

St. Mary Magdalene Faith Formation Registration Packet 2018.2019

Dear Families,

March 15, 2018

Thank you for entrusting your child to the Faith Formation sessions (FF) offered at Saint Mary Magdalene.

As our formal formation sessions at the parish are drawing to a close, we always look to the future. Your role as the domestic church, the at-home teaching of community, prayer life, and Mass attendance never ends. Home faith formation is central to your children's spiritual development. 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.

Enclosed you will find the registration form for next year. FF begins Sunday August 26, 2018 and the final session is Wednesday May 1, 2019. First Communion will be celebrated Sunday May 5, 2019. Volunteers will be at tables after all Masses on Sunday April 8th to receive early bird registration forms and payments.

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.

Sunday	1 st to 5 th Grade	10:15 – 11:45 a.m.
	High school	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Monday	Pre K – 5 th Grade	4:15 – 5:45 p.m.
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Wednesday	Middle School	6:45 – 8:15 p.m.
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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 Toni Egan. Sunday sessions for High School, 9th to 12th grade will meet 4 to 5:30 p.m. Confirmation formation begins at the start of 10th grade and will be celebrated in the April/May time frame. Pre-requisite two years of formation are required to enter the formation sessions; one of these years must be from middle school.

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 during the summer and school year. 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 form.

First Eucharist

Any child, who has just completed 1st 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 five (5) this coming 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.

If your child missed an exceptional amount of classes, more than 5, please call the Faith Formation office to set up an appointment with the Director of Faith Formation. If your child has missed a session you can make up the lesson at home, grades 1 – 8. 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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David Smith Middle School Coordinator, 6 – 8th
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