



## St. Mary Magdalene Faith Formation Registration Packet 2019-2020

Dear Families,

March 20, 2019

Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to the Faith Formation sessions (FF) offered at Saint Mary Magdalene. Registration is now open for the 2019.2020 faith formation year. Our catechetical theme this year focuses on "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ".

As our formal formation sessions at the parish draw to a close, we also look to the future. Home faith formation is central to your children's spiritual development. This summer visit different parishes while on vacation. [www.masstimes.com](http://www.masstimes.com) is a great resource! We have print and media resources available to you during the summer and access to online material. Please contact us if we can be of service to you in these areas. This summer take advantage of the FORMED.ORG subscription service which has movies, bible studies, book studies, children's videos and much, much more. Do a family movie night, check out [www.smmcatholic.formed.org](http://www.smmcatholic.formed.org) access code 2Z8MZQ .

Enclosed you will find the registration form for next year. Faith Formation begins Sunday August 25, 2019 and the final session is Wednesday April 29, 2020. First Communion will be celebrated Sunday May 3, 2020. Registration is now open. Please mail or bring registrations forms to the faith formation office.

If new to the parish, registering your child for the first time, or if your child will be celebrating the sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation, please provide a **NEW** copy of a baptismal certificate. Contact the church of baptism, they will be happy to send you a copy.

**Elementary sessions are coordinated by Alyce Meadows and are offered on Sunday and Monday.**

<b>Sunday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10:15 – 11:45 a.m.
	High school	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Pre K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4:15 – 5:45 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Middle School	6:45 – 8:15 p.m.

### **Middle School–David Smith**

We are excited to grow the middle school community and create a very special identity for our children on Wednesday evening. Sixth through eighth grade will meet from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. We have additional all grade events including special speakers, lock-ins, Catholic Fest and periodic Praise & Worship.

**High School and Confirmation** - Sessions continue to flourish under the direction of Mrs. Pixie Smith. Sunday sessions for High School, 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade gather 4 to 5:30 p.m. Prerequisite two years of formation are required to enter the immediate formation sessions typically in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade is one required year with the second year from middle school. The sacrament will be celebrated in the Easter season (April/May time frame).

**Home Schooling** remains an option for our families during non-sacramental prep years. Parents are ultimately the primary church and models of faith for their children. A home school program and family sessions are offered for those who prefer this model of catechesis.

**Adult Faith Formation** sessions are offered year round Please watch the bulletin for these subjects and times. Lifelong faith formation keeps us intentional as we live our Baptisms.

Full payment arrangements are required with the registration form. No registration will be processed without payment or payment arrangements. Sensitive to the economic times, an early bird rate is offered when payment is made before May 1st. No child will be denied Faith Formation because of the inability to pay. However, *prior confidential arrangements* must be made with either the Pastor or Director of Faith Formation. A scholarship program is available for those who need. We do ask that in the future, when you are able, that you contribute to the scholarship program to help others in need.

## **Sacramental Preparation**

If new to our parish – welcome. We ask that you provide a letter from your previous parish describing your child's course of faith formation at the old parish.

**All youth involved in a sacramental preparation year must provide a NEW baptismal form – please contact the church of baptism and ask them to send you a new one. Please do not bring copy or the original.**

First Eucharist

Any child, who has just completed 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and/or will be entering the sacramental preparation program, may not have missed more than five (5) classes this past year, as well as three (3) during the sacramental year. The archdiocesan guidelines for Penance and Eucharist state:

“The child should have attended a Catholic school, a parish religious education program, or are active in a home school religious education program for at least one year prior to beginning preparation for the sacrament of Penance and Eucharist.”

For the sacrament of Confirmation:

“Youth should have attended a Catholic school, a parish religious education program or an active home school religious education program for at least two years before enrollment in the parish Confirmation formation program.” One of the two years must be from the middle school years.

The candidate shall not have missed more than two (2) immediate formation sessions or five (5) youth group sessions during the formation years.

If new to the parish, a letter from your previous parish indicating the requisite formation period is required.

### **Completion of Faith Formation level.**

Credit for completion of a year is given if your child misses 5 or fewer sessions during non-sacramental years. If your child has missed a session you can make up the lesson at home. The catechist can give you the lesson. You and your child work on the lesson at home return the lesson to the grade level coordinator who will then mark it as completed and no absence will be recorded.

May our Risen Lord continue to guide us on our life long faith journey.

In Christ's Peace,

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Director of Faith Formation

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