

ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Newnan, Georgia

January 9 & 10, 2010
The Baptism of the Lord

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 9 th	5 PM	William Bedenk (+)
Sunday, January 10 th	9 AM	Parishioners of SMM (SI)
Sunday, January 10 th	12 Noon	Claude Underwood (+)
Wednesday, January 13 th	7 PM	Communion Service
Thursday, January 14 th	9 AM	Communion Service

Mass intentions are a standing custom of our Catholic Christian faith.

A Mass can be requested as a means of extending prayerful support to a family whose loved one is deceased. Additionally, a Mass Intention can be an appropriate way of prayerfully celebrating the life-giving moments of an individual, couple or family – including such occasions as birthdays and anniversaries. To request a Mass Intention, please come by or contact Billie Duyka our receptionist during normal Parish office hours - 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., M – F, 770-253-1888.



Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

SMM Minister Schedule for January 16/17, 2010

Saturday, January 16, 2010

<u>Sacristan</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Lisa McGurl	David Richard	Will Rheingrover
	Nancy Schwoebel	Megan Danaher
		Katie Keller

Eucharistic Ministers – TBD

Sunday, January 17, 2010 9 AM

<u>Sacristan</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Bill Tucker	Eddie Jones	Radek Kochanowsky
	Mara Lockard	Nique Brockman
		Hallie Pirozzolo

Eucharistic Ministers – TBD

Sunday, January 17, 2010 Noon

<u>Sacristan</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Vivien Walsh	Jean Smolek	Leah Miller
	Mary Sprauge	Xander Bush
		Chaz Miller

Eucharistic Ministers – TBD

PRAYERLINE

The Private Prayerline Ministry is separate and requests are not printed in the bulletin. We have several dedicated volunteers that pray daily. Prayer requests will go under: Health and Healing, Spiritual and Physical, General (not stated) and Deceased (recent within 3 months for repose of the soul). In need of prayers or know someone who is? You may contact a minister wearing a badge at Mass or please call Karen at 770-502-8918. Please leave your phone number if leaving a message, to confirm the request.

Parish Religious Education Program-PREP Schedule for 2009-2010 School Year

Sunday	
Grades 1- 5	10:15 am – 11:30 am
RCIA/RCIC *	10:15 am – 11:30 am
Grades 9 - 12	6 pm – 8 pm
Monday	
Pre-K – 5	5:30 pm – 6:45 pm
Tuesday	
Pre-K – 5	4:15 pm – 5:30 pm
Grades 1-5	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm
Wednesday	
Grades 6-8	6:45 pm – 8 pm

SMM Staff's Extension Numbers

Susan Baker	Youth Minister	9987
Paul Bauer	Music	--
Billie Duyka	Receptionist	3813
Toni Egan	Middle School Coordinator	9988
Laura Grumbling	Elementary Coordinator	9989
Kathy Kelly-Huey	Dir. of Religious Education	5668
Diane Jones	Business Manager	9982
Mary Hennie-Roed	Nursery Coordinator	--
Barbara Stevens	Pastoral Associate	9984
Lisa Thamert	Pastoral Secretary	9981
Keith Collins	Maintenance Director	9985

PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you know of someone who needs to be added to our prayer list, please contact the Parish office. Arnold Dickinson, Eleanor Doane, Ralph Fragapano, John Kroll, Bill & Joan Martinel, Julio Martinez, James McCabe, Charles and Marie Mulvenna, Dan Pittman, LTC Russell Sears (US Army), and Louis Talbot.

Thank You

Thank you so much to all the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene for your generosity this Christmas Season. Once again, the

Giving Tree was a huge success. We were able to help out 9 families with over 1,000 gifts! May God continue to bless you through the year to come.

St. Vincent DePaul help line:

770-458-9607

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ANNUAL MASS FOR THE UNBORN FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2010

Will be concelebrated by Archbishop Gregory and priests of the archdiocese at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in commemoration of the U.S. Supreme Court rulings of January 22, 1973 legalizing abortion in America. The Mass begins at 10:00 a.m., preceded by a Rosary for Life at 9:30 a.m. The Together for Life Memorial and Silent Walk will be held on the steps of the State Capitol beginning at 12:00 Noon. For more details and information on pre-ordering boxed lunches, please contact the Respect Life Ministry at (404) 888-7821, or go to: <http://www.archatl.com/offices/prolife/>



St. Vincent de Paul NOTICE

Anyone who would like to receive a letter for their 2009 contributions to the St. Mary Magdalene Conference of St. Vincent de Paul for income tax purposes, please call our help line at 770-458-9607. Leave your name and complete address, as well as your telephone number, and we will mail the letter to you. Those who requested a letter last year will automatically receive one this year. One-time gift donations of \$250 or more throughout the year are automatically acknowledged upon receipt of the donation.



Knights News Appreciation Breakfast

Our Knights of Columbus Council will be hosting a "Complimentary Breakfast" in our Parish Fellowship Hall on January 17th. after the 9:00 AM Mass and prior to the Noon Mass. We will be serving Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, and Juice. All parishioners and their families are invited.

Once again, THANK YOU for filling our grocery cart as well as for the monetary donations in the amount of \$5,649.10 on the weekend of January 2nd & 3rd! Your contributions will be used to assist those in need in our community. The Vincentians of St. Mary Magdalene greatly appreciate your continued generosity.

A Special
THANK YOU

Health Precautions: The Archbishop's office has suggested that all of us "please exercise appropriate precautions at Mass, especially if you have been ill..." by refraining from personal contact during the Our Father and the Sign of Peace, as well by not receiving Communion from the cup or on the tongue. Anyone experiencing flu-like symptoms (fever, headache, tiredness, cough, sore throat, runny nose, etc.) should not attend Sunday mass or other parish activities..." The possibility of spreading infection of influenza represents a sufficient reason not to attend Sunday mass, and obviates the Sunday obligation. For more information please visit <http://usccb.org/liturgy/swineflu.shtml>.



A Note from Fr. Dan –

With much to be grateful for...

The holiday season and the New Year serve to remind us that in

addition to the incarnation, there is much for which to be grateful.

Once again, the liturgical celebrations of this entire Christmas Season have only been possible because of the volunteers of the many ministries including: music and sound, arts and environments, dusting angels, welcome committee, ushers, sacristans, lectors, EM's altar servers – some individuals committing to multiple Masses during the many liturgies of the season – all contributing greatly to our worship experiences, for which I am most grateful.

I also want to express my appreciation to the many parishioners who remembered me at Christmas -- with cards, generous gifts and the seemingly endless supply of sweets and good foods. It should only be with gratitude to God that we celebrate the birth of his son who came among us to be the Light of the World.

Do you have questions about the Catholic Church but never had the opportunity to explore those questions?

There is a time and place for you to do that very thing. On the third Thursday of every month throughout the year from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Room 106, Tami Vickers leads inquiry sessions for anyone with any kind of questions about the Catholic Church. If you are interested in attending the Inquiry sessions call Tami at 770-254-0542.

For the Separated or Divorced...

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church is offering an 8-week program titled;

"Divorce and Beyond"

**Meetings start: 01.26.10 – end: 03.16.10
From 7:00pm-8:00pm on Tuesdays
in the Education Wing.**

The goals of this program are to provide support within a caring faith community and guide the participants to find positive and healthy ways to deal with the many emotions they are experiencing during this time of transition and beyond.

**This program is open to all!
\$10.00 for 8-week program.**

**For questions or registration
call Sharon Burke @ 770.317.7990**

Childcare available –please request in advance.

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Parish Financial Report			
Christmas Offertory <u>December 24 - December 25, 2009</u>		Year to Date Operating Offertory <u>Fiscal Year-July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010</u>	
Offertory Donations-Envelopes	\$15,186	Fiscal Year Annual Budget	\$998,000
Offertory Donations-Cash	\$2,519	Negotiated Budget Savings	\$0
Offertory Donation-Children	\$74	Resulting Annual Budget Total	\$998,000
Offertory Donations-Electronic	1,190		
Christmas Total	18,969	Requirement through 12/27/09	\$475,332
		Actual through 12/25/09	<u>\$355,664</u>
2nd Collection: Catholic Charities	\$2,414		
		YTD Operating (Shortage)/Surplus	<u>-\$119,668</u>
Weekly Operating Offertory <u>Weekend of December 26 - December 27, 2009</u>		Year to Date Operating Offertory <u>Fiscal Year-July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010</u>	
Weekly Offertory Requirement	\$18,282	Fiscal Year Annual Budget	\$998,000
Offertory Donations-Envelopes	\$6,538	Negotiated Budget Savings	\$0
Offertory Donations-Cash	\$1,112	Resulting Annual Budget Total	\$998,000
Offertory Donation-Children	\$47		
Offertory Donations-Electronic	\$0	Requirement through 12/27/09	\$475,332
Capital Campaign/Building Fund	\$727	Actual through 12/27/09	<u>\$364,088</u>
Weekly Totals	\$8,424		
		YTD Operating (Shortage)/Surplus	<u>-\$111,244</u>
Week's (Shortage)/Surplus	<u>-\$9,858</u>		

Parish Financial Report			
Weekly Operating Offertory <u>January 2 - January 3, 2010</u>		Year to Date Operating Offertory <u>Fiscal Year-July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010</u>	
Weekly Offertory Requirement	\$18,282	Fiscal Year Annual Budget	\$998,000
Offertory Donations-Envelopes	\$11,986	Negotiated Budget Savings	\$0
Offertory Donations-Cash	\$1,435	Resulting Annual Budget Total	\$998,000
Offertory Donation-Children	\$54		
Offertory Donations-Electronic	\$980	Requirement through 1/3/10	\$493,614
Capital Campaign/Building Fund	\$823	Actual through 1/3/10	<u>\$379,366</u>
Weekly Totals	\$15,278		
		YTD Operating (Shortage)/Surplus	<u>-\$114,248</u>
Week's (Shortage)/Surplus	<u>-\$3,004</u>		
Solemnity of Mary	<u>\$2,452.00</u>		

Our Faith, Our Future Continues... Postponed Indefinitely

In late 2008, a steering committee was formed from members of the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC), Pastoral Advisory Committee (PAC), and other leaders in the parish to explore the continuation of the "Our Faith, Our Future" capital campaign. The steering committee researched professional fundraising agencies and selected Kirby-Smith & Associates (KSA) to assist us. In early 2009, the Barry's and Keller's assumed the responsibility of co-chairing the continuation of the Capital Campaign.

With the assistance of KSA, a feasibility survey was conducted in March 2009 to determine the potential support for renewing the campaign and to solicit information from our parishioners about their impression of the state of our Parish. While the results of the survey indicated strong support for a Capital Campaign, many parishioners encouraged delaying the start of the campaign due to uncertainty in the current state of the economy. At that time, a decision was made to postpone the Capital Campaign until the Spring of 2010 and to immediately initiate a series of town hall meetings to increase focus on communicating the financial status of our Parish and to improve the transparency of all financial matters. This was undertaken in August resulting in reviews of the feasibility study and advising the Parish of our finances through 2009.

During the recent Fall Stewardship Season, a witness talk and additional focus by Father Dan was placed on renewal of our Treasure commitments with particular emphasis on overcoming the current shortfall in our weekly offertory. Based on the Treasure commitments received to date, it is clear we will fall significantly short on offertory receipts needed to cover our day-to-day expenses.

After careful consideration, the Capital Campaign Committee, with the guidance of Father Dan and the Archdiocese, has decided to postpone the "Our Faith, Our Future, Continues..." capital campaign debt relief program until a point in time in which we are on a more sound financial footing. In the interim, the Capital Campaign Committee will focus its efforts in working with the FAC and PAC in communicating the day-to-day financial needs of our parish. This will involve an Offertory Initiative in order to improve the financial standing of our parish, thus allowing us to meet the ongoing needs of our Parish family.

We pray that our parishioners, guided by the Holy Spirit, will support us as we seek to improve the financial standing of our Parish so that we can continue our stewardship mission. We ask that you join us in this prayer.

Hal & Linda Barry, David & Julie Keller

CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY TIME & TALENT

Thursday and Friday, 12/24 through 12/25 - Helped Nanny make pies, took care of my dog, made Jesus a birthday cake, helped Daddy with Mommy's birthday, helped clean the basement, helped clean the house, clean, football, having friends, I forgave someone, I was nice to Santa Claus, helped Fr. Dan decorate his house for Christmas, helped cook tamales, played piano for Aline, read the Bible, played piano, I fed the dogs, I said good morning to Jesus, piano, played nicely with my sister, listened the first time Mommy asked me to do something.

Weekend of 12/26 through 12/27 - Helped make banana bread, danced in the Nutcracker, said the Blessing at Christmas dinner, helped make pie, I helped my little brother walk, I played with my brother, played with my baby brother, I gave my friend a present, I sang "Happy Birthday" to Jesus, cleaned my room, helped Grandma, help Mom, read to brother, clean the playroom, help Mom make lasagna, helped Mommy clean, sharing new toys with sister, folding clothes, making cookies, reading to sister, help Mom in Nursery, cleaning basement, taking dog out, giving presents to family, giving, helped make Christmas cookies.

Weekend of 1/2 through 1/3 - Helped my Mom, I put baby Jesus in the manger, I am a good boy in church, spent 2 hours in the nursing home helping the old people, cleaned up my room without being told, learned how to ride a 2 wheeler, playing nice with my brother, cooking, cleaned the play room, was nice to brother, didn't fight while visiting Grandma and Grandpa, babysat brother, I played with my sister Sophie, cleaned room, walked my dog, helped my family, cleaned my bathroom, helping others with tasks/chores, helped Mom do the laundry, I fixed up half the living room, visited Aunt Rose in the hospital, helped with baby Eve, held the door open to help Mommy, ride horses, watch TV, drawing, I love my family, clean up my toys, helped with Benjamin, helped look for cat, helped Dad paint the bathroom, picked up house, nice to dog, helped clean, played with friends, donated outgrown toys, sweeping basement, taking care of dog, helped cook chili, fold laundry, was good in 13 hour car ride, rode scooter well, behaved during 13 hour car ride, improved my balance on my new skateboard.

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Elementary School

No Elementary Prep: January 3rd, 4th & 5th

Classes Resume on: Sunday January 10th

No Prep January: 17th, 18th & 19th, due to the Martin Luther King Holiday

Sacramental News: Attention parents who have NOT yet attended a parent formation meeting for children receiving First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this school year. There will be a brief meeting following the 9am mass on January 10th. We will meet on the far right hand side of the church near the tabernacle. Important information will be given. If you have not attended an information meeting for First Reconciliation/ First Eucharist this school year, please plan on attending. If you have further questions, please contact Karen Rorabaugh at karenrorabaugh@yahoo.com.

Penance Workshop: To enhance your child's preparation for the sacrament of First Reconciliation, we will be holding a Penance Workshop January 23rd from 9:30 to 12:30 at St. Mary Magdalene. At least one parent/ guardian needs to attend this workshop with your child. Please contact Mary Hennie-Roed at hennieroed@juno.com to RSVP a spot should you be needing childcare assistance. (If the weather is inclement due to snow, the make-up for the penance workshop will be held on January 30th.)

First Reconciliation: The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held at 10am on Saturday, February 6th. Please contact Mary Hennie-Roed at hennieroed@juno.com to RSVP a spot should you be needing childcare assistance.

Youth Ministry

Keep up to date on youth information by going to http://www.smmcatholic.org/newsmyyouth/youth_NEW.html

Upcoming PREP Nights

- January 10th- Avoiding Temptations
- January 17th-Sexuality-Homo, Hetro, and Bi
- January 24th-Emotions
- January 31st-Love

Mark Your Calendar

- Hang out nights Wednesdays 6 to 8:00pm
- Soup Kitchen Trip Saturday January 16th

Help Needed:

- Do you have an overwhelming desire to call yourself a Core Team Member? Well, you are in luck. The youth program is looking for new Core Team Members. You just need to be 23 years or older and willing to walk with teens to Christ. We also have nursery available on Sunday night for Core Team Members. Call or email Susan Baker for further information!

Adult Education

ADULT SPEAKER SERIES

Making health care decisions near the end-of-life.

What is the Catholic perspective? How do we approach making these moral decisions?

Presented by Dr. Carl Hug M.D. January 21, 2010 at 7:00pm. Carl C. Hug, Jr., M.D., Ph.D. serves as Professor of Anesthesiology Emeritus at Emory University School of Medicine. His service as a Faculty Associate on the Emory University Center for Ethics began in 1999. He is a member of numerous state and national organizations, including the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, American Society of Anesthesiologists, Committee on Ethics, and the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists Ethics Committee. Hug is the recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Service Award from the American Society of Anesthesiologists. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Emory University Aquinas Center of Theology.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - The Book of Revelation

In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the Kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will also learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history. Tuesday Evenings January 5 – March 16 at 7pm and Thursday mornings January 14th – March 25 at 9:30am. Please Register with Linda Barry at lindalbarry@starband.net or 770.253.6332. Registration is necessary for all participants to ensure we have the correct number of books available. Cost of books \$23.00.



We need YOU!

The PAC will be holding elections the weekend of January 23rd and 24th.

Parish Advisory Council is still seeking candidates to run for office.

All registered Parishioners 18 and older interested in making a difference are eligible.

- *Four positions are open.*
- *These are for a two year term.*
- *Two positions open to fulfill existing terms.*
- *Applicants must be in full communion with the church.*
 - *Must be 18 years or older.*

Contact John Michalewicz for more information

john@lcmatl.com or jmichalewicz@kcm-america.com or 770-254-9661