader of his time was prepared to do. He showed her mercy. Her story then is one of the most moving and encouraging stories in the gospels, as it gives the rest of us hope. Because, after all we are all longing for the same thing as the Magdalene. We are longing for Christ to say: *It's okay. You're forgiven. Now sin no more. Follow me.* And that is what the Magdalene did, to the very end.

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## **Fr. Drew, Continued**

Was it the Magdalene who anointed Christ with some expensive ointment two times? If so, the first time she did so a Pharisee complained because she was a sinner. The second anointing was the night before Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. That time Judas complained. Christ vindicated Mary both times. That tells us we should be like her. Due to our sins, we should get low and humbly wash our Master's feet with our tears. And we should spare no expense in the worship of our Lord, the true temple, making our parish church as beautiful and sacred as possible.

The tomb was empty when the Magdalene went to anoint Christ's dead body. She ran and told the Apostles, but they did not believe her. Peter and John then went to the tomb. They looked around, scratched their heads, and then went back. But Mary Magdalene stayed. She stayed and cried and kept vigil. Her perseverance then paid off. And that is the *crowning mercy of the life of Mary Magdalene* (Butler's). She was the first to see and recognize the risen Christ. She was the first to witness the resurrection, without which our faith and our preaching is in vain.

The resurrection is a real historical event. It is not made up. Neither is the town of Magdala that is part of this true story. The greatest story ever told.

## **NOTE FROM BOOKKEEPER**

When giving for the renovation of the church, please mark your offering as "Capital Campaign" instead of Building Fund! Counters, list it as Capital Campaign on the count sheet! When giving online use Capital Campaign too!

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## **FINANCE MEETING**

There will be a finance meeting on Thursday, July 28 at 7pm.

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**Lydia Therese Greim** was born on July 8 and baptized on July 16. Congratulations to Billy and Vanessa and Lydia's nine older siblings on their wonderful new addition to the family.

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## **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

The capital campaign for our renovation is going very well and our goal of \$500,000 - \$750,000 looks very reachable. Pray on it and fill out your pledge card, making sure you are part of this very special and holy undertaking here at St Ann.

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## **Did you miss 8:30 Mass at St Ann? Go to Richmond for the 11:00 Mass.**

Friends, I've seen some of you at the Sunday 11:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception in Richmond. If, for whatever reason, you cannot make the 8:30 Mass in Excelsior, instead of driving west toward Kansas City for a later Mass, let me suggest you take Hwy 10 east to Richmond. Driving toward Kansas City entails long traffic stops and getting on I-35. The 16-mile drive to Richmond is relaxing, and full of great scenery, which includes a lot of horses in the fields. For lunch in Richmond, there's a buffet called Stella's. It has good fried chicken and a soft-serve ice-cream machine!

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To listen to Fr Drew's homilies, go to the "Podcast" app on your phone. Search "Daily Homily Father Kevin Drew". Touch that screen and listen to current and past episodes of his homilies.

Two ways to listen to the daily Mass at St. Ann, tune into Catholic Radio 1090 AM or go to [catholicradionetwork.com](http://catholicradionetwork.com). Click on "Listen Live"; aired at 11:00 AM; daily homily airs Monday-Friday at 3:50 PM.



If you would like to register to St Ann Parish call, email, or see Fr Drew after Mass .

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