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DECEMBER SOCIAL MEMORIES

The Christmas Social was held on December 9th. A feast was had! Merry drinks were served! Ornaments were stolen (in good fun). A trivia game revealed surprising biblical and cultural Christmas facts. A bit of business was accomplished through an abbreviated board meeting. Two guests made the evening extra special. The President of our Saint Vincent de Paul, Claire Berube, provided education on the history, the various important services they provide, and several ways to volunteer. Hannah Bolte played her harp beautifully as the group was treated to nostalgic Christmas hymns. The board extends a very big THANK YOU to everyone that helped to make this evening an enjoyable one!



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WINTER COAT DRIVE

We are in the home stretch! We are still accepting gently used coats and new socks and gloves through January 25th. Please drop off your donations in the bins located in the Narthex after weekend Masses. Thank you for making a difference in our community.



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Ten Characteristics of A Servant-Leader

by Teresa Barczak

In the October and November 2025 newsletters, seven characteristics of a Servant-Leader were shared with you. The last three of the ten are shared today. As we move into a new year, I wish you an abundance of joy and blessings in 2026. Our God is always with us.

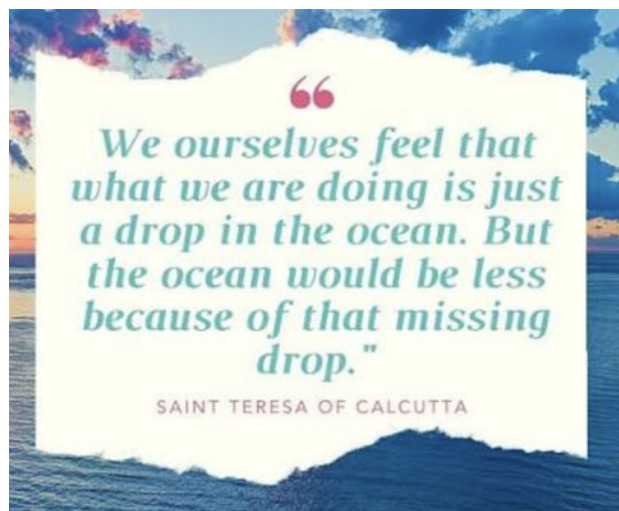
#8. Stewardship - servant-leadership, like stewardship, assumes first and foremost a commitment to serving the needs of others. It also emphasizes the use of openness and persuasion, rather than control.

#9. Commitment to the growth of people - the servant-leader is deeply committed to the growth of each and every individual within his or her organization.

#10. Building community - servant-leadership suggests that true community can be created among those who work in businesses and other institutions.

Servant-leadership characteristics often occur naturally within many individuals; and, like many natural tendencies, they can be enhanced through learning and practice. Servant-leadership offers great hope for the future in creating better, more caring, institutions.

References: The Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant-Leadership, 770 Pawtucket Drive, Westfield, IN



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Adoration Guardians Needed

Nikki Walick, who has heroically run St. Mary Magdalene's adoration ministry for many years, is stepping back in her administrative role. We're so grateful for her long service and tremendously blessed that she intends to remain heavily involved in the adoration schedule, but I'll now be handling the administrative aspect of the ministry.

Currently, the parish offers regular, weekly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Thursday from 4-7pm, as well as after Mass on Fridays. Each first Friday, the parish offers adoration from 6-8pm, during which Fr. Revak hears about an hour of confessions.

You might've noticed, given the increasing parking space scarcity, that the parish is growing. It is! We've now got more than 1,600 registered families. But... we only have 15 registered adoration guardians for the Blessed Sacrament. We need you!

All it takes to be a guardian is to commit to sitting with Jesus for one hour of the 200+ we offer each year. That's it! And that gift of an hour of your time can make a huge difference, especially if replicated widely across the parish. Maybe God is even calling you to regularly spend time with Him in adoration -- maybe on a quarterly, monthly, or even weekly basis! Pray about it.

Every hour of exposition requires at least two guardians present with our Lord. We need you, and we'd love to increase our exposition time as the ministry grows. So consider, as well, what hours you might dedicate in the future if needed. Imagine, there are parishes that expose continuously!

I've got a loud house, so I'm limited in answering phone calls, but I'm very accessible via text and email. I'm eager to hear from you. We're looking for commitments to spend one hour with Jesus each Thursday from 4-7pm and each first Friday from 6-8pm.

The parish needs your time. The world needs your prayers.

God bless you,

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CALLING ALL BAKERS

CCW Bake Sale *Feb 14 & 15*

The Annual CCW Bake Sale is right around the corner, February 14 & 15 after each Mass.

Please use the link to sign up to bring your most delicious goodies.
<http://www.perfectpotluck.com/XSQC0092>

We need everything cookies to pies to snack bags.
Think outside the box as well!

Drop off details are in the link. Call or text Maggie with questions or comments. Her number is 770-842-6107.

We can't thank you enough for your generous support!

ST. MARY MAGDALENE WOMEN'S DAY OF SERVICE

Hearts Like Mary, Hands Like Martha

Join us for a day to pray, serve, and to be present with one another.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
SMM PARISH HALL**

All women of the Parish and friends are invited for a day of faith, fellowship, and service.

Together, we'll complete projects benefiting more than 10 parish ministries and local nonprofits, including assembling toiletry kits and collecting items for the Newnan Animal Shelter.

We are looking for donations of some items to make our event successful. See donation link: <https://bit.ly/WDSsupplies>

What to Bring: A rosary

Lunch: Light lunch provided (donations welcome)

Fee: \$5 per person

Register by: January 11

Online Registration: Use the following link or QR code.

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-mary-magdalene-cath-church-1/forms/dayofservice2026>

In-Person Registration: Narthex, January 3/4

Come share your time, faith, and compassion as we serve together!
Childcare will be available. There are limited slots so please register early.



Feel welcome to reach out for more information.
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