



Saint Mary
Magdalene
Catholic Church

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Mass Times & Location

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Gateway Pointe Elementary School

Galveston, East of Recker or

West of Power

Morning Mass is 8:00 a.m.

(except Thursdays)

Mercy Gilbert Medical Center,

Val Vista & Pecos

Confession Saturdays 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

Or by appointment

Temporary Office Location

Office hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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Future Church Location

2654 E. Williamsfield Rd.

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Williamsfield Rd. and I-202

Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary Magdalene is called to reach out in Christ to all people by: being nourished through Word and Sacrament; serving through time, talent, and treasure; and handing on our faith and tradition through education.

Front Porch Churches

Summer is almost over! Why not think about starting up a Front Porch Church in your neighborhood. What is involved? The parish will give you a listing of names of other parishioners who live near you. We ask that you then give them a call or send an email to invite them to a neighborhood get-together at your home or a near-by park. Once you get together and meet everyone, you can design your own front porch. Will it be a place where neighbors gather socially? Will it be a place to come together for prayer? For scripture study? For outreach? Each front porch is unique to the neighborhood where it is located.

If you have read this far, you must have some interest. So take a minute and call or email Richard for more information

Mark Your Calendars

October 17th at Trilogy the Sixth Annual Parish Golf Tournament. All proceeds go toward the Building Fund.

Catholic Women Bible Study

All women join WCF-AZ for annual retreat September 18 - 20th "Joyful Hope" Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Come away from your daily life and dedicate a weekend to your relationship with the Lord. Through songs, talks and discussions, sacraments and activities we will study the call to 'Wait in Joyful Hope' Registration form: www.scfaz.com at Living water Retreat Center \$175 Question call Kay 480-633-7919

Saint Mary Magdalene

Ever think About Joining the Catholic Church

Fall will soon be here - kids back to school - summer vacation will be over. It is an ideal time to look at one's life, set priorities, and set a new direction for the coming months.....

Have you or someone you know ever thought about formally joining the Catholic Church? Whether you have never celebrated Baptism or have done so in another Christian tradition, we invite you to take this season of new beginnings and look into what the Catholic Church is all about. There is no commitment necessary at this time. No pressures or hassles. Just a chance to get some questions answered that may help you make up your mind about joining the Church.

Join us for Check Out Catholicism sessions just for folks like yourself.

Monday August 10 at 6:30 p.m.

What Makes Us Roman Catholic

Monday August 24 6:30 p.m.

Spiritually of the Catholic Church

We will answer any questions about anything you wish while providing an overview of what we are all about.

If you are interested, please give Richard a call 480-279-6737 or send an email to richard@smarymag.org so we can extend a formal invitation to join us for these sessions. You have nothing to lose but maybe an hour of time. At the least, you may get some answers to any question you have—at the most, you may find out this is for you.

2nd Annual Father/Son Campout

Friday August 28 to Sunday, August 30, 2009 at St. Joseph's Youth Camp, Mormon Lake, AZ sponsored by the Men's Spirituality Ministry.

Spend a memorable weekend with your son(s), grandson(s), godson(s), etc., in the cool pines of northern Arizona. The camp is located near Lake Mary and Mormon Lake Village. The camp joins Coconino county National Forest and is at an elevation of 7,000 feet. A great get-away from the heat!

This weekend is meant for boys of all ages. Come join men from various parishes in the East Valley, as we celebrate the importance of fatherhood, draw closer to our son(s) and have some fun. Activities include archery, dodge ball, flag football, rocket-launching, hiking, softball, volleyball, and potato cannons. Meals included and the registration fee.

For more information and/or a registration form, please contact Ed Latimer at ed.latimer@cox.net. God bless.

New Parishioners

We are pleased to announce that new parishioners continue to join our parish. We welcome to Saint Mary Magdalene this past week:

Anthony & Samera Anderson

Michael & Michelle Blemlek

Shawn & Tara Brunson

Adrian & Eleanor Carvajal

Wayne & Sharon Chavez

Terry & Mary Hancock

Jason & Emily Holloway

Colin & Pat Kelly

John & Miranda Thornton

To enroll in RE, participate in ministries, or celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion or Marriage, families need to be registered in the parish.

To register you may pick up a registration form at the Parish Information Table outside the gym at any Mass, or come to the parish office during the week.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus and the United Blood Services want to thank all of you that donated blood last Sunday. You helped make this Blood Drive a success. All of your time (and blood) was very much appreciated.

Power Ranch Front Porch

The Power Ranch Front Porch, (and nearby neighborhoods) is having their annual **Family Night at the Arizona Grand Resort** on Saturday, August 8th. For only \$156.06 families can check in early Saturday afternoon and stay as long as they want on Sunday. The cost includes a suite that sleeps up to 6 and 4 passes to the Oasis water park (two more tickets are available at 1/2 price). Families must reserve their room in advance & put a non-refundable deposit of \$75 down. It's always a fun memory to treasure... Call Karen Stevenson for more details at 480-279-6737 no later than July 15th.

On Saturday, September 5th, our Bunco group is having a **Couple's Summer Kalypso Night!** We'll have great food, live Kalypso music, fun Bunco/Poker games and continued fellowship for all... If interested in receiving an invite, email azhappyfamily@qwest.net.

Look for our October Activities:

Annual Women's Spa Day - This Saturday event will allow women to receive discounted spa treatments, shop a variety of things, enjoy lunch listening to an inspirational guest speaker and all day fellowship at our home!

We would like to schedule working in the **La Paz Soup Kitchen** again with our teens!

**Bulletin Articles
Deadline Changed**

During the month of August the deadline to submit articles for the bulletin is changed to 9:00 a.m. Monday. Articles can be faxed 480-279-6786 or emailed to Dee at dee@smarymag.org.

Xtreme Teens

Thank YOU to all the teens who attended our 2009 *Xtreme Teens Summer Retreat* and thanks to our parish family of St. Mary Magdalene for all your prayers. We had an awesome time with some great sharing and a wonderful opportunity to spend time in the presence of Jesus during Adoration. The Praise & Worship was rockin' and the messy activity was in a class all by itself. We're putting together a video to show in weeks to come. The Holy Spirit was really present and as always, we are blessed to have so many wonderful and Spirit-filled teens in our community. We're already brainstorming for Summer 2010!

Also, mark your calendars to attend the *Arizona Diamondbacks Faith & Family Night* where the D-backs battle the Colorado Rockies, followed by fireworks and a post-game concert by Grammy Award-nominated and Dove Award-winning Christian band *Mercy Me!!* This event takes place **Friday, September 18th**, where the game starts at 6:40 PM. This is going to be big! I have reserved 24 tickets for our teens and these will go on a first-come, first-serve basis and are available only by paying in advance for your ticket(s). Total ticket price is \$30 for the entire evening at Chase Field. **Contact James ASAP to get yours today!** This is available for all incoming 9th through 12th graders in Fall 2009. **Teens... invite your friends!! You don't want to miss out!** Peace

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**YOU
ARE
CALLED**

RE Registration Information

RE Registration Packets are available for pickup after all Masses this weekend. There are many changes this year so be sure to read the information carefully.

- ☞ **RE Registration begins THIS weekend for returning families ONLY. Packets can be turned in after all Masses, at the parish office during the week from 9:00 to 4:00 or Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**
- ☞ **Registration for parishioners new to the program will begin NEXT weekend.**

Packet Corrections:

- ☞ Information about Xtreme teens needs to be obtained at youthminstry@smarymag.org.

Me? Teach!?

Why not You?

The children of our parish need people to walk with them on their faith journey; parents, couples, men, women, teens. . . We can use your help in the RE program this year. **We have openings on Tuesday and Wednesday for all grade levels.** Call Jayne at 480-279-6737 for more information.

Be a Part of Something Exciting and New!

We are planning a new program for our 7th and 8th grade students this year. We are looking for volunteers to work with the kids in many capacities.

Can you be a part of our weekly sessions?

Can you plan some special events for the group?

Can you be a part of the communication team?

We need many people to make this program a success. Call Jayne at the office to get involved! 480-279-6737

Saint Mary Magdalene Cookbook

We are getting ready to publish our very first St. Mary Magdalene Cookbook. We need to fill our cookbook with family recipes. We have 3 ways to submit a recipe to be in our cookbook. One is to email them to Angie angiep@arizonaavenue.com. A second way is to log on to www.typensave.com and login in with username: smarymagaux and Contributor password: 7g6y4 and the third way is to pick up a recipe paper at the parish information table and return it filled in with your recipe. This will be a great way to share our favorite recipes with one another. The cookbooks will be available to pre-order in October and will be available for sale at our Annual Fall Bake Sale. We hope to add your recipes to our parish cookbook. All proceeds go to the Building Fund. Questions please contact Angie at angiep@arizonaavenue.com (480) 279-6737 or Joyce Fraser (480) 279-6737

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5

Mass Intentions

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| Monday: | 8:00 a.m. | Alice Ortiz |
| Tuesday: | 8:00 a.m. | ✠ Phillip Spotts |
| Wednesday: | 8:00 a.m. | Our Troops |
| Thursday: | No Mass | |
| Friday: | 8:00 a.m. | Michael Olvey |
| Saturday: | 4:30 p.m. | ✠ Helen A. Koski |
| Sunday: | 7:30 a.m. | Pro Populo |
| | 9:00 a.m. | ✠ Severn Sellers |
| | 11:00 a.m. | ✠ Charles Dollbaum |

Readings

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| Monday: | Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35 |
| Tuesday: | Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43 |
| Wednesday: | Ex 34:29-35; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 |
| Thursday: | Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53 |
| Friday: | Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58 |
| Saturday: | Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12 |
| Sunday: | Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35 |

Sunday Collection

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| General Fund: | \$ | 12,117.62 |
| Building Fund: | \$ | 2,593.00 |
| ACH General Fund: | \$ | 925.50 |
| Children Building Fund: | \$ | 8.53 |
| Other Fundraisers for the Building Fund | | |
| Aluminum Cans: | \$ | 73.80 |

Children's Good Deeds

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| Shannon | I helped watch my baby cousin |
| Michael & Mary | Helped cleaned turtle's cage |
| Tabbytha | Helping mommy vacuum house |
| Liberty | Doing school work with a smile |
| Brandon | Watched brother |

Confession

Fr. Greg is available before the 4:30 p.m. **Saturday Masses beginning at 3:15 p.m. or by appointment** for private confessions.



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Saint Mary Magdalene Conference
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FROM THE Dear Parishioners,



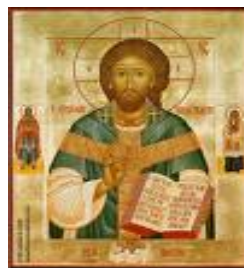
PASTOR

This weekend our Gospel Reading is taken from the sixth chapter of John. It's the story of Jesus' miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fishes to feed a crowd of thousands. This miracle is a foreshadowing of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and how one day Jesus would feed the members of His Church with Himself, the Bread of Life.

You'll notice the passage points out that the bread was made from barley instead of wheat. Barley was used extensively by the poorer people of Jesus' time and so one of the many messages that comes forth from this Gospel is the concern that Jesus has for the poor. Following the example of Christ, our parish St. Vincent de Paul society had their annual water and food drive last weekend. There was a tremendous response by the parish in giving water, food, and financial contributions to support this very important effort. These donations will be used by the society to provide the blessing of basic necessities to people in need. I'm sure that the people who receive these items will be very grateful.

Thank you for your generous response last weekend and most especially, for your desire to bless others as Our Lord calls us to do.

In Christ,
Fr. Greg Menegay



The Year of the Priest

"Loving God, you have appointed your Son Jesus Christ eternal High Priest. Guide those he has chosen, especially our pastor Father Greg, to be minister of word and sacrament and help them to be faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen."

Food Items For St. Vincent de Paul

Food items for St. Vincent de Paul will be collected for the rest of the summer. I will have boxes outside the doors on the weekend. So far, I have collected 633 food items. My goal is to gather 2,500 items. You can follow my progress at www.ipreston.weebly.com. Thank you all for your support and May God Bless you all. Preston Wilhalme

Join Us !

Next weekend after all
the Masses for our

ANNUAL MINISTRY FAIR

*"GROWING IN FAITH
AS FAMILY
FOR THE FUTURE"*



COME MEET THE MINISTRIES
AND ORGANIZATIONS
THAT ARE THE FACE OF
SAINT MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

Attendance Prizes

Micro Hi-Fi CD Player and Radio
A Lovable SMM Building Bear

*The more exhibits you visit. . .
the more chances to win*

And while you are there . . .
Give some thought
to joining us in our outreach
to the parish and our community
You won't be sorry you did