



SAINT MARY MAGDALEN PARISH

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Dear St. Mary Magdalen Parishioner,

I'm excited to announce the creation of a Parish Advisory Council—one that represents a fresh approach and new model. The Council is made up of professionals—all parish members—who are experts in their fields. They will contribute their expertise in direct and concrete ways to assist me in parish governance. This is a bold step. The administration of our thriving community will now be tied to parishioner engagement and lay leadership.

The creation of the Council represents more than two years of prayer, thought, and planning during which we adopted a mission—*Know Christ. Be Christ for Others*—and a vision—to be a welcoming Catholic community, with open hearts, seeking to know Christ, to inspire journeys of faith, and to serve others. To that end, the Council will focus on building liturgical richness, community outreach, communications, parish sustainability, and Catholic education in ways that will speak to everyone's faith journey and invite the active participation of all our parishioners.

I emphasize all our parishioners because the Parish Council is only part of what we envision for St. Mary Magdalen. Our future will require many more of us to get involved directly in parish life. We are blessed with dedicated men and women who help our parish operate and fulfill its mission by serving in many different roles, ministries, activities, and committees. St. Mary Magdalen could not function without them. I am grateful for what they do. Going forward, we need more like them. Through generous application of time and talent, every parishioner, in ways large and small, can help.

Together we will make this happen. We are the People of God, blessed in our time to be united as members of St. Mary Magdalen Parish. I am always gratified to see the pride our people take in belonging to St. Mary Magdalen. We have exceptional, loving, loyal and generous parishioners. We rejoice in the gifts of our people who, in turn, enable us to extend love, courtesy and understanding to all.

I invite you to join me in participating fully in parish life. Through the parish bulletin, parish website and social media you will learn about opportunities and ways to contact specific Parish Council members to offer help. We're also planning a special event in the fall to meet the Council members and share ideas. Stay tuned!

And as always, let us pray to the Lord Jesus to bless our plans in his service and ask St. Mary Magdalen to intercede for us.

Thank you!

Fr. Kirk



Our Mission....
Know Christ.
Be Christ for Others.



Our Vision

To be a welcoming Catholic community, who with open hearts, seek to know Christ, to inspire journeys of faith and to serve others.

Our Core Values

Journey in Faith: We are a community of believers seeking to know Christ better and to make the Eucharist present every day.

Faith in Action: We are engaged in service, outreach, and demonstration of our Catholic faith in pursuit of deeper spiritual development.

Integrity: We nurture an environment that encourages openness, honesty, trustworthiness, and transparency in all aspects of parish life.

Faithful Stewardship: We seek and empower servant-leaders to advance our Mission to know Christ and be Christ for others.

A Sustainable Future: We live our Mission today while anticipating the future needs of our community.

Strategic Focus Areas

<p>Engagement & Community Outreach</p> <p>To create an environment where there is strong and active Parishioner engagement in liturgy, parish programs and community outreach</p>	<p>Internal & External Communications</p> <p>To proactively and effectively communicate with parishioners and the surrounding community</p>
<p>Liturgical Richness & Formation</p> <p>To grow, and enrich the worship life of our Parish; To nurture, develop, and educate the whole person by faithfully carrying out the example of Christ through education, service, and worship</p>	<p>Parish Sustainability</p> <p>To ensure the future sustainability of the SMM Parish</p>