



2026-2027

Stewarding our God-Given blessings for His Glory

“Church communion is a gift, a great gift of the Holy Spirit, to be gratefully accepted by the lay faithful, and at the same time to be lived with a deep sense of responsibility. This is concretely realized through their participation in the life and mission of the Church, to whose service the lay faithful put their varied and complementary ministries and charisms”
(cf. *Christifideles Laici*, no. 20).

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For more than 65 years, our parish family has placed God first and shared the love of Christ across Altamonte Springs and Maitland. We believe that you are a unique gift from God, called to make a meaningful difference in your own special way—no matter your age. We invite you to embrace the joyful call of stewardship by sharing your God-given blessings with us. Together, we don’t just build the Kingdom of God. We experience the true sweetness of ministry, encounter God’s love in one another, and discover the profound joy of serving with love.

On the following pages, you will find opportunities to taste the joy of service and become involved in parish life. As you prayerfully review them, we invite you to ask yourself:

- *How can I use my talents for His greater glory?*
- *How can I commit my time to deepening my personal, sweet relationship with God?*
- *How can I help draw others closer to Christ’s love in the coming year?*

Whether you need a service noted in this book or wish to partner with us in helping your parish thrive with God’s love, please fill out the Ministry Form (separate). Bring it with you to Mass or drop it off at the parish office. There is also the option of filling out the Online Ministry Connect form.

In joyful celebration of all God’s many gifts,

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SACRAMENTS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. The sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage. With this, his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Christ for the building up of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], nos. 1520-23).

If you have an upcoming surgery: Call the Parish Office and stop by so an available priest can anoint you.

For a patient in the hospital or a homebound parishioner: Call to make a request for a priest to come. If it is after hours, call the office and dial extension #4.

BAPTISM

Age 7 & Under: Baptism welcomes infants and young children up to 7 years old into the Christian community and begins their lifelong journey of faith in Christ. Through Baptism, parents and Godparents commit to *transmit the faith in which they believe and live* to their child.

Age 8 & Older: Baptism for individuals age 8 and older is accomplished through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). OCIA is for anyone who has never been baptized and for those members of other Christian denomination who wish to become Catholic and adults (ages 18+) who have not received First Communion or Confirmation.

Become Involved: You could be a sponsor or godparent. The time needed is a few hours weekly and varies in length.

CONFIRMATION

Adult: All baptized Catholics age 18 and older, who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, are invited to prepare for the Rite of Confirmation (includes First Reconciliation) with the Bishop. This is open to baptized Christians (non-Catholics who desire to become Catholic) after making a Profession of Faith. Classes are available in English and Spanish.

Teen: Confirmation preparation is open to baptized 9th graders or older seeking to receive the Sacrament. Confirmation is an opportunity for students to encounter Christ, strengthen their faith, and discover how God is calling them to live as young disciples. Our Youth Confirmation preparation is family centered and runs from late August to early November.

Become Involved: You could be a sponsor. The time needed is a few hours weekly and varies in length. Register your teens at www.osyhub.com/stmarymagdalen/forms/2026-confirmation.

FIRST COMMUNION

Child: Our First Communion preparation program, known as **Encounter**, is open to children who are baptized, at least 7 years old (2nd grade or above), have completed a minimum of one year of faith formation and are actively enrolled in a Catholic school or Religious Education program such as Quest. Encounter Sacrament Preparation at Saint Mary Magdalen is designed to equip and accompany young people as they prepare to fruitfully receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time. Through engaging stations, Scripture, music, family sessions, and retreat experiences, children are invited to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith.

Adult: Adults (ages 18+) who have not received First Communion are invited to receive their sacrament through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA).

Become Involved: Our teams accompany and prepare families for the celebration of First Reconciliation and First Communion. There are also opportunities to work with the children as Hosts, Class Helpers or to be part of the Welcome Team. These gifts from God heal and strengthen us along the lifelong journey of faith. Contact us.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage is offered to all desiring a Sacramental Marriage. The process takes about six months from application to wedding. Any couple interested in beginning the process or wishing to have their existing marriage blessed by the Church (convalidation) should contact the Parish Office.

Become Involved: Marriage ministry is seeking people who believe and advocate for Christian marriage and families to help coordinate marriage related events.

RECONCILIATION

“Not only does it [the Sacrament of Penance] free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We obtain new insight into the words of the Prayer of St. Francis: ‘It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.’”

Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins,

especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. ‘In him we live and move and have our being’ (Acts 17:28)” (from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults).

Reconciliation Schedule:

Thursday | Jueves: 6-6:45pm

Saturday | Sábado: 3-4pm

Saturday | Sábado: 5:30pm-6:30pm

VOCATIONS

“Vocational discernment is a process of self-discovery. Assisted by divine grace, each person is invited by the Lord to receive the gift of a specific vocation whereby they manifest God’s love in a particular way to the outside world...In ordained ministry, priests and deacons are called to minister in the person of Christ, the High Priest and Servant; and in consecrated life, each member is called to bear Christ’s love through a particular charism” (USCCB, National Vocation Awareness, October 11, 2019). If you are discerning the call to become a Priest, Brother, Sister, Nun or Deacon contact the parish office and speak with a priest. Helpful resources can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations>.

Prayer for Vocations: Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice. Bless the Church of St. Mary Magdalen by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Priests, Brothers, Sisters Nuns and Deacons. Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER

ADORATION

A time to spend before the very present of the Lord exposed in the monstrance. Eucharistic Adoration is every Tuesday, Thursday and first Friday of each month as well as special times throughout the year.

Become Involved: Adorers spend time with Jesus praying, reading the Bible, spiritual reading, giving thanks, praying the rosary, praying acts of faith, hope and charity, or sitting and saying nothing at all and being open to His love.

MORNING ROSARY GROUP

We meet in the Church Monday-Saturday, after the morning Mass praying the Rosary with petitions.

Become Involved: All are welcome! Please join us to come closer to Jesus through the Blessed Mother.

PRAYER ANGELS

Our ministries need our prayers to support their efforts in building up the Kingdom of God. Our parishioners need prayers for their loved ones. We receive these intentions and pray over them during our normal prayer routine.

Become Involved:

To receive prayers: Contact us and we will send prayer intentions via email.

To request prayers: Call 407.830.9042 and listen to the prompts for the Prayer Angels line. You will be directed in how to leave the message. You can also leave a prayer request at

<https://smm.church/SacramentsAndLiturgies/PrayerIntentions.aspx>

SPANISH CENTERING PRAYER

“Be still and know that I am God” - Psalm 46. Centering Prayer deepens our relationship with God by learning and strengthening a contemplative prayer practice. We gather Fridays at 10 A.M. - 12 Noon.

Become Involved: Contact Socky if you have any questions and how to join the group.

SPANISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer Group is a ministry of prayer and spirituality around the Word of God. We gather to pray, adore and praise the Lord. We invoke the guidance of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ who was incarnate, born, suffered, died and rose again to be our Lord. Join us every Friday from 7-8:30 PM in the Chapel.

Become Involved: If you enjoy charismatic prayer in Spanish, join us. All are welcome.

SPANISH REPARATION PRAYER GROUP

We form one another, pray for each other and pray general prayers (names are kept anonymous) that need reparation. We meet via Zoom every Sunday and on the 1st Friday of every month at Adoration lifting the sins of the faithful.

Become Involved: Contact us for more information.

SPANISH ROSARY GROUP

We meet in the Church Thursday before the 7 pm Mass and Saturday before the 7 pm Mass to pray the Rosary with petitions.

Become Involved: All are welcome! Please join us to come closer to Jesus through the Blessed Mother.

ADULT SPIRITUALITY

BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Study helps us to discover Gods’ plan of salvation as it unfolds throughout Scripture and how we play a role in that plan of salvation. Different types of groups are available.

Become Involved: Participate in a bible study or become a facilitator. Facilitators (different than teachers) assist participants with video-led content and discussions. All leader materials provided.

LAY FRATERNITY OF ST. DOMINIC

A partner ministry of the parish, the Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic is dedicated to a life of liturgical prayer, study of Sacred Truth, and zeal for the salvation of souls. This order is comprised of men and women, singles and couples living a Christian life with a Dominican spirituality of Prayer, Study, Community and Apostolate, in the secular world.

Become Involved: Contact us to learn more!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

The life of marriage and family are filled with beautiful moments, but if love is missing and joy is missing, then nothing is fun. Jesus always gives us that love: he is its endless source – Pope Francis. We coordinate events, workshops and Marriage Dinner and Spirituality evenings which allow married couples a safe place to relax, enjoy each other’s company and go deeper into marital topics. Topics include: The meaning of a sacramental marriage, how your marriage is an icon of the everlasting love of God, the importance of healing and forgiveness, and tools for protecting your marriage. Dinner provided. English and Spanish presentations.

Become Involved: Marriage ministry is seeking people who believe and advocate for Christian marriage and families to help coordinate marriage related events.

SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups are communities of 6–12 people who gather weekly to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. After receiving Christ in the Eucharist and Word at Sunday Mass, members meet during the week in homes or on campus for prayer, faith sharing and reflection on how to live out the Gospel in everyday life. Together, members pray through life's challenges, celebrate one another's growth and create a welcoming community that makes the larger Church feel smaller while equipping one another to live and share the faith.

Become Involved: Prayerfully consider the following opportunities. Participate in a small group, join the Development Team, or become a facilitator. Facilitators (different than teachers) assist participants with discussions.

CHILDREN & TEEN SPIRITUALITY

BIBLE EXPLORERS

Bible Explorers is our Children's Liturgy of the Word program for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. During Mass, children are invited to explore the Sunday readings and Gospel message at an age-appropriate level through prayer, discussion and engaging activities that help them connect Scripture to their daily lives. Bible Explorers is offered during the 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon Sunday Masses, as well as in Spanish during the Saturday 7:00 P.M. Mass.

Become Involved: Enrich our children in faith as a Lead Guide, Class Helper, Guide Coordinator, or Supply Manager.

EASTER EGG HUNT TEAM

We are excited to form a new ministry team to help bring back our parish Easter Egg Hunt in 2027! We are looking for organized, creative and enthusiastic volunteers who enjoy planning events and working with children and families. Team members will help create a fun, welcoming and faith-filled experience through event planning, activities, decorations, hospitality and day-of coordination.

Become Involved: Join this new team to build community and create joyful memories for children.

FAMILY ADORATION TEAM

We are seeking joyful and faith-filled volunteers to help launch a new ministry team dedicated to planning Family Adoration events during Advent and Lent. We are looking for individuals who have a deep love for the Eucharist and a heart for helping children and families encounter Jesus through prayer, worship and meaningful experiences of Adoration.

Become Involved: Contact us.

QUEST FAMILY

Quest Family Religious Education is a family-centered faith formation program designed to help families grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ. Through monthly gathered sessions in the Parish Life Center and simple at-home family missions, Quest Family empowers parents to embrace their role as the primary faith educators of their children while fostering deeper relationships with Christ and the Catholic faith community. The program seeks to accompany families in their spiritual journey, encourage active participation in parish life and support the personal and spiritual growth of every family member.

Become Involved: We welcome Quest Session Hosts and Parent Liaisons.

QUEST FAMILIA EN ACCIÓN

Quest Familias en Acción is a faith formation program for the whole family that meets once a month on Saturday afternoons in Spanish. The program seeks to accompany parents and strengthen their capacity as the first and most important educators of their children's faith, while inviting the whole family to grow as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. Through formation, prayer and community, Quest Families in Action fosters the personal and spiritual growth of each family, promotes active participation in the life and mission of the Church and encourages parents, godparents and grandparents to share the beauty and richness of the Gospel with new generations.

Become Involved: Contact us.

QUEST WEDNESDAY

Quest Wednesday Religious Education is a weekly faith formation program for children that meets every Wednesday from 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Life Center (PLC). Using the bilingual Pflaum Gospel Weeklies curriculum, students grow in their Catholic faith through lessons connected to each Sunday's Gospel and the seasons of the liturgical year. Children participate in weekly small groups that foster faith, friendship and discipleship, while take-home activities help parents continue faith conversations at home as the first and primary teachers of their children.

Become Involved: Join us in enriching our children in faith by prayerfully considering the following opportunities: Catechist/Small Group Leader, Class Helper, Welcome Team, or Student Leader Coach.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC)

The SMMCS Early Learning Center serves children, ages 6 weeks to 5 years old, as well as offering Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK), after-care for students up to 8th grade and summer camp programs. Our programs are designed to nurture the unique development of every child—physically, emotionally, socially, cognitively and spiritually. At every stage, we integrate Catholic values and teachings, helping children to grow in faith, love and understanding of their identity as God's beloved children.

Become Involved: More information can be found at www.smmchoolelc.org. Volunteers are welcome.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The environment is "Christ-centered," committed to the development of the spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical potential of the whole child through the many program enhancements during the school day as well as extracurricular activities provided after school. Technology is incorporated at all levels to enhance instruction. Spanish is taught in all grades. The fine arts program includes art, art history, general music, instruments, show choir, church singing and band. Various sports are offered at all grade levels. Students are taught the tradition of their Catholic faith and how to live it out through worship and service.

Become Involved: Our St. Mary Magdalen School would not be what it is today without our dedicated volunteers! Volunteers provide support in a variety of ways including enhancement subcommittees, lunchroom and recess supervision, reading to students, and assisting teachers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a fun, engaging and immersive week-long summer camp experience for children in Pre-K through 5th grade that helps them grow in their relationship with God through hands-on Bible learning. Filled with exciting themes, music, games, crafts, snacks, storytelling and interactive activities, VBS creates unforgettable memories that help children carry the truths of Scripture in their hearts for a lifetime. Through creativity, community and faith-filled fun, VBS invites children to experience the love of God in a joyful and meaningful way.

Become Involved: Adults & teens in grades 7-12 are welcome to help with planning activities and refreshments, guide small groups and decorate. It's fun for all involved!

YOUTH MINISTRY (EDGE & LIFE TEEN)

A place for youth to be Church and grow into a deeper more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. We welcome students to explore, grow and share their faith journey. Edge is for 6-8 Grade students. Life Teen is for 9-12 Grade students.

Become Involved: Adults assist in a variety of ways from Kitchen Crew, Hospitality, Small Group Leader, etc. If you are looking to impact the lives of young people and help them have a great relationship with Jesus, then this ministry may be for you! Teens are welcome to help with Edge.

PASTORAL CARE

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

When loved ones have been called to the Lord, our Ministers of Consolation assist in planning Funeral Rites (wake, funeral and burial) for our brothers and sisters in the faith. Ministers also walk with families throughout the funeral process, creating a welcoming and prayerful environment for grieving family and friends.

Become Involved: Funeral hospitality ministers (set up, attend and be a welcoming presence at funeral masses). Funeral planners help families navigate and plan funeral masses.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

For many people, age, infirmity or illness can make them feel isolated or abandoned, even as they most desire a connection to the Church. Ministers to the Sick and Homebound bring Holy Communion, prayer and connection to those who can't come to Mass. Visiting parishioners in their homes, nursing homes, assisted living facilities or hospital rooms, these ministers are a vital link between the parish and those who cannot come in person, bringing the healing of Jesus with them.

Become Involved: Become a minister to the sick and homebound.

PRAYER BLANKET TEAM

Offering a hug in person isn't always possible, which is where our Prayer Blanket ministry comes in. Caring crafters sew, quilt, knit or crochet lap size blankets (approximately 40 x 50 inches) and pray anonymously for the recipients. The blankets are then presented to grieving families at funerals or occasionally to very ill parishioners facing difficult medical journeys. The blankets act as a warm, prayerful embrace that the family can have anytime they need to be reminded of our parish's love for them.

Become Involved: Craft lap blankets and deliver them to the parish office; organize a quilting/crafting bee where several crafters can come together to create prayer blankets; teach classes to interested parishioners who want to learn quilting, crochet or knitting and make prayer blankets.

RED BIRD BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Red Bird Ministries serves ordinary families who have been given an extraordinary cross to carry and St. Mary Magdalen Parish is honored to have a Red Bird support group. We invite parents who have lost a child of any age, from miscarriage through adulthood, to join monthly support group meetings and occasional events throughout the year.

Become Involved: Participate in a monthly support group meeting.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The death of a spouse is one of the most painful losses life can deal us. Join the Surviving Spouses support ministry here at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church to meet with others who share the specific language of loss and who can accompany you on your bereavement journey. There is no timeline for grief, so whether you have lost a spouse a few weeks or several years ago, anyone who needs support and healing is welcome.

Become Involved: Participate in a monthly support group meeting.

OUTREACH

BOGOGO (BUY ONE, GET ONE, GIVE ONE)

Parishioners donate food and other necessities for local food pantries and assistance locations. Outside the church on the weekends, there is a Grocery cart where these items can be dropped off. BOGOGO ministers bring these donations to our community partners on a rotating basis and host two large-scale food drives per year in conjunction with The Sharing Center.

Become Involved: Everyone is invited to donate to the weekly grocery carts; Join the team that packs and weighs weekly food donations and drives food donations to partner organizations.

CULTURE OF LIFE

Through care, prayer and advocacy, we serve Jesus by defending human life and promoting the dignity of the human person from conception to natural death. A particular focus of this ministry is a commitment to Walking with Moms in Need (WWMIN) which is achieved by partnering with local crisis pregnancy centers and other community partners.

Become Involved: Participate in monthly meetings, pray outside local abortion centers, organize and lead vigils or prayer services to pray for an end to the death penalty.

FAMILY OUTREACH SERVICES

When an unexpected financial crisis occurs that may lead to a loss of housing, our family services ministry works to find possible solutions. Working with local resources including The Sharing Center, Christian Help and others, these ministers are well-versed in the types of resources – financial and otherwise – available to people struggling in our area.

Become Involved: Become a Family Outreach Minister and be on call 1-2 weeks per month (we are especially looking for someone bilingual); donate grocery or gas cards.

FRIENDS OF PEACE ORPHANAGE

A mission supporting children under the care of the Benedictine Sisters of the Congregation of the Holy Family in Mexico City and Teoloyucan, Mexico. The Friends of Peace orphanage works through prayer and thoughtful stewardship to care for the children, the sisters and the buildings where they live.

Become Involved: Participate in a monthly meeting. Donate to the Friends of Peace Orphanage through the general fund, education fund or the Father Charlie Mitchell College Scholarship Fund.

MISSION ADVANCEMENT

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

Council of Catholic Women (CCW), a national organization founded in 1920 by the United States Catholic Bishops, acts through its members to support, empower and educate Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. Its programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world. Our Sisters in Christ participate in service projects, fellowship, educational and spiritual activities that serve the parish and local community.

Become involved: At this parish, CCW is made up of three Circles. Two Circles meet at night on the 2nd Monday of the month. One Circle meets during the day on the 2nd Friday of the month. Contact us if you are interested in learning more about CCW and attending a meeting:

GROTTO ENVIRONMENTALISTS

Our Church and Parish Life Center are surrounded by the most beautiful and tranquil gardens. We carefully clip and prune, weed and spread mulch. We add seasonal flowers to the landscape. We maintain the brick pavers and our fishpond which is enjoyed by everyone, especially the children.

Become Involved: You will see us every Thursday morning at 7AM. We are looking for parishioners to join us in this work of love for our parish community. Commitment open-ended.

GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY

This society has been created to show appreciation to parishioners, both living and deceased, who have remembered our parish in their wills or trusts. They are “Guardian Angels” both on earth and in heaven.

Become Involved: A gift of a bequest entitles the donor to membership in this very special group of caring people. These individuals provide for the future of St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Early Learning Center, Church Ministries and School, and serve as the guardians of our ministries in the everlasting life. A Mass is offered for all our “Guardian Angels” on the feast of the Guardian Angel, October 2.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Founded in 1882 by Blessed Michael J. McGivney, the Knights of Columbus is a brotherhood of Catholic men and partner ministry of St. Mary Magdalen. We live the Gospel through charity, unity and fraternity—serving our parish, supporting our families and helping those in need.

Become Involved: Join us in supporting our parish & clergy, serving families in need, defending the dignity of life, assisting veterans & community, and building Catholic fellowship. For more information, go to kofcbishopgrady.org.

MEN’S CLUB MINISTRY

We are a group of men (brothers in Christ) who meet once a month for fellowship and to learn more about our catholic faith and how we can become better Christians serving others. At monthly meetings, there is a reflection from scripture, we serve a meal and beverages, discuss service opportunities and show 2 short videos that are relevant to the Mass events of the month.

Become Involved: Come to a meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the PLC Mother Teresa room.

PARISH OFFICE TEAM

Our parish office staff often need extra support throughout the year. It is a wonderful way to serve your parish behind the scenes. Type of projects may include...

- **Administration:** Light data entry, filing records and copying documents.
- **Hospitality & Outreach:** Answering phones and making occasional community calls.
- **Organization:** Organizing storage closets, paperwork and folders, etc.
- **Church Environment:** Cleaning and replenishing church pews with envelopes.

Become Involved: This is a fully flexible, on-call ministry. When a project comes up, we will reach out to our volunteer list. You are always welcome to accept, or decline based on your schedule.

PARISH & SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS

Donations to an endowment fund are restricted and the principal is never spent. Only the perpetual stream of interest is used for the endowment’s intended purpose. All donations to our **School Endowment Fund** are invested to produce a perpetual stream of scholarship funds to award to students with financial need who wish to attend St. Mary Magdalen School and for capital projects. In March of 2005, our parish established a **Parish Endowment Fund**. The Parish Endowment Fund interest is utilized to perpetually support, grow and enhance the ministries of the parish. It is funded through special gifts and bequests above and beyond one’s tithing to the regular Sunday offertory collection. All other parish and school fundraisers provide a portion of the proceeds to support the future of our parish ministries.

Become involved: Contact us for more information about either endowment or to learn more ways you can participate in the investing or raising of funds for the endowments.

HOSPITALITY

GROTTO CAFE

Once a month, our team creates an after-Mass experience providing parishioners an opportunity to make new connections and nurture standing relationships in the breezeway.

Become Involved: Team members prepare the coffee & refreshments, greet & serve, maintain stations and clean up. Families are welcome to serve together! It takes about 30 minutes per month.

NEW MEMBER OUTREACH

New families join our parish every year. We work toward welcoming and inviting everyone in sharing a life with Christ and His community. Our ministers reach out to those who recently joined our parish and who joined at six months.

Become Involved: Our disciples make calls to our new parishioners, host New Parishioner Socials and support the Welcome Desk at Mass.

PARISH EVENT SUPPORT TEAM

Our volunteers are on call to help ministries execute their events. They serve in an array of areas, such as event coordination, decorating, registration, kitchen crew, serving, clean-up, etc.

Become Involved: This is a fully flexible, on-call ministry. When a project comes up, we will reach out to our volunteer list. You are always welcome to accept, or decline based on your schedule.

PARKING TEAM

Our special liturgical celebrations draw many to our parish which presents parking challenges. We help direct traffic and drive passenger golf carts transporting parishioners to and from the celebration.

Become Involved: This is a much needed and appreciated service. Contact us to see how we can partner together!

WELCOME DESK

We make ourselves available to help connect our community with information regarding our parish and various ministries before & after the Masses. We offer welcome gifts to visitors and new parishioners.

Become Involved: Disciples with a big smile and warm personality are invited to man the desk in front of church before & after one of the weekend Masses. Staff and ministry contacts, parish registration forms, and more will be on hand that will help you assist our parishioners. Guidance is given and welcoming is a priority.

LITURGY

ALTAR SERVERS | SERVIDORES DEL ALTAR

Altar Servers assist the priest and deacon during the celebration of the Mass, helping to create a prayerful and reverent liturgy. Through this ministry, young people have the opportunity to deepen their faith while serving God and the parish community.

Become Involved: Youth in fourth grade or higher who are registered members of St. Mary Magdalen Parish are invited to serve. Both parent and child attend an informational meeting before participating, followed by ministry training. Students attending St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School may also be invited to serve at the Wednesday 10:00 A.M. school Mass.

ART & ENVIRONMENT

The beauty of our worship space reflects the sacred mysteries we celebrate. The Art & Environment Ministry prayerfully prepares the church throughout the liturgical year, creating an atmosphere of reverence, hospitality, anticipation, and joy through flowers, fabrics, seasonal décor, and artistic expression.

Become Involved: Those with gifts in floral design, sewing, quilting, painting, decorating, or simply a willingness to lend a helping hand are warmly welcomed. Some lifting and carrying may be required. The ministry's work follows the liturgical seasons, especially Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | MINISTROS DE LA EUCARISTÍA

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist in the reverent distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass, serving the faithful with humility, prayerfulness, and devotion.

Become Involved: Those interested should be fully initiated Roman Catholics who have been active, registered members of St. Mary Magdalen Parish for at least six months. Ministers are called to faithfully serve at weekend Masses and Holy Days throughout the year.

Prospective ministers are asked to fill out a Discernment Form sharing a little about themselves and their desire to serve. Following pastoral approval, candidates attend diocesan formation and receive a five-year mandate from the Bishop. Please contact the Liturgy Office for additional information and upcoming training opportunities.

GREETERS | SALUDADORES

Greeters are often the first smiling faces people encounter as they arrive for Mass. By extending a warm welcome, offering assistance, and distributing worship aids when needed, they help create a spirit of hospitality that reflects Christ's love for all who enter our parish.

Become Involved: This ministry is open to adults aged 18 and older. Mature youth ages 15–17 may also be considered, particularly when serving alongside a parent or guardian.

MINISTRY FOR THE DEAF

The Ministry for the Deaf seeks to ensure that members of our deaf and hard of hearing community can fully participate in the worship and sacramental life of the Church. American Sign Language interpreters are present at the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass and are available for other parish liturgies and events upon request.

Become Involved: Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing are warmly invited to join us for Mass and parish life. Interpreters are regularly scheduled for the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass, with interpretation for other liturgies and parish events available by request.

READERS | PROCLAMADORES DE LA PALABRA

Readers proclaim the Word of God during Mass and special liturgical celebrations, helping the Scriptures come alive for the assembly. Through thoughtful preparation and prayerful proclamation, they invite others to hear God's voice more deeply.

Become Involved: Readers should have a love for Sacred Scripture, a clear speaking voice, and a desire to proclaim God's Word with reverence and confidence. Formation includes instruction in public proclamation, microphone technique, pacing, eye contact, posture, and preparation. Readers typically serve once a month or as schedules permit. Auditions, ongoing formation, and periodic workshops are part of this ministry. At this time, the Liturgy Office maintains a waiting list for those interested in serving.

SACRISTANS

Working quietly behind the scenes, Sacristans prepare the church and sanctuary for Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Their careful attention to detail helps ensure that every liturgy unfolds with reverence, beauty, and order.

Become Involved: We seek dependable, responsible, and detail-oriented parishioners who have a heart for serving behind the scenes. Sacristans receive formation and training following a period of discernment. Candidates should already be serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and possess an active Diocesan Mandate. Scheduling is based on parish needs and individual availability.

USHERS | UJIERES

Ushers serve the parish community by helping create a welcoming, safe, and prayerful environment for worship. Their responsibilities include assisting with seating, facilitating the offertory collection, guiding the Communion procession, maintaining the worship space, and responding to the needs of parishioners during Mass.

Become Involved: This ministry is open to adults aged 18 and older.

WORSHIP TECHNICIANS

Our Worship Technicians support the liturgy by operating the church's audio, video, projection, and livestream systems. Their ministry helps ensure that all who gather in person and online can fully participate in the celebration of the Mass.

Become Involved: If you enjoy technology and have a servant's heart, we invite you to explore this ministry. No prior experience is required; training is provided. Some lifting of audio equipment may occasionally be necessary, and you'll become part of a dedicated team serving the worship life of our parish.

MUSIC

ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir enriches the celebration of the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass and special liturgies throughout the year by leading the assembly in prayer through song. Our repertoire reflects the beauty and richness of the Church's musical tradition, from Gregorian chant and sacred classics to spiritual and contemporary choral works.

Become Involved; The choir ministers at the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass from September through May and serves at major liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays. New members participate in a brief vocal assessment to determine vocal range and pitch matching. Cantors are selected from within the choir, and membership is balanced by voice section to ensure a strong ensemble.

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR

The Adult Handbell Choir brings the timeless beauty of handbell music to our liturgical celebrations, adding a distinctive and prayerful dimension to worship through this unique musical tradition.

Become Involved: Those with keyboard, band, or orchestral experience often make excellent handbell ringers, and the ability to read music is preferred. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays during the Fall semester. The choir performs at the annual Christmas Concert and, with sufficient dedicated participation, also rings at the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass and on select major feast days. Participants should be able to comfortably lift and hold handbells weighing 5–8 pounds and access the church balcony, which is currently not wheelchair accessible.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children in grades 2–8 are invited to share their gifts through music as they lead the parish in joyful worship. The Children's Choir sings at the parish Christmas Concert, and periodically at the 5:00 P.M. Saturday and 10:00 A.M. Sunday Masses.

Become Involved: Rehearsals are held on Wednesday afternoons, and no audition is required. We also welcome adult volunteers to assist during rehearsals and performances. If you enjoy working with children and have a caring, encouraging spirit, we would love to have you join us. Retirees are especially welcome. Please contact us for more information.

CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

The Contemporary Ensemble leads worship through a blend of musical styles, from beloved folk-inspired selections to today's contemporary Catholic and Christian music. The ensemble serves twice each month at the 5:00 P.M. Saturday Mass (1st & 3rd Saturday's).

Become Involved: Instrumentalists and vocalists are invited to audition for the ensemble. Rehearsals are held in the church on Saturday afternoon, with rehearsal times varying according to the schedule.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC BANDS

The Contemporary Music Bands lead the congregation in vibrant, prayerful worship at the Sunday 12:00 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. Masses. Through Contemporary Christian and Praise & Worship music, our musicians help create an engaging and faith-filled atmosphere that encourages active participation in the liturgy.

Become Involved: We welcome accomplished amateur and semi-professional musicians aged 15 and older who play drums, acoustic or electric guitar, bass, piano, or who serve as vocalists. If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts in service to the Church, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us to learn more.

CORO HISPANO

The Hispanic Choir serves the 7:00 P.M. Saturday Spanish Mass, leading the assembly in prayer through music that reflects the richness of the Hispanic Catholic tradition. Their ministry helps foster a joyful and welcoming atmosphere where all are invited to encounter Christ more deeply through worship.

Become Involved: If you have a desire to share your musical gifts in the Spanish-language liturgy, we invite you to contact us for more information about joining the choir.