

The Vessel

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10:00 am Eucharist Service

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From the Rector:

Our Thanksgiving Eve service this year will be on Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00 pm. Thanksgiving is not only a national holiday, it's the basic attitude of the Christian life.

In the preface to the eucharistic prayer it says, "It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth". We thought the focus for our thanksgiving service this year would be on the grace to have made it through another year. Whatever our challenges have been--at work, with family, with health, in finances, with God, with the church, with our country--even if they haven't been resolved, this will be an occasion to give thanks to God for the grace to have made it through another year.

I invite you to contribute to the prayers of the people for this service; all it takes is to email Kim at office@stmarymagdalene.org with your thanksgiving. My offering might be the following:

I'm thankful that Emily has recovered from her bicycle crash, that there was an EMT behind her who saw the accident & who stopped to help, and please watch over her on future rides; I'm thankful that Kate is getting well--for Pam, domperidone, so many prayers, and everything that has contributed to her recovery.

We'll create our own litany of thanksgiving to use during the liturgy; please submit your thanksgivings by November 17 so we can include them, and if you're in town I look forward to seeing you on Thanksgiving Eve.

God Bless,

Mike



From the Associate

A fire was lit in the fire place and candles in every window... tables were beautifully covered with fall decor, a stunning vase of wheat was placed below the cross and a plethora of tiny pumpkins spilled out of a basket on the altar.

This describes the scene of the Fall Women's Gathering held October 18th here at St. Mary's. On this night women from the congregation gathered in the sanctuary to come together as women and to contemplate the harvest that God had brought about in our lives over the past year. We reflected upon the seeds God had planted in us, how those seeds had been watered and in what way we offered the harvest of our lives to God. It was a rich time to intentionally reflect upon our lives in this season of harvest.

Part of our time together that evening included breaking into small groups to ponder and reflect upon scriptures and then questions based on those scriptures. The questions were gifted to us that evening by our own Carolyn Kesterson.

Because the experience was so meaningful it would be poor stewardship on my part to restrict the blessing to only those women who came on that evening. So I offer them to you as a way to process the harvest God has brought about in your own life over this past year. May you know that intentional reflection upon our lives, and God's work in it, is never wasted.

Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn. Matthew 13:30

--By harvest time, weeds have grown in among the fruit trees and the wheat. What weeds need to be bound and burned in your life?

--Think about the "wheat"- your harvest. How can you gather it?

--The passage implies we are to bring our harvest to the Lord's barn. How can you bring your harvest to God?

The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once (s)he goes in with (her) his sickle, because the harvest has come. Mark 4:28-2

--If the ripe fruit stays on the tree and the wheat in the field, they wither and die. Have you ever held on to your harvest and not seen it used for its purpose?

--How do you know when your harvest time has come?

--Join with God and others in giving thanks for your harvest.

I pray that your harvest is plentiful this year and that you make the time to stop and adequately give thanks to the Lord of the harvest. As you reflect I leave you with this blessing...

May the God of the Harvest bless you and keep you,

May God who has brought forth seed to fruition in your lives, give you peace

May God who longs for your harvest to be given to the world give you courage

And may God almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you now and always.

In Christ,
Felicia

Adult Forum **November and December**

To close out the year for Adult Forum, in keeping with the theme of "The Great Themes of Scripture," Bruce Ricketts and Lyle SmithGraybeal will be facilitating series on Personal Relationship with God and Prayer and Scripture.

In-between these series, while our stomachs are still full, on the Sunday after Thanksgiving we will be looking at the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

Hope to see you in November and December at the Adult Forum, each Sunday 9am in the Sanctuary.

Shalom,
Adult Forum Planning Committee

Jesus is Pretty Important: Personal Relationship with God with Bruce Ricketts

November 5 - Personal Relationship in the Old Testament

November 12 - Personal Relationship in the New Testament

November 19 - Personal Relationship with Christ Today

November 26 - **United Nations Millennium Development Goals** facilitated by Father Mike

Listening with God: Prayers and Pray-ers in Scripture facilitated by Lyle SmithGraybeal

December 3 - Prayer and the Hebrew Scriptures

December 10 - Psalms: The Prayer Book of the Bible

December 17 - Prayer and the Christian Scriptures

December 24 - Praying Mary's Magnificat

Silent Auction November 4, 2006

Don't miss this event! Held from 6:00-8:00 pm, you will be able to shop to your heart's content while munching on yummy hors d'oeuvres. Start your Christmas shopping with great items to choose from such as jewelry, scarves, ornaments, quilts, massages, gift certificates and so much more. Get your tickets to an Avs game or plan a great trip to Florida, New Mexico or the mColorado Mountains. There will be tempting baskets and all kinds of art work (some created by our very own St. Mary Magdalene artists). If you're a party animal or social butterfly, there are plenty of party packages to bid on! This year, we have some old favorites such as Karaoke with the Curate and a Mardi Gras Party as well as a couple of new parties such as the "Not-so Newlywed Game" party, a Gingerbread House party, a Bahama Bash, a Superbowl Party and the "Mother of all Sauces" party!

You won't feel guilty about spending - All proceeds from this event go to our Outreach programs such as houses in Juarez and Habitat for Humanity, EFAA, OUR Center, Community Food Share and the "I Have a Dream Foundation." Childcare is provided so you have no excuse to miss this fabulous event!

Just a few tips:

Drop off your donations at church on Thursday, November 2nd or Friday November 3rd between 9 and 12 am. or on Thursday evening between 6-6:30 p.m.

if you are going to be at church for a class. Sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert at the kiosk at church.

Sign up for a Silent Auction job if you would like to help.

If you are bringing children, please let us know how many and their ages so we will be prepared with a dinner for them. There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk at church or you may contact Laurel Fanning at (303) 527-1542.

See you there!



Annual Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 17

The children of St. Mary Magdalene are invited to participate in a dramatization of The Inn at Bethlehem, which will be performed in a dinner theater format on Sunday, December 17. Our youth group will serve a stew dinner provided by you, the congregation. Practices will take place at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday beginning with an informational session that will be held downstairs on November 12. If your child has an interest in participating, please join us.

See you there!

Laura Morreale



Three Bishop's Fund Update Colorado Haiti Project Thursday, November 30 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for an update on the Colorado Haiti Project. We will be hearing from Melissa Mahaney, President of the Colorado Haiti Project, and Father Max Baily, who recently traveled to Haiti with the Bishop and others. They will share with us the progress made thus far, including photos and stories.

The St. Mary Magdalene community made a significant contribution to the Three Bishop's Fund, and the Colorado Haiti Project would like for us all to see what has been accomplished thus far, in Haiti, with these contributions.

Join us, Thursday, November 30th at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

St. Mary Magdalene Mom's Group Friday, November 10 9 - 11 a.m.

We will hold one gathering during the month of November on November 10th. Mother Felicia will be sharing with us some ideas for Christian rituals for Advent and the Christmas season.

Please RSVP to Kim Freymiller at 303-530-1421 and let her know if you are coming and if you will need child care.

Questions: call Judy Nieusma at 303-494-1256 or Mother Felicia at 303-530-1421.

We hope to see you then!

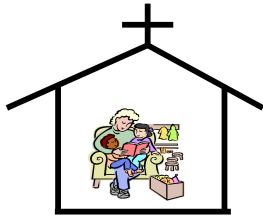
Save the Date!
Women's Retreat
March 9, 10, 11, 2007
at St. Malo in Allenspark

St. Mary Magdalene Book Group

Our next book is When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka. It is the "One Book, One Boulder" selection. We will meet at Janie Pierre's house on Dec 1 at 7PM. Her address is 6988 Hunter Pl. Phone # 303-530-0536.

All are welcome!





Our Church Family

♥ Congratulations to the following who will be baptized on Sunday, November 5th at the 10 a.m. service: Klara Jane Meymaris, daughter of Kirsten and Gregory Meymaris
Madeline Arnold, daughter of Chrystal Pochay and Jon Arnold

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Margaret McKee Cooper
- 2 Liam McKee
- 6 Ann Hyde
- 7 Gay Waterbury, June Davis
- 8 Mark Beaty, Maeve Harrington
- 9 Danielle Davis
- 11 Carol L'Orange, Ian Metzger
- 14 Annelise Niebauer, Brian Dietzen
- 16 Nancy Driscoll
- 17 Cheryl Andrews, Catherine Kuhn
- 18 Cate Thornbury
- 21 Christine Kachensky, David Petroy
- 22 Wanda Pearson, Erika Petroy
- 23 Zachary Chandler, Barb Beaton
- 24 Sallye Howard, Noah Kendall
- 25 Matthew Beaton, Kip White
- 27 Kyle McNamara
- 28 Jackson Morrissey
- 29 Karen Dauer, Sam Burgess, Linda White

- 2 Bill and Beverly Sabin
- 15 Nancy and Jim Lillie
- 26 Tom & Lois Godfrey



If we missed your birthday or anniversary
please contact the church office and we will add you to the list.

Godly Play Gazette

November 2006

by Dennis Mulcare



Children's Ministry

will be hosting a Thanksgiving potluck dinner on Saturday, November 18th after the 5:00 o'clock service. We will make Christmas and Thanksgiving cards at 4:00 p.m. before the service. We will then worship together at 5 o'clock and then have a feast. We will provide the turkey and have people sign up to bring the fixings.

Hope you all can make it!

Thanks ...

to all those who participated in our fall harvest night at church with pumpkins, animals and tie-dye. Also thanks to all the wonderful people who helped make our pumpkin patch so bountiful.

Godly Play Schedule

November

- 5 Ark and the Tent
- 12 Ark and the Temple
- 19 Exile and Return
- 26 NO GODLY PLAY

December

- 3 Advent 1 - Light of the Prophets
- 10 Advent 2 - Light of the Holy Family
- 17 Advent 3 & 4 - Light of Shepherds and Magi
- 24 Christmas Story 9:00 service
- 24 Christmas Eve Presentation of the Nativity
4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

To be announced

Kid's walk on the labyrinth and candle making



Outreach News

Outreach Projects for November and December

October 15th – November 5th

Christmas Gifts for Hogar Infantil Orphanage in Mexico.

St. Mary Magdalene has supported a Christmas outreach to this orphanage every year, since the first days of our church's history as a mission. There is a list of gift ideas in the Kiosk at the church. Please do not wrap these gifts because they need to go through customs in Mexico. There is a box at the back of the church where these can be placed.

November 12 – December 9

Christmas Gifts for "I Have a Dream" families in Boulder County.

There will be a small Christmas tree at the back of the church with gift-idea tags for all the members of some local families. Each tag will have the name of the recipient and a gift number. After you choose a tag from the tree, please write your name and phone number in the space next to the gift number on the sign-up sheet. Please wrap these gifts and use the gift tag from the tree to identify them. (The part of the tag that has the gift description may be removed from the tag, as long as the name and gift number remain showing, to identify them.)

November 18 & 19

Volunteers Needed for COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE's Annual Food Drive

Greeters: St. Mary Magdalene volunteers are asked to fill the timeslots on the weekend of November 18-19. Community Food Share gets *three times more food* when greeters are here to personally remind shoppers to donate.

- All shifts at Gunbarrel King Soopers (Lookout Road and 63rd).
- 1-3 people per shift.
- All ages (good for families with younger kids)!
- See sign-up sheet in the kiosk.

Sorters are also needed to help sort the food at Community Food Share, anytime from mid-November to mid-January.

- In the warehouse, 6363 Horizon Lane in Niwot.
- Ages 12 and up, please.
- 1-20 people per shift!
- Call Sue at **303-652-3663 x. 202** to schedule a convenient time for you.

December 9 – December 31

We will encourage food donations to our St. Mary Magdalene Perpetual Food Bank for the rest of December and will hope that our community will have a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

CROP WALK 2006 a Record-Breaking Success!

Most Money Raised: Mary Magdalene (with 75 walkers) blew other groups away this year raising \$7,136—and that's without their matching funds that will be added to that total. They more than doubled the next highest group!

St. Mary Magdalene was privileged to host Boulder County's CROP Walk on October 8. Thanks to the tremendous involvement from volunteers, donors, and walkers, our congregation contributed \$7,136 turned in plus \$1,000 from Outreach Committee matching grant to hunger-fighting efforts locally and globally -- a record! More than 70 parishioners, some in strollers and some on leashes (dogs, that is!), enjoyed the route that meandered through neighborhoods and open space to Community Food Share's warehouse in Niwot and back to St. Mary Magdalene. There were approximately 450 walkers who came from various churches and synagogues in the area.

The incredible outpouring from our congregation, including a \$1,000 matching grant from the Outreach Committee, feels a bit like a "loaves and fishes" miracle. As of the day of the event, \$30,000 was raised, and more is still coming in. It looks like the event will raise a record-breaking \$50,000, which would once again place Boulder County as the top fund-raising CROP Walk for the Rocky Mountain region. While the majority of this money will go to international relief efforts, about \$12,000 will go to Community Food Share, where it will help feed the estimated 30,000 people in Boulder County who struggle to keep food on the table.

A huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone for your support. You have truly made a difference! Until next year's CROP Walk, here is some background information about Church World Service, which sponsors walks all over the nation:

Founded in 1946, Church World Service is the relief, development, and refugee assistance ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations. Working in partnership with indigenous organizations in more than 80 countries, CWS supports sustainable self-help development, meets emergency needs, and helps address the root causes of poverty and powerlessness.

Within the U.S., Church World Service assists communities in responding to disasters, resettles refugees, promotes fair national and international policies, provides educational resources, and offers opportunities to join a people-to-people network of local and global caring through participation in CROP WALKS, the TOOLS & BLANKETS Program, and the "Gift of the Heart" Kit Program.

Participants:

Amanda Messenger Bouricius	Teresa Niebauer & friends Lynette & Alan Richards
Larry Burgess	Jeff, Judy, Nicholas, Kate & Zach Nieuwsma
Jeri, Josh, Heidi, and Meagan Chandler	Niles Oien
Sarah and Michael Delaney	Carol Park
Bob & Lynn Dodge	Shelley and Erika Petroy
Vivian Dratch	Felicia SmithGraybeal
Matt, Nancy, Hannah & Lauren Driscoll	John, Amy, Meg, & Cate Thornbury
Robin & Patti Guilford	Jack Thornbury
Heather, Shea, and Meagan Herring	Patti & Emma Tussey
Lois, Rick, and Morgan Hess	Carolyn Vehrenkamp
Rhoads & Corey Hollowell	Matt, Christopher, and Lizzy Ward
Mike & Kate Houlik and friends Sean & Diane	Abbey Wright
Jenny Kapela	Daniel and Sean Williams
Dan & Karen Klena	Jackson & Lisa Young-Morrissey
Don, Sheila & Grace Martinson	Sheila Yule
Dennis, Erin, Emily, Alli Mulcare plus friend McKenna	Christine McNamara
Michael, Sonia, Tommy & Johnny Monahan	



IHN evening host
volunteer opportunity

for Friday night, December 22nd. Meet at church at 5:30 p.m., drive to St. Thomas in Denver. Dinner will be provided as we sit down and eat with the guests of the program who are staying at St. Thomas that week. We will chat with the adults, play with the children and be their evening host from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. We will arrive back at SMM at approx 9:30 p.m. Our hope is to have 5 volunteers from SMM.

Thanks for considering this opportunity. Questions? Call Maureen Beaty @ 530-3779

Frasier Meadows

Father Mike will be celebrating a Eucharist at the chapel at Frasier Meadows on Sunday afternoon, November 5, at 2:00 p.m. If anyone would like to assist -- reading a lesson, playing an instrument, administering a chalice or supporting that community with your presence, please let Mike or Kim know; perhaps we could carpool over.

2006 Holiday
Remembrance Services

Music
Readings
Ceremony of Remembering
Time for Sharing stories,
poems or readings

Facing the holidays when someone you loved has died can be difficult. The Holiday Remembrance Service is a place to acknowledge your loss openly and safely to honor your memories.

You are welcome to bring something special that reminds you of your loved one (a picture, ornament, toy, etc.) to put on the remembrance table. Or bring a story, poem or reading to share with everyone.

You may also come and sit quietly.

Saturday, November 11 at 2:00 pm at
The Isaak Walton Center
18 South Sunset Street, Longmont

Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 pm at
The Broker Inn
30th & Baseline, Boulder

Treasurer's Update

Below are the Plate and Pledge numbers for September of 2006.

	Plate	Pledge
September Budget	\$1435	\$27,703
September Actual	2429	24,184
2006 Year to Date Budget	\$12,593	\$242,728
2006 Year to Date Actual	19,451	238,937

\$4,650 in Outreach funds were disbursed last month to a total of 10 organizations as 2006 continues to be the year of tremendous growth in Outreach efforts for SMM.

Get your checkbooks ready. We are increasing our inventory of coupons by \$5,000 so YOU will be able to stock up on holiday food inventories. Be sure to make your coupon purchase after Sunday service.

Around the Diocese

Clergy Conference, Nov. 7 - 9, Cheyenne Mountain Resort, Colorado Springs. Father Mike, Mother Felicia and Deacon Rhoads will be attending this conference.

Sixth Annual Interfaith Music Festival, Nov. 12, 7:00 pm, St. John's Cathedral, Denver. Come for an evening filled with the joyous sounds of faith, from rollicking Jewish world fusion music to ancient Hindu chanting and much more. Suggested donation: \$12. Sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance of Colorado.

Annual Spirituality Conference - Jan. 19 - 20, 2006


Thomas H. Troeger, a Professor of Christian Communication at Yale Divinity School with roots in Colorado, will be the featured speaker at the Spiritual Direction Colorado's (formerly, the Committee on Spiritual Direction) annual Spirituality Conference in January. Using his poem How Many Times We Start Again, Troeger will identify stages along the spiritual journey, and lead participants through times of silent prayer and personal reflection. The Spirituality Conference is an annual event sponsored by Spiritual Direction Colorado (formerly known as the Committee on Spiritual Direction) and is open to all those interested in nurturing their spiritual growth. The conference will take place in Denver Friday evening, January 19, and all day January 20. The cost of the conference is \$80. For more information about the conference, or to register, contact Mary Jo Starmer atmjstarmer@yahoo.com, or 303-431-8523.

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Conference - April 20 - 21 - St. Mary Magdalene, Boulder. The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Conference 2007 will feature The Rt. Rev. Robert J. O'Neill as the keynote speaker at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Boulder on April 20-21, 2007. His theme for the conference will be The Way Of Abandonment: Walking The Way Of The Cross.



St. Mary Magdalene Calendar of Events

November 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:45 am Staff meeting	2 6:30 pm EFM, Just Faith, Faith Matters	3	4 9 – 11 am Baptism training No worship service 6 – 8pm Silent Auction fundraiser
5 8am Worship 9am Adult Forum 10am Worship after service --- Confirmation --- Daughters of the King <u>Youth Group</u> 4-5:30 6 & 7 th grade 5-6:30 8-12 th grade	6 6:30 pm Love & Logic	7 11:30 am Lectio Divina 12:30 pm EFM ----- 6:30 pm Centering Prayer 6:45 Healing Prayer meeting 7:30 Choir practice	8 Clergy Conference----	9 ----- 6:30 pm EFM, Just Faith, Faith Matters	10 9 – 11 am Mom's Group	11 5 pm Contemplative Service
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19 8am – noon Blood Drive 8am Worship 9am Adult Forum 10am Worship after service - Confirmation	20 Newsletter deadline 5:30 pm Worship Committee 7:00 pm Outreach	21 6:30 Centering Prayer	22 8:45am Staff meeting 7-8:30 pm Worship Music Group	23  Happy Thanksgiving	24	25 5 pm Worship service
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Ministry Duties

November	5	12	19	26
Eucharistic Visitor	CJ Jack	Jeff Nieuwma	Bob & Lynn Dodge	Janet Poley
Greeter	8am Rob Sibley 10am Sheila & Don Martinson	8am Carol & Doug Ford 10am Peter & Jeri Chandler	8am Kathy Madsen 10am John Thornbury	8am Rob Sibley 10am Frank & Karen Lamb
Healing Prayer	8am RJ Harrington 10am Jeri Chandler, CJ Jack	8am Betty Frost 10am Jeri Chandler, CJ Jack	8am Jane Carlson 10am Judy Nieuwma Linda White	8am Jane Carlson 10am Linda White, CJ Jack
Ushers	Larry & Debbie Royds	Bill Andrews & Mark Christie	Tim & Barb Beaton	Rick & Karen Dauer
Lector/ Chalice Bearer	8am Robert Sibley 10 am Kip White, Joel McKee Cooper	8am Bob Dodge 10am Peter Chandler, Gete Bond	8am Tina Fredo 10 am Joel McKee Cooper, Kip White	8am Janet Poley 10am Robin Hart, Tina Fredo
Acolytes	8am Corey Hollowell 10am Jon Morreale, Liam McKee	8am Patricia Hyde 10am Meg Thornbury, Kelsey Gray	8am Joel Hyde 10am Bea Morreale, Morgan Drummond	8am Alli Mulcare 10am Meagan Chandler, Kelsey Gray
Altar Guild	8am Arlee Kachensky 10am Vivian Dratch	8am Jere Freeman 10am Karen Klana	8am Betty Frost 10am Ann Eakins	8am Dickey Lee Hullinghorst 10am Jere Freeman
Nursery Helper	Carol Park	Tina Fredo	Susan Prince	Julia Lee Taylor
Coffee Hour	Maria Greco	Chris & Eli Buzas	Jennifer Saless	Margaret McKee Cooper

Youth Group Helper	Patti Tussey	Peter & Jeri Chandler		Lynn Mulcare, Julie Howard
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