

## *An Alternate Marriage Preparation Format*

St. Mary Magdalene invites you to attend our Marriage Preparation class online if you must miss class on campus. Classes on campus are the preferred means of preparation.

Registration packets can be downloaded from our website. You can email all the necessary documents to [gingerh@st-mm.com](mailto:gingerh@st-mm.com), or you can drop the completed documents off in the church office. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

### Documents needed initially: only the Registration Form

As you begin Marriage Preparation, please prayerfully ask yourself these questions:

- (1) *Am I called to the vocation of marriage?*
- (2) *Am I called to the vocation of marriage with this person?*

Please keep these questions in mind as you prepare for marriage, a lifelong commitment of love which should mirror Christ's love for us. He willingly gave His life for us. You are preparing to give your life to your beloved, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. Prayerfully offer your heart and your love to God, to your beloved, and to the children you may receive as gifts from the Lord.

### COVID-Safe Format

- Accept my invitation to join the Google classroom. If there's a glitch...
  - ✓ You may need to download the free Google classroom app if you don't have a Gmail account.
  - ✓ If you have a Gmail account, look for the Google app "square made up of squares" near your icon at the upper right-hand corner of your Google account. Scroll down until you see the green chalkboard and click on it.
  - ✓ Look for the large "plus" sign (+) and click on it; choose "Join a class"
  - ✓ The code for the class is **hkw4yqo**
- Click on the Classwork tab.
- The first module: "*Other Parts of Marriage Preparation*" will help you to keep track of where you are in your preparation.
- The second module: "*Mystery and Meaning of Marriage*" covers the first two sessions of Marriage Prep. You may be assigned one or more of these videos as "homework" to complete before the start of the next session on campus.
  - ✓ Download the Participant Guide.
  - ✓ Watch the video(s).
  - ✓ Respond to the Discussion questions and upload your document to the classroom or email it to me.
- The third module: "*A Living Marriage*" covers information to prepare you for a lifetime together and follows the same format as "Mystery and Meaning of Marriage."



# Marriage Preparation at St. Mary Magdalene

*On-campus classes are the best preparation.* Online classes are an alternative if you cannot make an on-campus class. Because classes are online, couples may take the class (missed on campus) whenever convenient for you. The first class must be taken on campus and must be taken first; other classes may be taken out of order if you must miss a class.

*Please note that there are many parts to Marriage Preparation.* These classes are one part. Clergy or a certified FOCCUS Facilitator meet with you several times for an open and honest discussion on certain crucial areas of married life. There is paperwork for you to complete. Perci, our Liturgical Director, helps you plan your wedding ceremony. Please ***do not set your wedding date*** until your preparation nears completion.

We adhere to the guidance from Cardinal DiNardo and public health officials regarding social distancing, face masks, and hand sanitizer. The number of family members at your wedding may be limited; however, **families are invited to livestream the ceremony** via their cell phones. Our parish will not provide livestreaming.

*We rejoice with you as you journey through marriage preparation for a lifetime of married love together!*

*Please contact me if I can be of assistance. I'm here to help!*

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