

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

DISCIPLINE

It is no accident that the words “disciple” and “discipline” are nearly identical. Their relationship in Christian faith and life, however, has fallen somewhat out of favor in the past generation, as certain prescribed Church rules and regulations have been reduced and relaxed. These rules were often referred to as “disciplines.” We are mistaken, however, to think that it no longer takes discipline to follow Christ. The Letter to the Hebrews assures us of that today. Our discipline is more like that of an athlete pursuing a victory or a personal best, or a musician striving for a concert career or to master a new piece of music. This discipline comes from desire, not from regulations. It was the desire to do the will of God that led Jesus on the path to his cross. It is that same desire he encourages in us today: to strive to enter through the narrow gate, to find ourselves in the kingdom with a surprising assortment of people who are there not because of mere observation of rules, but out of a genuine desire to recline at the table of the heavenly banquet.

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Parish Weekly Bulletin

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....9:00AM - 4:00PM
After hours by appointment only

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon.- Fri., 6:30 AM & 8:30AM; Sat., 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
6:00 PM

SCHOOL OFFICE

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In Church, be sure to visit:

**PRO-LIFE CORNER; ADULT PARISH
LENDING LIBRARY; CHILDREN'S
CORNER/LIBRARY/PRAYER CENTER**

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE MINISTRY

Hours: Wednesdays, 5:30PM-6:30PM
Facility Entrance on W. Metairie Ave. to right
of church.....734-5833

GIFT SHOP & PRAYER GARDEN

Hours: Tues. & Fri.....1:00PM-5:00PM
Saturdays.....2:00PM-5:00PM
Sundays.....8:30AM-12:15PM
Phone:.....734-5833

BAPTISMS: Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:15PM. Baptism Seminars on 1st Monday at 7:00PM (NOTE new time) in Chapel. Baptism Seminar is mandatory for first child.

Archdiocesan Policy on Infant Baptism: www.arch-no.org/HumanResources/Policies/PolicyonInfantBaptismOR may be found on the Parish website.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Must have 2 consecutive years of Catholic religious instruction prior to reception of these sacraments. Contact Parish Religious Education Coordinator for further information.

WEDDINGS: Contact Parish priest at least 6 to 8 months prior to planned date of marriage. Celebrated Friday evenings; Saturday mornings, early afternoons or evenings. Church Fee: \$200; Chapel Fee: \$100.

FUNERALS: You are encouraged to celebrate funerals in our Church or Chapel. Wakes & visitation also possible.

CARE OF THE SICK: Communion brought to Homebound weekly by Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Anointing of Sick available on individual basis by appointment.

CARE OF THE NEEDY: See Social Apostolate Ministry.

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT: Sundays, 12:15-1:15PM

Call Parish Office for further information.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Monday, August 22

6:30 AM George Joseph Waguespack, Jr.

Tuesday, August 23

6:30 AM David Beach, Sr.

Wednesday, August 24

6:30 AM Carolyn Mouton

Thursday, August 25

6:30 AM Arthur T. Rumney

Friday, August 26

6:30 AM Fr. Martin Smullen

Saturday, August 27

8:00 AM Dr. Bert Goodier

Saturday, August 27

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 PM Rosalie Couch, Tom Jeffers, Mary Frances, Jay Patrick Jeffers, Norma & Lance Hubble, Dean D'Arcangelo, Julio Anleu, Gracia Anleu, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Aimee Marus, Tony DiFranco, Jerry Puyau, Fr. Michael Joseph Nguyen, Mary Ann Schmitt, Deacon Angelas Robin, Toni Ancona, William Lagarde, Earl & Lillian Dennies

Sunday, August 28

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8:00 AM Doris Radosti

9:30 AM SMM Parishioners

11:00 AM Hallie Espenan, Roy Hoffman, Jerry Fulton, Eugene Whittaker, Marietta Fletcher, Josephine Michelet, Jim Stroup

6:00 PM Jeffrey Rodriguez

Jackie Markey, Teresa Lacour, Ryan Thiel, Gracelyn Chaplain, Dennis Coughlin, Jr., Kelly Fletcher Growl, Kenneth & Kevin Teen, Ben Todd, Joe Giarratano, Luca Scozzari, Evelyn Olwell, Brian Dufour, Mary Ann Meaux, Dilly Surratt, Yvonne Toups, Ryan Songy, Gayle Songy, Nathan Lopiccolo, Linda Nicholls, Sherry St. Pe, Ann Flick & Family, Rosemarie Entringer, Judge Thomas Wicker, Ivan Antunovic, Arianna Crawford, Claire Duplantier, Daphine Dufour, Gloria Robles, Melissa Glueck, Danny Adams, Allison Daigre, Olivia Sumrall, Michael Borne, Bob & Linda Veitinger, Elise Ramcourt, Jeanene Moran, Kelly Nagy, Cindy Hogman, Addison Couvillion, Jerry Fender, Linda Conran, Kayla Pelman, Nick Doize, Marcia Graff, David Robins, Ashley Clement, Wanda Adams, Jenny Mayeur, Judith Massa, Carol P. Ramos, Rosemary Pizza, Julianne Andressen, Lauretta Erwin, Ryan Olwell, Judy Copping, Kathy Barbier, Jessica LeBlanc, Viola Juneau, Betty Feltey, Barry Stephens, Lori Lambert, Kathryn Feltey, Frank Kent, Ray Groves, Michael Rodriguez, Kathleen E. Jones, Melanie Gaumond, Alice Rockvoan, Rose Marie Curran, Anthony James Lapinto, Louise DeLuca, Perry Juneau, Mark Lucich, Willie Arnouville, Chad Costes, Sherry Gaffney, Dean Babin, Janet Kaleher, Norvin Schexnaildre, Dianne Seman, Matthew DiBuono, Oliver Duplantier, David Williamson, Toni Landry, Musette Barrouquere, Riecke Gernon, Daniel Hereford, David Williamson, Katherine Sclafani, Catherine Carlin, Gerard Hollingsworth, Edie Dorion

RECTORY OFFICE REQUEST

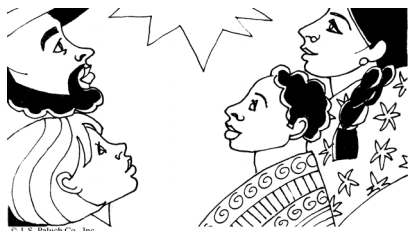
If you are NOT currently using donation envelopes and you would like to request a box set for 2017 please call the rectory office by Aug. 31.

END OF SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Beginning on **Tuesday, September 6**, SMM will again celebrate the 8:30 AM Mass, Monday through Friday.

PRAYER DURING HURRICANE SEASON

"Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, may we be spared all loss of life and property during this hurricane season, we pray to the Lord."



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PARISH VISION TEAM UPDATE

The Parish Vision Team has been working hard and has completed Phase 1 of our renewal process. Here is what they have accomplished so far: **New Parish Mission Statement:** St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church is called to foster a welcoming community, to form disciples of Jesus Christ and to joyfully evangelize. **Unifying Vision:** Walking together with Christ, igniting the Spirit within, living God’s Call.

Priorities & Goals:

PRIORITY 1: Enhance the Sunday Experience

Goal 1: Create a welcoming environment beginning with the Sunday experience & overflowing into all aspects of parish life. **Goal 2:** Celebrate & glorify the Lord through all of our voices in prayer & song.

PRIORITY 2: Forming Christians in Faith

Goal 1: Provide opportunities to grow in knowledge, love & appreciation of the rich tradition of our Catholic faith. **Goal 2:** Encourage all parishioners to answer their baptismal call by joyfully sharing the Good News of Christ through word & deed.

PRIORITY 3: Revitalizing our Ministries

Goal 1: Cultivate viable, relevant ministries to form disciples of Jesus Christ. **Goal 2:** Foster opportunities for church & school to emerge as one, unified community.

COMMUNICATION: Establish a communication process that enables our parishioners & other key stakeholders to understand, internalize & embrace the messages that are being communicated. 1st step: updating parish website: www.stmarymagdalenchurch.com

Phase 2: Implementation of Priorities/Goals to begin shortly.



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

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This *Jubilee Year of Mercy* and Pope Francis’ ministry have renewed our understanding that the Church’s heart is open wide to all, and the heart of the gospel is God’s mercy. Flooded with God’s mercy, our hearts should overflow as channels bringing to wounded and weary hearts Jesus’ healing mercy. For Jesus warns, our own salvation is not guaranteed by the Liturgy of the Word (“you taught in our streets”) nor by the Eucharist (“we ate and drank in your company”) (Luke 13:26). People far from that banquet, “from the east and the west and from the north and the south . . . will recline at table in the kingdom of God” (13:29). Rather, showing mercy is key to obtaining mercy ourselves (Matthew 5:7). So we should never dare ask what “someone” asked Jesus, “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” (Luke 13:23). The crucial question is “Will *I* be saved?” And Jesus’ answer is another question: “Have you shown mercy to everyone, freely, gladly, no limits, no conditions, no exceptions?”

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CELEBRATING CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Living the Word

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Jesus’ message seems difficult, but we know he came to save the world and not to condemn it. He would not require us to go through a gate that is narrower than we can manage. When we convince ourselves that we are leading a good enough life, he challenges us to follow him more closely—to know him and be known by him. Studying Scripture is a good start: prayer, mass, sacraments and service all bring us closer to him.



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Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.— *Hebrews 12:12-13*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent decades, attention has shifted away from headgear as a symbol of a bishop’s authority to a more substantial symbol: the chair, called the *cathedra*. The word comes from the Latin word for a chair with armrests. It is exactly the reason why dining room sets were marketed in this country a few years ago with only one chair with armrests, the captain’s chair. In many rectories of a certain vintage, you will see only one chair with arms at the dining table, a sign to the assisting priests of their proper place in the constellation. For us, as with most Anglicans and some Lutherans, the *cathedra* is a sign of the teaching authority of the bishop. We inherited the symbolism of the chair from Roman civil life in the fourth century. A church that houses a *cathedra* is called a cathedral, and the chair may be used only by the bishop of that diocese. Priests who preside at liturgy there must use a different presidential chair. You may find the *cathedra* in its most traditional place at the head of the apse, or against a side wall as was favored in medieval times, but increasingly bishops are locating the *cathedra* in the midst of the assembly of the faithful. In the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, visitors will find no barrier to their trying out the *cathedra*, an expression of hospitality that helps the archbishop be mindful of those whom he serves.

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Prayer to Saint Michael, the Archangel

St. Michael, Archangel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes (8/07)	\$ 8753.00
Loose Collection	\$ 3061.14
Total	\$11,814.14

LET'S PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

In order to support vocations in our diocese, you are asked to add a special prayer for seminarians to your daily prayers. The best way to encourage and support our seminarians is to pray for them.

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Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, How awesome are your ways! Through your abundant love you bless us with gifts that can make our world holy and just.

Dwell deep in our hearts that we may know how to share these gifts. Inspire many to respond generously to your call to service in the Church. May the fire of your love direct us on our journey that we may act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with you. We give you the praise and honor now and forever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday, August 28:

First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29). **Psalm** — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68). **Second Reading** — You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a). **Gospel** — When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

A PRAYER FOR EVERY FAMILY

by St. John Paul II

God, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and earth descends, Father, who are Love and Life, ensure that every human family on earth shall become, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, "born of woman," and through the Holy Spirit, the source of divine charity, a true shrine of life and love for the generations which are always renewing themselves. Ensure that Your grace shall guide the thoughts and the works of spouses toward the good of their families and of all families in the world. Ensure that the young generations shall find firm support in the family for their humanity and their growth in truth and love. Ensure the love, reinforced by the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony shall show itself to be stronger than any weakness and every crisis through which our families pass at times. Amen.

PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

We pray for those in our parish who are fighting overseas for our country and against terrorism.

SPC Donald Monteleone, Jr., Air National Guard; Sgt. Brian Lane, Lt. Col. Jason E. Burkett, USMC; Matthew J. Scott, USN; Seth Restivo, Evan Lina; PFC Kenny Grunberg; Lt. Spencer Farmer, Army Rangers; PFC Matthew Ballard; Lt. Joseph Bush, US Army; GySgt Albert Latour Jr., USMC; Maj. Ignacio Assasf, USANG; Sgt. Matt Llewelan, USANG; SPC Derek Vial, US Army; MN3 Ethen Meyers, Michael J. Cristie, Sp. Serv., Brian Calvo, US Army



Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen.

Respect Life



COMMENTS FROM THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE

Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. As the result of Roe v. Wade, the unborn baby is now the modern black slave. Like the slave in the Dred Scott decision, the unborn baby has no legal rights, is the property of the owner (the mother) and can be killed if the owner wishes (any time before birth).

CHILDREN'S CORNER

AUGUST: Month of **FAITH**. Prayer Center Theme is: *I will keep my heart close to Jesus by...* Put written intentions in prayer pig; they will be offered up at all Masses every Sunday.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 22

Tuesday, August 23

KC Ladies Auxiliary Mtg in Ministries Bldg 7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 24

Social Services Building open from 5:30PM-6:30PM
St. Jude Society Meeting in Chapel 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 25

Friday, August 26

Back-to-School Bingo in Cafeteria 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 27

Confession every Saturday 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Women's New Life Center Raffle after Mass

Sunday, August 28

Women's New Life Center Raffle after Masses
Family Mass 9:30 AM
Back-to-School Ice Cream Social in Cafeteria after
9:30 & 11AM Masses
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 12:15-1:15 PM

2016 SEAFOOD FESTIVAL NEWS

Planning is underway for the SMM Annual Seafood Festival which will be held **October 14th thru October 16th**. The Fair Committee is currently seeking booth and stage sponsors, and donations of gift certificates and gift items. All donations are greatly appreciated and will help us reach our goals. Fair letters and donations forms with further info are located at church entrances, or can be picked up at the rectory. For a copy of the letter/form or for more info, please contact Jennifer Edwards at 504-289-7047.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets for the SMM Fall Festival are available at all church entrances or at the Rectory Office. All families are asked to support the fair by picking up & selling raffle tickets. Returns can be put in an envelope and deposited in any regular Sunday collection or dropped off at the rectory. The fair is the major fundraiser for the parish, and we need your support to make this a successful event.

BLESSING OF STUDENTS

It is most fitting to call upon God's help as the opening of a new school year draws near. There will be a special blessing given to all students at all Masses this weekend.

CYO NEWS

Meeting originally scheduled for Sunday, August 28 has been moved to **Sunday, August 21**. Members will attend 6PM Mass, followed by a meeting in the Lodge from 7-8PM.

REGISTRATION FOR PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Children, who have previously attended classes at SMM, will receive registration packets in the mail. Please complete and try to return registration forms along with fee to the rectory office **BEFORE** registration weekend. After office hours or on the weekend, put completed packet thru mail slot in rectory front door. Registrations for Parish School of Religion (PSR) will be also taken on the following dates:

August 20 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

August 21 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm

August 22 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

NEW Student Registration packets may be picked up from and returned to the rectory along with a copy of their Baptismal Certificate. After registration weekend, forms may be returned to the rectory.

REGISTRATION FEE FOR PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION STUDENTS, GRADES 1 – 12

\$40-one child; \$15-each additional child; \$60-maximum fee for any one family.

CLASSES

The Parish School of Religion Program is for students attending private or public school. Classes are held every Monday evening beginning **September 12, 2016** from 6:45 pm until 8:00 pm.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAE SUNDAY

Come and cool off on **Sunday August 28** with a tasty ice cream sundae. Create your own, one of a kind sundae with a variety of toppings - sprinkles, M&M's, cookies, nuts, chocolate syrup and whipped cream. This **FREE** event is hosted by the K.C. Ladies Auxiliary after the 11:00AM mass in the cafeteria.

SMM SCHOOL—COUGAR NEWS

St. Mary Magdalen School is accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year for students in Pre-K through 7th grade. Please call the school office at (504) 733-1433 to schedule a private tour or to receive registration information.