Discovering your talents and understanding the talents of others will help you effectively put your “Faith in Action” as a community to Build the Lord’s Kingdom.
To find out your talents, contact Melissa Findley at 407.831.1212 x268 or MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

“Christ has no body now on earth, but yours. No hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people.”
- St. Teresa of Avila
WHO IS A “PARTNER IN THE MISSION”? 

• A partner attends and participates weekly in the sharing of the Sunday Eucharist & the Sacraments at St. Mary Magdalen.
• A partner is committed to personal spiritual growth
• A partner is committed to living out his call to discipleship within the community by giving his time and talent on a regular basis to carry out the Lord’s work. Every spring, each partner completes the Time & Talent form and serves in at least one area of parish ministry throughout the year.
• A partner financially supports 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. They fulfill their pledge throughout the following calendar year.

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Stewardship is based on the understanding that all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God; our time, our talent, our money and even the gift of life itself. We show our gratitude for these gifts by returning a portion of them back to God. Our gifts of time and talent do not substitute for the gifts of our financial resources (Sacrificial Giving), nor do our gifts of treasure substitute for our gifts of time and talent. All are gifts from God. As Christian Stewards, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible and accountable manner, share them in justice and love with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. Our prayerful gifts of time, talent, and treasure are concrete expressions of our faith and the way we give Glory to God. Through our stewardship of these gifts, we will put our “Faith in Action” and Build His Kingdom.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are profoundly grateful to God for generously giving us this precious and marvelous gift of life to both enjoy and share with so many good and gifted people like you who bless our parish. It is with this spirit of gratitude and celebration that our parish will be dedicating the next few weeks to prayer and reflection upon the gifts we all have relating to Time & Talent.

You are Invited . . . We invite you to be a Christian Steward of your God-Given gifts of Time & Talent. Listed within the next few pages are several opportunities for your consideration. We ask you to prayerfully reflect over these opportunities and ask yourself, “How will I give back to God this coming year by serving others in His name and build my own relationship with Him?” Response sheets for three members of your household are located at the end of this booklet. Please join us in being good stewards of God’s Church and World by bringing this with you to Mass on April 20 & 21, 2013.

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

Fr. Charles Mitchell, Pastor
Gifted & Called

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 which 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).

If you have never participated in ministry before or just occasionally and are ready to deepen your involvement, it may be helpful to think about the ways you have experienced or have been inspired by the ministry of others. Spend time in prayer discerning how the Lord may be calling you to Build His Kingdom.

On this page we have various categories to help you with the discernment process.

Reflect on the following:

- What kinds of activities are you naturally drawn to?
- What kinds of activities do you seem to pick up quickly?
- In what activities do you “lose track of time?”
- In what activities have you had moments when you asked yourself “how did I do that?”
- What activities provide joy and fulfillment where you can say “when can I do that again?”
- Dare to dream, if time and money were no object, what would you do? What are you passionate about?

What is your availability?

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday

- 9AM-12PM
- 1PM-5PM
- 4PM-6PM
- 6PM-9PM

- Winter
- Spring
- Summer
- Fall

- Prefer short-term commitments (up to 6 months)
- Prefer a longer service term (1, 2, 3 years)

Reflect on which styles best match your perception of yourself? (Choose no more than three):

- Leader
- Practical
- Creative
- Outgoing and gregarious
- Reserved and reflective
- Concerned with goals, outcomes
- Concerned with relationships

Who Needs You? Where does your heart feel called towards?

- Pastoral Leadership
- Preparing others for the Sacraments
- Working w/children
- Working w/teens
- Helping others form their faith
- Enriching Marriages & Family
- Helping with the Liturgical experience
- Working w/elderly
- Helping the disadvantaged
- Building community
- Bringing others into the Church
- Helping with communication efforts
- Tending the Church or parish grounds
- Advancing the mission of the Church
- Engaging in prayer opportunities
- Helping our school
- Developing myself
- Other:

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The Pastor seeks advice and counsel from seven leadership councils and commissions (Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Stewardship Council, Faith Formation Commission, Justice & Service Commission, School Commission and Worship Commission) in order to guide the mission and direction of the parish. Each council and commission is responsible for developing and carrying out a strategic plan for an area of parish life and ministry which fall under its responsibility.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** 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 currently be a partner in the mission. If desiring to serve on the Pastoral or Finance Council, you also must have previously served on a Council or Commission during the last five years. There is a three-year commitment, four to five hours per month. Diocesan FBI/FLDE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required for the Finance Council, School Commission, and Justice & Service Commission.

### Pastoral Council
**Contact:** Cecile Bertot, 407.829.2504  
**E-Mail:** cecilebertot@yahoo.com

**Service(s) Offered:** The Council is a 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.

### Finance Council
**Contact:** John Joyce, 407.222.3016  
**Email:** Jjoyce@DRML-Law.com

**Service(s) Offered:** The council is a consultative body providing advice and recommendations to the Pastor concerning the Stewardship of the parish’s fiscal and temporal resources, including conducting long-range financial planning to support the mission of the parish.

### Stewardship Council
**Contact:** Brian Pelski, 321.689.4994  
**E-Mail:** bpelski89@gmail.com

**Service(s) Offered:** The Stewardship Council promotes the mission of our parish by fostering stewardship as a way of life within all aspects of the parish community. The council is composed of two teams which focus on very distinct aspects of Stewardship:

- **The Time & Talent Team:** Connects people with ministries that utilize their God-Given gifts and talents. We accomplish this by fostering personal discovery for our parishioners and a welcoming spirit in our ministries.
- **Stewardship Development Team:** Works on a holistic Sacramental Giving effort—the parish’s annual renewal program in November, Planned Giving, major gifts, special campaigns (Parish Endowment, Alive in Christ, Our Catholic Appeal) and other financial development efforts.

### Faith Formation Commission
**Contact:** Bert Ghezzi, 407.644.1552  
**E-Mail:** bertghezzi@cfl.rr.com

**Service(s) Offered:** The Faith Formation Commission 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.

### Worship Commission
**Contact:** Buddy Anderson, 407.834.8973  
**E-Mail:** aassociates47@yahoo.com

**Service(s) Offered:** The primary role of this group is to aid and lead the parish community of St. Mary Magdalene to grow spiritually in faith and love through deeper prayer and better worship.

### Justice & Service Commission
**Contact:** Barbara Chiodo, barbarachiodo@aol.com

**Service(s) Offered:** The Justice & Service Commission is a consultative body to the Pastor which promotes awareness of Catholic Social Teaching and opportunities to put it into practice. Our commission coordinates the following parish ministries: family services, ministry to the sick & bereavement, ministries for retired persons, those with special needs, social justice, respect for life, and the Peace Orphanage in Mexico. It addresses this with prayer, education, service, justice and action.

### School Commission
**Contact:** Joe Snider, 407.416.4675  
**E-Mail:** wj_snider@yahoo.com

**Service(s) Offered:** The School Commission 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. The Commission meets once a month with sub-committee meetings in between. Members are asked to serve a three-year term for continuity.

Stewardship as it relates to the church...must include the most stringent ethical, legal, and fiscal standards. That requires several things: pastors and parish staff must be open, consultative, collegial, and accountable in the conduct of affairs. And parishioners must accept responsibility for their parishes and contribute generously—both money and personal service—to their programs and projects. The success or failure of parish programs, the vitality of parish life or its absence, the ability or inability of a parish to render needed services to its members and the community depend upon all.

~ Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship
**SACRAMЕНТАL PREPARATION**

### Baptism Preparation (Adult & Child)

**Contact:** Deacon Marshall Gibbs, 407.831.1212, x229  
**Email:** MGibbs@StMaryMagdalen.org

#### Child Baptism

Those desiring to have their babies baptized, please call to learn about the process. Classes are held in English on the third Monday of the month in the John Paul II room in the Parish Life Center from 7-9PM (No registration necessary). Baptisms are held every Sunday at 1:15PM except for the Lenten season.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** 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 (usually Sunday at 1:15PM in English).

#### Adult Baptism

**R.C.I.A (Adult Sacramental Catechesis)**  
for all unbaptized, age 8 and older

Christian Trinitarian Baptism for individuals age 8 and older is accomplished through the R.C.I.A. which is an acronym for the Roman Catholic Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.  
This is the process the Church uses to prepare anyone who has never been baptized for entry into the Roman Catholic Christian Faith. This catechetical process is also designed to prepare and welcome baptized members of other Christian denominations who wish to become Catholic, Catholics who have been away from the Catholic faith and wish to return, and those who wish to receive any missed sacraments needed to be in full union with the Church.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** You could be a sponsor or help out the formation team – what a wonderful way to share your faith! The time needed is a few hours weekly and varies in length from six weeks to two years, depending on assignment. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required if working with children. You will be asked to enroll in the Diocesan Catechist Certification program.

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**Children’s First Reconciliation & First Communion Prep**

**Contact:** Larann Wilson, 407.831.1212, x233  
**E-Mail:** LarannW@StMaryMagdalen.org

**FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION**

Preparation to understand the Sacraments and how to receive these gifts from God through the Church. The 4-session preparation calls the parents to join their children in the faith journey and learn what it is to be a reconciling people. Sessions are held in the fall. Sacrament of Reconciliation is to be received before First Communion.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION**

The 4-session preparation for the children and parents will help families understand the Sacraments, how to receive these gifts from God through the Church, what really happens at the Mass, and that coming together to receive Jesus in Communion is the greatest thing we do as Catholic Christians. Sessions are held in the spring. First Communicants must have been prepared and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation before First Communion.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Catechists would need to be available for each session. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required, as well as, growing in their own faith formation by participating in the Diocesan Catechist Certification program.

**Confirmation Preparation**

**CONFIRMATION OF ADULTS**

**Contact:** Deacon Marshall Gibbs, 407.831.1212, x229  
**Email:** MGibbs@StMaryMagdalen.org

All Catholics age 18 and older, who are not confirmed, are invited to contact Deacon Marshall no later than September 1st to prepare for the Rite of Confirmation (includes First Reconciliation & First Communion). The Rite is scheduled for November.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** 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 OF TEENS
Contact: Darryl Dziedzic, 407.831.1212, x235
E-Mail: Youth@StMaryMagdalen.org

A Sacrament of Initiation and not the end of faith formation. Earliest reception of this sacrament is 9th grade. A 9-session (Mondays 7-8:30PM) preparation allows teens to prepare for the sacrament that is a further entry into Church Membership and Christian Discipleship. Candidates will walk this journey in various ways with their parents, sponsors, and parish.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Confirmation Preparation Team commitment is for four months, approximately 10 hours per month. Catechists would need to be available for each session and available for one weekend retreat. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required, as well as, growing in their own faith formation by participating in the Diocesan Catechist Certification program.

Marriage Preparation
Contact: Deacon Marshall Gibbs, 407.831.1212, x229
Email: MGibbs@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage is offered to all baptized Catholics. The process requires about six months from application to wedding. Any couple interested in beginning the process for the first time or wishing to have their existing marriage blessed by the church (convalidation) should contact Deacon Marshall.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: We are in need of couples to become involved in FOCCUS. See write-up below.

FOCCUS
FOCCUS stands for Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study. It is hoped that during the time the FOCCUS couple spends with the engaged couple, they witness to the Sacrament and holiness of marriage. We hope that through this process our engaged couples will feel loved, valued, and connected to the People of God in our parish.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Couples from our parish who wish to help "facilitate" the process of preparing our engaged couples for marriage must be trained by the Diocese of Orlando Family Life Office, commit for two years to this ministry, and be open and willing to receiving ongoing marriage enrichment and support through this ministry.

Every individual--every parish member--plays a role in energizing and shaping the Church.
~ Excerpt from “Living Your Strengths”
Religious Education K-5
Contact: Larann Wilson, 407.831.1212, x233
E-Mail: LarannW@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: “The aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ.” (Catechesis in Our Time 5). As disciples of Christ, we are called to continuous conversion. We grow in a deeper knowledge, understanding, and relationship with our Lord through the various stages of our lives. Since the faith formation of children is just beginning, the goal of St. Mary Magdalen’s Religious Education program is to collaborate with the parents and guardians (whom the Church recognizes as the primary and principle educators) to aid our children on their journey. Classes are held from September through May, Wednesdays 4-5:30PM or Saturdays 9:15-10:45AM. (For grades 6-8, please refer to The Edge Middle School Youth Ministry.)

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Catechists would need to be available for each session. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required, as well as, growing in their own faith formation by participating in the Diocesan Catechist Certification program. You may also serve as a Classroom Aide or Hallway Monitor.

Vacation Bible School
Contact: Diane Naas, 407.774.6166
Contact: Mary Gulde, 407.491.0394

Service(s) Offered: This theme-based five-day morning program offers children an opportunity to learn more about their Catholic Faith through the lives of the saints and the Blessed Mother. Open to children entering Kindergarten thru 5th grade in the month of June. It’s a fun filled week of music, drama, lessons and crafts.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: A wonderful ministry not only for adults, but for high school and middle school students who wish to help out. Various needs: Plan activities and refreshments, schedule disciple volunteers and participants, supervise children as they go through stations while others prepare lessons, teach music, conduct drama, or prepare snacks. It’s great fun for all involved! Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

God places within you a calling – a calling to serve others and advance the cause of Christ and the Church, a calling to ministry. Your calling is what God wants you to do with your life; your talents and strengths determine how you will get it done.

~ Excerpt from “Living Your Strengths”

Youth Ministry
The Edge 6th - 8th grade
Life Teen 9th - 12th grade
Contact: Darryl Dziedzic, 407.831.1212, x235
E-Mail: Youth@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: Serving the junior high (EDGE) and high school (Life Teen) youth, the principles of Renewing the Vision (Advocacy, Catechesis, community Life, Evangelization, Justice and Service, Leadership Development, Prayer and Worship, and Pastoral Care) are implemented through relational ministry. We reach out to all youth in and outside the community to help build a strong foundation for a mature faith and prepare them to “go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature” (Mk 16:15).

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Core Team Discipleship commitment is for one year. Approximately 10 hours a month for planning, service and special events. Disciples need to meet with the Steward for Youth Ministry for interview and Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Bible Blitz
Seasonally, Father Ed brings in guest speakers or presents studies of the books of the Bible or special biblical people and topics. Held on Monday nights in the church from 7-8PM.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Watch bulletin for details and join us!

Bible Study
Contact: Fr. Ed Thompson, 407.831.1212

Service(s) Offered: This group meets Tuesday mornings from 7:30-8:15AM in the parish office Espíritu Santo conference room. The focus is on the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass. Attendees look forward to a deeper more personal appreciation of the liturgical readings and homily. It is a discussion group with Fr. Ed as facilitator.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Join us!
HOW TO GIVE BACK: Join us!

Bible Theology Class
Contact: Vicki Yurso, 407.497.5940

Service(s) Offered: We meet Wednesdays, 11:30AM-12:30PM in the St. Francis of Assisi room located in the Annex, for an in-depth study of the books of the Bible and teachings of the Catholic Faith. We utilize the Bible and Catechisms of the Catholic Church (CCC).

Christ Renews Our Community (CROC)

Service(s) Offered: Each year at SMM, parishioners put on a weekend experience called Christ Renews Our Community with a men’s retreat weekend (August) and the women’s retreat weekend (September). This is a powerful time to listen to witness talks and show your faith in small groups. There is no cost, but you are asked to bring an open heart and have a willingness to hear Christ in your life. Call the Church Office and ask for a registration form.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Attend the session above, and afterwards call the contact person to be a part of the next formation team.

ACTS 29 for MEN
Contact: Mike Brockman, 407.463.0204
E-Mail: mike@brockmaninsurance.com

SISTER ACT for WOMEN
Contact: Dianne Couch, 407.696.6382
E-Mail: djcouch@embarqmail.com

Men and Women who have attended a CROC (Christ Renews Our Community) retreat weekend, come together monthly for fellowship to strengthen their relationship with Jesus through each other, as the Body of Christ, as well as continue their spiritual faith journey with scripture readings, small group discussions, teachings and witnesses. Meetings are once a month in the annex, Thursdays from 7-9PM (women) and on the 3rd Monday of each month from 7-9PM (men).

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Attend a CROC retreat, and then join us to continue your spiritual growth.

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Hold back nothing of yourselves so that He who gives Himself totally to you may receive you totally.

~ St. Francis of Assisi

Cursillo Ultreya
Contact: Evelyn Miller, emiller128@cfl.rr.com

Service(s) Offered: Cursillo is both a movement and a method. It is a little course in living Christianity, beginning with a three-day retreat. The 4th day begins a commitment that lasts the rest of your life. Ultreya for the Cursillo community of St. Mary Magdalen and surrounding area is held the 3rd Friday of each month, 7:30-9:30PM.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Coordinators for Cursillo at St. Mary Magdalen prepare our Cursillo Ultreya each month. New candidates must have a sponsor and be approved by our Pastor. As parishioners, we must keep the method of the Cursillo movement alive in all Cursillistas, by witnessing to personal holiness, study and evangelization. You must be Catholic. The Holy Spirit will give you the gifts and the three-day Cursillo Retreat will help you with the skills. The amount of time required is up to each Cursillista. It is also up to each Cursillista to find a ministry that is best for them. There are weekly groups plus group reunions. The Diocesan secretariats have ongoing formation for all Cursillistas.

Great Adventure Bible Study
Contact: Larann Wilson, 407.831.1212 x223
E-Mail: Faith@StMaryMagalen.org

Service(s) Offered: A Catholic Bible Study that seeks to draw people into a transformative relationship with Christ. The Great Adventure Bible Studies focuses on God’s plan of salvation as it unfolds throughout Scripture. A Quick Journey Through the Bible is an 8-part series that helps us understand The Story of Salvation and is offered in the Fall and Spring. The Bible Timeline is a 24-part series that takes participants into a deeper understanding of the Story. This study will begin in the Fall. Future studies include Matthew, Acts of the Apostles, and Revelation.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Watch bulletin for dates and details. After participating in the series, there may be an opportunity to become a group facilitator.

Men’s Morning Bible Study
Contact: Deacon Henry Libersat, 407.831.1212

Service(s) Offered: Men gather Monday mornings from 7-8AM in the Mother Teresa room to deepen their knowledge of the Bible on topics such as: “What does it take to be a Catholic Man in the Modern World?” and other timely subjects.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Join us!
Young Adult Ministry

**Contact:** Melissa Youngman, 917.331.8018  
**Contact:** Christina Ferretti, 908.227.5797  
**Contact:** Milena Negrao, 407.252.3807  
**Email:** smmyoungadults@gmail.com

**Service(s) Offered:** The Young Adults at St Mary Magdalen are walking together to know, love and serve Christ in this life and in the next. We are called to serve those in the community in their 20s and 30s, both single and married, seeking to enrich their relationship with Jesus Christ and each other through prayer, fellowship and service.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Join Us!

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**EMMAUS (RETREAT for YOUNG ADULTS)**

**Contact:** Christina Kuchman, 407.312.6014  
**E-Mail:** Emmausorlando@aol.com

**Service(s) Offered:** EMMAUS has been faithfully serving Central Florida for more than 25 years and is an Orlando Diocese recognized weekend retreat program for vibrant young adults (minimum age of 18) who are seeking enlightenment, inspiration and growth in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their current level of faith or practice. The purpose of the weekend is to give young adults from all walks of life a unique, warm, up-lifting, and non-judgmental environment of sincere faith, fellowship, and worship. This type of atmosphere is conducive in providing insight and opportunities to reflect upon themselves and their relationship to God and community. In addition to the retreat, we have monthly socials, events, and various other gatherings throughout the year that blend fun and spirituality that is both appealing and catered to young adults.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** There are numerous ways in which you can become involved in this lively ministry, and Emmaus is always open to accepting disciples and participants in the program. If God is tugging at your heart to serve the young adults in our community, then please call the Chair to learn how you can get involved and give back.

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God has created me to do Him some definite service;  
He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another...I have a part in a great work;  
I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

~ Cardinal John Henry Newman

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MARRIAGE & FAMILY ENRICHMENT

**Marriage Enrichment Ministry**

**Contact:** Larann Wilson, 407.831.1212, x233  
**E-Mail:** LarannW@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Service(s) Offered:**

- **Love is never something readymade, something merely 'given' to man and woman; it is always at the same time a 'task' which they are set. Love should be seen as something which in a sense never 'is' but is always only 'becoming', and what it becomes depends up on the contribution of both persons and the depth of their commitment.” - Blessed John Paul II

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**CELEBRATE MARRIAGE SUNDAY**

Celebrated the second Sunday of February by Bishop John Noonan at St. James Cathedral. All couples have the opportunity to renew their vows. All anniversaries are celebrated. Registrations for this celebration are accepted in January.

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**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends offer an experience designed to give married couples the opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. It's a chance to look deep into their relationship sharing their feelings, hopes and dreams with each other and with God. The weekend provides an environment for couples to spend time together, away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, while encouraging them to focus on each other and their relationship. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention! Highly recommended by priests and couples in our parish, there is a registration fee but no one is turned away for lack of funds. Visit centralfloridawwme.org for dates/registration.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** If you are interested in assisting in the coordination of an event, please call the parish contact.
Ministry of Mothers Sharing  
**Contact:** Larann Wilson, 407.831.1212, x233  
**E-Mail:** LarannW@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Service(s) Offered:** This eight-week course, offered in the fall & spring, is for any mother (married, single, divorced, widowed, stepmother, grandmother, etc.) interested in developing self-esteem, relationship skills, and deepening her sense of spirituality. Those who attend develop deep personal friendships and become eager to reach out to our parish family. Childcare is available upon request.

** HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Facilitators are trained by the Diocese of Orlando. Additional people are needed for promotions, follow-ups, etc.

Natural Family Planning  
**Contact:** Greg and Barbara Nelsen, 407.260.8679

**Service(s) Offered:** This Diocesan-based program is provided at St. Mary Magdalen by trained couples and professional personnel. Its purpose is to help couples in either postponing or achieving pregnancy. This modern and scientific method is 99.98% effective when guidelines are known and knowledge properly applied. It is intended to reflect the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promote openness to life, and recognize the value of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving natures, Natural Family Planning can enrich the bond between husband and wife.

** HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Classes run about three hours in length. We teach engaged and married couples a natural method of family planning. Training is provided to become a certified teaching couple.

New Beginnings (Divorced or Separated)  
**Contact:** Jeanne Morris, 407.333.9135

**Service(s) Offered:** The focus of this ministry is to assist those working through the various phases and issues of separation and divorce. Phase I starts in November. This free 20-week program is designed to help participants through the initial stages of recovery, addressing topics such as loneliness, grief, single parenting, the Church, accepting change, etc. The group meets Monday nights from 7-9PM. Child Care is provided upon request. Phase II immediately follows Phase I. Text and workbooks are used to aid in the learning of how to put closure on a past relationship and to look at healthy ways of moving on with their lives.

** HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Facilitators have been former participants trained in this ministry by the Diocese of Orlando Family Life Office. Diocesan FBI/FLDE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required of facilitators.

LITURGICAL WORSHIP

Altar Servers  
**Contact:** Deacon Jerry Kelly, 407.331.0911

**Service(s) Offered:** These young boys and girls come to assist the Priest and Deacons during the Mass. It is an opportunity for full, active, conscious participation in our liturgies.

** HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Servers must be in the 5th 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 SMM 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. Diocesan FBI/FLDE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion is required of disciples 15 years and older.

Eucharistic Ministers  
**Contact:** Mark Ayers, 407.831.1212, x253  
**E-Mail:** Mayers@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Service(s) Offered:** Ministers of the Eucharist share the body and blood of Christ with their fellow worshipers in the assembly.

** HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Ministers must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic. These individuals must have a willingness to be of service to the community founded in the love of God. Write a letter to the Pastor, giving some background information about yourself and why you want to become a Minister. When approved, you then attend a Diocesan training session to receive a two-year mandate from the Bishop. Every two years there is a mandatory “Morning of Reflection” for ongoing training and to renew your mandate. Diocesan Safe Environment Training completion is required.
**Hospitality Greeters**

**Contact:** Patti Golmont, 407.359.4242  
**E-Mail:** pjdraw@aol.com  
**Contact:** Lynne Contrucci, 407.261.0993  
**E-Mail:** lynncontrucci@gmail.com

**Service(s) Offered:** The Ministry of Welcome is usually the beginning. Its Ministers or Greeters, identified by red name badges, welcome prior to the happy celebration of Mass and Special Liturgies or Specific Events – from the T&T Festival and Music Ministry Christmas Concert to “Bible Blitz” Scripture Classes, Missions, Living Stations, etc. These fully registered parishioners, adult and youth, of St. Mary Magdalen Parish, qualify as Greeters. Any children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by their Greeter parent(s)/guardian(s) at their side. Ministers of Hospitality set the tone, lending their warm, welcoming presence to assist in various roles, all interchangeable.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Greeters choose their commitment area(s) according to their schedules. Mass Greeters usually serve one hour per week. Additionally, many happily choose to serve events. All other Greeters should be available for one or more Events or Special Services per year, and may also join in Mass Greeting as easily as showing up! As part of a team effort, prospective Greeters are provided on-the-job, ongoing training to ensure a feeling of comfort in being accessible and available. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required. To join, speak to any Greeter about information, sign-up forms, etc. You will be well guided. 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 14 must be accompanied by their Greeter parent(s)/guardian(s) at their side. All are welcome!

**Liturgy of the Word for Children**

**Contact:** David Salazar, 407.310.8150  
**E-Mail:** dsalazar@acm.org

**Service(s) Offered:** Children’s Liturgy introduces children to both the structure of liturgical worship and the experience of worship so they grow in the understanding and love of God. The Scripture readings are presented to the children at an age-appropriate level, along with an interactive homily. 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.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** We have resources to help facilitate a discussion on the theme of the readings and how to apply it in the children’s daily lives. Our leaders are put on a rotating schedule and requires (when scheduled) about two hours per week to include prep and facilitating. Parents and adults are welcome to observe. Teens are welcome to come and serve as role models for the children. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

**Ministry for the Deaf**

**Contact:** Christie Scipione, 321.214.5174  
**E-Mail:** cscipione@cfl.rr.com  
**Text Messaging:** 407.375.9558  
**Contact:** Tracy Hanley, 407.296.2206  
**E-Mail:** hanleyt12@yahoo.com  
**Text Messaging:** 407.516.3725

**Service(s) Offered:** This ministry allows the deaf to follow along and participate in the Mass and any other church activities.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Interpreters are scheduled for the 10AM Sunday Mass. Other masses are interpreted by request only. Interpreters also interpret at any other church-related functions and actively encourage involvement of the deaf. Fluency in ASL is required to be the main interpreter. **Beginning American Sign Language** classes are offered to anyone interested. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

**Readers**

**Contact:** Mark Ayers, 407.831.1212 ext. 253  
**E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Service(s) Offered:** This ministry provides for the prayerful and powerful proclamation of the Word of God at Sunday Masses and for special liturgical celebrations.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** You must 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 will read at Mass once a month or more depending on availability of Mass preferences. Readers are required to attend a rehearsal the week prior to their proclamation. You are encouraged to attend periodic workshops and training sessions. Audition required.
**Sacristans**

**Contact:** Al and Joan Floegel, 407.647.4863  
**E-Mail:** jfloe@aol.com

**Service(s) Offered:** 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.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Training is provided and 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. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

**Ushers**

**Contact:** Harley Parkhurst, 407.247.5309  
**E-Mail:** Harl58@aol.com

**Service(s) Offered:** These men and women make Mass at St. Mary Magdalen an enjoyable and beneficial experience for all who attend. They are there to greet and seat people, pass out bulletins, and direct Communion. Other responsibilities include: Taking-up the collection, straightening up pews after Mass, selecting the honor family and assisting people with health emergencies.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Serving as an usher is open to adults 18 and older. Mature 16-17 year olds may be considered. Men typically wear a coat and tie, and the women dress appropriately. Service requires about one hour per week. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

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Catholics have a duty to be stewards of their Church: that community of disciples, that Body of Christ, of which they, individually and together, are the members, and in which “if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.”  
(1 Cor. 12:26)

~ Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

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**Prayer**

**Centering Prayer**

**Contact:** Marie Martin, 407.774.1133

**Service(s) Offered:** “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 every Monday from 6:30-8PM. Instruction is provided and everyone is welcome.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Join us!

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Contact:** Josephine Ingoglia, 407.921.6097  
**E-Mail:** jo_ingoglia@yahoo.com

**Service(s) Offered:** This is a time to spend before the very presence of the Lord exposed in the monstrance. Eucharistic Adoration is held the 1st Friday of each month as well as special times throughout the year.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Adorers ensure our Blessed Sacrament is never left alone by spending time with Jesus praying, reading the Bible, contemplating acts of faith, hope and charity, giving thanks, praying the rosary, or sitting and saying nothing at all being open to His Love. There is also an opportunity to be involved with the scheduling of Adorers to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone.

**Grotto Prayer Gathering**

SMM staff members gather together weekly at the grotto and pray for our community. All are invited to join in prayer.

**Our Lady’s Rosary Group**

**Contact:** Dolores Gonos, 407.767.5587

**Service(s) Offered:** We gather in the Chapel and respond to Our Blessed Mother’s request and pray that we will be accepted in bringing conversion to all Christians, to our Church, our country and the world. Every Wednesday throughout the year from 7-8:30PM, we pray three rosaries, sing, offer petitions and read scripture. We have been meeting for more than 20 years.
MORNING ROSARY GROUP
This group meets in the Chapel Monday through Friday at 8AM before the 8:30AM Mass. They offer a rosary and petitions.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: All are welcome! Please join us to come closer to Jesus through the Blessed Mother.

Parish Life Prayer Ministry
Contact: Melissa Findley, 407.831.1212, x268
E-Mail: MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: Our parish community and ministries need our prayers to support their efforts in building up the Kingdom of God.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Each month you will receive a list of intentions for you to reflect and pray over. The amount of time you spend and when is up to you.

Prayer Angels
Contact: Marjorie Warren, 407.298.0444

Service(s) Offered: If you would like our Prayer Angels to pray for a loved one, please call 407.831.1212 and listen to the prompts for the Prayer Angels line. You can also leave a prayer request at Prayer@StMaryMagdalen.org or on the prayer page of the parish website. You will be directed in how to leave the message.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: You may dial a number or you can receive prayer requests by email through Prayer@StMaryMagdalen.org. These intentions are simply added to your regular prayer routine. You can spend as much time as is needed and do it at your own convenience.

St. Francis’ Pet Blessing
In the spirit of St. Francis, our parishioners are invited to bring their pets to St. Mary Magdalen for a special blessing (Normally takes place first weekend in October).

Tear Drops Prayer Devotional
“Turn Tears of Sorrow into Tears of Joy”
Open invitation to join us as a community praying for everyone’s sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, husbands, wives, relatives, co-workers, and friends to come back to their Catholic Faith and live a life with the Lord. THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER! Together, let us pray and welcome our loved ones home. Watch bulletin for dates. (Sponsored by the Evangelization Team)

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Adult Choir (10AM Sunday Mass)
Contact: Mark Ayers, 407.831.1212, x253
E-Mail: MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: Our primary function is to enhance the liturgy and lead the assembly in song. Selected from a wide variety of musical styles, the repertoire ranges from traditional chant to spirituals and contemporary Choral.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: The choir sings at the 10AM Mass from September through June and at all special liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-9PM in the St. Cecilia music room, with extended hours during the holy seasons. Singing skills are preferred; there will be an audition 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, 407.831.1212, x253
E-Mail: MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: The Adult Handbell Choir provides a unique kind of music to enhance the liturgies.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Men and women with keyboard, band and/or orchestral experience frequently make excellent handbell ringers. Music reading ability is required. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 5:30-7PM 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. Substitute ringers are needed due to illness or other obligations of regular group members. 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 be able to access the balcony, as it is not currently handicapped accessible. A one-year commitment is preferred.
**Children's Vocal Choir**

**Contact:** Mark Ayers, 407.831.1212, x253  
**E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Service(s) Offered:** All children of the Parish in grades 2nd – 8th are encouraged to join the choir to minister through music. The 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 Mass, alternating between the 5PM Saturday and 12PM Sunday Masses.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:**  
**Children:** Rehearsals are on Wednesday afternoons. SMM school students meet at 2PM in front of the school library, 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 we go directly to the Church for the opening prayer service. No audition needed.  
**For Disciple Volunteers:** This ministry runs from August through May, 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. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

**Contemporary Choir (5:30PM Sunday Mass)**

**Contact:** Mark Ayers, 407.831.1212, x253  
**E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Service(s) Offered:** This choir sings at the 5:30PM Life Teen Mass and also joins with the other music ministry groups for concerts or special events. Our music selections are Contemporary Christian and are accompanied by a band.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Entrance into this choir is by audition only (held prior to start of the choir season in August) and is open to age 14 and older. We use drums, guitars (bass, lead and acoustic), flute, violin, piano and trumpet. Band members are accomplished amateur or semi-professional players. Rehearsals are on Sunday at 4:30PM in the church. The director of the Contemporary Choir is Lynn Reyelts. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

**Instrumentalists**

**Contact:** Mark Ayers, 407.831.1212, x253  
**E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Service(s) Offered:** To enhance our choirs, worship experience, and special events instrumentalists are an added treat for us.
Technical Support Ministry

Contact: Mark Ayers, 407.831.1212, x253
E-Mail: MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: We are a small group of faithful and dedicated technicians who support other ministries needing assistance 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. Some lifting of audio equipment is required.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: If you would like to explore the possibilities with us, make some new friends and learn more about our pursuit of excellence, then please join us for our meetings on Monday evenings at 7PM in the St. Cecilia Choir Room (behind the church sanctuary). The co-directors of this ministry are Phil Brogan and Craig Beyrooti. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

ELDER CARE

K.I.S.S.M. (Keeping Independent Seniors Safely Mobile)

Contact: Rosemary Kazyk, 407.831.1212, x223
E-Mail: RKazyk@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: This ministry provides transportation for those who have no alternative means to get to essential, religious or medical appointments and/or Sunday Mass.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: No regular commitment for drivers. When need arises disciples are called and are free to decline. Only a one-time initial training meeting. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required. Must carry personal auto liability insurance at the $100,000/$300,000 level.

Ministry to the Sick

Contact: Rosemary Kazyk, 407.831.1212, x223
E-Mail: RKazyk@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: We visit the sick at the hospitals, nursing homes and those who are homebound at the moment in their life when they need a prayer, a visit and perhaps the comfort and healing power of the Body of Christ.

HOW TO GIVE BACK:

“For I was sick and you visited me… When you did it to these the least You were doing it to me.” (Matthew 25:36-40)

The Ministry to the Sick was begun in 1979 and has expanded to visiting Florida North five days a week, Florida South several times a month or when possible, five different retirement and assisted living facilities in our geographic area, and the homebound. Last year, Ministers to the Sick visited 23,318 persons, averaging between 1,700 and 2,000 visits per month.

Minister to the Sick requirements:
- The amount of time can be once a week or several times a month.
- An interview is required to determine the interest and suitability.
- Become a Minister of Holy Communion – classes offered periodically.
- Hands-on training, shadowing a minister until you are comfortable with the ministry.
- Attend a one-day Diocesan Certification training class.
- Attend ongoing spirituality and education programs (most are offered at the parish).
- Safe Environment Training, FBI/FDLE clearance with the Diocese.

Wednesday Retired Parishioners

Contact: Lynn Dekleva, 407.788.6973
E-Mail: ldekleva@embarqmail.com
Contact: Toni Martiny, 407.831.0543
E-Mail: lmartiny@cfl.rr.com

Service(s) Offered: This group provides socialization for the retired on Wednesday afternoons from 1-4PM. For some this is their only outing outside of weekly Mass. No requirement is necessary. Just a fun time to get together each week.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Caregivers provide assistance with any problem when possible, arrange luncheons and celebrate monthly birthdays. They also are a great help with planning special parties for Christmas, Super Bowl, Valentine’s, St. Patrick’s Day, and pot luck dinners. It is helpful if caregivers know how to play Bingo, cards or games. To assist no special training is needed but Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion is required. This group desperately needs transportation for those who would like to join but have no way of getting to the church or back home. They meet September through May each year.
OUTREACH & WELLNESS

50+ Ministry
Contact: Terry Brown, 407.761.1506
E-Mail: ocsleader@yahoo.com

Service(s) Offered: We help our parishioners, who are 50 years of age and older, feel connected with the Lord through the bonds of fellowship by providing spiritual, social, and educational opportunities.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Participants always welcome. To help with events, we have various opportunities available (core team/event planning, decorating, set-up/clean-up, publications, note-takers, etc.) Contact us to discern the best fit. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

Angels Among Us
Contact: Pat Moricca, 407.774.9700
E-Mail: pat@flagas.com

Service(s) Offered: Our beautiful angels of special persons put on a musical performance every year to benefit building homes for the Dominican Republic and are available for other causes. This is a marvelous opportunity for the student performers to nourish their unique personalities, enhance their self-image, and express their beautiful selves through singing and dancing. Our teachers are professional in voice and dance and we bring out the best in our student performers. Any special person of all ages is welcome to join the group (there is no charge). The only requirement is that they must be able to communicate. Every production is under the direction of Elsie Doughty, Lisa Chioffi, and Frank Corso. Besides performing at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, our Angels have also been performing at other churches for nine years.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: We meet every Monday from 6-7:30PM (September to May) in the Parish Life Center. Join Us!

Blood Bank Donor
Through the American Red Cross, there is an opportunity to give blood for those in need. It is a wonderful way for our parishioners to give back to the community! The Red Bus comes to St. Mary Madgalen several times a year. The Bus is parked by the Chapel entrance on Saturday from 4:30-9PM and again on Sunday from 8:30-2:30PM. Your gift of blood is a sharing of the “GIFT OF LIFE” for someone in need. Appointments can be made directly with the Blood Bank at www.fbcdonor.org, the password is MBU. Sign-ups not necessary; just watch the bulletin for announcement. Thank you for your Gift of Life.

Coalition for the Homeless
Contact: Mike Brockman, 407.463.0204
E-Mail: mike@brockmaninsurance.com

Service(s) Offered: The Coalition for the Homeless assists more than 800 men, women and children (more than 170 are 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, the St. Mary Magdalen community buys and prepares food to serve those in need.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: It takes about two one-half hours per month 5-7:30PM. Training is provided and no special application is required. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

Dial-A-Smile
Contact: Mary Ann Strong, 407.745.0330
E-Mail: maryannstrong@yahoo.com

Service(s) Offered: This ministry consists of two groups: Our special group of angels that extend a warm welcome call to our new parishioners throughout the year and a second group of angels that call parishioners who are shut-ins or are alone to let them know their Church community cares about them.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Calling times vary from making one initial call of welcome, to weekly or monthly calls to our shut-ins or those who are alone. Training provided.

Drivers Safe Program by AARP
The AARP Drivers Safety program is a popular course for drivers age 50 and beyond for increasing safety awareness. St. Mary Magdalen offers the class in the fall and spring. The program is advertised in the weekly bulletin; class size is limited. Attendance is required for both days to obtain a certificate of completion. The completion of the program may lower insurance rates, dependent on the insurance company. It is suggested taking the class as a refresher every three years to continue receiving insurance discounts.

Do one small thing with great love and faith.

~Mother Teresa
Employment Search Support Group

Contact: Megan Watts, 407.869.0683
E-Mail: employmentconnection4u@gmail.com

Service(s) Offered: Brothers and sisters in Christ coming together to support one another through sharing their progress, resources, contacts, discussing various employment topics, and fellowship. We meet weekly on Tuesday at 7PM in the St. Ignatius of Loyola room (Annex).

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Various opportunities are available, such as: Searching/forwarding job leads and general resources that meet the needs of those attending, speaking on a pre-approved topic, or as needs arise offering assistance in reviewing resumes, cover and thank you letters.

Family Services

Contact: Dan Sims, 407.227.8974

Service(s) Offered: 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.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: On-call disciples are needed for approximately one week every four to six weeks. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

Habitat for Humanity

Contact: Joe Pullara, 407.339.1327
E-Mail: joetta4@cfl.rr.com

Service(s) Offered: St. Mary Magdalen supports Habitat for Humanity and has committed to build at least one house each year. This commitment includes providing all the services, materials and disciples to build this house.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: A core committee oversees this program and includes sub-committees such as fundraising, material solicitation, construction and landscaping. Each year there are several functions to raise money for this outreach program. In December, there is a parish wide solicitation for disciples to build each house. It can involve a few hours or a long-term commitment. The group works on the project weekdays and Saturdays, January through April.

Health & Wellness Ministry

Contact: Annette Kelly, PhD, ARNP, 407.331.0911

Services Offered: The Health & Wellness Ministry is focused on whole person health, encouraging positive health choices through educational programs, information services and referral to community resources. Areas of activity include: active wellness programs (A Matter of Balance, Tai Chi, Yoga, Body Transformation) as well as thought-provoking topics (Advanced Directives - The Five Wishes, As Families Grow Older, Living Arrangements in Aging). We provide a health topic for the parish bulletin every month with further details on that topic available in the Health & Wellness Office. Our SMM Community Learning Garden is a parish sign of our health and wellness commitment – everyone is welcome to help as well as enjoy and learn! Wellness is not only being free from sickness…whole person wellness is intimately connected to our faith experience. This ministry is also in collaboration with other local faith community health programs through membership in OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY (www.ourwholecommunity.org) and we are an active participant in a unique local family caregiver resource www.caregivercentral.org

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Disciple volunteers are always welcome! Since wellness includes ALL areas of our lives, we welcome your gifts and talents as we work together to enhance the health of our parish. We are not only looking for health professionals to get involved… we are seeking gardeners, amateur chefs, artists, movement specialists, exercise leaders, organizers, writers, musicians, and technology/social media specialists! Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training required for H&W team members who work directly with individuals.

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God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have abundance for every good work.

~ 2 Corinthians 9:8

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Our individual lives as disciples and stewards must be seen in relation to God’s larger purposes. From the outset of his covenanting, God had it in mind to make many one.

In Jesus, the Kingdom of God is inaugurated – a kingdom open to all. Those who enter into Jesus’ New Covenant find themselves growing in a union of minds and hearts with others who also have responded to God’s call. They find their hearts and minds expanding to embrace all men and women, especially those in need, in a communion of mercy and love.

~ Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

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Service(s) Offered: The purpose of the Just Faith Community at St. Mary Magdalen is to increase throughout our parish knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching. We hope to advance our awareness of social justice through education and through action/witness activities that proclaim these teachings. Just Faith educational activities consist of conducting courses to awaken individual consciences, hosting discussion with speakers from across the diocese, providing videos, and arranging for visits to local service providers. The primary educational opportunity is a 30-week course of education and awakening that serves as the main source of new members to our Just Faith Community. Shorter programs are offered as well. Our actions/witness activities include the BOGOGO cart at weekend Masses (Buy One, Get One, Give One), semi-annual food drives, ‘alternative giving’ Christmas fair, local area gleaning trips, participating in the 30,000 meal-packing project, and supporting the youth CRS Lenten ‘Rice Bowl’ program. Just Faith is a nationwide program, in partnership with Catholic Charities, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Pax Christi, Bread for the World and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More details at www.justfaith.org.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Plan to attend the next 30-week Just Faith formation program (Sept-May 2013) or a shorter course when available. Bring non-perishable food donations for the BOGOGO cart when you come to Mass each weekend and when the two larger food drives are announced. Come to the ‘Christmas Bazaar’ in early December and learn about ‘alternative giving’. Join in the local gleaning trips when they are announced. Our youth can engage in the Rice Bowl program during Lent by sharing a special simple family meal and gathering the coins you don’t spend that day.

Missionary Opportunities

Contact: Melissa Findley, 407.831.1212, x268
E-Mail: MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: Parishioners that serve our community on a local, national, or even an international level.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: If you are feeling called to serve locally, nationally or even internationally for a one-time act of service or for a longer period of time (up to two years), the parish has resources to numerous organizations. If you are considering a career as a Lay Minister in the Church, there are programs that will help you to discern your calling.

Prayer Blanket Team

Contact: Marjorie Warren, 407.298.0444

Service(s) Offered: This group uses their creative skills to put together and pray over a beautiful keepsake that is then given to someone in our parish who is seriously ill or grieving the loss of a loved one.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: The amount of time needed to sew the blankets is determined by need and availability. All blankets must be machine stitched. The team meets to sort and cut the fabric.

Prison Family Support Group

“Families Ministering to Families”

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

Service(s) Offered: “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 when someone is incarcerated are just as affected as the inmate. We meet the 3rd Saturday morning of each month immediately following the 8AM Mass to share our stories, information and to encourage one another during this most difficult time. We are also available to help those released from prison and along with their families, assist in integrating them back into the parish community as active and welcomed members. Confidentiality is a priority.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required of all disciples who wish to visit inmates who are not family members. If you are not in this situation but would like to participate in this ministry, we welcome you to attend our meetings and join those of us who send cards and letters to inmates on a regular basis.

Respect Life

Contact: Irma Rubatto-Shook, 407.925.7347 (phone after 4pm)
E-Mail: ayesha365@yahoo.com

Service(s) Offered: We, as St. Mary Magdalen Respect Life Ministry, will serve Jesus with His least ones, the unborn, the troubled, and the deprived through inspiring others to care and speak out through pastoral care and legislative advocacy, instill a deeper appreciation for God, for life and for every person through education on the Church’s teachings, and bring Christ more fully into the decision-making process of our government.
HOW TO GIVE BACK: Participation includes a wide range of opportunities. Time and talent will be matched to each individual. Training is provided and no special application is required.

Thanksgiving Feast
Contact: Diana Anderson, 407.682.2120
E-Mail: leibek@aol.com

Service(s) Offered: On Thanksgiving Day, the parish provides a meal for those who otherwise would be alone for the holiday. It is a great time to gather after Mass and enjoy all the excitement of the holiday.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Disciple volunteers are fellow parishioners who take time out to plan and prepare the meal, set up on the Wednesday before, decorate the tables and tidy up afterwards. The amount of time you commit is open. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Anyone in the community who is suffering from the loss of a loved one is welcome to join us every Thursday Morning in the Parish Life Building Mother Teresa Room, from 10-11:30AM.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: To become involved in the above ministries, an interview is required to determine suitability and availability. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance, Safe Environment and Diocesan Bereavement Training is required for the Funeral Planners and Grief Support Group Facilitators.

Bereavement Ministry
Contact: Rosemary Kazyk, 407.831.1212, x223
E-Mail: RKazyk@StMaryMagdalen.org

We support families that have lost a loved one through the different stages of Grief in the following ways:

FUNERAL MASS SUPPORTERS
Funeral Planners: These disciple volunteers help plan the Funeral Mass and give physical and emotional support to the families throughout the process. They arrange wake services and/or a graveside services as needed and are with the family at the funeral Mass. Disciple volunteers serve two weeks at a time on a rotating basis throughout the year.
Funeral Attendees: These disciple volunteers attend funeral Masses in support of the grieving family. This is a come-as-you-can ministry.
Funeral Reception: These disciple volunteers assist in hosting a reception after the funeral. There is a caterer who prepares the food, but it is necessary to have someone to set and clean up after the reception. This is on an on-call basis since not every family has a reception or they handle their own catering.

PARISH HOSPITALITY
Connection Café
Contact: Melissa Findley, 407.831.1212, x268
E-Mail: MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: Disciple volunteers and different ministries sponsor a weekend to connect parishioners with information regarding our parish and/or various ministries.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Working with the Sunday Coffee Gathering ministry, the first Sunday of every month (except during the summer) disciple volunteers with a big smile and warm personality are invited to man a table a few minutes after one or more of the weekend Masses. Parish information, such as parish registration forms, staff contacts, ministry brochures, etc. will be on hand that will help you connect our parishioners to the appropriate party. Training is provided and welcoming is a priority.

Heavenly Helpers
Contact: Melissa Findley, 407.831.1212, x268
E-Mail: MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: These disciples put in a lot of time and energy to ensure everything is in order behind the scenes at our parish events.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Commitment is open-ended. We will call upon you as needs arise. Various skills or interests needed: Decorating, serving, clean-up, kitchen crew, etc. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required if you plan to stay during the event with vulnerable population present.
Home Blessing Team

**Contact:** Melissa Findley, 407.831.1212, x268  
**E-Mail:** MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Service(s) Offered:** Every year our parishioners request a Home Blessing to open up their homes to the Lord. The Catholic Church teaches that, as part of the domestic Church, the elder of a home is the ideal person to conduct the blessing with the family present and information is provided to anyone who requests a blessing. However, our home blessing team is available to conduct the blessing on the parishioners’ behalf if needed.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** If you wish to be part of the team to help conduct Home Blessings, you must be a Partner in the Mission, receive training, and obtain a Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and complete the Safe Environment Training.

Prayerful Party Advisors

**Contact:** Milena Negrao, 407.252.3807  
**E-Mail:** milena_n@hotmail.com

**Service(s) Offered:** These disciples help build community in our parish by helping ministries coordinate various receptions, potlucks, picnics and other special events that bring us together.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Do you love fun events? If you have organizational skills, follow through and work well with a team, you can help plan various events for our community. Commitment is open-ended. Projects range from being part of a team to organizing a whole event – depending on your interest!

Sunday Coffee Gathering

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

**Service(s) Offered:** On the first Sunday of every month you will find a little treat of doughnuts and coffee or juice in the Grotto. Come join us for fellowship!

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** Our disciples set-up and clean-up after each of the morning Masses. It involves about 30 to 40 minutes per month. Training is provided and your help is very much appreciated. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

Like everyone, you’ve been blessed by God with a deep reservoir of untapped potential. That potential is your talent, waiting to be discovered and put to use in your life.

(Excerpt from “Living Your Strengths”)
Christmas Light Tour
All parishioners are encouraged to gather with your neighbors and come together to showcase your Christmas Lights with a Christian Message. A wonderful opportunity to Evangelize throughout our Community. You can put out a request to invite parishioners to drive through your neighborhood and share in the joy of spreading the message, Jesus is the Reason for the Christmas Season!

Community Fest
Contact: Joe Hillebrandt, jmh@cbsorlando.net

Service(s) Offered: Every fall, around the end of October, the parish comes together for the biggest social event of the year. In addition to being a successful fundraiser for the parish, this event brings thousands of parishioners together with the community for three days of fun and fellowship, offering rides, games, food booths, craft sales, auctions and live entertainment.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Many disciples choose to work at one of the various booths with times varying depending on need and availability. Other disciples meet year-round working together as a team to assure that every detail is addressed. If you are interested in becoming part of the leadership team, please contact the Chairman. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

Evangelization Team
Contact: John Youngman, 407.497.0090
E-Mail: johnryoungman@hotmail.com

Service(s) Offered: We provide leadership and coordination in the area of evangelization, work with our ministries in the Parish, and act as a catalyst in encouraging all parishioners to respond to their Baptismal Call to Evangelize by sharing their faith through example, words and invitation. It starts within our own parish in building discipleship. Then we can reach out to inactive Catholics, non-practicing Catholics and finally the non-baptized through various efforts (Tear Drops, Renewing Our Faith, etc.)

HOW TO GIVE BACK: If you would like to be part of bringing others to a deeper Christian walk, the team meets for approximately four hours per month to plan and support evangelization retreats, programs, and events. Skills needed: Love of God and demonstrated commitment to the work of the Church. Must be a Partner in the Mission (see page 1). Training is provided.

XLT (My soul eXaLTs the Lord)
Contact: Larann Wilson, 407.831.1212, x233
E-Mail: LarannW@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: “My soul eXaLTS the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” (Luke 1:46) XLT is a two-hour intergenerational event of Praise and Worship Music, Inspirational Talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Fellowship. XLT events are held seasonally on Friday nights from 7-9PM in the church. All are welcome regardless of age, culture, or faith.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Instrumentalists and singers are accomplished amateur or semi-professionals. Rehearsals are held 4-6 weeks prior to each event. Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 2-4PM. Opportunities are also available for witness speakers and Praise and Worship leaders.

Guardian Angel Society
Contact: Lois Locey, 407.831.1212
E-Mail: LLocey@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: 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 have agreed to be the “Guardian Angels” both on earth and in heaven.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: 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.

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FOLLOWING JESUS IS THE WORK OF A LIFETIME!

At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving God’s will.

~ Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship
Living Your Strengths: Discover Your God-Given Talents and Inspire Your Community

- **Contact:** Melissa Findley, 407.831.1212, x268
- **E-Mail:** MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Service(s) Offered:** "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (Peter 4:10) Gallup has developed a tool entitled “StrengthsFinder” that reveals your Top-5 Themes of Strength that will empower you to begin the journey of becoming the you God created you to be – uniquely designed for strength, so you can live the best version of yourself every day at home, at work, in your parish, and within the greater community. Once you discover your Top-5 Themes of Strength, we also sponsor the small group process “Growing Stronger in Faith & Action. A Group Process of Strengths Exploration and Development” by Leisa Anslinger throughout the year.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** To discover your Top-5 Themes of Strength, the book is $15 and is available in the Religious Book Store or Parish Office. Once you discover your Top-5 Themes of Strength, you can take part in the small group process “Growing Stronger in Faith & Action. A Group Process of Strengths Exploration and Development” (there is no charge for the course at this time). Watch bulletin for dates.

Parish & School Endowments

- **Contact:** Lois Locey, 407.831.1212
- **E-Mail:** LLocey@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Service(s) Offered:** 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 tithe 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.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** For more information about either endowment, or to learn more ways you can participate in the investing or raising of funds for the endowments, please call Lois Locey in the parish office.

Vocations

- **Contact:** Fr. Ed Thompson, 407.831.1212

**Service(s) Offered:** 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 of 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, Sister/Nun, or Deacon contact us for more information.

ST. BERNARDINE COMMUNICATIONS

- **Bulletin@StMaryMagdalen.org**

This is an effort to keep all members of our parish community current in ministry events and general parish information. Announcements must be submitted 10 days prior to the Sunday it should appear.

St. Bernardine Communications Team

- **Contact:** Lois Locey, 407.831.1212
- **E-Mail:** LLocey@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Service(s) Offered:** The Pastoral Council developed a communications taskforce to improve the way God’s word is communicated throughout the parish. This taskforce, the St. Bernardine Communications Team, mission is to promote the Good News at St. Mary Magdalen Parish. We meet as needed (often quarterly) and our promotional works included the following: The Sacrament of Forgiveness/Day of Penance, Corpus Christi Processional, keep publishing the parish calendar, publicizing events, designing the parish’s booth at the Diocese of Orlando’s Festival of Faith, and much, much more.

CREATIVE TECHNICAL WRITER

- **Contact:** Melissa Findley, 407.831.1212, x268
- **E-Mail:** MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

This team builds our sense of community by offering their writing skills to enhance communication efforts.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** You can foster community by contributing your writing skills for various publications within the parish. Projects may include bulletin articles, Making A Difference (the parish “Good News letter”), parish brochures, etc. Time commitment varies. Guidance is given.
DESKTOP PUBLISHERS/GRAPHIC ARTISTS
Contact: Susi Dring, 407.673.1496
E-Mail: susidring@earthlink.net

A good publication takes more than a keyboard and good ideas. This team produces high quality material through digital design.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: You can help us produce our flyers, newsletters, brochures, etc. Skills needed: Desktop publishing experience & familiarity with the latest version of Microsoft Word or Microsoft Publisher. Graphic artists would have experience and familiarity with at least Adobe Creative Suite 3 Design. Time commitment varies. Guidance is given.

PARISH ARTISTRY TEAM
Contact: Susi Dring, 407.673.1496
E-Mail: susidring@earthlink.net

This ministry is comprised of fine artists, florists, seamstresses, quilters, painters, stencil designers, and more that enhance worship and special events with art and creativity throughout the church, parish grounds, and for our parish ministries.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Environment can foster various moods of festivity, penitence, anticipation but always of dignity and hospitality. One must have the ability to dream and create. From time to time, our parish is looking for those with these gifts. Time commitment varies. You will be part of an “on-call” artistic team. Guidance is given.

PHOTOGRAPHERS
Contact: Pete Ramondetta, 407.463.5816
E-Mail: pete@onevisionimages.com

Our parish photographers attend various parish functions and capture our “Mission in Action” using digital photography.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Do you have the gift of photography and are willing to provide assistance on various parish projects? Time commitment varies. You will be part of an “on-call” team of photographers. Guidance will be given. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

POWERPOINT SCRIBES (.pps)
Contact: Melissa Findley, 407.831.1212, x268
E-Mail: MelissaF@StMaryMagdalen.org

With the growing use of technology within the ministries of the church, we have assembled a team who will create (or assist in creating) Microsoft PowerPoint presentations for those ministries who might be PowerPoint challenged.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: You can enrich our ministries by contributing your PowerPoint skills for various presentations within the parish. The Technical Support Ministry provides guidelines on styles that work with the Church’s new audio/visual system. Time commitment varies as projects arise. Guidance is given. Training provided.

Translations Team
Contact: Mark Ayers, 407.831.1212, x253
E-Mail: MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: Dynamic group that supports any communication need, such as translating announcements, prayers, PowerPoint presentations or any other liturgical documents.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Must be proficient in reading, writing, and speaking both English and Spanish. Other languages welcome for special projects.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT
Council of Catholic Women (CCW)
Contact: Karen Malatesta, 407.339.4741
E-Mail: kmhenny@aol.com

Service(s) Offered: CCW unites women, develops their leadership potential and assists them in speaking and acting upon current issues in the Church and society, both domestically and internationally. CCW participates in fundraising, fellowship and educational activities which bond the women in our community. There are eight circles that make up CCW. They are as follows:

- St. Eamon’s Circle (Meets 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30PM) Founded in 1985, we support several organizations - Safe House of Seminole County, the Peace Orphanage in Mexico City, Pathways to Care, Coalition for the Homeless, Bags of Hope, Christian Sharing Center, and help with the Habitat for Humanity Dinner Theater. Fundraisers include the Community Fest Italian Booth, Christmas Bazaar and Easter Flower Sales.
- St. Gerard (Meets 2nd Monday at 9:30AM) We meet in the Mother Theresa room. Our main project of the year is a St. Patrick's Day card party which has become a tradition at SMM. The proceeds go completely to local charities and St. Mary Magdalen ministries. We also contribute time and talent to CCW and parish wide activities.
• **St. Luke** (Meets 2nd Monday at 7:00 PM) We are involved in outreach programs to include providing Christmas bags with sweat suits and personal care items for the Seminole Mental Health Day Treatment Facility, financial support to Peace Orphanage, donations to Bags of Hope, and hope to become more involved in Pathways to Care in 2013. Within the St. Mary Magdalen Community we support the Christmas Adopt-A-Family program, CommunityFest, Mini-Bazaar, Family Fun Night and setup, serve and clean-up at various church functions.

• **St. Paul** (Meets 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 AM) We meet in the Pope John Paul II room. Each year we have made items for the Craft Booth at CommunityFest and Mini-Bazaar. Our charitable contributions support Farm Workers of Apopka, Hope Community of Apopka, Families in Transition in Oviedo, Life Choices Women’s Center, Bags of Hope, Blessing Bags for the Homeless, Peace Orphanage, and the Sanford Crisis Pregnancy Center; as well as charities selected by the Justice & Service Commission. We have cooked and served for the Women and Children’s Homeless Shelter in Orlando.

• **St. Robert** (Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7 PM) Many of the circle members are currently serving and have been active in the past on the CCW Board and its’ Committees. The funnel cake booth and Seder Meal were both started by circle members on their own and supported by the St. Robert’s Circle for over 20 years. The proceeds from the fundraising efforts go to the Endowment Funds of St. Mary Magdalen Church and the St. Mary Magdalen School. St. Roberts circle gives to Vocations, Outreach, Respect Life, and Health & Wellness.

• **St. Theresa** (Meets on the 2nd Monday at 10 AM-September through May) We support many charities through the grant money earned by members who work in many areas during CommunityFest. Bags of Hope Central Florida, Seminole Safe House, Russell House, Peace Orphanage and the St. Mary Magdalen Adult Center benefit from St. Theresa’s circle through personal donations of time and items. We sponsor the annual Valentines Party for the Adult Center and provide lunches for Habitat for Humanity disciples. We are involved in our St. Mary Magdalen parish and love to give a helping hand.

• **St. Vincent de Paul** (Meets 2nd Wednesday after the 8:30 AM Mass) Following their namesake’s work with the needy and the poor, they have various projects each year to support their favorite local charities. They collect jewelry all year for the Bags of Hope Central Florida, Seminole Safe House, Russell House, Peace Orphanage and the St. Mary Magdalen Adult Center. They adopt a family in December, presenting them with Christmas presents. They also host St. Patrick’s Day party for the Adult Day Care Center. They continue their “seashell ministry” to promote discipleship.

• **Members At Large** is for those who would like to participate in CCW, but cannot attend monthly meetings. These members will receive all of the monthly news through our web page and bulletins, as well as have the opportunity to minister or participate in all circle activities.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** There are eight circles that make up CCW with different responsibilities and meeting times. They meet monthly, usually at each other’s homes. There are no special requirements or training needed to become a member. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required if working with finances, children, disabled, or the vulnerable adults of our parish community.

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**Grotto Environmentalists**

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

**Service(s) Offered:** Our Church and Parish Life Center buildings are surrounded by the most beautiful and tranquil gardens, carefully tended by this fine group of people.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** We mow, edge and trim, spread mulch bark, weed, spray and plant annuals. We maintain our fish pond which is so enjoyed by everyone, especially the children. We dutifully pressure wash and maintain the brick pavers. You will see us every Thursday 8-10 AM and every Saturday 7-8 AM. We are looking for folks who love to work in the garden. Commitment open-ended.

**Maintenance Martyrs (Grounds / Facilities)**

**Contact:** Vince Edman, 407.831.1212, x227  
**E-Mail:** VEdman@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Service(s) Offered:** Assists with maintenance of Parish.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** If you have a special skill or talent, (light carpentry, painting, landscaping, etc.) there are often special projects that come up where an extra pair of hands would be helpful. Just let us know when you are available and what skill you have. Commitment is open.

**Men’s Club**

**Contact:** Paul Kelley, 407.260.9747  
**E-Mail:** charterpdk@earthlink.net

**Service(s) Offered:** This is an opportunity for the men of our parish to gather together in fellowship, prayer and service to the parish. They meet once a month on the 4th Thursday from 7-9 PM. Occasionally an outside speaker is invited for the evening.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Everyone pitches in to help with scheduling, refreshments and some fundraising. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required if working with finances, children, disabled, or the vulnerable adults of our parish community.

**Office Angels**

**Contact:** Jo Ann Kuhn, 407.831.1212, x269  
**E-Mail:** JKuhn@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Service(s) Offered:** There are always plenty of things to be done to keep this parish community informed and running smoothly. This would include preparing and assembling various types of mailings and bulletin stuffing.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** This ministry takes place during normal working hours in the parish office. Training is provided depending on the task. Time commitment varies.
**SCHOOL & ATHLETICS**

**Catholic Youth League (CYL)**

Contact: Mike Lowe, 407.718.5970  
E-Mail: mtblowe@earthlink.net

**Service(s) Offered:** Engages our St. Mary Magdalen youth (kindergarten through 6th grade) in fun sport activities throughout the year.

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** Teams meet for practice during the week and play games on Saturday or Sunday. Disciple volunteers are needed to coach teams and support other activities. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

**St. Mary Magdalen Early Learning Center**

Contact: Elisa Steiner, 407.831.3740, x279  
E-Mail: ESteiner@SMMSchool.org

**Service(s) Offered:** St. Mary Magdalen Early Learning Center was established by the parish primarily to provide quality care for the children of working parents. It provides an excellent preschool education with highly qualified teachers and stimulating learning environments. The center is fully licensed and FCC Accredited. Interested families need 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).

**HOW TO GIVE BACK:** 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.
St. Mary Magdalen Home & School Association
Contact: Erin Rivas, 407.739.1426
E-Mail: erivas3@cfl.rr.com

Service(s) Offered: The Home & School group coordinates the Parent Disciple Volunteer Programs and the fundraising. Members are interviewed by the executive board.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: We meet two times per month during the day and there are four evening meetings. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

St. Mary Magdalen Mustang Club
Contact: Lorianne Rotz, 407.339.7301

Service(s) Offered: We provide organizational assistance and financial support to the St. Mary Magdalen athletic program, which currently participates in the Catholic Youth League (CYL) and Catholic Middle Schools Athletic Conference (CMAC) in the Diocese of Orlando. The Mustang Club shall organize disciples and fundraising efforts to aid the school’s athletic program and, through sport, promote Catholic values and camaraderie among the student athletes, their parents, the school and the parish.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: The Club’s executive group meets four times per year in the evening. All members meet once per year in the evening. Disciples assist the Club with all fundraising activities, organize the events for our student athletes, and assist the school and parish with facility maintenance and renovation projects. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

St. Mary Magdalen Night of Dreams Auction
Contact: Ann Piscitelli, 407.716.5078
E-Mail: piscitelliann@yahoo.com
Contact: Maureen Johnson, 407.831.1212 x232
E-Mail: MaureenJ@StMaryMagdalen.org

Service(s) Offered: The St. Mary Magdalen Night of Dreams Auction is a fundraising event primarily benefiting St. Mary Magdalen School and the good works of the Council of Catholic Women. Funds raised specifically go toward school scholarships and academic needs as well as toward charities served by the Council of Catholic Women.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Disciples are needed to chair the event or chair one of the various auction sub-committees such as: Solicitations, promotion/communication, catering, check-in/check-out, Family Fun Night, entertainment, ticket reservations or related committees under these categories. Three months in advance of the event, meetings are typically every two weeks (Individual work may be assigned).

American Heritage Girls
Contact: Colleen Snider, H: 407.328.0855 / C: 407.416.3109
E-Mail: wj_snider@yahoo.com
Contact: Christine Lyons, 407.221.7330
E-Mail: Christine.Lyons@smmschool.org

Service(s) Offered: 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 girls the opportunity to develop life skills through a multi-level badge program, leadership skills through leadership opportunities at all levels of programming, teamwork and confidence through outdoor experiences, character development through community service and citizenship programs, social development through organized special events, and spiritual development through biblically-based programming and religious recognition programs.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Adults are needed to act as leaders and assistant leaders for each unit in the troop. Units consist of clusters of grade levels. Support roles for particular activities are also needed and appreciated. Leadership training is available online. Leadership meetings occur monthly, with further communication through e-mail. Adult registration with American Heritage Girls, as well as Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion, is required.

Boy Scouts – Troop 38
Contact: Rob Cannon - Scoutmaster, 407.592.5894
E-Mail: mas711@hotmail.com

Service(s) Offered: Boy Scouts provides young men the opportunity to develop strong character, physical fitness, good citizenship, and leadership skills with the goal of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Our year-round program is open to young men, age 11 to 17. The troop meets Monday evenings from 7:30-8:30PM 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.
HOW TO GIVE BACK: Adults may participate as leaders who mentor the young men through the scouting program. Training is provided. Leaders must complete an application with the Boy Scouts of America and Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required.

Cub Scouts  
**Contact:** Dan Scotchie, 407.243.7182  
**E-Mail:** danscotchie@yahoo.com

**Service(s) Offered:** Designed for boys in the 1st through 5th grade, 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.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: Den leaders hold meetings and arrange activities according to requirements prescribed in scout handbooks. It involves two to five hours per week during the school year. There is a leader’s application required along with Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion. Leadership training is provided through the Central Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America.

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**Auxiliary Ministries**

**Irish-American Cultural Society**  
**Contact:** Jack Burbridge, 407.339.6432

**Service(s) Offered:** A lively group that means to further the Irish culture and to foster fellowship among its members. This is an outreach group as many are not members of St. Mary Magdalen Parish. What a terrific way to show them what we are all about.

HOW TO GIVE BACK: We meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at 1:30PM at the St. Mary Magdalen School Cafeteria. Changes to location will be posted in the bulletin. We host various events such as the St. Patrick’s Day Dinner & Dance, sponsor awards to children for best essays on Ireland, etc. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required if working with finances, children, disabled, or the vulnerable adults of our parish community.

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**Ministerios en Español**

**Adoración Eucarística**  
La Adoración Eucarística se lleva a cabo cada primer viernes del mes, así como también en días especiales durante todo el año. Los adoradores se aseguran que el Santísimo Sacramento nunca se quede solo, por medio de orar en compañía de Jesús, leyendo la Biblia, pensando en actos de fe, esperanza y caridad, dando gracias, rezando el rosario o simplemente permaneciendo sentado.

The way of discipleship is privileged beyond any other. Jesus says: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (Jn 10:10). But discipleship is not an easy way. “If you wish to come after me,” Jesus also says, “you must deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me. For if you wish to save your life you will lose it, but if you lose your life for my sake you will save it.” (Luke 9:23-24)

~ Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

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**Knights of Columbus**  
**Contact:** John DiNicola, 321.277.0959  
**E-Mail:** kcmoroyals@embarqmail.com

**Service(s) Offered:** The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men 18 years and older whose watch words are “Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.”

HOW TO GIVE BACK: The Knights support charities throughout the parish and community. They work with the parish priest and support religious vocations. 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 yourself, and to foster responsibility and leadership within the Catholic Community. Diocesan FBI/FDLE clearance and Safe Environment Training completion required if working with finances, children, disabled, or the vulnerable adults of our parish community.
Adul to Bautizos Sacramental Prep (R.I.C.A) para los que no han sido bautizados de edades de 8 años en adelante.

**Contacto:** Diácono Juan Cruz, 407.831.1212  
**E-Mail:** JuanC@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Servicios Ofrecidos:** Bautismo Cristiano Trinitario para individuos de 8 años o mayores. R.I.C.A. es un acrónimo para el rito cristiano de iniciación de adultos. Este es el proceso que la Iglesia usa para preparar a los que nunca han sido bautizados para entrar en la Fe de la Iglesia Cristiana Romana Católica. Este proceso catequético está también designado para preparar y dar la bienvenida a miembros bautizados en otras denominaciones cristianas que desean ser católicos, para católicos que han estado separados de la fe católica y desean retornar, incluido aquellos que desean recibir algunos sacramentos necesarios para estar en completa unión con la Iglesia Católica.

**CÓMO ENVOLVERSE:** Usted puede ser un apoyo en la formación de un equipo, ¡una excelente forma de compartir su Fe! El tiempo que se invierte son unas pocas horas a la semana y la duración varía desde seis semanas a dos años, dependiendo de las asignaciones. Es necesario completar la diocesana FBI/FDLE y el entrenamiento de ambiente seguro. Usted necesitará tener la certificación del programa diocesano de catequesis.

**Comienzos Nuevos**

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**Servicios Ofrecidos:** Nuestro ministerio de la Iglesia es para aquellos que están tratando con una separación o divorcio. Este programa está designado para ayudar a los participantes que enfrentan temas como la soledad, sufrimiento, la iglesia, padres solteros, aceptando el cambio, tratar con el ex cónyuge y muchos temas más. Este grupo se reúne durante 20 semanas, los lunes a las 7PM. Este programa es gratuito y el servicio de cuidado de niños está disponible sin costo alguno.

**CÓMO ENVOLVERSE:** Los Facilitadores han sido capacitados para este Ministerio por la Oficina de Vida Familiar de la Diócesis de Orlando. Se requiere autorización diocesana FBI/FDLE y el entrenamiento de ambiente seguro.

**Coro Hispano: (Misa del sábado a las 7PM)**

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**Servicios Ofrecidos:** El Coro Hispano canta en la Misa del sábado a las 7PM y en la Misa en español de los jueves a las 7PM.

**CÓMO ENVOLVERSE:** La práctica del coro es todos los jueves de 8-9:30PM en el Templo después de la Misa. Se prefiere que tenga experiencia. Músicos instrumentalistas son bienvenidos a participar. Los Co-directores del Coro son: Manuel y Andrés Ocampo. El coro se presenta durante todo el año. Se requiere autorización diocesana FBI/FDLE y el entrenamiento de ambiente seguro.

**Equipo de Traducciones**

**Contacto:** Mark Ayers, 407.831.1212, x253  
**E-Mail:** MAyers@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Servicios Ofrecidos:** Grupo dinámico que apoya cualquier necesidad de comunicación, tal como traducción de anuncios, oraciones, presentaciones de PowerPoint o cualquier otro documento litúrgico.

**CÓMO ENVOLVERSE:** Debe ser competentes en lectura, escritura y hablar Inglés y Español de forma fluida. Otros idiomas bienvenidos para proyectos especiales.

**FOCCUS Preparación Matrimonial**

**Contacto:** Deacon Marshall Gibbs, 407.831.1212, x229  
**Email:** MGibbs@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Servicios Ofrecidos:** Facilitar la comunicación abierta de la pareja, entendimiento y estudio. Se espera que durante el tiempo que la pareja comprometida en FOCCUS, sean testigos del sacramento y santidad del matrimonio. Esperamos que a través de este proceso, las parejas comprometidas se sientan amadas, valoradas y conectadas a la gente de Dios en nuestra parroquia.

**CÓMO ENVOLVERSE:** Las parejas de nuestra parroquia que desean ayudar a facilitar el proceso de preparación de una pareja comprometida para el matrimonio deben ser entrenadas por la Oficina de Vida en Familia de la Diócesis de Orlando, dedicar 2 años a este ministerio y estar abiertos y dispuestos a recibir enriquecimiento en el matrimonio y apoyar a través de este ministerio.
**Formación Permanente**  
**Contacto:** Betty Guerrero, 407.556.4203  
**E-Mail:** Bettydou22@yahoo.com

**Servicios Ofrecidos:** Promovemos y coordinamos la formación espiritual permanente a fin de ayudar a los feligreses en su desarrollo como líderes y fieles de la Iglesia. La formación permanente es necesaria para la vida de la comunidad cristiana de Santa María Magdalena y en la construcción del Reino de Dios mediante el compartir de su tiempo, talento y tesoro.

**CÓMO ENVOLVERSE:** Para ayudar en eventos de formación espiritual, Ud. debe ser socio de la Misión, dispuesto a comprometer sus recursos, conocimiento, tiempo y talento para la misión evangelizadora; será responsable de cualquier actividad que emprendan. Se requiere autorización diocesana FBI/FDLE y el entrenamiento de ambiente seguro. El compromiso varía. Se ofrece orientación.

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**Liturgia de los Niños**  
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**Contacto:** Alba Sánchez, 407.920.7402  
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**Servicios Ofrecidos:** Enseña a los niños acerca de la Palabra del día y cómo aplicarlo en su vida cotidiana. Se ofrece para todos los niños de los grados K-5 y se lleva a cabo todos los sábados durante la Misa en español.

**CÓMO ENVOLVERSE:** Líderes leen las lecturas semanales a los niños, explican el contenido del evangelio a través del uso de dinámicas y videos y cómo aplicarlas en sus vidas todos los días. El compromiso es abierto para todos. Se requiere colaborar llevando a cabo la liturgia de los niños al menos una vez al mes. Se necesita autorización diocesana del FBI/FDLE y el entrenamiento de ambiente seguro.

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**Ministerio de Comunicaciones**  
**Coordinador:** Luis Cruzado, 407.300.1803  
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**Sub-Coordinador:** Marco González, 321.229.0462  
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**Servicios Ofrecidos:** Usando los dones y talentos que Dios nos ha dado, el Ministerio de Comunicaciones propaga el Evangelio por medio de diferentes medios de comunicación como la radio, el internet, las traducciones del boletín, oración de los fieles y anuncios de la misa, los eventos, las proyecciones, los proyectos especiales, etc. Estamos al servicio de Dios y de la comunidad por lo que trabajamos mano a mano con los diferentes ministerios de la parroquia (español e inglés) para completar y cumplir con el propósito de Evangelización.

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**CÓMO ENVOLVERSE:** El Ministerio de Comunicaciones está dirigido únicamente a trabajar por Cristo, con Cristo y para Cristo. Son bienvenidos los voluntarios de 16 años en adelante para ser obreros del Reino y ser portadores de amor, paz y trabajo en equipo por medio de este ministerio. Entrenamiento será proveido.

**Ministerio de Los Enfermos**  
**Contacto:** Rosemary Kazyk , 407.831.1212, x223  
**E-Mail:** RKazyk@StMaryMagdalen.org

**Servicios Ofrecidos:** El propósito de este ministerio es la visita de los enfermos en hospitales, casas de cuidado de ancianos y casas de habitación en el momento en que necesitan una oración, una visita y tal vez el aliento de sanación del cuerpo de Cristo.

**CÓMO ENVOLVERSE:**  
- Ministro de los Hospitales del Norte y Sur de la Florida.  
- Ministro para cada una de las cinco residencias de cuidado de ancianos y asilos.  
- Ministro para visitas domiciliarias.  

**Requisitos para ser ministro:**  
- Una entrevista es necesaria para determinar el interés y la idoneidad.  
- Ser Ministro de la Eucaristía, las clases se ofrecen periódicamente.  
- Entrenamiento en acción hasta que el ministro se sienta cómodo.  
- Atender a una clase de entrenamiento diocesano  
- Atender a programas de espiritualidad y educación (Ofrecidas en la parroquia).  
- Entrenamiento en ambiente seguro, y FBI/FDLE autorización la diócesis.  
- El tiempo puede ser una vez a la semana o varias veces al mes.

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**Ministros de la Eucaristía**  
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**Servicios Ofrecidos:** El Ministerio de la Eucaristía comparte el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo con los participantes de la asamblea.

**CÓMO ENVOLVERSE:** Los ministros deben ser completamente Católicos Romanos y tener el deseo de servir a la comunidad fundada en el amor de Dios, usted puede iniciar enviándole una carta al pastor, dando alguna información de su vida y porque desea ser Ministro. Cuando sea aprobado debe asistir a un entrenamiento diocesano para recibir un mandato de dos años a través del obispo. Cada dos años es obligatorio hacer una mañana de reflexión como entrenamiento y para renovar el mandato. Se necesita el entrenamiento de ambiente seguro.
Servicios Ofrecidos: Nos reunimos alrededor de Cristo, guiados por el Espíritu Santo para compartir la fe en la experiencia cristiana orando al Dios Padre, transformando vidas y construyendo unidos la imagen de Jesús de acuerdo al evangelio. Todos los viernes de 7-9:30PM en el salón San Juan de la Cruz.

CÓMO ENVOLVERSE: Venga y acompañenos.

Movimiento Juan XXIII

Servicios Ofrecidos: Con mucho amor, obediencia y sacrificio, estamos aquí para ayudar a aquellos que de alguna manera han perdido su camino a Dios para ayudar a encontrarlo nuevamente a través de formación en la fe, el apoyo, la discusión en grupo sobre la Palabra y la oración diaria. Retiros mensuales de hombres y mujeres en español.

CÓMO ENVOLVERSE: Para asistir a las reuniones se debe hacer el retiro antes. Nos reunimos todos los martes de 7-9PM para la formación. Tenemos servicio de cuidado de niños.

Niños en Acción

Servicios Ofrecidos: Estamos orientado a niños de habla Hispana que cursan la escuela elemental. Nos reunimos el primer viernes de cada mes a las 6:30PM. Aquí los niños son motivados a ser catequizados y a crecer en la fe con otros niños de la parroquia. Usted puede inscribir a los niños llamando a las personas de contacto.

CÓMO ENVOLVERSE: Si usted desea ayudar y ser parte de este equipo (madres, padres, abuelos son bienvenidos), llame a las personas de contacto para hacer una cita. Se da entrenamiento. Se necesita autorización diocesana FBI/FDLE y completar el entrenamiento de ambiente seguro.

Niños Preparación de Bautizo

Servicios Ofrecidos: Aquellos que deseen bautizar a sus bebes, favor llamar a las personas de contacto para conocer acerca del proceso.

Movimiento de Renovación Católica Carismática

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Contacto: Carolina Canales, 407.657.1541
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Servicios Ofrecidos: Niños Preparación de Bautizo y completar el entrenamiento de ambiente seguro.

Oración Centrante

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Servicios Ofrecidos: “Estad quietos y conoceréis que yo soy Dios”… Salmo 46, La oración centrante depende de nuestra relación con Dios aprendiendo y fortaleciendo una práctica de oración contemplativa. Nos reunimos cada viernes a las 10AM en español, se provee instrucción y todos son bienvenidos.

CÓMO ENVOLVERSE: Acompáñenos en cualquiera de las sesiones.

Proclamadores de La Palabra

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Misión: Aumentar la experiencia litúrgica de la asamblea, con el propósito primordial de celebrar y refrescar la Fe de la comunidad al tomar las palabras de las Sagradas Escrituras, y revivirlas a través de una proclamación bien preparada, meditada y espiritual.

Servicios Ofrecidos: En la proclamación de la Palabra de Dios, el lector ejercita su responsabilidad de ser mediador de la presencia de Cristo. Dios le habla a la asamblea a través del lector, y el impacto del mensaje de Dios dependerá significativamente de su convicción, preparación y entrega. La Palabra de Dios será comprendida en mayor profundidad por la asamblea, si es leída de forma significativa y convincente. El lector debe llevar una vida digna de un cristiano, para demostrar con sus acciones su fidelidad a aquello que lee ante la asamblea de fieles. Asiste a misa todos los sábados y días de precepto, para acrecentar su fe y compromiso a su ministerio. Además de la misa de obligación de los sábados, nuestra Parroquia St. Mary Magdalen, ofrece misa en español los jueves a las 7pm. Otras celebraciones especiales incluyen: Navidad, Semana Santa, y otros días de precepto.

CÓMO ENVOLVERSE: Asistir a la misa en español con regularidad, necesita autorización diocesana FBI/FDLE y completar el entrenamiento de ambiente seguro, ser aprobado por el Sacerdote. Además debe poseer presencia de voz, proyección y dominio público. Vestir correctamente, que revele el respeto que se tiene a la Palabra de Dios. Sentirse a gusto ante un micrófono y ante la comunidad. Si no tiene experiencia previa, se la dará orientación en la parroquia. Los lectores están obligados a asistir a las reuniones del Ministerio y a talleres de formación. Se requiere una audición.
Renovación Conyugal

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Servicios Ofrecidos: Un programa de un fin de semana de enriquecimiento matrimonial, en español, diseñado para ayudar a que las parejas fortalezcan su relación y su matrimonio. Este programa también ayuda a matrimonios con problemas, donde la separación o el divorcio es una posibilidad o ya ha ocurrido. A las parejas se les enseñan destrezas para ayudar a dejar el pasado atrás y empezar a "renovar" su relación. Los talleres de "Renovación Conyugal" ayudan y promueven matrimonios saludables, niños felices, y familias más fuertes.

CÓMO ENVOLVERSE: Después del programa de fin de semana se forman diferentes grupos de apoyo para continuar enriqueciendo la relación matrimonial. Las reuniones se llevan a cabo 1º y 3º Domingos a las 2-4PM en el Annex. La idea de utilizar las parroquias es dar al participante un sentido de pertenencia a su comunidad de fe. Además, promueve la participación activa de la pareja en la vida parroquial. La pareja participante prepara y presenta uno de los temas presentados durante el taller de fin de semana de este modo las parejas tienen la oportunidad de profundizar en su relación.

Rosario en Familia

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Servicios Ofrecidos: Los martes a las 7PM, se reúne este grupo, para llevar la Virgen María a los diferentes hogares, para rezar el Rosario en español.

CÓMO ENVOLVERSE: Únase a nosotros en oración. Se requiere autorización diocesana FBI/FDLE y el entrenamiento de ambiente seguro.

Sacristanes

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Servicios Ofrecidos: Detrás de escena hay un grupo pequeño de personas que hacen todo lo posible que la Misa u otros servicios sean significativos, espirituales y eficaces. Asistidos por el sacerdote, hay un orden exacto a seguir de las cosas. Lo hacen todo, desde encender las luces hasta encontrar la lectura correcta del día.

CÓMO ENVOLVERSE: La persona interesada debe primero ser ministro de Eucaristía y luego se provee formación y entrenamiento. 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. Se requiere autorización diocesana FBI/FDLE y el entrenamiento de ambiente seguro.

Servidores del Altar

Contacto: Roxana Cruzado, 407.300.1779

Servicios Ofrecidos: Los Servidores del Altar Niños(as) y Jóvenes, asisten al sacerdote y diácono durante la Misa con el objetivo de “Hacer de su Servicio un Testimonio de FE”.

CÓMO ENVOLVERSE: Los niños y jóvenes que deseen pertenecer al Ministerio, deben tener mínimo 11 años de edad y cursar al menos el quinto grado, así como también estar registrados como miembros de la Parroquia de St. Mary Magdalen. Los padres y los aspirantes deben asistir a una entrevista, llenar una Ficha de Inscripción y los mayores de 14 años, deben completar la autorización diocesana (tomarse las huellas digitales y aprobar el curso de entrenamiento de ambiente seguro).

Ujieres

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Servicios Ofrecidos: Los Ujieres hispanos son los encargados de promover un sentido de bienvenida y pertenencia a todos los fieles reunidos para la liturgia. Son el primer punto de contacto para la celebración comunal de la Liturgia. Los Ujieres ministran a la comunidad entera en un modo muy activo, liberando a cada persona de sus propios impedimentos personales para la Misa, por medio de una atmósfera de bienvenida. Desempeñan un papel activo habilitando a cada feligrés para llegar a una expresión más libre de Dios en la Liturgia. Las principales funciones son: ofrecer asientos, ayudar en la colecta, guardar el orden en la comunión, repartir boletines, etc.

CÓMO ENVOLVERSE: Ujieres está abierto a todos los feligreses que expresen interés en el servicio a Dios. Tienen que tener 16 años de edad mínimo, usar el código de vestimenta, y autorización diocesana (tomarse las huellas digitales y aprobar el curso de entrenamiento de ambiente seguro).
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For DISCIPLE VOLUNTEERS & PARTICIPANTS

Instructions:
Thank you for your written witness in how you wish to commit yourself to the Lord for the 2013-2014 Pastoral Year! We would appreciate each family member completing a separate form and return to the parish.
Check I, C, or L in the appropriate column to the left of each opportunity to indicate your status in a specific ministry or desire to be contacted by a pastoral leader to discuss your role in that ministry whether as a participant or disciple volunteer.

I=Disciple Volunteer/Participant Interest, C=Continuing, L=Leaving
(I=Give of my Time & Talent / Wish to participate or in need of the service provided, C=Continuing with the ministry, or L=Leaving the ministry)

Disciple Name: ___________________________ Date of Birth: ___________________________
Address: __________________________________ City: ___________________________ Zip: ____________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Cell: ___________________________ Work: ___________________________
Best Time to Call: ___________________________ E-mail: ___________________________
Which Mass do you regularly attend? Q9:00AM Sat. Q7:00PM Sat. (Spanish) Q8:00AM Sun. Q10:00AM Sun. Q12:00noon Sun. Q5:30PM Sun.

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☐ ☐ ☐ Missionary Opportunities
☐ ☐ ☐ Prayer Blanket Team
☐ ☐ ☐ Prison Family Support Group
☐ ☐ ☐ Respect Life
☐ ☐ ☐ Thanksgiving Feast

BEREAVEMENT (Pages 18)
☐ ☐ ☐ Funeral Mass Supporters
☐ ☐ ☐ Grief Support Group

Turn over – More on back
I=Disciple Volunteer/Participant Interest, C=Continuing, L=Leaving
(I=Give my Time & Talent / Wish to participate or in need of the service provided, C=Continuing with the ministry, or L=Leaving the ministry)

PARISH HOSPITALITY (Pages 18-19)
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Connection Café
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Heavenly Helpers
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Home Blessing Team
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Prayerful Party Advisors
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Sunday Coffee Gathering
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Welcome Team

EVANGELIZATION (Pages 19-20)
- ☐ ☐ ☐ C.A.S.T. Ministry
- ☐ ☐ ☐ CommunityFest Leadership/Booth Captains
- ☐ ☐ ☐ CommunityFest Booth Disciple Volunteers
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Evangelization Team
- ☐ ☐ ☐ XLT (My soul eXalTs the Lord)

STEWARDSHIP (Pages 20-21)
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Guardian Angel Society
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Living Your Strengths
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Parish & School Endowments
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Time & Talent Team (page 3)
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Vocations

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- ☐ ☐ ☐ PowerPoint Scribes.pps
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Translations (English/Spanish) Team

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT (Pages 22-24)
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- ☐ ☐ ☐ Council of Catholic Women St. Gerard Circle
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Council of Catholic Women St. Luke Circle
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Council of Catholic Women St. Paul Circle
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Council of Catholic Women St. Robert Circle
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Council of Catholic Women St. Theresa Circle
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Council of Catholic Women St. Vincent de Paul Circle
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Council of Catholic Women Members At Large
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Grotto Environmentalists
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Maintenance Martyrs
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Men’s Club
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Office Angels
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Computer Data Entry (daytime hours)-Part of Office Angels

SCHOOL & ATHLETICS (Pages 24-25)
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Catholic Youth League & Coaches
- ☐ ☐ ☐ St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School
- ☐ ☐ ☐ St. Mary Magdalen Early Learning Center
- ☐ ☐ ☐ St. Mary Magdalen Home & School Association
- ☐ ☐ ☐ St. Mary Magdalen Mustang Club
- ☐ ☐ ☐ St. Mary Magdalen Night of Dreams Auction

SCOUTS (Pages 25-26)
- ☐ ☐ ☐ American Heritage Girls
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Boy Scouts
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Cub Scouts

AUXILIARY (Pages 26)
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Irish American Cultural Society
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Knights of Columbus

☐ I would like to speak with someone in discerning the right fit.
☐ I would like to recommend a service not listed in this book:
☐ My talents/skills/occupation information that I would like to offer my parish:

☐ I ____________________________, authorize St. Mary Magdalen to post my name/phone/e-mail/talents/skills/occupation on our parish website that is password protected and only accessible by our leaders.
“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...

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 eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another...

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...

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...

The challenge, then, is to understand our role – our vocation – and to respond generously to this call from God... Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God...

We must ask ourselves: Do we...wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian Stewards of our world and our Church?”

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— St. Teresa of Avila