

# **St. Mary Magdalen Parish Ministries Directory**



**Service & Social  
Volunteer Opportunities 2017-2018**

St. Mary Magdalen is a diverse and vibrant community of people sharing faith and worship together. Part of the vibrancy of the parish is the result of parishioners truly becoming part of the parish community through ministry, volunteerism, educational and social opportunities.

In this directory you will find descriptions of the various committees, groups, and organizations that help make up St. Mary Magdalen. Through participation in these various organizations, members develop friendships and ties that bind the community together.

We encourage all parishioners to review this information and prayerfully consider participation in parish life beyond attending Sunday liturgy.

Volunteers are always needed, even if they're not specifically noted. If you are interested in one or more of our Services and would like more information, please get in touch with the contact listed or email the Parish office at ([receptionist@smmchurch.org](mailto:receptionist@smmchurch.org)) noting your specific interest and we will pass along your information. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. James T. Kirk, Jr.,  
Pastor



# St Mary Magdalen Parish

## Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 8:30 – 3:30pm

Friday 8:30 – 12:30pm

302-652-6800

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[receptionist@smmchurch.org](mailto:receptionist@smmchurch.org)

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**Father Joseph W. McQuaide IV, Resident Priest**

**Joseph C. Romans, Deacon**

Kathy O'Toole, School Principal

Lisa Borgia, Parish Office Coordinator

Marc Minnick, Business & Finance Manager

Karen Yasik, Director of Religious Education

Stephanie Casey, Communication Coordinator

David Ifkovits, Director of Music

Kat Edwards, Youth Minister

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## **Christian Formation**

### ***Adult Formation***

This committee plans and coordinates programs pertaining to adult spiritual formation.

Contact: Teresa Carisio  
[tmcarisio@yahoo.com](mailto:tmcarisio@yahoo.com)

### ***Christian Formation Committee (CFC)***

This committee ensures that effective programming exists at SMM for initial and continuing Christian formation for parishioners throughout their life journey.

### ***CFC Religious Education Component***

This component utilizes parents from all areas of the parish and advises the Office of Religious Education to ensure that all formation needs for the parish are being met.

Contact: Karen Yasik  
302-652-7141 [Karen.Yasik@smmchurch.org](mailto:Karen.Yasik@smmchurch.org)

### ***CFC School Component***

This component is comprised of up to twelve persons elected by school families or appointed by the pastor. They act as an advisory body to the Principal to: set goals for total Catholic education, develop policy consistent with that of the Diocese, & execute projects or tasks assigned by the Principal.

Contact: Walt Szpak  
302-478-7878 [Szpakwalter@yahoo.com](mailto:Szpakwalter@yahoo.com)

### ***Moms' Faith Group***

We are a group of mothers in the St. Mary Magdalen community with school-aged and young children. We typically meet every other week in our homes to pray, discuss Bible studies, and support each other through intentional faithful friendship. All moms are welcome to join us and bring their young children with them. There is no previous Bible study experience necessary. We are all learning and growing together. For specific dates, more information, and directions please contact Alison.

Contact: Alison Szczerba  
302-573-5109 [Alisonszczerba@gmail.com](mailto:Alisonszczerba@gmail.com)

### ***Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)***

RCIA is a program for individuals who are interested and/or would like to prepare for initiation into the Catholic faith. Classes and formation activities are held September through April.

Contact: Karen Yasik  
302-652-7141 [Karen.Yasik@smmchurch.org](mailto:Karen.Yasik@smmchurch.org)

### ***Religious Education***

The SMM Religious Education program provides catechetical formation for children in grades pre-K through 8th grade. The program also provides sacramental preparation for First Communion and Confirmation.

Contact: Karen Yasik  
302-652-7141 [Karen.Yasik@smmchurch.org](mailto:Karen.Yasik@smmchurch.org)

## **Youth Ministry**

The St. Mary Magdalen Youth Ministry program is a vital asset to our parish. The goal of youth ministry is to empower young people to live as Disciples of Christ and to draw young people into responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community. We value each and every young person of St Mary Magdalen and hope that they will find themselves welcomed and encouraged to get involved in our youth ministry programs.

### **Junior Youth Group**

This program provides young people in grades 6 - 8 with opportunities for faith development through social and catechetical opportunities as well as trips and service. We meet Sunday nights September through May in the Church Hall.

Contact: Kat Edwards  
302-652-6800 ext. 139 [smyyouth@smmchurch.org](mailto:smyyouth@smmchurch.org)

### **Senior Youth Group**

Our High School Youth Ministry program provides opportunities for ongoing faith formation as well as adolescent catechesis. Young people in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us for our weekly meetings, held Sunday nights September through May in the Church Hall. High school aged youth can also participate in service projects, work camps, retreats, conferences, liturgical ministries, and much more.

Contact: Kat Edwards  
302-652-6800 ext. 139 [smyyouth@smmchurch.org](mailto:smyyouth@smmchurch.org)

*Please check the bulletin or parish calendar for specific dates and times. Youth Group (Jr. & Sr.) meet in the summer as well, but not as often.*



### ***Youth & Family Mass***

We offer a monthly opportunity for young people and their families to gather for liturgy and fellowship. This Mass is celebrated every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 5pm Mass, September through May. All ministries during this Mass are coordinated by the young people of our parish. This Mass also features our Youth Choir. After Mass, we invite all families to join us for dinner in the Church Hall. All families are asked to provide either a free will offering to donate toward dinner or a snack, salad, or dessert to share.

Contact: Kat Edwards  
302-652-6800 ext. 139 [smyyouth@smmchurch.org](mailto:smyyouth@smmchurch.org)

### ***Youth Events (Other)***

We hold other various activities throughout the year:

- Soup & Stations (Lent)
- Summer BBQ's
- Spring Luncheon
- Bambinelli Brunch (Dec.)

Contact: Kat Edwards  
302-652-6800 ext. 139 [smyyouth@smmchurch.org](mailto:smyyouth@smmchurch.org)

## **Liturgy**

### ***Altar Servers***

Altar servers serve the congregation, the priests and one another in celebrating the Mass and helping to lead the congregation in prayer and worship. Young people in grades 5th through high school are eligible to be trained as altar servers.

Contact: Justin Pollio  
302-530-7901 [justinpollio@gmail.com](mailto:justinpollio@gmail.com)

### ***Environmental Coordinator***

This individual creates the environment for our Masses. In addition to regular Sunday liturgies, is responsible for wedding decor, holidays, and sacraments, etc.

Contact: Richard Heiss  
302-428-0525 [gaynorheiss@comcast.net](mailto:gaynorheiss@comcast.net)

### ***Eucharistic Ministers for Liturgy***

A group of parishioners who are Diocesan certified through the Office of Worship. They assist the pastor during communion by distributing the Eucharist.

Contact: Karen Yasik  
302-652-7141 [Karen.Yasik@smmchurch.org](mailto:Karen.Yasik@smmchurch.org)

### ***Extraordinary Ministers of the Sick & Homebound***

Extraordinary Ministers of the Sick bring the comfort of Christ, in the form of the Eucharist, to those parishioners who are unable to come to the church for Mass. They are a group of parishioners who are Diocesan certified through the Office of Worship that pray, read scripture, and distribute Eucharist to the sick.

Contact: Karen Yasik  
302-652-7141 [Karen.Yasik@smmchurch.org](mailto:Karen.Yasik@smmchurch.org)

### ***Lectors (Readers)***

This group of parishioners is dedicated to reading the Scripture during Mass. Any parishioner who is interested and has a good speaking voice is eligible.

Contact: Justin Carisio  
[carisio@yahoo.com](mailto:carisio@yahoo.com)

## **Music Ministry**

### **Adult Choir**

This group of parishioners is dedicated to providing music to the SMM parish. We invite new members from high school age to adult to join us. All that is needed is the desire to be part of a very special, unique and integral ministry of the parish. It is NOT necessary for you to be an accomplished singer, or even be able to read music. All skills and techniques needed are taught at rehearsals. If you have often thought of joining this group, now is the time to give it a try. If you've always wanted to join but felt your voice was just average, just remember, there is safety in numbers and in the best choirs the majority of the members are average singers with a few soloists.

Contact: David Ifkovits  
302-652-6800 ext. 125 [difkovits@smmchurch.org](mailto:difkovits@smmchurch.org)

### **Cantors**

Cantors are both singers and facilitators of congregational song. A cantor must be able to sing in tune, and possess an understanding of the order of the liturgy, as well as different styles of liturgical music and singing. Previous experience is helpful, but not necessary. An informal interview and audition is required.

Contact: David Ifkovits  
302-652-6800 ext. 125 [difkovits@smmchurch.org](mailto:difkovits@smmchurch.org)

### ***SMM School Church Choir***

The children's choir is open to all SMM School children from grades 3 through 8. This group rehearses Wednesday afternoons from 3 – 4PM in the choir loft. The children's choir sings at certain Masses, for all school Masses, and for other holiday and special liturgies throughout its season. There is no audition required to join.

Contact: Katherine Hayes  
[khayes@smmschoolde.com](mailto:khayes@smmschoolde.com)

### ***Youth & Family Mass Choir***

Youth & Family Masses are held on the first Saturday of the month at 5PM in church, Sept. – May. All are welcome to join our youth choir that performs at all Parish & Youth family Mass. We are always looking for choir members or musicians who would like to join us in raising a joyful noise!

**We are currently without a leader for Youth & Family Mass Choir.** If this is something you are interested in leading or would like more information about, please contact our Youth Minister, Kat Edwards.

Contact: Kat Edwards  
302-652-6800 ext. 139 [smmyouth@smmchurch.org](mailto:smmyouth@smmchurch.org)

### ***Ushers***

Assist congregation with Mass participation (i.e. seating, assisting physically challenged individuals, and providing emergency help to those in need before, during, and following Mass.) Ushers select individuals to present the gifts (2nd graders' families assigned for part of the year) and take up the offertory collections at weekend masses and other special times. They also help maintain order during the liturgical celebrations.

Contact: Justin Pollio  
302-530-7901 [justinpollio@gmail.com](mailto:justinpollio@gmail.com)

## Outreach

### ***Emmanuel Dining Room (2 ministries)***

This ministry cooks and serves lunch for the Emmanuel Dining Room East (EDRE) on the 27<sup>th</sup>. EDRE serves 180-250 people. We meet at 9:30AM and return around 2PM.

Contact:

Lynn Lemon [lynnl@comcast.net](mailto:lynnl@comcast.net) 302-478-8927

Marg Manzer [marg.manzer@gmail.com](mailto:marg.manzer@gmail.com) 302-478-3514

This ministry delivers to the Emanuel Dining Room on Rogers Road, ever 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. We have a signup genius for preparing pans of hot dogs and beans at home. Everyone brings the prepared pans to the church hall. Then Bob Quinn delivers them around 9:30AM.

Contact: Alison Szczerba

302-573-5109 [Alisonszczerba@gmail.com](mailto:Alisonszczerba@gmail.com)

### ***Fall Food Drive***

The last weekend in September the group distributes paper bags to parishioners and then collects the bags of food the first weekend in October. The project is collaborative endeavor with our Christian brothers and sisters at Aldersgate Methodist Church and benefits the local food closets in our community.

Contact: Ronnie O'Connor

302-299-9523 [vsdnjt@comcast.net](mailto:vsdnjt@comcast.net)

### ***Hospital Visiting Ministry***

This ministry offers visitation to parishioners in hospital in order to offer prayers of encouragement, healing and support.

Contact: Bob O'Connor

302-654-9008

### ***Meals on Wheels***

A dedicated group of parishioners who pick-up and deliver a lunchtime hot meal to the homebound in a local area. Time needed is about 1 ½ hours.

Contact: Joanne Hadley  
302-478-2092

### ***Nursing Home Visitation***

Extraordinary Ministers takes communion, hold a short prayer service including readings, and homily for residents. Volunteers visit for a brief time with the residents. (See “*Extraordinary Ministers of the Sick*”)

### ***Respect Life***

This committee's purpose is to the make the parish community aware of life issues from conception until natural death. Annual programs include supporting Birthright of Delaware through:

**Annual Rose Sale** - In May we support Birthright’s pregnancy services by selling roses after masses Mother’s Day weekend.

**Baby Bottles** - In October, Birthright of DE makes available baby bottles after Mass. We ask that you take the bottles home (one per family), fill them with coins, cash or check & return them.

Contact: Madeline Rice  
[momeline9@aol.com](mailto:momeline9@aol.com)

### ***St. Vincent dePaul Society***

The St. Vincent dePaul Society is a group of dedication parishioners who tend to those in need in the name of our parish community, supported through the generosity of parishioners via the poor boxes & the money collected from the children’s envelopes. They meet every other Tuesday night in the church hall (see bulletin for details.)

Contact: Parish Office  
302-652-6800 [receptionist@smmchurch.org](mailto:receptionist@smmchurch.org)

## Parish and Family Life

### ***Athletic Association***

Organizes all efforts to provide our athletes (grades 3-12) with the opportunity to play a variety of sports that focus on respect, Christian values, sportsmanship and a love of the game. SMM offers the following sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Wrestling, Outdoor Track and Field, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball. Please visit the St Mary Magdalen Athletic Association webpage in order to get more information about registration, try outs, and schedules.

[www.smbulldogs.com](http://www.smbulldogs.com)

### ***Bingo***

A group of seniors from SMM and the surrounding area that gather for bingo, cards and light refreshments year round. The group meets on Thursday from 1pm-3:00pm in the Church Hall. Dues: \$5.00

Contact:	Kathy Carver	302-584-5928
	Jeanne Dorivich	302-478-8079

### ***Children's Liturgy of the Word***

Provide special liturgies for children every Sunday at the 9am mass during the school year. Liturgies include readings, prayer and music for children of all ages, especially preschool-6th grade. We are always in need of volunteers, both children and adults. Families who are able to act as weekly leaders would be greatly appreciated. We are also in need of readers, musicians, and guest speakers.

Contact:	Georgette Minnick
302-529-0288	<a href="mailto:minnick6@comcast.net">minnick6@comcast.net</a>

### ***Coffee & Donuts***

Coffee & donuts will be served in the church hall the 3rd Sunday of each month from September – May, after the 9AM mass. Come for the coffee & donuts and stay for the fellowship! If your group is interested in hosting coffee & donuts, call the contact below for available dates. Hosting, entails set up and clean up. It is also a great venue to advertise your group to the parish! Volunteers always welcome.

Contact: Lisa Borgia  
302-652-6800 ext. 114 [Lisa.borgia@smmchurch.org](mailto:Lisa.borgia@smmchurch.org)

### ***Home and School Association (HSA)***

A cooperative, non-profit organization that promotes the welfare of our school children and families in the home, school, and community. HSA has numerous committees that work with the SMM school. More information can be found on the school website: [www.smmschoolde.com](http://www.smmschoolde.com) then under committees & then HSA.

### ***Knights of Columbus***

A fraternal organization for men aged 18 or older that are practicing Catholics. St. Mary Magdalen is part of the Bishop Curtis Council. They provide activities year around that support our parish and surrounding community. New members are always welcome.

Contact: Jerry Poore  
302-478-3845 [jrp1940@yahoo.com](mailto:jrp1940@yahoo.com)



## **Scouts**

### **Boy Scouts**

An organization for boys 11-18 years of age (typically grades 6 through 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade) focused on promoting Christian values, character, service, and advanced outdoor skills.

Contact: Troop # 342

#### **Scoutmaster:**

Ed Schiavi [edschiavi@comcast.net](mailto:edschiavi@comcast.net) 302-463-8130

#### **Committee Chairman:**

Bob Rivell [Rivellrj@verizon.net](mailto:Rivellrj@verizon.net) 302-276-5165

### **Cub Scouts**

An organization for boys in grades K – 5<sup>th</sup>, which focuses on building character, Christian values and learning basic outdoor skills. Troop # 342

Contact: Kristen Palmer

302-367-6230 [kmpalmer@gmail.com](mailto:kmpalmer@gmail.com)

**Girl Scouts** - Girl Scouts, Cadettes, Junior, Brownies, & Daisies  
 The Girl Scouts is a worldwide organization where girls can build character, Christian values, and skills for success in the world. In partnership with adult volunteers, girls can develop strong leadership skills, social consciousness and conviction for their own potential and self-worth. Our parish Girl Scout program is open to girls ages 5-17.

Contact: Beth Smith  
 302-798-5834 [bethcostello@yahoo.com](mailto:bethcostello@yahoo.com)

Specific Troop Contact:

**Daisies**

Troop #177 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Caran McHugh	<a href="mailto:caran98@gmail.com">caran98@gmail.com</a>	302-494-5605
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**Brownies**

Troop #650 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Megan Shenal Meaghan Harris	<a href="mailto:meganpt@yahoo.com">meganpt@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:meagcruz@aol.com">meagcruz@aol.com</a>	302-439-3365 302-475-1058
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**Juniors**

Troop #771 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Kristin Zoccolillo Jen Mlodak Lynn Rosanio	<a href="mailto:klzoccolillo@hotmail.com">klzoccolillo@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:ajmlodak@gmail.com">ajmlodak@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:lynn.m.rosanio@dupont.com">lynn.m.rosanio@dupont.com</a>	302-428-3141 302-375-6494 302-478-4102
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**Cadettes**

Troop #1269 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Beth Smith	<a href="mailto:bethcostello@yahoo.com">bethcostello@yahoo.com</a>	610-842-1270
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**Cadetttte**

Troop #1212 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Laura Galemore Kristen Palmer	<a href="mailto:galeless@gmail.com">galeless@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:kmpalmer@gmail.com">kmpalmer@gmail.com</a>	302-652-7165 302-367-6230
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## ***Scrip***

Scrip is fundraising while you shop. Scrip fundraising gift cards are the same gift cards you would normally purchase from your local retail stores, and they work the same way. Instead of paying with credit cards or cash, you can get in the habit of paying for everyday purchases with Scrip gift cards and earn revenue for various organizations in the SMM parish.

Scrip can be purchased in the parish office or you can order online by going to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and follow the simple registration instructions. Our SMM enrollment code is A17F8175625.

Contact: Amy Dunlap-Jenson & Beth Smith  
[amy.dunlap@yahoo.com](mailto:amy.dunlap@yahoo.com) & [bethcostello@yahoo.com](mailto:bethcostello@yahoo.com)

## ***Sodality***

The Sodality promotes the Fatima First Saturday devotions requested by the Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus. They meet monthly in the church hall following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass and Rosary (September – May). The following Monday they make rosaries in the church hall.

Contact: Jeanne Kaye  
302-477-0168 [jkaye2503@comcast.net](mailto:jkaye2503@comcast.net)

## Socials

### ***Celebration of Married Life Dinner***

In 2017, St. Mary Magdalen held our 4rd Annual Celebration of Married Life by hosting a “Lucky in Love” Dinner Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm. All that attended enjoyed a delicious free dinner, wine & fellowship! RSVP instructions will be posted in the bulletin in January/February.

### ***Ladies’ Nights***

Put together by Monica Hill (302-563-5637) and Madeline Rice ([momeline9@aol.com](mailto:momeline9@aol.com)), these take place at various times throughout the year. They are held in the hall usually on a weeknight from 6:30-8:30PM, with different themes throughout the year. When you sign up for this event, you can host a table. Hosting simply means you invite friends to join your table (8-10 seats per table), provide for your table plates, glasses, & oversee who from your table will bring goodies: drinks, wine, appetizers, etc. The organizers will supply coffee, tea, water, and decorated tables with napkins and plastic silverware. Make sure all your table members register or you can sign them up. *Past Ladies’ Nights include: Advent Ladies Night, Lenten Ladies Night, An Evening with the Angels, and a Baby Shower for Jesus*

### ***Midsummer Wine***

On July 23, 2017 we joined together as a parish for Evening Prayer at 6:30PM followed by our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Midsummer Wine and Cheese in the Garden of St. Benedict at 6:45PM (rain – moved to Church Hall). The parish provides wine, beer, & bottled water, as well as some hors d’oeuvres for the evening. If your last name began with A-P you are asked to bring a hors d’oeuvre. If your last name began with Q-Z you are asked to bring a dessert.

## Weddings

### ***Wedding Coordinator***

Weddings should be arranged at least one year in advance. The engaged couple will be assisted by the priest or deacon in their preparation for marriage. Our wedding coordinator oversees and is present at the rehearsal and wedding, assisting where needed in the process.

Contact: Judy Aaron      Home: 302-479-0772  
Work: 302-429-1635      Cell: 302-373-1039

## Funerals

After death the first contact is with the Funeral Director of your choice who contacts us. Once we are contacted by the funeral home, the Lazarus Committee is contacted.

### ***Lazarus Committee***

The Lazarus Committee provides support by meeting with the families to arrange liturgy for the funeral mass. They are also present at the funeral to greet people and hand out programs. Anyone interested in helping with this ministry please call the contact below.

Contact: Barbara Malone  
302-478-4661