



# PREP Newsletter

**Issue: September 2017 St. Mary Magdalen Church**

**Don't forget to sign up for your 4 family days! The signups are online now!**

## NOTES FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

I know – it seems like only yesterday we were finishing classes for the year and here we are again! I have been at work all summer planning out this year, and how we can all learn more about our Catholic faith!

We all think of summer as something special, but in the Church it's called ordinary time. What is that? It doesn't mean it's insignificant! "Ordinary" comes from a Latin word that means a series of numbers – so it's just the way the Sundays are numbered. The priest's vestments are green, showing that it is a time when our faith should be growing and deepening – so let's make our mass participation EXTRAordinary! Like we learned last year on our Mass family day, the liturgy is not like a spectator sport! We are called to active, conscious participation in the Mass. So maybe we can use this year to make some changes in the way we go to Mass? Maybe we can decide ahead of time which Mass we'll be attending, and be sure everything is ready to go? We can have a simple breakfast that hour before we go so no one is cranky (or passes out, my favorite pastime when I was little!) in Mass? Sit in front, so the children can see the action? And even if it's a dime, make sure they have something to put into the collection basket too? Over the summer I visited a friend in New York whose great-niece has some learning differences. You never saw anyone as proud as she was to put something in the basket – and bring up the gifts! Celebrate that good behavior with a special family activity later. Remember, we're sent from Mass to do God's work! And that makes us all EXTRAORDINARY!

**We no longer have a coordinator for sacraments. Any questions should go to [karen.yasik@smmchurch.org](mailto:karen.yasik@smmchurch.org)**

## September Calendar

**Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>** – Feast of Mother Teresa – is there a service you could do for someone that day?

**Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>** – Feast of the birth of Mary

**Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>** – classes begin K-8

**Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** – National Day of Remembrance

**Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** – **all classes in session pre-K through Confirmation**

**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>** – parish CFC meeting 6PM

**Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Feast of Padre Pio

**Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>** – classes **K-Confirmation**

**Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>** – 2PM Extraordinary Minister meeting for all those who did not attend in the spring or who are new to the ministry and need diocesan training!

**Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30-9PM SMM Ladies' Night "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" – see bulletin for more details!

*First  
Reconciliation*



Our first gathering for the parents of those making First Communion in May (and so First Reconciliation in December) will be **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9AM and repeated at 7PM** in the **CHURCH HALL**. Please plan to attend if you have a child who will be receiving this school year for important information on both sacraments!