

# Organizations and Ministries available at Saint Mary Magdalen

Please review these various ministries and consider getting involved and sharing your skills and talents with us!

## Worship

**Altar Society** - This group cleans our Sanctuary, including cleaning the Sacristy, filling the cruets and Holy water fonts, replenishing candles, arranging flowers, preparing the altar for weddings, and doing the Sacramental wash. This group helps keep our Church sparkling. Please call Hermie Kroll at 314-781-7926, or Nancy Shroff in the parish office at 314-961-8400 ext. 106 if you are interested in helping.

**Lectors** - Lectors proclaim the Word of God at each of our Weekend Masses. Duties include reading the First and Second Reading, and the Responsorial Psalm (if not sung). To become a Lector, please contact Dan Fitzgerald at dftz8743@gmail.com.

**Ushers** - Ushers serve at all Sunday and 4:30 p.m. Saturday Masses to greet people who have gathered to worship and to collect parish offerings. Ushers are always needed. To find out how you can become an usher, please contact Tim O'Donnell at 962-2563 or Kim Trout at kimt909@yahoo.com.

**Eucharistic Ministers** - This ministry is for parishioners to distribute Holy Communion at Mass and in the homes of those who are too ill to attend Mass. Ministers are scheduled on a rotating, monthly schedule. To learn more about becoming a Eucharistic minister, please call Nancy Shroff in the parish office at 314-961-8400 ext. 106.

**Homebound Eucharistic Ministers** - This ministry is for those who are willing to take Holy Communion to our parishioners who are homebound. Please call the parish office at 314-961-8400.

**Choir** - The choir is for people of all ages that wish to share their love of music at 9:30 a.m. Mass. Practice is held after 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings. We would love to have singers and musicians join us to share the love of the faith through song. If interested, call Sarah Dorhauer at 636-675-3300.

**Servers** - Anyone from 5th grade on up to help with the ministry of the altar. Servers will be scheduled three months at a time to help at various Masses. Day school children serve 8:00 a.m. Mass each weekday and all servers can choose which Sunday Mass they would like to help with. Contact Pamela Bruce at 314-961-8400 x 104 if you can help.

**Eucharistic Adoration** - We offer Eucharistic Adoration 24/7 in the Saint Joseph Chapel, please contact the parish office to obtain the code for entry into the Chapel. This ministry is very flexible and can be prayed around your schedule. Why participate in Eucharistic Adoration? Any relationship requires communication, and prayer is communication with God. Eucharistic Adoration is, in a sense, face to face communication with Jesus Christ, and the more that relationship between us and Him grows, the more we want to be His faithful disciples and the better our lives are. Exposition is offered on Tuesdays from 9:00 am – 11:30 am.

**Easter Church Cleaning** - This is a once-a-year opportunity for all ages. People gather the Saturday before Palm Sunday to make sure the church is clean before celebrating Easter. After cleaning a light lunch is served. Call Nancy Gleason if you are interested in helping with this ministry, 314-962-1354.

## Christian Service

**The Pro-Life Committee** - The Pro-life Committee meets two to three times a year to plan for Pro-life activities. Meetings are an hour or less. We organize events such as baby bottle collection to benefit Birthright, throwing a parish baby shower to support our adopted Birthright mother and her baby, cookie and flower sales on Mother's and Father's Day, helping to organize the Breast Cancer Healing Mass, and involving the school in Pro-life activities. It is not a big commitment, but we are REALLY looking to add new members to our core committee. St. Mary Magdalen has contributed greatly over the years to the Pro-life cause and are looking for some new faces to keep that movement going for many years to come. Call Carrie Parent at 314-249-5550 if you can help.

**CARE** - (Christian Action Really Evident) CARE's mission includes aiding people in need, those in emergency situations, those with financial difficulties, and the aging adult community. We work to provide events and services to our seniors all year long, as well as people of all ages in our community. We meet monthly from September to June on the first Monday of each month. Scheduled events occur all year long and meeting needs whenever we hear about them. Funeral luncheons are provided when requested and when possible. The CARE phone number is 314-962-1354. We encourage all volunteers to assist with CARE's work, and we operate on donations completely. Call Nancy Gleason at 314-962-1354 for more information.

**Martha & Marty Ministry** - This Ministry is a group of women and men that send a meal to the rectory on Tuesdays. They prepare a simple meal for Father that he can eat for two nights. The meals are taken to the rectory anytime on Tuesday. If you are interested in joining, please call Sue Barrale at 314-920-5614.

**St. Patrick Casserole** - When there is a 5th Saturday of the month, a group of parishioners each makes a chicken casserole for the St. Patrick Center in St. Louis. It is very simple as the center provides the recipe and the pans. On Saturday morning the casseroles are delivered between 8:00-9:00 a.m. to the home of Sue Barrale. If you would like to help with the making of the casseroles, please call Sue Barrale at 314-920-5614.

**Knights of Columbus** - The Knights of Columbus is a Roman Catholic Fraternal Organization. This group of men meets monthly on the 4th Thursday of the month in the church basement at 7:00 p.m. One of their responsibilities is to run the Tootsie Roll sale which benefits those with developmental disabilities. The Knights are always looking for new members and would love for you to join them. Please contact Toby Callaway at 314-368-9996.

**St. Vincent De Paul** - The members of this organization are actively involved with helping the needy of our parish community. The members help with job assistance, food, and utilities. Financial support comes from donations of those who wish to help those in less fortunate situations. Meetings are held every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory meeting room. For more information on joining, please contact Fred Weckenmann at 314-918-0669.

**Room-At-The-Inn** - Room at the Inn is an emergency homeless shelter in St. Louis County that provides safe and immediate shelter, food, transportation, and social services for up to 20 clients a day, mostly mothers and their children or single women. Room at the Inn is uniquely structured whereby clients spend their days at the shelter's day site in Bridgeton and evenings with an inter-faith night site congregation which offers two benefits: it shows homeless clients the community cares for them and wants to help, and it shows the community that our homeless clients are good people-just in a very unfortunate situation; it puts a face on this social justice issue. Saint Mary Magdalen partners with Webster Groves Christian Church and Immaculate Conception in Maplewood. Help is always needed. To learn more about Room at the Inn visit <https://roomstl.org> or contact Janice Huether at 314-276-3974 or [wwjdjanice@yahoo.com](mailto:wwjdjanice@yahoo.com).

**Our Lady's Sodality** (formerly The Ladies Sodality) - Our Lady's Sodality is an organization for all women of the parish and meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Lower Level of the Church. The ladies meet for their spiritual growth, for service to others, and to socialize. They have a lot of fun throughout the year and new members are always welcome. Please contact Connie Schleeper at jschleep@aol.com.

**Summer Garden Care** - Each summer volunteers are needed to water the flowers around the Church complex. This is an easy way to help keep Saint Mary Magdalen looking beautiful. Sheets are placed in the vestibule of Church before the summer begins so you can sign up for a time good for you. If you would like more information on how you could help, contact Judy Chiodini at 314-503-3793.

## Parish Activities

**A.C.A.** - The Annual Catholic Appeal is a unified effort in which all parishioners are asked to provide critical financial support to diocesan ministries running more successfully at the diocesan level than at the individual parishes. Appeal funds are the major financial source used to underwrite operating costs of these ministries. If you can help with this yearly appeal contact Linda Zeman 314-962-9768.

**Stewardship Committee** - This is a newly formed committee which hopes to help parishioners recognize that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of God's gifts. All God is asking is that we return a small portion of those gifts back in gratitude for all we have received. We will meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month. If interested call Marlene Miller at 314-961-3087.

**S.H.O.P.** - Shopping Helps Our Parish is an easy way to help our parish. There are many kinds of gift cards available, including grocery, gas and restaurants of all types. If you could help sell these cards after Mass ...we need you! This is a small commitment of time and you can give us your schedule. If you would like to help with this ministry contact Lauren Goldsborough at 314-395-5978.

**Coffee Bar** - Coffee and donuts are served after all Masses on the first Sunday of the month. We are always in need of help to set up, make coffee, and greet parishioners after Mass. If you can help us, please call Marlene Miller at 314-398-3087.

There are several yearly activities that need volunteers...**Parish Picnic** (Kelly Santacruz 314-882-1831), **Fish Fry** (Roby Montz 314-606-8216), **Annual Auction** and **Golf Tournament & Fall Food Festival** (please call the school 314-961-0149).

## Education Services

**Family Faith Formation (PSR)** - We can always grow deeper in our love for and knowledge of God. Family Faith Formation offers catechesis for all in our parish, at their own level. Students use a combination of online learning and classroom learning to grow in their faith, and to prepare to receive the Sacraments. Adults participate in faith programs which run concurrent with classroom learning. To learn more about Family Faith Formation or to help, contact Pamela Bruce at 314-961-8400 or Pamela.Bruce@stmmchurch.com.

**Children's Liturgy** - Children's Liturgy is currently on hold. When this ministry resumes, please contact Shelly Moelm at 314-961-7672.

**Journey in Faith/RCIA** - The Journey in Faith Program prepares adults who wish to become members of the Catholic Church. The program starts in September and lasts until Easter, when the Catechumens become Catholic. Presentations on various aspects of the Catholic faith are given by priests, religious and lay members of our parish. The group meets every week during the program. To learn how you or someone you know can become Catholic, please call Ken & Flora Wilsker at 314-649-5648.

**Board of Education** - The Board of Education is an advisory board to the Principal and Pastor of St. Mary Magdalen on all matters surrounding the education program at the day school offered by the parish. We provide advice and/or perspective on all areas of the school from curriculum to growth. The Board meets the 1st Wednesday of every month for approximately 1 hour. We appoint people to the Board at our May meeting. The term for a Board seat is 3 years. Please contact the school at 314-961-0149 for more information.

**Parish Day School Volunteer** - Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic School is thriving... and we are always in need of volunteers to help read to the children, help with lunch duty, and/or help with playground duty. Depending on your schedule we welcome you into our school. Please call the school office at 314-961-0149.

## Youth Activities

**Athletic Association** - The Athletic Association is the group responsible for the oversight and operations of all athletic programs sponsored by the parish. We are committed to sponsoring a youth sports program which will teach sportsmanship, skill, and achievement through teamwork as well as knowledge of the game. We promote these goals in an atmosphere of Christian courtesy with respect for peers, coaches, and officials. There are a multitude of ways to get involved in the Athletic Association. We have needs for coaches, sport coordinators, gym/field coordinators, referees, or simply volunteer at the concession stand or one of the AA events. Involvement can be as much or little as you would like. If you are interested in getting involved in our Athletic Association, please contact Chris Perkins at cperk1912@me.com.

**Scouting** - With our primary purpose of teaching youth Character, Citizenship, and Fitness, we use outdoor adventure, service to the community, religious recognition, and leadership training to develop boys. We can always use a hand with leadership and leading activities and projects. If you have a hobby or skill that our Scouts might be interested in, we would love to hear from you. Each of our groups has an adult committee that supports the leaders who work directly with our Scouts. The committees are responsible for overseeing the treasuries, equipment, planning, and recruiting quality leaders. For more information, contact our Scouting Coordinator Tim O'Donnell at 314-962-2563 or stlscouts@msn.com.

**Cub Pack 361** - First organized in our Parish in the 1940's, our Cub Scout pack serves boys from second through fifth grades. Boys meet by dens by grade level. The entire Pack meets monthly for fun activities and service projects such as Scouting for Food. Contact our Cubmaster Ben Bohling 314-225-3161 for more information.

**Boy Scout Troop 361** - First organized in our Parish in the 1940's, our Boy Scout troop serves boys from fifth grade through high school. We hold weekly troop meetings and monthly outdoor activities. Each spring we take an extended educational trip and attend week-long camp each summer. Every couple of years, we take older Scouts backpacking for two weeks in New Mexico. The Boy Scouts meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 in the Church basement. Contact Chris Musial 314-961-0308 for more information.

**4H Clover Kids** - Clover Kids is the officially recognized 4-H program in Missouri for children under age 8. The program is designed to provide 5 to 7 year-olds a variety of activities led by an adult. Contact Caitlin Schuermann at 314-277-5393 for more information.

# Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic School

## A Foundation in Christ through...

### Formation, Learning, Witness, and Service.

Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic School is a Catholic community which welcomes a diversity of students into a safe, nurturing, faith filled environment. Rooted in Catholic tradition, we provide a current, comprehensive curriculum that enables and challenges each child to develop to his or her potential. We believe every student has a right to be successful and happy at our school and pledge all of our time and energy to work towards that success and happiness. By living the word of the Gospel, the Saint Mary Magdalen community witnesses to the risen Christ, striving to be the Kingdom of God.

Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic School provides an exceptional faith-based education to children from 3 years through 8th grade. Hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents may drop off students beginning at 7:00 a.m. 3-2-6 after school care is available to all students until 6:00 p.m.

Realizing the cost of Catholic education, the school administration wants to make it very clear that we will make it affordable for you. If you desire Catholic education, we will do everything in our power to make that happen. Many tuition assistance opportunities are available. Please do not hesitate to call our principal, Mrs. Kathy Wiseman, at 314-961-0149 for more information or to schedule a visit.