



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JULY 21, 2024**  
**St. Ann Catholic Church**  
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**Online giving is available  
 at this secure link:**  
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stannexcelsprings>

**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE**  
 Weekends: 6:00 PM Saturday - 8:30 AM Sunday  
 Daily: 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday  
 Adoration 7:30 AM Saturday  
 Holy Hour Thursdays 7:00 PM

***Mass Intentions***

Sat	July 20	6:00 pm	St Ann Parishioners
Sun	July 21	8:30 am	Harry Pingel+
Mon	July 22	8:30 am	Monte & Nadia Schwartz & family
Tues	July 23	8:30 Am	Elizabeth Dirkes

Wed	July 24	8:30 am	Laurie Williams
Thur	July 25	8:30 am	Our Ladies Intention
Fri	July 26	8:30 am	Brian Utter
Sat	July 27	8:30 am	Carl Dirkes
Sat	July 27	6:00 pm	St Ann Parishioners

**OFFERING**

July 14	\$5,804.00
Online giving (June 8-14)	\$ 260.00

**Recessional Hymn; July 21**  
**M 11**  
**Now Thank We All Our God**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Tim Pingell, Stephan 'Doc' Kohl, Rosemary Cloud, Anna Marie Rivera, Kaylee Nichole Ross, Bryson Torres, Rick Schwab, Martha Gerling

**FROM FATHER DREW**

Mary Magdalene July 22

In 2009 archeologists in Galilee discovered Magdala. At the time of Christ, it 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 is shaped like the state of Illinois. The middle of the state juts out to the west, 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.

The discovery of Magdala is yet another gift from God. For it has given us more evidence that the Christ story is true. You see, 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 God stood.

We honor one of the Church's most beloved saints on July 22, Mary of Magdala. St Luke tells us she was a great sinner of some sorts. And Christ did something for her that no other religious figure 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. After all, we are all longing for the same thing as the Magdalene. We are all longing for Christ to say: It is okay. You are forgiven. Now go and sin no more. And that is what the Magdalene did, to the very end.

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 when Judas complained about the cost. 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 making our temples as beautiful and sacred as possible. (Continued on back)

### **Cont. Father Drew...**

The tomb was empty when the Magdalene went to anoint Christ's dead body. She ran back and told the others, but they did not believe her. Peter and John then went to the tomb, looked around, scratched their heads, and went back. But Mary Magdalene stayed. She stayed and cried and kept vigil. And her perseverance then paid off. That is the crowning mercy of the life of Mary Magdalene (Butler's). She was the first among the disciples 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 of Christ is a real historical event. It is not made up. Neither is the town of Magdala which is part of the Christ story. The greatest story ever told.

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**THANK YOU** David & Michelle Fair for sponsoring the weekly flower arrangement for the Altar this weekend. This is a wonderful way to honor God. God bless you for your donation.

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**Bishop Johnston at St Ann for Mass, Thursday August 1. 7:00 PM. Please mark your calendar.**

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**HOLY HOURS:** Weekly Holy Hour (which includes confession) is now Thursdays at 7:00 PM

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**WEED EATER:** If anyone has a weed eater they're not using and want to donate or sell see Fr Drew.

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## "My Vocation is Love"

Come and spend the day immersed with holy men and women who will inspire and touch the hearts of young adults, parents, grandparents, and our children.

Experience prayer, ask questions, listen to inspiring talks, and have a little fun throughout the day.

Where: St. Therese North 7207 NW Highway 9 KCMO 64152

When: August 3, 2024

Time: 7:30 AM to 3:45 PM

Cost: \$10 per person with a max of \$60 per family, and includes breakfast and lunch.

Register at [kcvocationday.com](http://kcvocationday.com)

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

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.



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