Pastor Fr. Louis J. Richard
Associate Fr. Michael Richard
Pastoral Associate Sr. Carmelita Latiolais, S.E.C.
Deacons Tam M. Tran, William Vincent, Francis Cao, Andrew Schumacher
Director of Parish Renewal & Evangelization Mr. John Listi
Weddings & Christian Formation Director Ms. Renella Livers
Funerals & Cemetery Manager Mrs. Eileen Boudoin, C.C.C.E.
Business Manager Deacon David Vaughn
Receptionist Mrs. Marguerite Landry
Director of Music & Church Organist Mr. Tommy Guidry
Christian Service Center Directors Mr. Marcelo & Mrs. Kelli Davis
Maintenance Mr. Malcolm d’Augereau
Housekeeper Mrs. Kim White

The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
We, the Catholic Community of St. Mary Magdalen
• Embrace our baptismal commitment to Christ
• Live a life of faith, service, and worship
• Seek to transform the world through prayer & evangelization

Welcome to St. Mary Magdalen Parish. Newcomers please introduce yourself and complete a census form located in the back of church or call the office 337-893-0244.

300 Pere Megret Street P. O. Box 1507 Abbeville, LA 70511-1507
website: stmarymagdalenparish.org
Faith: The Pearl of Great Price

How many of us think of our faith as “a pearl of great price”? How many of us really recognize that our faith is actually a precious treasure which we already possess? As baptized Christians, we have been welcomed into God’s family! It is easy to take this for granted, however. Right now, for us, “the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.” But that doesn’t mean it isn’t there. It just means that we have to dig a little bit to find it.

So where is our treasure buried? What is holding us back from really flourishing in our faith? Is it perhaps buried by the demands of work or school or hidden beneath the weight of sickness or sorrow? Have we covered it over with false “treasures” – material things that only give us fleeting joy? Whatever it is for each one of us, we should resolve to recover the treasure that lies beneath our feet, so we too can experience the joy of that blessed merchant who, by selling all he had, truly became rich. And when we do, we get a glimpse of the Kingdom of God, says Jesus.

Word for the Day
“For all that has been – thanks!
For all that shall be – Yes!”
Dag Hammarskjold

Deacon Andrew Schumacher will give a 4 week course on Praying With Scripture.

Sessions will be held on Wednesdays: August 23rd, Aug. 30th, Sept 6th and Sept. 13th. Join us in the ministry building from 6:30 PM until 8:00PM.

All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to deepen your prayer life and your knowledge of scripture.

Help Stock Our Pantry

Christian Service Center can use your help. Please consider bringing an extra bag or two of groceries, can goods and drop off in the bins at Church or at the church office.

Second Collection at First Friday Mass always for the Poor of our community.

Blood Drive!

SNAP TO A CURE – Blood Drive
On August 5th, from 10 -2, United Blood Services will be at Snap Fitness in Maurice. All who donate will receive $5 off you Snap to a Cure registration. Message or call 337-255-6045

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young king Solomon in today’s first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God’s people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong.

An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that can adversely affect the lives of others.

Do we exercise good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Do we share our compassionate hearts with others?
PRAYERS*RENEW CONFERENCE*GRIEF SUPPORT

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In memory of
Wardray Frank Landry

BLESSSED MOTHER CANDLE

In memory of
Irby J. Luquette & Joseph Daniel Bouligny, Sr

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILY OF
Ethel Lee Day Head

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

LECTORS, MINISTERS, SERVERS

SACRISTANS

A request for updated information has been made by mail or in the sacristy to all **sacristans, lectors, extra-ordinary ministers of communion and altar servers**. If you have not received this form, please contact Eileen in the Parish Office at 893-0244. There is a need in all of these ministries. If you are interested in being a sacristan, lector, extra-ordinary minister of communion or altar server, please contact the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Adoration

God speaks to us when there is silence. External silence and internal silence. Please consider spending an hour in silence and prayer before Christ present in the Eucharist. If you would like to commit to an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays please email Mason Romero at mason@thriftywayrx.com, 893-7753 or the parish office at 893-0244. **There is a particular need for Thursdays at 10am.** Come spend an hour a week with the One whom you wish to spend eternity.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

This group meets monthly. The next gathering with be Thursday, August 3rd at 5:30 PM in the conference room. All are welcome. Please contact Sr. Carm for more information 893-0244.

RENEW 2017 "OH, SO INSPIRED"

Celebrating the 50th Jubilee Anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal


Speakers: Jim Beckman, Patti Mansfield, Fr. Mark Miley, Dcn. Randy Hyde, Calvin James, Erin Thomas, Joseph Summers, Kerry Bueche, and Dr. Sheryl Jones.

ALL are invited - Renewal groups: TMIY, Come Lord Jesus, ACTS, Cursillo/Ultreya, Little Lilies, Theresans, etc. Join us for high praise and worship, fellowship and great teachings! Renew your faith and help Renew the Church. No registration fees this year in honor of the jubilee.

ACTS MEN’S RETREAT
DECEMBER 7-10, 2017

Registration begins Sunday, August 13th.

ACTS TEAM - Men who have completed an ACTS retreat are invited to join the team. Contact John Listi at 893-0244 or johnvlisti@gmail.com

WOMEN’S ACTS RETREAT Aug. 24-27

Please pray for all who have registered for the retreat. For more information, call Renella Livers 337-893-0244.

HELP NEEDED—CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children's Church for children ages 4-6, is held each Sunday during the 9 AM mass. Volunteers are needed to lead the lessons each week. This is a great opportunity for adults and youth to help these eager youngsters learn the Word of the Lord. If you are interested, please contact: terrent.broussard@gmail.com or renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org or call the office 893-0244.

“COME TO THE WELL”

A Day of Hope for all suffering loss of a loved one. August 12, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The day is filled with prayer utilizing meditation “Living Scripture”, music, journaling, and personal sharing to honor and acknowledge the reality of loss. There are opportunities for retreatants to find strength in the sharing to move through the losses of life with hope for a renewed vision.

Speakers: Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel and Camille Pavy Claibourne, RN, PhD. Musicians: Lisa Shannon, Suzanne Babineaux, Benny Littell. “Living Scripture” will be enacted by Jeff Aycock and Tina Hebert

Pre-registration is required by August 3, 2017. Cost is $20 per person (includes lunch). Diocese of Lafayette, Office of Pro-Life 1408 Carmel Dr. Lafayette LA 70501 Trista Littell at 337.261-5607 for more information.

Man to Man Conference

Man-To-Man Catholic Conference on August 19th at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Lafayette, 8am - 2pm. The keynote speaker is the renowned Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and special guest speakers are Bishop Douglas Deshotel, Fr. Floyd Calais and Fr. Joel Faulk, with Fr. Bryce Sibley as the master of ceremonies. For more information or to register please go to www.m2m2017.com. Or email man2mancatholicconference@gmail.com
END OF LIFE MATTERS
FR. KEITH LABOVE, pastor and hospital chaplain will give a workshop at four locations.

- What is church teaching on end of life care?
- Does a living will help?
- Must we do everything?
- Who decides?
- What are advanced directives?

Other questions will be explored. All are invited, no pre-registration or cost to attend.

For more information contact Mary Bergeron at Hospice of Acadiana 337-232-1234

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

- Are you interested in being Catholic?
- Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation?
- Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

Sessions to begin in September. For information: Sr. Carm srcarmlatiolais@gmail.com or Renella Livers renella@stmarymagdalenparish.org or call 893-0244.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
SEPT. 24-OCT 3, 2018

Information Meeting in Ministry Building Thursday, Sept 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Pilgrimage Highlights:
Peter's Primacy Nazareth
Capernaum Stella Mares
Holy Sepulcher Gethsemane
Via Dolorosa St. Anne's Church
Mount Tabor Caesarea Philippi
Mount of Beatitudes Dead Sea Scrolls
Church of the Nativity Annunciation Grotto
Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee
Site of the Miracle of Multiplication

For information contact:
Magnificat Travel 337-291-1933
info@holytravels.org
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