

Stewardship

...Nurturing
God's blessings
for His Glory

Time & Talent

Discipleship Ministries 2019 - 2020

"Through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist every Christian is called to participate actively and co-responsibly in the Church's mission of salvation in the world. Moreover, in those same sacraments, the Holy Spirit pours out gifts that make it possible for every Christian man and woman to assume different ministries and forms of service that complement one another and are for the good of all." (cf. Christifideles Laici, no. 20)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,


We have been actively walking in the path of God for 60 years in the Altamonte Springs/Maitland area. We strongly believe every member is a gift to the parish called to participate in making a difference in their own special way, no matter the age. It is in partnering together and practicing *Stewardship as a Way of Life* every day that we *build the Kingdom of God* in our community and our world. On page 2 you will find an in-depth reflection on what it means to be a Christian Steward from our United States Bishops, and on page 4 you will find an outline of who we consider to be a **Partner in the Mission** in becoming a community of Disciple-Makers for our Lord.

Our parish discipleship journey sends us out to **Seek, Accompany and Serve...Glorifying God with Our Lives!** We will be dedicating the next few weeks to celebrating the many ways we give glory to our God as a parish community and prayerfully reflecting on the call to discipleship through Good Stewardship.

We invite you to be a Christian Steward of your God-given gifts. Listed within the next few pages are several opportunities for your consideration. Prayerfully reflect over these opportunities and ask yourself: **How will I Seek, Accompany, Serve others with my talents? How will I be a good steward of my time by building my own relationship with God? How will I draw others closer to God this coming year?** Response forms are located at the end of this booklet. Please provide your written witness to how you foresee giving back to God this coming year by bringing this form with you to Mass and dropping it in the collection basket.

In celebration for all God's many gifts to us,




Fr. Charles Mitchell

Fr. Charles Mitchell, Pastor

Prayerfully reflect over the ministry opportunities summarized in this booklet and ask yourself, **How will I Seek, Accompany, Serve others with my talents?**

At the back of this booklet are Time & Talent Discipleship Response Forms. Fill out one with the ministries you would like to get involved in or continue being involved in this coming year.

Bring your sheet with you to Mass and drop it in the collection basket or you can drop it off at the Parish Office.

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Discipleship Ministries Listing

How to Use This Book

This book is intended to give you a snapshot of how St. Mary Magdalen gives Glory to God. We highly recommend you contact a ministry of interest to discover how you may partner together. When discerning how you will Seek, Accompany and Serve others in the Lord’s name, as well as build your own relationship with Him, consider committing five hours per week.

1. To Be a Christian Steward

Go to page 2 to read a summary of the U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.

2. Who is a Partner in the Mission?

Go to page 4 to read how we can partner together most effectively.

3. Nurture God’s Blessings for His Glory

Go to page 4 to help in your journey of discerning how the Lord may be asking you to do your part here at St. Mary Magdalen. You may also contact Melissa Findley, Ministry Development & Evangelization Manager at 407.265.2311 or MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org for assistance.

4. Get Involved to Build Christian Relationships and Grow the Lord’s Kingdom

Go to page 6 to view our Master Listing of Ministries and how they are organized.

Go to the back cover for an alphabetical listing of ministries.

** Los ministerios en que hablan español están agrupados en las páginas 24-27.*

5. Diocesan Fingerprinting and Safe Environment Training Requirement

Many opportunities will require a diocesan clearance before serving in ministry. Contact Melissa Findley, Ministry Development & Evangelization Manager at 407.265.2311 or MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org for assistance or go to <http://StMaryMagdalen.org/Leadership/SafeEnvironment.htm> for instructions.

7. Commit or Re-Commit Your Walk in Discipleship

Each family member is invited to fill out the Time & Talent Discipleship Response Form at the end of this book, giving witness in how you plan to deepen your relationship with God, connect and serve with your parish family for the 2019-2020 pastoral year.

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To Be a Christian Steward

A Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Disciples as Stewards: Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

- Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Christian disciples experience conversion—life shaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.
- Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live.



Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

Stewards of Creation: The Bible contains a profound message about the stewardship of material creation: God created the world but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

- Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;
- Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern;
- Respect for human life—shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish; and
- Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort "work." Work is a fulfilling human vocation.

The Second Vatican Council points out that, through work, we build up not only our world but the Kingdom of God, already present among us. Work is a partnership with God—our share in a divine human collaboration in creation. It occupies a central place in our lives as Christian stewards.

Stewards of Vocation: Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which stewardship is part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us—

clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child—has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. The challenge, then, is to understand our role—our vocation—and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.

Stewards of the Church: Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.

Obstacles to Stewardship: People who want to live as Christian disciples and Christian stewards face serious obstacles. In the United States and other nations, a dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures. At times, we can find it far too easy to ignore spiritual realities and to deny religion a role in shaping human and social values. As Catholics who have entered the mainstream of American society and experienced its advantages, many of us also have been adversely influenced by this secular culture. We know what it is to struggle against selfishness and greed, and we realize that it is harder for many today to accept the challenge of being a Christian steward. It is essential, therefore, that we make a special effort to understand the true meaning of stewardship and live accordingly.

A Steward's Way: The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that *"all things work for good for those who love God"* (*Roman 8:28*). After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call. We must ask ourselves: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church? Central to our human and Christian vocations, as well as to the unique vocation each one of us receives from God, is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours.

The Spirit shows us the way.

Stewardship is a part of that journey.



Who is a Partner in the Mission?

The vision of St. Mary Magdalen Parish is to be a community of Disciple-Makers. We accomplish our vision by making Discipleship and Stewardship a Way of Life - We place God first in all things. We come together as family to love as Christ loves and serve as Christ serves. We utilize our personal gifts to accomplish the vision through grateful giving.

You are invited to partner with us in becoming a powerful witness to the mission we are called to in making disciples, and the fullness of life Jesus has promised. The expectations are as follows:

- 1) A **partner** registers with their parish community to begin an intentional relationship. We offer registration forms at the concierge and in the Parish Office.
- 2) A disciple places God first by participating weekly in the sharing of the Sunday Eucharist & the Sacraments at St. Mary Magdalen. We offer six Eucharistic celebrations each weekend (including a Spanish Mass).
- 3) A disciple dedicates a sacred portion of their time to personal spiritual growth and the spiritual growth of their family. We offer opportunities for spiritual development each week, including small groups, scripture studies, and adoration.
- 4) A disciple dedicates a sacred portion of their time and talent to carry out the Lord's work. Each Spring, a **partner** completes a Time & Talent Discipleship Response Form and participates in at least one area of parish ministry throughout the year.
- 5) A disciple dedicates a sacred portion of their financial resources to support the mission and ministries of the entire parish through the Sunday and Holy Day envelopes on a regular basis (weekly giving). Every Fall, each **partner** household makes a sacrificial, financial pledge to support God's work at St. Mary Magdalen for the coming year.
- 6) A disciple invites others to join them in the mission and ministry of Christ and His Church.

When a disciple fulfills all six areas, they are living as Good Stewards of their church; working in concrete ways to make St. Mary Magdalen a true community of faith and vibrant source of service to the larger community.

Nurture God's Blessings for His Glory

CHARISMS:

"A grace, a gift bestowed by God the Father, through the action of the Holy Spirit...God gives this quality, not for himself, but in order that he may put it at the service of the whole community...It is within the community that the gifts the Father showers upon us bloom and flourish; and it is in the bosom of the community that one learns to recognize them as a sign of his love for all his children. So, each one of us should ask him/herself:

- **Is there a charism that the Lord has endowed me with, by the grace of his Spirit, and that my brothers and sisters in the Christian community have recognized and encouraged?**
- **How do I act regarding this gift: Do I use it with generosity, placing it at the service of everyone, or do I overlook it, end up forgetting about it, complain about others, insist on getting my way in the community?**

The most beautiful experience is the discovery of *all the different charisms* and all the gifts of his Spirit that the Father showers on his Church! They are all gifts that God gives to the Christian community, in order that it may grow in harmony, in the faith

and in his love, as one body, the Body of Christ...What a beautiful thing! So many different gifts, because we are all God's children, all loved in a unique way...Within the Christian community, we need one another, and each gift received is fully realized when it is shared with one's brothers and sisters, for the good of all. This is the Church!"
(Excerpts from Pope Francis, General Audience, Oct 1, 2014)

TALENTS:

"Talents are the inheritance that the Lord entrusts to us to make fruitful!... All the goods that we have received are to give to others...Any environment can become a place where our talents can bear fruit...We are not to conceal our talents, but to let it circulate in our life, in our relationships, in concrete situations, as a strength which galvanizes, which purifies, which renews...Allow these talents, these gifts, these presents that the Lord has given us, to be, to grow, to bear fruit for others, with our witness.

- **What have I done with my talents? Whom have I "infected" with my faith? How many people have I encouraged with my hope? How much love have I shared with my neighbor?**
- **The talents, the treasures, all that God has given me, all things spiritual, all goodness, the Word of God, how do I make this grow in others?**

The Lord does not give the same things to everyone in the same way: He knows us personally and entrusts us with what is right for us; but in everyone, in all, there is something equal: the same, immense trust. God trusts us, God has hope in us! The Virgin Mary embodied this attitude in the fullest and most beautiful way. She received and welcomed the most sublime gift, Jesus himself, and in turn she offered Him to mankind with a generous heart. Let us ask Her to help us to be good and faithful servants, in order to participate in the joy of our Lord."

(Excerpts from Pope Francis: *Are you making good use of your God given talents?* Angelus, Nov 16, 2014)

DISCOVER AND BEGIN THE JOURNEY OF NURTURING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

Talent Assessment: Go to Gallupstrengthscenter.com to discover your innate talents.

Charisms Assessment: After understanding your innate talents, this tool may help you discern where the Lord may be calling you to use those talents. Contact Melissa Findley in the Parish Office at MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org.

Skills Reflection: Below highlights the type of discipleship activities that take place in most of the ministries. We highly recommend contacting a ministry of interest to discover opportunities that may exist and how you may partner together.

- *Serving on a Leadership Team:* brainstorming, planning, goal-setting, organization, budgets, notetaking, marketing.
- *Working with the Public:* motivating, performing, public speaking, welcoming
- *Working with Small Groups:* facilitator, formation
- *Being a Help Hand:* creating or preparing material, gathering items for events, kitchen crew, set-up, decorating, registering participants, processing payments, placing calls, sending e-mails, ensuring a safe environment, technical
- *One-To-One Discipleship:* being a friend, helping with an issue or in need, offering hope, offering transportation, sharing the faith, building up, being a peacemaker, unconditional love, spiritual support through prayer.



Organization of Ministries

Through prayer and reflection, we invite you to partner with us and be an Intentional Disciple in growing the Kingdom of God. Below, are the ways we have been called as a parish community to Seek, Accompany and Serve the Body of Christ.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

CRUX Message Series Team
Hispanic Ministry Core Team

FINANCE COUNCIL

Facilities Advisory Team
Guardian Angel Society
Internal Control Committee
Parish & School Endowments
School Finance Committee

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Communications Team

(Writers, Photographers, Graphic Designers)

Discernment

Living Your Strengths
Time & Talent Team
Vocations

Evangelization

ChristLife
CommunityFest
Council of Catholic Women
(St.Eamon, St.Luke, St.Robert,
and St.Vincent de Paul Circles)
Evangelizing Arts
Men's Club

Hospitality

Welcome Team
(Church Tours, Concierge, Jesus Calling,
New Parishioner Events, Sunday Coffee)

Parish Support

Computer Data Entry
Grotto Environmentalists
Heavenly Helpers
Office Angels
Religious Articles Store

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Adult

Bible Studies
(Formación Permanente, Men's Study,
Women's Theology Group)
Christ Renews Our Community
Formación Permanente
Small Groups
Spiritual Direction
Young Adults (20's and 30's)

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Family

Easter Egg Hunt
Great Date Night: Marriage Enrichment
Men's Mass
Moms Group (Tribe)

Prayer

Adoration
Centering Prayer
Mass Intention
Our Lady's Rosary Group
Prayer Angels
Renovación Católica Carismática
Rosario en Familia

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism and First Communion (Adult)
Baptism (Child)
Confirmation (Adult)
Confirmation (Teen)
First Communion/Reconciliation (Child)
Marriage Preparation & FOCCUS
Reconciliation Services
Sacramentos para Adultos o Adolescentes

Youth

Bible Explorers (K-5th grades)
Discovery Bay (Pre-K)
Edge (6-8th grades)
Exploradores de la Biblia (K-5th grades)
Life Teen (9-12th grades)
Li'l Voyagers Kids Mass (6mos.-5yrs.)
Niños en Acción
Quest (K-5th grades)
Vacation Bible School

SCHOOL COMMISSION

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

(Catholic Youth Sports, Early Learning
Center, Mustang Club)

Scouts

PASTORAL CARE & OUTREACH COMMISSION

Anointing of the Sick
BOGOGO (Buy One Get One Give One)
Cancer Support
Coalition for the Homeless
Community Garden

PASTORAL CARE & OUTREACH COMMISSION

Family Outreach Services
Friends of Peace Orphanage - Mexico
Grupo de Apoyo Para Cuidadores
K.I.S.S.M. Senior Transportation
Mercy Morning (Parish Service Event)
Ministerio de los Enfermos
Ministry of Consolation
(Funeral Attendees, Planners, Grief Support)
Ministry to the Sick
Open Table
Prayer Blanket Team
Prison Family Support
Respect Life (Betty's Craft Group)
Wednesday Retired Parishioners

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Liturgy

Altar Servers / Servidores del Altar
Eucharistic Ministers / Ministros Eucarísticos
Greeters
Ministry for the Deaf
Readers / Proclamadores de La Palabra
Sacristans / Sacristanes
Seasonal Liturgical Disciples
Ushers / Ujieres

Music

Adult Choir (10am Sunday Mass)
Adult Handbell Choir
Agape 3.0 Worship Team
Children's Vocal Choir
Coro Hispano
High Noon Contemporary Music
Instrumentalist
MAGnify Contemporary Music

Worship Environment

Altar Linens Society
Parking Team
Pew Gardeners
Technical Support Ministry

OUTSIDE PARTNER MINISTRIES

Knights of Columbus
Movimiento Juan XXIII

***For your convenience, Spanish speaking ministries have been grouped together at the end of the booklet.**

** Para su conveniencia, se han agrupado al final del folleto los ministerios en que hablan español.*

Pastoral Council

Contact: Cecile Bertot, 407.829.2504 / **E-Mail:** CecileBertot@yahoo.com

Consultative body that the Pastor can prayerfully reflect with and ask for assistance to guide the overall care and ministry of the parish and the enhancement of its mission. With the Pastor, the Council sets the mission and direction of the parish, as well as develops and carries out a strategic plan for an area of ministry which fall under its responsibility, such as the **Crux Message Series Team** and more. **GET CONNECTED:** Application and attendance at the discernment evening is required. You must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic who has belonged to the parish for at least two years, be a partner in the mission, and previously served on a Council or Commission within the last five years. There is a three-year commitment, four to five hours per month.

Hispanic Ministry Core Team

Contact: Fr. Frank Lobo, 407.265.2318

We lead the assessment, development and renewal of the parish's ministries and services to the Hispanic Community in collaboration with the other six councils and commissions under the guidance and vision of our Pastoral Council.

GET CONNECTED: You must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic who has belonged to the parish for at least two years and currently be a partner in the mission. One-year commitment, four to five hours per month.

Finance Council

Contact: John Joyce, 407.222.3016 / **Email:** JJoyce@DRML-Law.com

Consultative body providing advice to the Pastor concerning the stewardship of the parish's fiscal and temporal resources.

This includes long-range financial planning to support the mission of the parish as well as developing and carrying out a strategic plan for an area of ministry which fall under its responsibility. They oversee the **Facility Advisory Team, Internal Control Committee, School Finance Committee**, and more. **GET CONNECTED:** Application and attendance at the discernment evening is required. You must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic who has belonged to the parish for at least two years, be a partner in the mission, and previously served on a Council or Commission within the last five years. There is a three-year commitment, four to five hours per month.

Guardian Angel Society

Contact: Gail Rayos, 407.265.2317 / **E-Mail:** GailR@StMaryMagdalen.org

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. **GET CONNECTED:** 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.

Parish & School Endowments

Contact: Gail Rayos, 407.265.2317 / **E-Mail:** GailR@StMaryMagdalen.org

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. **GET CONNECTED:** 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.

"The future is, most of all, in the hands of those people who recognize the other as a 'you' and themselves as part of an 'us.' We all need each other." (Pope Francis)



Stewardship Council

Contact: Rodney Gutierrez / **E-Mail:** rgutierrezcmp@gmail.com

Promotes the mission of our parish by fostering stewardship as a way of life within all aspects of the parish community, as well as develops and carries out a strategic plan for an area of ministry which fall under its responsibility. **GET CONNECTED:** Application and attendance at the discernment evening is required. You must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic who has belonged to the parish for at least two years and is a partner in the mission. There is a three-year commitment, four to five hours per month.

Communications

St. Bernardine Communications Team

Contact: Samantha Frey, 407.265.2302 / **E-Mail:** SamanthaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

We are dedicated to improving the way God's word is communicated throughout the parish and promoting the Good News of our parish community. **GET CONNECTED:** Our team includes **Creative Writers** and **Editors, Graphic Artists, Photographers** and **Videographers**, and **Translations**, both for projects or on-call needs. Guidance is given.

Discernment

Living Your Strengths: Discover Your God-Given Talents and Inspire Your Community

Contact: Melissa Findley, 407.265.2311 / **E-Mail:** MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

Discovering and maximizing your talents is one of the best ways to increase performance, build fruitful relationships, be a better teammate and more! Whether you're an individual looking to improve or a leader wanting to effectively empower your people, your efforts start with the CliftonStrengths® assessment. A timed online talent identification tool utilized worldwide that reveals your innate themes of talent in ranked order. People who know and use their CliftonStrengths® are: 6x as likely to be engaged at work, 7.8% more productive in their role, 3x as likely to have an excellent quality of life, and 6x as likely to do what they do best every day. **Focus on what you naturally do well, because that is where God gifted you.**

GET CONNECTED: To begin the journey of living your God-given potential, go to Gallupstrengthscenter.com to get started and participate in workshops offered by the church. After understanding your innate talents, we have a Spiritual Gifts Inventory tool to help you discern where the Lord may be calling you toward to use those talents.

Time & Talent Team

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As baptized children of God, every person is called to actively participate in the life and mission of the Church by placing the Lord first and using their unique God-given gifts to cultivate Catholic Christian relationships, love their neighbor and make a difference within and around the parish community. Our team inspires our community to get connected and offers support to our ministries as they invite, organize, evaluate, recognize, form, and celebrate their disciples. **GET CONNECTED:** If you have been involved in ministry for at least two years and are currently a partner in the mission, consider joining us!

Vocations

Contact: Fr. Charlie Mitchell, 407.831.1212

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the life of the Church. Without the Eucharist, there is no Church. In a sacramental way, Christ is present to the Church in the person of the priest. All the sacraments offer a personal encounter with Christ, and the priest is the one who offers the sacraments. If you feel called to possibly become a Priest, Brother, Sister, Nun or Deacon contact us for more information. If you are considering a career as a Lay Minister in the Church, we can offer you resources to help you discern your calling.

Many opportunities require a diocesan clearance before serving.

Evangelization

ChristLife

Contact: Melissa Findley, 407.265.2311 / **E-Mail:** MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

ChristLife is a process to help attendees enter or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, then equips them to do the work of evangelization as missionary disciples. In the Fall of 2019, we begin with Discovering Christ. We gather one evening a week for seven weeks and offer childcare, a free dinner, prayer, an engaging Bible-inspired message, and small group sharing. Attendees who wish to strengthen their faith walk continue with Following Christ and Sharing Christ. **GET CONNECTED:** If you would like to be part of bringing others to a deeper Christian walk, we invite you to attend the Discovering Christ experience in the Fall. Following the series, there will be many opportunities to partner with us in the evangelization process.

CommunityFest

Contact: Joe Hillebrandt, jmh@cbsorlando.net

Every October, our parish comes together for the LARGEST community building and social event of the year. This event brings thousands together from across Central Florida for three days of faith, fellowship and fun, offering rides, games, food & beverage booths, craft sales, auctions and live entertainment. **GET CONNECTED: Booth Captain / Leadership Disciple Volunteer:** As the largest church festival in Central Florida and the primary fundraiser to support the parish in mission and outreach, we invite you to become part of a team that works together to assure that every detail is addressed. We meet a couple times a year and then regularly in September and October for planning and preparation purposes. If you are interested in becoming part of the leadership team, please contact the Chairman. **Booth Disciple Volunteer:** Be a part of creating a welcoming and festive atmosphere. There are many opportunities to work at one or more of our various booths. Many hands make for light work. Sign-ups take place online and after the Masses in September and October. Watch bulletin for details.

Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

Contact: Sandy Matusz, 407.325.4390 / **E-Mail:** matuszs@outlook.com

We are vibrant and fun-loving women of Christ dedicated to educating and empowering women in the areas of spirituality, service and leadership that respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society. We support community outreach programs such as Safehouse of Seminole County, Seminole Mental Health, Peace Orphanage in Mexico City, Pathways to Care, Doctors without Borders, Sanford Crisis Pregnancy Center, Life Choices Women's Clinic, Rebuilding Warriors Projects, Respect Life Advocacy, Blessing Bags for the Homeless and long sleeve shirts for migrant workers of Apopka. We support school programs such as the food pantries at English Estates Elementary and Lyman High schools; Heart Strings and Shoelaces, shoes for children in our public schools; and the St. Mary Magdalen Endowment Fund. We promote engagement with events such as the St. Patrick's Day Card Party, Seder Meal and Christmas Bazaar. We are highly involved in serving St. Mary Magdalen Parish through support for vocations, providing meals for First Reconciliation and First Communion, Edge and Life Teen; serving cakes and punch honoring our priests' birthdays and after the Easter Vigil; and serving at Time and Talent, Vacation Bible School, Easter Egg Hunt, Community Fest (Funnel Cake, Italian, Sweet Treats and Jewelry booths; Hospitality Tent, Bingo, 50/50). **GET CONNECTED:** Our council builds strong bonds of friendship and support – women of the parish are invited to partner with us. We are part of the National Council of Catholic Women and are located in the Central Deanery of the Diocese of Orlando. We have an executive board and Circles. The executive board meets August-May. Circle meetings: **St. Eamon/St. Luke** - 2nd Monday at 7PM; **St. Robert** - 2nd Tuesday at 7PM; **St. Vincent de Paul** - 2nd Wednesday at 8:30AM; Members-at-large take part in CCW programs but do not meet as a Circle.

Evangelizing Arts

Contact: Leanne Teter, 407.257.9625 / **E-Mail:** leanne.teter.12@gmail.com

To enhance the Message Series experience throughout parish life, we are called upon when needed to help enrich the message into the hearts of the parishioners. We engage in projects such as: Creating videos, plays, visual arts, etc.

GET CONNECTED: On-call ministry to help with writing, directing, acting, costumes, make-up, props, etc. From time to time, we call upon fine artists, florists, seamstresses, quilters, painters, stencil designers, and more.

*"Spiritual accompaniment must lead others ever closer to God...a pilgrimage with Christ to the Father."
(Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation of "Evangelii Gaudium", No. 170)*

Men's Club

Contact: Paul Kelley, 407.242.4176 / **E-Mail:** charterpdk@earthlink.net

This group of exceptional men serve wherever there is a need. We respond to Fr. Charlie requests to help in parish life, lend a helping hand when areas are hit by natural disasters, and we support our local schools in providing low-income school children what they need throughout the year. This is an opportunity for men of our parish to gather together in fellowship, prayer and service to the parish and greater community. We meet once a month on the 4th Thursday from 7:30-9PM. Occasionally an outside speaker is invited for the evening. **GET CONNECTED:** In addition to participating in the monthly meetings, everyone pitches in to help. Opportunities include, but not limited to: Scheduling, hosting refreshments at events, missionary work.

Hospitality

Welcome Team

Contact: Melissa Findley, 407.265.2311 / **E-Mail:** MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

New families join our parish every year. We work toward ensuring everyone is invited and welcomed in sharing a life with Christ and His community by offering opportunities that facilitate connection. Our disciples serve in several ways: Host **New Parishioner Events** to include a potluck and Welcome Mass, serve at the **Concierge** table or the **Sunday Coffee** experience, host **Church Tours**, or make calls through the **Jesus Calling Ministry**. **GET CONNECTED:** If you love people and want to help them get connected with their faith family, contact us to discern the right fit.

Parish Support

Computer Data Entry

Contact: Melissa Findley, 407.265.2311 / **E-Mail:** MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

Excellent communication efforts between the parish and our parishioners require up-to-date data. Our disciple volunteers support office staff with their data entry needs when needed. **GET CONNECTED:** If you consider yourself highly detailed with a proficiency in Windows based software, type a minimum of 35wpm, and will keep all information confidential.

Grotto Environmentalists

Contact: Bill Froehlich, 407.339.2653 / **E-Mail:** WFroehlich@cfl.rr.com

Our Church and Parish Life Center are surrounded by the most beautiful and tranquil gardens, carefully tended by this fine group of people. **GET CONNECTED:** We clip and prune, weed and spread mulch. We add seasonal flowers to the landscape. We maintain the brick pavers and our fish pond which is enjoyed by everyone, especially the children. You will see us every Thursday early morning and every Saturday 7-8AM. We are looking for folks who love to work in the garden.

Heavenly Helpers (One-Time Events)

Contact: Melissa Findley, 407.265.2311 / **E-Mail:** MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

We call upon these special disciples when ministries have important roles to be filled to execute their events. They serve in an array of areas, such as event coordination, decorating, serving, registration, clean-up, kitchen crew, etc.

GET CONNECTED: This is an on-call ministry. Time commitment varies.

Office Angels

Contact: Jo Ann Kuhn, 407.265.2309 / **E-Mail:** JKuhn@StMaryMagdalen.org

These angels help to keep our parish community informed by assembling various types of literature, mailings and inserts for bulletins. **GET CONNECTED:** Time commitment varies and takes place during normal working hours in the Parish Office.

Religious Articles Store

Contact: Jo Ann Kuhn, 407.265.2309 / **E-Mail:** JKuhn@StMaryMagdalen.org

The store is located at the back of the Church and is open after all weekend Masses. There are a variety of religious articles, books, crucifixes, Bibles etc. Seasonal items include Christmas cards and First Communion gifts. Special orders are also provided for items not in the store.

Many opportunities require a diocesan clearance before serving.

Faith Formation Commission

Contact: John Youngman, 407.497.0090 / **E-Mail:** johnryoungman@hotmail.com

Implements the parish's mission and goals, as well as seeks to help members of the parish explore and develop their faith and to become more active participants in their faith community. The goals of the commission are to create opportunities to bring out the gifts which manifest the holiness of each individual, to encourage spiritual development within the individual family and parish, support spiritual direction of each organization, and facilitate the flow of spiritual communication among the organizations within the parish, as well as develops and carries out a strategic plan for an area of ministry which fall under its responsibility. **GET CONNECTED:** Application and attendance at the discernment evening is required. You must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic who has belonged to the parish for at least two years and is a partner in the mission. There is a three-year commitment, four to five hours per month.



Adult

Bible Studies

Contact: Mary Gulde, 407.265.2315 / **E-Mail:** MaryG@StMaryMagdalen.org

Bible study helps us to discover God's 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. Choose from men's, women's, and adult's and young adult's bible studies. Examples: **Great Adventure Bible Studies**, **Women's Theology Group**, **Men's Bible Study**. **GET CONNECTED:** Facilitators (different than teachers) are needed to assist participants in videos and small group discussions.

Christ Renews Our Community (CROC) Retreat for Women

Contact: Sharon Corso, 407.730.5242

On the weekend of September 7 & 8 is Christ Renews Our Community women's retreat. This retreat is put on by parishioners. This is a powerful time to listen to witness talks and share your faith in small groups. There is no cost to attend. Bring an open heart and a willing spirit to hear Christ in your life. **GET CONNECTED:** Attend the session above.

Small Groups

Contact: Mary Gulde, 407.265.2315 / **E-Mail:** Faith@StMaryMagdalen.org

Small Groups bring church to a smaller, more personal experience and encourage building personal relationships. The ideal small group consists of 6-12 people who meet on a weekly basis (individual homes or other locations) for about 90 minutes to grow and bond through personal faith sharing, praying for each other, "unpacking" the Message Series and reflecting on the Good News. Small Groups are a vital part of becoming community because it provides a pathway to intentional relationships that help us grow our faith and become productive disciples for Christ. **GET CONNECTED:** We are seeking leaders, co-leaders, community coordinators, group members and development team members. If you wish to be part of this ministry formation process, contact us. Training provided.

Spiritual Direction: A Ministry of Holy Listening

Contact: Maureen Kramlinger, 407.617.6398

This ministry is for people living ordinary lives who want to notice and respond to how God is present in their live; grow more open in relationship with God, explore spiritual changes, concerns, desires; face a situation or make a decision in light of God's presence. This ministry complements but does not substitute for therapy, counseling or the Sacrament of Reconciliation when those are needed. **GET CONNECTED:** To request an appointment or give your discipleship, contact the Parish Office.

Young Adults (adults in their 20's and 30's)

Contact: Michelle Williamson, 407.864.2341 / **E-Mail:** williamson.michellep@gmail.com

Young adults in their 20s and 30s (single or married). Through prayer, reflection and walking together in discipleship, we will come to know, love and serve Christ, enriching our relationship with Jesus and each other. **GET CONNECTED:** Join us!

Family

Easter Egg Hunt

Contact: Karla Campos-Quiroz, 407.265.2301 / **E-Mail:** KarlaCQ@StMaryMagdalen.org

Families of the parish are invited to participate in the annual Easter Egg Hunt for all kids up to age 8. Bring your baskets and prepare for fun! **GET CONNECTED:** Volunteer to help plan and present this engaging Easter event.

Great Date Night: Marriage Enrichment

Contact: Mary Gulde, 407.265.2315 / **E-Mail:** MaryG@StMaryMagdalen.org

"The life of marriage & family are filled with beautiful moments ... but if love is missing, joy is missing, nothing is fun. Jesus gives always gives us that love: he is its endless source" (Pope Francis). Our marriage enrichment ministries coordinate events, workshops and Great Date Night programs to help couples deepen their relationships centered in Jesus Christ and the Church. Great Date Night Marriage Enrichment allows married couples a safe place to relax and enjoy each other's company and watch a video discussing more in-depth marriage topics such as: The meaning of your marriage: How your marriage fits into an eternal story: The truth about the bonds and commitment of love: God's plan for true spiritual and physical intimacy: How to communicate and resolve conflict: The importance of healing and forgiveness: Tools for protecting your marriage. Hors d'oeuvres provided. Childcare available. Spanish available. **GET CONNECTED:** Our ministries are seeking people who believe and advocate for Christian marriages and families to help coordinate various marriage-related events.

Men's Mass

Contact: Bear Garber, 407.947.3942 / **Email:** beargarber@aol.com

An opportunity for men to enhance their spirituality through fellowship with other men and in celebrating the Holy Eucharist. Third Tuesday of every month using the Readings of The Day. Men's Mass allows a more intimate setting where the priest can focus his homily on issues that affect men. After Mass, disciple volunteers provide snacks and drinks to continue the fellowship and foster discussion from the Mass. Every three months Reconciliation is offered to further help men's spiritual journey.

Moms Group (Tribe: More Than Just a Moms Group)

Contact: Karla Campos-Quiroz, 407.265.2301 / **E-Mail:** KarlaCQ@StMaryMagdalen.org

Tribe is more than just a moms group, it's an opportunity to connect with other women within and outside the parish to encourage, share faith, and enjoy time together. Events include "Momnipotent," an 8-week women's study that recognizes the dignity and importance of motherhood, book studies that help women recognize their uniquely feminine strengths designed by God, and social events that promote faith, balance, joy, and peace in a woman's hectic life. **GET CONNECTED:** Join us!

Prayer

Adoration

Contact: Mary Gulde, 407.265.2315 / **E-Mail:** MaryG@StMaryMagdalen.org

A time to spend before the very presence of the Lord exposed in the monstrance. Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday, Thursday and 1st Friday of each month as well as special times throughout the year. **GET CONNECTED:** Adorers spend time with Jesus praying, reading the Bible, praying acts of faith, hope and charity, giving thanks, praying the rosary, or sitting and saying nothing at all and being open to His love. Guardians of the Hour are disciples who commit to a designated hour(s) ensuring our Lord is never left alone. There are opportunities to be involved with the scheduling of Adorers.

Centering Prayer

Contact: Marie Martin, 407.774.1133

"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 Monday's from 6:30-8PM. **GET CONNECTED:** All are welcome!

Mass Intention

Parishioners may have a special intention said for their loved one at Mass and in the bulletin. **GET CONNECTED:** Stop by the Parish Office, call 407.831.1212 or email office@stmarymagdalen.org two months in advance from desired weekend Mass. One month in advance for daily Mass. Donation requested.

Our Lady's Rosary Group (Morning & Evening)

Contact: Claire Windes, 407.647.3635

Evening Rosary Group: Per Our Lady's wishes, we have promised to strictly adhere to the format outlined by Our Blessed Mother to the Medjugorje locutionist Jelena without adding or subtracting for over 20 years. We meet every Wednesday at 7PM in the Chapel. **Morning Rosary Group:** We meet in the Chapel Monday through Friday at 8AM praying the rosary with petitions. **GET CONNECTED:** All are welcome! Please join us to come closer to Jesus through the Blessed Mother.

Prayer Angels

Contact: Karla Campos-Quiroz, 407.265.2301 / **E-Mail:** KarlaCQ@StMaryMagdalen.org

Our parish community and ministries need our prayers to support their efforts in building up the Kingdom of God. Our parishioners need prayers for their loved ones. Each month you will receive a list of intentions for you to pray over.

GET CONNECTED: To receive prayers: You may receive requests to pray over by dialing a number or through email at Prayer@StMaryMagdalen.org. **To request prayers:** If you would like our Prayer Angels to pray for a loved one, please 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 Prayer@StMaryMagdalen.org.

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism and First Communion (Adult)

Contact: Mary Gulde, 407.265.2315 / **E-Mail:** MaryG@StMaryMagdalen.org

Baptism for individuals age 18 and older is accomplished through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). RCIA is for anyone who has never been baptized, those who are members of other Christian denominations who wish to become Catholic; and those adults who have not received First Communion or Confirmation. **GET CONNECTED:** You could be a sponsor or help the formation team – what a wonderful way to share your faith! The time needed is a few hours weekly and varies in length. All formation team members will be asked to enroll in the Diocesan Catechist Certification program.

Baptism (Child)

Contact: Fr. Michael Burke, 407.831.1212

Those desiring to have their child baptized, please call to learn about the process. An initial meeting will be with the ministry coordinator followed later by a Sunday baptism preparation class for parents and godparents. Baptisms are held most Sunday's at 1:15PM except for the Lenten season. **GET CONNECTED:** Receive training to become a Baptismal Sacristan and then you will be scheduled to assist the Presider preparing to administer the Sacrament of Baptism. Responsible for set-up and clean-up, as well as supporting the families as they come for this special event. This ministry takes less than an hour about once a month.

Confirmation (Adult)

Contact: Mary Gulde, 407.265.2315 / **E-Mail:** MaryG@StMaryMagdalen.org

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). 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. Confirmation is celebrated with the Bishop. **GET CONNECTED:** This is a wonderful opportunity for confirmed Catholics to share their faith with these candidates as their SPONSORS. Being a sponsor is like being a trusted friend or mentor. Your faith becomes transparent in the simple and natural process of accompanying another on their spiritual journey.

Confirmation (Teens)

Contact: Darryl Dziedzic, 407.265.2305 / **E-Mail:** Youth@StMaryMagdalen.org

Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit! To be accepted into formal preparation, one needs a desire to follow Jesus, engaged in the parish community, and be in high school. It's that simple! **GET CONNECTED:** It takes a good team to form great young people! If you desire to "teach Confirmation," and walk the faith journey with teens as mentor, model, and encourager: we want you!

"When one realizes that life, even in the middle of so many contradictions, is a gift, that love is the source and the meaning of life, how can they withhold their urge to do good to another fellow being?" (Pope Francis)



First Communion/First Reconciliation (Child)

Contact: Karla Campos-Quiroz, 407.265.2301 / **E-Mail:** KarlaCQ@StMaryMagdalen.org

Encounter is our parish sacrament preparation ministry for First Reconciliation and First Communion. The Sunday ministry joins children and their parents from both the parish school and religious education ministry to help them encounter Christ in their families, in the sacraments, and in the parish community. Four family sessions are offered in the Fall in preparation for First Reconciliation (a pre-requisite for First Communion preparation). Four family sessions and a morning retreat prepare families in the Spring for First Communion. This distinct preparation is received in addition to a child's formal faith formation in Catholic school or Religious Education program. **GET CONNECTED:** Catechists need to be available for all sessions and be willing to provide clear and open communication with parents along this journey. Training provided.

Marriage Preparation & FOCCUS

Contact: Karla Campos-Quiroz, 407.265.2301 / **E-Mail:** KarlaCQ@StMaryMagdalen.org

Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage is offered to all baptized Catholics. 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. **GET CONNECTED:** Become a **FOCCUS** couple witnessing to the holiness of marriage. Help our engaged couples feel loved, valued and connected to the People of God in our parish.

Reconciliation Services

Reconcile your Heart with God. Priests hear confessions on Saturdays 3-4PM (English) and 6-7PM (English/Spanish). Also available by appointment.

Youth

Bible Explorers (K-5th Grade) - Formerly Liturgy of the Word for Children

Contact: Johnny Miller, 321.377.2986 or David Salazar, 407.310.8150 / **E-Mail:** dsalazar@acm.org

Bible Explorers invites children during Mass to hear the Word of God at an age-appropriate level, so they may grow as young disciples of Jesus Christ. The ministry takes place during the Saturday 7PM / Sunday 8AM, 10AM and 12PM Masses. When the Presider calls the children forward, children in grades K-5 are welcome to join us and will be brought back during the offertory to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist. **GET CONNECTED:** We have resources to help facilitate discussion on the themes of the readings and how to apply it in the children's daily lives. Our leaders are on a rotating schedule and requires (when scheduled) about two hours per week to include prep and facilitating. Parents are welcome to observe.

Discovery Bay (Pre-K)

Contact: Karla Campos-Quiroz, 407.265.2301 / **E-Mail:** KarlaCQ@StMaryMagdalen.org

Discovery Bay invites children ages 3-4years old and their parents to *discover* the love of Jesus during our monthly sessions. Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning groups are held during our QUEST sessions. Children will grow in discipleship through Bible stories, games, crafts and song.

Edge (6-8th Grade)

Contact: Darryl Dziedzic, 407.265.2305 / **E-Mail:** Youth@StMaryMagdalen.org

A place for "young Church" to be Church and grow into a deeper more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. We welcome middle school students to come explore, grow, and share their faith journey. **GET CONNECTED:** There are various ways to assist in this ministry 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!

Life Teen (9-12th Grade)

Contact: Darryl Dziedzic, 407.265.2305 / **E-Mail:** Youth@StMaryMagdalen.org

A place for "young Church" to be Church and grow into a deeper more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. We welcome high school students to come explore, grow, and share their faith journey. We do this through weekly meetings, Faith & Fellowship trips, Service trips, Leadership training weekends, retreats, and more! **GET CONNECTED:** There are various ways to assist in this ministry from Kitchen Crew, Hospitality, Small Group Leader, Chaperone, 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!

Lil' Voyagers (6 months to 5 years old) – Formerly Kids Mass Ministry

Contact: Kristin Gutierrez, 407.350.6893 / **E-Mail:** gutzrk@msn.com

Li'l Voyagers is our engaging, faith-filled kids' Mass ministry reaches for children ages 6 months through 5 years of age during the 10AM and 12noon Masses. The ministry provides children with a warm, welcoming environment that will inspire them to learn, pray, and grow as disciples in a community of faith. We learn bible stories, make crafts and sing songs during our time together with the children. **GET CONNECTED:** Group leaders and aides are needed two Sundays each month. Disciple volunteers need to begin 30 minutes before Mass.

Quest (K-5th Grades) - Formerly P.R.E.P. Parish Religious Education Program

Contact: Karla Campos-Quiroz, 407.265.2301 / **E-Mail:** KarlaCQ@StMaryMagdalen.org

QUEST: An Adventure in Discipleship is our faith formation ministry for children who attend public school or homeschool. This ministry was previously known as P.R.E.P./Religious Education. Our team of committed, faith-filled catechists share their love of Jesus & their joy of the Gospel with children in Kindergarten to middle school. Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning sessions are available, which meet from mid-September through mid-May. **GET CONNECTED:** Catechists teach 30 sessions each season with additional monthly team meeting sessions. Training and classrooms aides are provided. Catechists continue in their own faith formation by participating in the Diocesan Catechist Certification program.

Vacation Bible School

Contact: Karla Campos-Quiroz, 407.265.2301 / **E-Mail:** KarlaCQ@StMaryMagdalen.org

2019 *ROAR: Life is Wild-God is Good*® Vacation Bible School is a 5-day morning program offering children an opportunity to learn more about their Catholic faith through the saints, songs, skits, crafts, games, and snacks. Open to children entering preschool through 6th grade, Vacation Bible School will be held June 17-21, 2019. **GET CONNECTED:** Adults & teens in grades 7-12 welcome to help with planning activities and refreshments, guide small groups, and decorate. It's fun for all involved!

School Commission

Contact: Lorianne Rotz, 407.339.7301

Serves as an advisory group to the Principal and the Pastor in all aspects of the School, Pre-School, Athletic Department and Mustang Club, Scouting program and all other School related activities, as well as develops and carries out a strategic plan for an area of ministry which fall under its responsibility.

GET CONNECTED: Application and attendance at the discernment evening is required. You must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic who has belonged to the parish for at least two years and is a partner in the mission. The Commission meets every other month during the school year. Subcommittees meet as needed.

Members are asked to serve a three-year term for continuity.



Early Learning Center

Contact: Elisa Steiner, 407.831.3740 or 321.280.5381 / **E-Mail:** ESteiner@SMMSchool.org

Established to offer quality care as well as a strong foundation for learning. It provides an excellent preschool education with highly qualified teachers and stimulating learning environments. The center is fully licensed and FCC Accredited. Interested families are asked to contact the Early Learning Center to be put on a waiting list if no immediate vacancy is available. The Early Learning Center runs at full capacity so this is a routine procedure. State law dictates classroom size so it is monitored closely. We offer Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK). **GET CONNECTED:** Disciples and staff must have FBI/FDLE clearance by both the Diocese and Florida Department of Children and Families and must complete the Safe Environment Training. Staff must have a minimum of a CDA (Child Development Associates credential). Training is provided and time commitments vary on availability and need. Stop by any time Monday - Friday, 7AM-6PM.

Many opportunities require a diocesan clearance before serving.

Scouts

American Heritage Girls:

Contact: Maite Crespo, maiteahgf11961@gmail.com

American Heritage Girls is a Christian scouting program for girls ages 5-18 with a mission to “build women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.” This family-oriented program offers the opportunity to develop life skills through a multi-level badge program; leadership skills at all levels; teamwork and confidence through outdoor experiences; character development through community service and citizenship programs; social development through organized special events; and spiritual development through Bible-based programming and religious recognition programs.

GET CONNECTED: Adults leaders and assistant leaders are needed for each squad, which consists of clusters of grade levels. Support roles also are needed for activities. Leadership training is available online, with meetings once in the summer.

Boy Scouts – Troop 38:

Contact: Michael Schefstad, 407.592.7677 / **E-Mail:** mschefstad@wltic.com

Boy Scouts provides young men, age 11 to 17, the opportunity to develop strong character, physical fitness, good citizenship and leadership skills with the goal of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout year-round. The troop meets Monday 7-8:30pm in the school Cafeteria. Weekend trips involving hiking, camping, biking and canoeing are scheduled throughout the year in addition to one week of high adventure. **GET CONNECTED:** Adults leaders mentor the young men through the scouting program. Training is provided. Leaders must complete an application with the Boy Scouts of America.

Cub Scouts:

Contact: Josie Joyce, 407.830.6245 / **E-Mail:** jjoyce@smmschool.org

Designed for 1st-5th grade boys, scouting prepares young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. **GET CONNECTED:** Den leaders hold meetings and arrange activities per requirements in scout handbook. It involves two to five hours per month during the school year. Leader application required, with training is provided through the Central Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America.

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School

Contact: Lorianne Rotz, 407.339.7301

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. All teachers are Florida State Certified/qualified. Teacher assistants, resource teachers and a teacher of the gifted enhance the educational opportunities of the students. The school is accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference of Bishops. Additionally, the school was awarded a “Blue Ribbon School in 2006,” the highest achievement given to schools by the U.S. Department of Education, which is maintained annually by meeting and exceeding the established standards. 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. These are just a few of the enhancements offered. Students are taught the tradition of their Catholic faith and how to live it out through worship and service. **GET CONNECTED:** Our St. Mary Magdalen School would not be what it is today without our dedicated disciple volunteers! **General Opportunities:** Disciple volunteers provide support in a variety of ways including enhancement subcommittees, lunchroom and recess supervision, reading to students, and assisting teachers.

Catholic Youth Sports: Engages our St. Mary Magdalen youth (developmental kindergarten through 5th grade; competitive 5th through 8th grades) in fun sport activities throughout the year. Teams practice during the week and play games on the weekend. Disciple volunteers help with concessions, coach teams and support other activities.

Mustang Club: Provides organizational and financial support to the school’s athletic program, which participates in the Catholic Youth Sports (CYS) in the Diocese of Orlando. The Club promotes Catholic values and camaraderie among student athletes, parents, the school and the parish. Disciple volunteers participate in fundraising activities and organize events for student athletes. The Club assists the school and parish with facility maintenance and renovation projects. Members meet monthly in the evening.



Pastoral Care & Outreach Commission

Contact: Brian Salerno, 248.840.0423 / **E-Mail:** salernoclan@gmail.com

Our mission is to engage and guide the parish through its associated ministries and in collaboration with our partner community outreach programs to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable, living out the Corporal Works of Mercy.

GET CONNECTED: Application and attendance at the discernment evening is required. You must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic who has belonged to the parish for at least two years and is a partner in the mission. There is a three-year commitment, four to five hours per month.

What are the Corporal Works of Mercy?

Corporal Works of Mercy *"are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs" (USCCA)*. They respond to the basic human needs. The traditional seven corporal works of mercy were taken from Mathew 25. The seven are feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and the imprisoned, and bury the dead. Each of the ministries, groups, and events listed below are doing the works related directly or indirectly to at least one of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact: Parish Office, 407.831.1212

The sacrament is available the first Tuesday of every month at the 8:30am Mass. If you have a surgery coming up, 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. A communal anointing service is also held each year in Lent and in the summer after the Sunday's 12Noon Mass.

BOGOGO (Buy One Get One Give One)

Contact: Patrick Floegel, pfloegel@yahoo.com

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40) This ministry focuses on providing food and necessities for "the least of these." We collect non-perishable food along with necessities such as toiletries, diapers, toilet paper, etc. on a weekly basis in grocery carts outside of the two main entrances to the church. Many grocery stores offer Buy One Get One deals on various items. The "free" item can be donated, or a person can simply purchase an additional tube of tooth paste, a jar of peanut butter or pasta sauce when they are shopping. Donated food is boxed up and delivered weekly to one of three local charities where it is distributed to those in need. Additionally, we coordinate 2 "major" food drives (March and October) to support The Sharing Center. **GET CONNECTED:** Parishioners can participate by dropping off non-perishable food or various necessities in one of the grocery carts on Sundays, by helping to empty the shopping carts after Masses, and/or by helping to deliver food to one of the charities.

Cancer Support

Contact: Deacon Greg Nelsen, 407.221.4071 / **E-Mail:** centralflorida@airemaster.com

When the big "C" news breaks, it can leave one stunned. One may not know which way to turn, what prayers to say, or know how to talk to a close family member. Since everyone attending the group are walking through this journey, they support each other. They pray and provide the space to map individual paths out loud to figure out their own path. Through this openness, participants may find ways to walk this difficult journey with the LORD and with their loved ones. Deacon Greg is the journey's firsthand witness and he is facilitating our group, who meets the first Thursday of the month in the Parish Office.

GET CONNECTED: Call Deacon Greg or see him after a Sunday or weekday Mass to let him know that you're interested. If you are not sure this is for you, talk to him for prayers and to get a feel for the group.

Coalition for the Homeless

Contact: Mike Brockman, 407.463.0204 / **E-Mail:** mike@brockmaninsurance.com

The Coalition for the Homeless assists more than 800 men, women and children each day by providing them with services needed to move them from the state of homelessness to self-sufficiency. On the 4th Saturday of every month, St. Mary Magdalen buys and prepares food to serve those in need. **GET CONNECTED:** It takes about two hours per month 4:45-6:45PM. Training is provided, and parish background check is required.

Community Garden

Contact: Terrie Bormet, 407.430.5079 / **E-Mail:** gardenrn@embarqmail.com

Contact: Rosemary George, 407.929.2499 / **E-Mail:** RosemaryGeorge@earthlink.net

Our St. Mary Magdalen Community Learning Garden, which is located behind the Annex, is a parish sign of our commitment to whole body wellness. Gardeners meet weekly caring, planting and tending to the garden. Our goal is to teach others how to grow their own nutritious food. We are always looking for experienced gardeners or people who want to learn how to grow their own healthy organic vegetables! **GET CONNECTED:** Beginners & experienced gardeners, chefs, and people interested in optimal wellness through nutrition are welcome to help us with our efforts!

Family Outreach Services

Contact: Dan Sims, 407.227.8974

We are an outreach program with the mission of supporting parishioners in times of need. We can provide financial assistance to families in emergency situations. Also, we connect people with other agencies offering various services. **GET CONNECTED:** On-call disciples are needed for approximately one week every four to six weeks.

Friends of Peace Orphanage - Mexico

Contact: Susan Lewis, 407.331.6256 / **E-Mail:** PeaceOrphanage@StMaryMagdalen.org

Peace Orphanage (Orfanatorio La Paz), established in 1921 by the Benedictine Sisters of the Congregation of the Holy Family in Mexico City, is currently home to 51 children ranging from 16 months to 18 years of age. These children, who have histories of being severely abused and/or abandoned on the streets of Mexico, have come under the permanent care of the Sisters. The Peace Orphanage will be the only home that the children will have for the remainder of their adolescent years. An ongoing mission ministry of our St. Mary Magdalen Parish, the program is supported by tithing funds received from parishioners through Sacrificial Giving, and in addition, through donors responding to our Peace Orphanage RIPPLES Newsletter. Since 2013, our program has provided a minimum of \$4000 per month for food and other necessary expenses, along with additional funding for expenses related to education, building repairs and maintenance, and emergency medical care and surgery. **GET CONNECTED:** Everyone is invited to provide ongoing prayer and financial support needed by the children for the healing and development. Should positions be open, you may want to consider serving on the St. Mary Magdalen Peace Orphanage Committee, which meets every other month - third Wednesday of the month. The members of this Committee raise awareness about Peace Orphanage throughout St. Mary Magdalen and the Greater Community through presentations, print and video materials. The Committee works to continually develop our parish relationship with the children and Sisters of Peace Orphanage. This is accomplished by providing aid and assistance in organizing special projects, as well as creating small mission teams to visit the Orphanage.



K.I.S.S.M. Senior Transportation

Contact: Betsy Bishop, betsyb48@live.com / **To Request a Ride:** Mary Huynh, 407.265.2307

We are a ministry devoted to providing transportation to parishioners in times of need when family and friends are unavailable. **GET CONNECTED:** Drivers are needed to provide transportation to essential medical appointments and/or Sunday Mass. Team leaders and phone coordinators also are needed.

"To do good, we need memory, we need courage and we need creativity...Remember that the other is not a statistic or a number. The other has a face. The 'you' is always a real presence, a person to take care of." (Pope Francis)

Mercy Morning (Parish Service Event)

Contact: Mary Huynh, 407.265.2307 / **E-Mail:** MaryH@StMaryMagdalen.org

Mercy Morning brings home to our parish the many works of mercy that our ministries and local non-profit organizations do regularly for our brothers and sisters experiencing difficult times. Whether your family members are 4 or 84 years old, there are many things they can help with at Mercy Morning. They can decorate lunch bags and pack them for residents/visitors at the homeless shelters; assemble blessing bags for the homeless on the street and visitors at the Sharing Center; decorate and write notes to grieving families, as well as to inmates and their families; make welcome packages for expecting mothers; and create “back to school” gift bags for students in need. On the fourth Saturday morning of August, bring your family and friends to experience the beauty of mercy in small acts of service. Mercy Morning lasts approximately two hours.

GET CONNECTED: We need generous donations during the Mercy Morning Drive. We also need help with organization and setting up for the day. Above all, we need everyone to come out with your family and friends to connect with the participating ministries and organizations, and especially to do something good for the people whom they serve. There are a lot of works performed behind the scenes to make Mercy Morning happen. Anything you can do is greatly appreciated!

Ministry of Consolation

Contact: Mary Huynh, 407.265.2307 / **E-Mail:** MaryH@St.MaryMagdalen.org

We serve the deceased and their grieving families. **Funeral Planners** meet with grieving families to plan the Funeral for their loved one and walk with them through all the funeral rites, which include the wake/vigil service, funeral Mass, and graveside service. Pre-planning for funerals also is available and highly encouraged. A Guide to Catholic Funeral Planning is available on our parish website. **Funeral Attendees:** Many elderly deceased do not have that many friends and relatives live in the area. It is difficult for their surviving family member(s) to grieve alone. On behalf of St. Mary Magdalen, the disciples attend funeral Mass in support of the grieving family and praying for the deceased. Everyone when available is strongly encouraged to attend Funeral Mass. To look for upcoming funerals, visit our parish website: stmarymagdalen.org. Funerals are always posted on our parish website as soon as they are scheduled. Grieving families would certainly appreciate the spiritual and moral support from our community of faith. **Grief Support:** If the death of your love ones has been hard for you, please do not hesitate to give us a call. We'll have someone who has gone through a grieving experience to sit with you, pray, listen and share your sorrow. We also host a six-week Christian faith-based grief support group in the spring. (Depending on demand, St. Mary Magdalen and nearby Catholic parishes also host another session in the Fall)

GET CONNECTED: Funeral Attendees: Funerals are always posted on our parish website as soon as they are scheduled. Go to stmarymagdalen.org. Training is not required. Everyone and anyone, when available, is strongly encouraged to attend Funeral Mass. It is a work of mercy and a compassionate gesture shown to our grieving families. Grieving families would certainly appreciate the spiritual and moral support from our community of faith that the attendees represent. **Funeral Planners:** If you are thinking about serving the people of God through this ministry, please contact us. We will walk with you to discern your interest, suitability, and availability. Personal training and mentoring are made available until you're comfortable to be on your own. **Grief Support:** If you are grieving, allow us to accompany this difficult journey with you. You can either join our six-week group or sit with one of our grief ministers.



“Centered in Christ and in the Gospel, you can be the arms, hands, feet, mind and heart of a Church ‘which goes forth’. The way of the Church is to leave her walls behind and go in search of those who are distant, on the peripheries, to serve Jesus in every person who is marginalized, abandoned, without faith, disappointed by the Church, a prisoner of one’s own selfishness.” (Pope Francis)



Ministry to the Sick

Contact: Mary Huynh, 407.265.2307 / **E-Mail:** MaryH@St.MaryMagdalen.org

Ministers to the Sick make visits to hospitals, nursing homes/assisted living facilities, and parishioners' homes to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound. St. Mary Magdalen Ministers visit AdventHealth Altamonte, formerly Florida Hospital, five days a week, and make weekly visits to one adult daycare center, six nursing home/assisted living facilities, and many parishioners in their homes. Ministers to the Sick's pastoral visits with Holy Communion connect the sick and the homebound with our parish community and with the Lord in the Eucharist. Give us a call if you or your loved ones would like for one of our ministers to visit with Holy Communion. **GET CONNECTED:** If you are thinking about serving the people of God through this ministry, give us a call or email us. We will prayerfully walk with you to discern your interest, suitability and availability. You can serve almost on any day of the week and give as much time as your schedule allows. You will be asked to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, so you may bring the Eucharist to the sick (but you do not need to commit to serving at Mass). We provide personal training until you are comfortable to serve on your own.

Open Table

Contact: Mary Huynh, 407.265.2307 / **E-Mail:** MaryH@St.MaryMagdalen.org

Open Table's faith-based model draws together the community to transform the vocational and life experiences for someone who is at risk for economic poverty. **GET CONNECTED:** Each Table is composed of a group of disciple volunteers who make a year-long commitment to act, through relationship, as a team of life specialists, encouragers and advocates. Over the course of a year, the Table sets goals, fosters accountability and implements a plan to create change.

Prayer Blanket Team

Contact: Mary Hall, 407.339.1123

This group uses their creative skills to put together and pray over a beautiful keepsake blanket that is then given to someone in our parish who is seriously ill or grieving the loss of a loved one. **GET CONNECTED:** The amount of time needed is determined by need and availability. All blankets must be machine stitched. The team meets to sort and cut the fabric.

Prison Family Support "Families Ministering to Families"

Contact: Jean Canatsey, 407.695.6818 / **E-Mail:** fmforlando@gmail.com

"For I was...in prison and you visited me. Lord when did we see you in prison and visit you? Truly I tell you; just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me" (Matthew 25). According to the U.S. Bishops, "we must recognize the human dignity of all prisoners and remember that Jesus himself was a prisoner." In this spirit, we recognize the fact that the family members left behind are just as affected as the inmate. We meet the 3rd Saturday morning of each month following the 8AM Mass to share our stories, information and to encourage one another during this most difficult time. Confidentiality is a priority.

GET CONNECTED: We invite you to send cards and letters to inmates on a regular basis.

Respect Life Ministry

Contact: Melissa Weisman, 407.831.2662 / **E-Mail:** mdweis2002@yahoo.com

We serve Jesus by defending human life and promoting the dignity of the human person from conception to natural death; and inspiring others to care, pray, and advocate legislative changes to value and respect the sacredness of life. We also sponsor **Betty's Craft Group** that makes blankets, bonnets and spiritual aids for expectant mothers, newly baptized, Life Choices Women's Center and other respect life initiatives. **GET CONNECTED:** We have multiple opportunities. Time and talent will be matched to opportunity. Training is provided, and no special application is required.

Wednesday Retired Parishioners

Contact: Lynn DeKleva, 407.788.6973 / **E-Mail:** LynnDe281@yahoo.com

We provide socialization on Wednesday afternoons for the retired from 1-4PM. We meet September through May each year. Join us for a fun time together each week. **GET CONNECTED:** Disciple volunteers arrange luncheons, celebrate monthly birthdays, and help with planning special parties for Christmas, Super Bowl, Valentine's, St. Patrick's Day and pot luck dinners. It is helpful if disciple volunteers know how to play bingo, cards or games. We also need disciple volunteers to offer transportation for those who would like to join but have no way of getting to St. Mary Magdalen or back home.

Many opportunities require a diocesan clearance before serving.

Worship Commission

Contact: Ann Waite, 407.831.4946 / **E-Mail:** awaitel@cfl.rr.com

The primary role is to aid and lead the parish community of St. Mary Magdalen to grow spiritually in faith and love through engaging worship, as well as develop and carry out a strategic plan for an area of ministry which fall under its responsibility.

GET CONNECTED: Application and attendance at the discernment evening is required. You must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic who has belonged to the parish for at least two years and is a partner in the mission. There is a three-year commitment meeting four times a year.

Liturgy

Altar Servers

Contact: Deacon Jerry Kelly, 407.331.0911 / **E-Mail:** DKarleskint@StMarymagdalen.org

These boys and girls assist the Priest and Deacons during the Mass. Opportunity for full, active, conscious participation in our liturgies. **GET CONNECTED:** Servers must be in the 6th grade or higher and be a registered member of St. Mary Magdalen Parish. Parent and child must both attend an informational meeting, then sign a commitment form, which is signed each year thereafter. Training must be completed before they can serve, and each server receives an informational booklet when they come to training. They should arrive 20-minutes before Sunday Mass. If they are students at St. Mary Magdalen School, they may be asked to serve at the 8:30AM Wednesday Mass. There will be times when they will be asked to sign up for special liturgical celebrations and Holy Days as needed.

Eucharistic Ministers

Contact: Mark Ayers, 407.265.2310 / **E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

This is a wonderful ministry where you serve as a minister of the Eucharist to share the Body and Blood of Christ with fellow worshippers in the assembly. **GET CONNECTED:** Ministers must be a participating registered parishioner for at least six months and a fully initiated Roman Catholic. Individuals must have a willingness to be of service to the community founded in the love of God serving at Sunday Mass throughout the month and Holy Days. Write a letter to the Pastor, giving some background information about yourself and why you want to become a Minister. When approved, attend a Diocesan training session to receive a five-year mandate from the Bishop. Contact the Liturgy Office to attend a training session and for more details.

Greeters

Contact: Patti Golmont, 407.359.4242 / **E-Mail:** pjdraw@aol.com

This is a ministry of evangelization. These fully registered parishioners set the tone for the Mass, as well as special liturgical events. They lend a warm, welcoming spirit to our current parishioners and visitors. **GET CONNECTED:** Greeters choose their commitment according to their schedules. Mass Greeters usually serve one hour per week and make themselves available for one or more events or special services per year. As part of a team effort, prospective Greeters are provided on-the-job, ongoing training to ensure a feeling of comfort. To join, speak to any Greeter about information, sign-up forms, etc. We invite many to join: ladies, men, the young-at-heart, and families with children and teens, also known as Jr. Greeters, etc. Any children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by their Greeter parent(s)/guardian(s) at their side. All are welcome!

Ministry for the Deaf

Contact: Tracy Hanley, 407.516.3725 (call or text)

This ministry reaches out to the deaf and hard of hearing who feel isolated and hunger for the Word of God and community of faith. We have interpreters at the 10AM Sunday Mass so the deaf and hard of hearing can participate. The interpreters make themselves available to interpret at gatherings and events of the parish to help them participate fully in the life of the Church. On Tuesday evenings, we offer **Beginning American Sign Language classes** where the deaf learn English, and the hearing learn how to interact with another culture and how to interpret at Mass. **GET CONNECTED:** Those who are deaf and hard of hearing are invited to join us at Mass. Interpreters are scheduled for the 10AM Sunday Mass. Other Masses and events are interpreted by request. The rest of the community is invited to participate in the Beginning American Sign-Language classes. We want to touch hearts and change lives with the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Readers

Contact: Mark Ayers, 407.265.2310 / **E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

This ministry is an important form of Liturgical Ministry. You are entrusted with the crucial task of making the Word of God come alive through proclaiming it at Sunday Masses and for special Liturgical Celebrations. **GET CONNECTED:** You should be a person of great faith and devotion to God's Word. You need to know the effective use of a microphone, careful enunciation, appropriate eye contact, rate of speech, proper posture and movement. It is important to be able to gain and keep the attention of the listeners and to convey enthusiasm and motivation. You read at Mass once a month or more depending on availability of Mass preferences. Periodic workshops and training sessions. Audition required, and currently we are at capacity with a waiting list of interest.

Sacristans

Contact: Mary Van Brunt, 407.463.8476 / **E-Mail:** itldo3@aol.com

Behind the scenes is a small group of people who do their best to make the Mass or other services meaningful, spiritual and efficient. Assisted by the priests, there is an exact order of things that must be followed. They do everything from turning on the lights to finding the correct readings for the day. **GET CONNECTED:** We need partners in the mission who are highly responsible, reliable and detail-oriented for funerals and Sunday Mass. After a process of discernment, you would be trained. One should first be a Eucharistic Minister. Sundays require about two hours and a little less for weekday and daily Masses, First Friday Adoration, Stations of the Cross, funerals, weddings and any other special liturgical celebrations. Commitment varies as to availability and need.

Seasonal Liturgical Disciples

Contact: Mark Ayers, 407.265.2310 / **E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

There are points in the year when many of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ re-connect with their faith who may not have been in church for a while. We want to prepare such an atmosphere of love for all those who will come that they will return home and spread the Good News of their phenomenal experience of church given them at St. Mary Magdalen!

GET CONNECTED: We invite you to be the hands and feet of Christ by serving in one of our ministries of welcome (Greeters, Ushers, Pew Gardeners, or Parking Ambassadors) just for Easter, Christmas and Ash Wednesday.

Ushers

Contact: Mark Ayers, 407.265.2310 / **E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

These men and women make Mass and Special Liturgical Celebrations at St. Mary Magdalen an enjoyable and beneficial experience for all who attend. They are there to greet and seat people, pass out bulletins, direct Communion, take-up the collection, select the honor family, straighten up pews after Mass, ensure a safe environment and assist people with health emergencies. **GET CONNECTED:** Serving as an usher is open to adults 18 and older. Mature 16-17-year-olds may be considered. Each Mass has its own head usher who would share with you the specific details for that Mass time. Men typically wear a coat and tie, and the women dress appropriately. Service requires about one hour per week.

Music

Adult Choir (10AM Sunday Mass)

Contact: Mark Ayers, 407.265.2310 / **E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

This exciting and innovative choir enhances the liturgy and leads the assembly in song from a wide variety of musical styles. The repertoire ranges from traditional chant to spiritual and contemporary choral. **GET CONNECTED:** The choir sings at the 10AM Mass from September through May and at all special liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:15-8:45PM in the St. Cecilia music room, with extended hours during the holy seasons. There will be an assessment to determine vocal range and ability to match pitch. Cantors are selected from the Choir participants. Choir space availability is determined on a balanced sectional basis.



Adult Handbell Choir

Contact: Mark Ayers, 407.265.2310 / **E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

This traditional choir brings the classics of musical bell ringing into our liturgies to provide a unique ambiance of sound.

GET CONNECTED: Men and women with keyboard, band and/or orchestral experience frequently make excellent hand bell ringers. Music reading ability is preferred. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 6-7PM in the Church balcony, during the months of September-May. The group performs once a month at the 10AM Sunday Mass and on major feasts such as Christmas and Easter. New ringers frequently start out as “ringers in training” shadowing an experienced ringer while practicing technique on choir chimes and do not have to perform until they feel comfortable. Prospective members are welcome at any Wednesday rehearsal. Feel free to just sit and watch or you can begin to “shadow” a member on choir chimes. Must be able to lift and hold a handbell weighing 5-8 lbs. and can access the balcony, as it is not currently handicapped accessible. A one-year commitment is preferred.

Agape 3.0 Worship Team (5PM Saturday Mass)

Contact: Mark Ayers, 407.265.2310 / **E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

This contemporary ensemble incorporates music styles from the folk era to the current modern genre. Instrumentalists and vocalists are welcome to participate. **GET CONNECTED:** This group sings twice a month, typically on the first and third Saturday, at the 5:00PM Mass. Music selections are Contemporary Christian with praise & worship style. Entrance into this choir is by audition (held prior to start of the choir season in August). Rehearsals are on Saturdays in the Church, time varies.

Children's Vocal Choir

Contact: Mark Ayers, 407.265.2310 / **E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

All children of the parish in grades 2 - 8 are encouraged to join the choir to minister through music. Children are trained to read hymns and anthems and how to serve and lead the assembly at weekend Mass. The Children's Choir sings monthly at the 5PM Saturday Mass during the Fall Semester. **GET CONNECTED: Children:** Rehearsals are on Wednesdays. SMM school students meet at 2PM in front of the school Cafeteria, and then are escorted by an adult over to the Church Choir Room. At 3PM, students will come to the Church breezeway to meet parents for pick-up. SMM Religious Education students practice 30 minutes prior to the start of 4PM Wednesday classes, and then go directly to the Church for the opening prayer service. No audition needed. **For Disciple Volunteers:** This ministry runs from August through December, and if there are enough disciples, one should only have to monitor for one month, 1½ hrs. per week, assisting the director with the children at rehearsals and performances. Anyone with good parental skills is invited to help. Retirees would be great! Rehearsals are on Wednesday after school.

High Noon Contemporary Music (12PM Sunday Mass)

Contact: Andrés Ocampo, 407.265.2308 / **E-Mail:** AndresO@StMaryMagdalen.org

This ultra-contemporary band sings at the 12PM Mass and joins with the other music ministry groups for concerts or special events. Our music selections are Contemporary Christian with Praise & Worship style that is accompanied by a band.

GET CONNECTED: Entrance into this choir is by audition only (held prior to start of the choir season in August) and is open to age 15 and older. We use drums, guitars (bass, lead and acoustic), piano and vocalist. Band members are accomplished amateur or semi-professional players. Rehearsals are on Tuesday at 7PM in the Church.

Instrumentalists

Contact: Mark Ayers, 407.265.2310 / **E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

To enhance our choirs, worship experience, and special events instrumentalists are an added treat for us. Instrumentalists are used on a regular basis with the Contemporary Band. **GET CONNECTED:** Two hours per week and performances at weekend Masses and/or special events. Instrumentalists ideally would have the ability to read music.

MAGnify Contemporary Music (5:30PM Sunday Mass)

Contact: Andrés Ocampo, 407.265.2308 / **E-Mail:** AndresO@StMaryMagdalen.org

This group sings at the 5:30PM Sunday Mass enhancing participation for all during our Life Teen Liturgies. Our music selections are Contemporary Christian with Praise & Worship style that is accompanied by a band. **GET CONNECTED:** Entrance into this choir is by audition only (held prior to start of the choir season in August) and is open to age 15 and older. We use drums, guitars (bass, lead and acoustic), piano and vocalist. Band members are accomplished amateur or semi-professional players. Rehearsals are on Sunday at 3:30PM in the Church.

Many opportunities require a diocesan clearance before serving.

Worship Environment

Altar Linens Society

Contact: Gary Moskop, 407.619.0589

We take the responsibility for caring of the altar linens used in the Eucharistic celebration. **GET CONNECTED:** Altar cloths and purificators require special handling. Training is simple, and commitment is open.

Parking Team

Contact: Vince Edman, 407.265.2313 / **E-Mail:** VEdman@StMaryMagdalen.org

We ease parking access at our Christmas & Easter celebrations, as well as other large parish events if needed! We direct traffic and drive passenger golf carts from various points on campus - picking up visitors/parishioners at their cars and taking them to the front door of the Church or Parish Life Center. **GET CONNECTED:** Contact us to see how we can partner together! Training provided. Background & driver's license check required.

Pew Gardeners

Contact: Lisa Wickers, lisa@digizle.com

Our faithful Pew Gardeners straighten the pews after the Mass they attend, ensuring that the Lord's house is always prepared for our worshipping community. In addition, they may be called upon to help with special liturgical events.

GET CONNECTED: Training and supplies provided. Participation as a family is welcomed. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Technical Support Ministry

Contact: Mark Ayers, 407.265.2310 / **E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

We are a group of faithful and dedicated technicians who primarily support liturgical needs with audio and video requests by operating and maintaining a broad array of advanced audio and video equipment installed in the Church and Parish Life Center.

GET CONNECTED: Explore the possibilities with us, make some new friends and learn more about our pursuit of excellence. Training Provided. There may be some lifting of audio equipment.



Knights of Columbus

Contact: Mark Lawrence, Grand Knight, 407.592.0037 / **E-Mail:** grandknight5618@gmail.com

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men age 18 years and older whose watch words are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. **GET CONNECTED:** The Knights support charities throughout the parish and community. They work with the parish priest and support religious vocations and pro-life initiatives. Becoming a Knight gives a man the opportunity to be a part of a special group of men organized by a parish priest, Father Michael McGivney in 1882. Membership in the Knights is an opportunity to become a better Catholic, to grow within you, and to foster responsibility and leadership within the Catholic community. For more information, go to bishopgradykofof.org.

Movimiento Juan XXIII

Contact: Telésforo Huerta, 407.252.6126 / **E-Mail:** palmahuerta76@gmail.com

El Movimiento Juan XXIII, es un grupo de Hacedores de Discípulos que ofrece su tiempo, talento y tesoro, en apoyo espiritual a la Comunidad, por medio de la formación de la fe, la oración diaria, y las reuniones en grupo, para estudiar la Palabra de Dios y construir su Reino. Está inspirado en el Amor del Papa San Juan XXIII a Jesucristo, su Obediencia y fidelidad a la Iglesia Católica, Madre y Maestra, y su Espíritu de Alegría, Sacrificio y Generosidad. Tiene como propósito servir a quienes han perdido su conexión con Dios ayudándolos a reencontrar nuevamente el camino por medio del Evangelio. Los servicios de este ministerio están disponibles para los Hermanos Retiristas y para todos aquellos que aún no han tenido la oportunidad de participar en el Retiro. Este ministerio ofrece Retiros Espirituales cada mes. **¿CÓMO PARTICIPAR?:** Nos reunimos todos los martes de 7-9PM para la formación. Todos pueden participar.

Ministerios en Español

Adoración Eucarística

El Ministerio de Adoración Eucarística quiere colocar a Dios primero en todo adorando la Presencia Real de Jesús en la Eucaristía los días martes, jueves y los primeros viernes de mes durante la exposición del Santísimo. Otros días especiales durante el año son también incluidos. Los adoradores acompañan al Santísimo Sacramento en silencio contemplativo y orante, fortalecen su vida espiritual con la lectura de la Biblia, el Catecismo y otros textos de formación espiritual y meditan los Misterios del Rosario mientras permaneces ante la Presencia Real de Jesús en la Eucaristía.

Coro Hispano

Contacto: Andrés Ocampo, 407.265.2308 /

E-Mail: AndresO@StMaryMagdalen.org

El Coro Hispano quiere inspirar una cultura de encuentro con Dios y de vida espiritual por medio del canto durante las Misas. **CÓMO PARTICIPAR:** Se requiere tener experiencia en el canto. Póngase en contacto con el coordinador para una audición. Las prácticas se llevan a cabo en el templo todos los jueves de 8-9:30PM, después de la Misa de 7PM en español. Los Músicos instrumentistas son bienvenidos a integrarse en el coro. El Coro está presente durante todo el Año Litúrgico.

Exploradores de la Biblia (Liturgia de La Palabra Para los Niños)

Contacto: Victoria Bulla, 321.460.8723

Todos los sábados, durante la Misa de 7PM en español, antes de iniciar la Liturgia de la Palabra, los Catequistas o discípulos voluntarios de la Liturgia de los Niños (Exploradores de la Biblia), llevan a los niños con edades correspondientes a los grados de K a 5 al salón de ensayos del Coro de la Iglesia, para reflexionar sobre la Palabra del domingo adaptada para niños. Les leen los textos correspondientes, les explican el contenido del Evangelio del día, utilizan dinámicas y videos divertidos y les sugieren alternativas de cómo aplicar las lecciones bíblicas en sus vidas cotidianas. Luego, durante el credo de la Misa, regresan nuevamente al templo para continuar con la Misa. **CÓMO PARTICIPAR:** Tenemos recursos para ayudar a facilitar la discusión sobre los temas de las lecturas y cómo aplicarlo en la vida diaria de los niños. Nuestros líderes tienen un horario rotativo y requiere (cuando están programados) aproximadamente dos horas por semana para incluir la preparación y la facilitación. Los padres son bienvenidos a observar.

Formación Permanente

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La formación permanente de adultos ayuda a los discípulos y la feligresía en el desarrollo de sus fortalezas y el liderazgo, promueve el conocimiento e intimidad con la Palabra de Dios, y coordina estudios Bíblicos sobre Iglesia, los Sacramentos, vida de los santos y otros temas relacionados con la promoción del Discipulado. Esta formación es esencial para entender, apoyar y contribuir en la implementación del Plan Pastoral Parroquial de St. Mary Magdalen. **CÓMO PARTICIPAR:** Debe comprometerse con la Misión Parroquial y estar dispuesto a aprender, desarrollarse continuamente y servir a otros por medio de la evangelización y debe tener un deseo de aprender las enseñanzas de las Sagradas Escrituras e imitar el ejemplo de Jesús.

Grupo de Apoyo Para Cuidadores de Pacientes con Alzheimer y Demencia

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Este es un grupo que se reúne una vez al mes de 7-8:30 PM el tercer lunes del mes en el salón de Cuido de Adultos (salón al lado de la entrada principal del Parish Life Center). En nuestro grupo compartiremos nuestras experiencias y aprenderemos de otros sobre el cuidado de nuestros seres queridos. También habrá reuniones donde se invitarán personas que harán presentaciones sobre servicios privados y del gobierno que puedan ayudar con el cuidado del paciente y otros tipos de ayuda.



Ministerio de los Enfermos

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Los ministros de los enfermos practican la hospitalidad en el servicio a los parroquianos que se encuentran quebrantados de salud y a sus familiares. Estas personas ofrecen varias horas cada día de la semana visitando el Advent Health System (Hospital de Altamonte Springs), un centro de cuidado de enfermos y seis hogares de ancianos. Allí brindan aliento llevando la Comunión y compañía a los enfermos y a quienes los cuidan. Numerosos miembros de la parroquia reciben este servicio semanalmente en sus hogares. **CÓMO PARTICIPAR:** Llame o envíe un mensaje a dirección electrónica de Mary Huynh. Trabajaremos con usted para discernir su interés y disponibilidad. Usted podrá servir en este ministerio según sus posibilidades. Después del entrenamiento de Ministro de la Eucaristía y Ministro de los Enfermos, podrá llevar la Comunión a quienes lo requieran. Las primeras visitas serán en compañía de otro discípulo hasta que usted adquiriera mayor experiencia para hacerlo solo.

Ministros Eucarísticos

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Estas personas le brindan apoyo al Sacerdote, diácono, sacristanes y a la comunidad con la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión durante la celebración de la Misa. **CÓMO PARTICIPAR:** Los solicitantes deben de haber completado su iniciación cristiana. Deben ser miembros registrados en la parroquia por al menos seis (6) meses antes de la solicitud. Deberán tener el deseo de servir a la comunidad. Usted puede enviarle una carta al Pastor, participándole su intención personal de servir en este ministerio. Una vez aprobado deberá asistir a un adiestramiento de un día para recibir la autorización del Obispo que lo certifica como Ministro Extraordinario de la Eucaristía por un lapso de cinco (5) años.

Niños en Acción

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Reúne a los niños de familias hispanas en nivel de escuela elemental. Nos reunimos el primer viernes de cada mes a las 6:30PM. Por medio de la catequesis, juegos, cantos y actividades, los niños son motivados a crecer en la fe con otros niños de la parroquia y a discernir en que ministerio les gustaría participar cuando avancen al Middle y al High School. Usted puede inscribir a sus niños llamando a la persona de contacto. **CÓMO PARTICIPAR:** Se provee entrenamiento. Las madres, padres y abuelos son bienvenidos a acompañar a sus hijos y nietos.

Proclamadores de La Palabra

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Dios le habla a la asamblea a través de la lectura de su palabra. El lector, ofrece su voz y sus habilidades de la lectura, para que el mensaje de Dios cale con claridad en los oyentes y sea comprendido con mayor profundidad por la asamblea. El lector tiene el desafío de vivir cristianamente y testificar con sus acciones, que es fiel a aquello que lee frente a los fieles. Asiste a misa todos los sábados y días de precepto, para acrecentar su fe y compromiso a su ministerio. **CÓMO PARTICIPAR:** Te invitamos a asistir a la Misa Dominical cada semana (en español que se celebra los sábados a las 7PM). Comunícate con nosotros para más información y formación que la parroquia ofrece para participar en este ministerio. Se requiere una audición.

Renovación Católica Carismática

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La Renovación Carismática Católica en la parroquia es un ministerio de oración y espiritualidad en torno a la Palabra de Dios y la Eucaristía. Nos reunimos invocando la guía del Espíritu Santo para compartir la fe y la experiencia de la vida Católica como Cristianos hacedores de discípulos y viviendo una cultura de Gratitud y Evangelización. Oramos al Padre como lo enseñó Jesús, cooperando con la conversión de los hermanos y hermanas y haciendo nuevos Discípulos, Renovados a imagen de Jesús, el Buen Pastor. Este ministerio se reúne los viernes de 7-9:30PM en el salón San Juan de la Cruz (anexo, salón 7).

CÓMO PARTICIPAR: Acompañenos en el Grupo de Oración o póngase en contacto con nosotros.

Rosario en Familia

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Este ministerio promueve el conocimiento, el amor y la devoción a la Madre de Dios por medio de diversas actividades Marianas en torno a la Eucaristía entre las cuales se incluyen: el rezo del Santo Rosario los jueves y los sábados antes de la Misa, la visita a los hogares los martes 7PM para llevar la imagen de Virgen María Peregrina y rezar en español el Rosario en Familia, la Fiesta Mariana Internacional y el Octavario Mariano “Ella es una para todos.” **CÓMO PARTICIPAR:** Únase a nosotros en oración como los discípulos del cenáculo en torno a la Virgen María y el Santo Rosario. Póngase en contacto ya.

Muchas oportunidades requieren una autorización diocesana (antecedentes penales) antes de servir.

Sacramentos para Adultos o Adolescentes

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Este programa es también conocido por el acrónimo de **R.I.C.A.** que traduce Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos. Este es el proceso que la iglesia usa para preparar a las personas comprendidas de ocho (8) o más años de edad, que nunca han recibido el bautismo cristiano o aun no acuden por primera vez a los sacramentos de la reconciliación, comunión o confirmación en la Iglesia Católica Romana. Este proceso catequético está también designado para preparar y dar la bienvenida: a miembros bautizados en otras denominaciones cristianas que desean ser católicos, a católicos que han estado separados de la fe católica y desean retornar, incluyendo aquellos que desean recibir los sacramentos necesarios para estar en completa comunión con la Iglesia. **¿CÓMO PARTICIPAR?:** Usted puede servir de apoyo en la formación de un equipo, *¡Una excelente oportunidad para compartir la Fe!* El tiempo requerido es de unas horas a la semana desde seis semanas a dos años, dependiendo del desarrollo de las asignaciones. Es necesario que los voluntarios completen los requisitos diocesanos. Usted necesitará tener la certificación del programa diocesano de catequesis.

Sacristanes

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Los sacristanes son personas de reconocida piedad, esmero y responsabilidad que ejercen el servicio privilegiado de cuidar todos los aspectos relacionados con la Liturgia y los Sacramentos. Cooperan con el sacerdote, el diácono y los diversos ministerios litúrgicos para la celebración de los Sacramentos, custodian a través del ordo, las celebraciones del Año Litúrgico se familiarizan con el uso correcto del Misal Romano y los Leccionarios, protegen y preparan los vasos sagrados y útiles relacionados antes, durante y después de los sacramentos. Protegen el proceso de purificación de los vasos sagrados después de la Comunión pues aun contienen los residuos o partículas de la Presencia Real del Señor en la Eucaristía.

¿CÓMO PARTICIPAR?: Debes ser Ministro de Eucaristía y recibir el entrenamiento por el Sacristán Mayor. Para las Misas de los sábados, se requiere cerca de dos horas de servicio y un poco menos para las Misas de todos los días de la semana, Primer Viernes de Adoración, Estaciones del Vía Crucis, funerales, bodas y para cualquier otra celebración litúrgica especial. El compromiso varía en cuanto a la disponibilidad y necesidad.

Servidores del Altar

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Los Servidores del Altar, son niños (as) y jóvenes que participan como servidores del Altar (monaguillos) durante la celebración de los Sacramentos. **¿CÓMO PARTICIPAR?:** Los padres de los niños y jóvenes que deseen pertenecer al Ministerio deben ponerse en contacto con Lucero Morales y/o el Diacono Juan Cruz. Los candidatos deben haber hecho la Primera Comunión, así como también estar registrados como miembros de la Parroquia de St. María Magdalena. Los padres y los aspirantes deben llenar una aplicación para su inscripción y los jóvenes mayores de 15 años deben completar la autorización diocesana.

Ujieres

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Los ujieres son las personas encargadas de ofrecer fraternalmente bienvenida y asistencia a toda la feligresía que viene a las celebraciones litúrgicas. Ellos son los encargados de dar la bienvenida, ubicar a las personas en las bancas, seleccionar a la familia que llevará las ofrendas, realizar el servicio de la colecta (Dar con sacrificio) durante el ofertorio de la Misa, coordinar el orden de los fieles durante el Rito de la Comunión, se aseguran de que exista un ambiente seguro y ayudan a las personas en caso de una emergencia de salud. **¿CÓMO PARTICIPAR?:** Estamos abiertos a todos los feligreses que tengan espíritu de bienvenida y acogida a los hermanos. Tienen que tener 16 años mínimo, usar el código de vestimenta.

"Our faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others. . . with our faith we must create a "culture of encounter", a culture of friendship, a culture in which we find brothers and sisters, in which we can also speak with those who think differently, as well as those who hold other beliefs, who do not have the same faith. They all have something in common with us: they are images of God; they are children of God. Going out to meet everyone, without losing sight of our own position." (Pope Francis)



POPE FRANCIS QUOTES ON MISSIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

"Jesus did not say: "One of you go", but "All of you go." we are sent together. Dear friends, be aware of the companionship of the whole Church and the communion of the saints on this mission. Jesus did not call the Apostles to live in isolation, he called them to form a group, a community."

"When one realizes that life, even in the middle of so many contradictions, is a gift, that love is the source and the meaning of life, how can they withhold their urge to do good to another fellow being?" (Pope Francis)

"To do good, we need memory, we need courage and we need creativity...Remember that the other is not a statistic or a number. The other has a face. The 'you' is always a real presence, a person to take care of." (Pope Francis)

"We are all called to adore Christ in our hearts (1 Pet 3:15) to allow ourselves to be touched by the impulse of grace contained in the seed of the Word, which must grow in us and be transformed into concrete service to our neighbor."

*"People today certainly need words, but most of all they need us to bear witness to the mercy and tenderness of the Lord, which warms the heart, rekindles hope, and attracts people towards the good.
What a joy it is to bring God's consolation to others!"*

"You have a specific and important mission, that of keeping alive the relationship between the faith and the cultures of the peoples to whom you belong. . . We have to follow Christ along the concrete path of our daily lives so that he can transform us."

*"The Holy Spirit, in the variety of his gifts, unites us and enables us to contribute to the building up of the Church in holiness. In this great work, each of us has a part to play; each of us, as a "living stone", is needed for the growth and the beauty of God's holy temple.
Let us ask the Lord to help us to take an ever more active part in the Church's life and mission, guided by the Holy Spirit and with Jesus as our cornerstone."*

"Being the Church, to be the People of God, in accordance with the Father's great design of love, means to be the leaven of God in this humanity of ours. It means to proclaim and to bring God's salvation to this world of ours, so often led astray, in need of answers that give courage, hope and new vigor for the journey. May the Church be a place of God's mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel."



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One component of being considered a “Partner in the Mission” is a completed Discipleship Commitment form for the upcoming pastoral year. See the last few pages in this book to fill out yours.

“I know that you face many challenges, and that the field in which you sow is unyielding and that there is always the temptation to give in to fear, to lick one's wounds, to think back on bygone times and to devise harsh responses to fierce opposition. And yet we are promoters of the culture of encounter. We are living sacraments of the embrace between God's riches and our poverty.”
(Pope Francis meeting with the Bishops of the United States of America, 2015)

