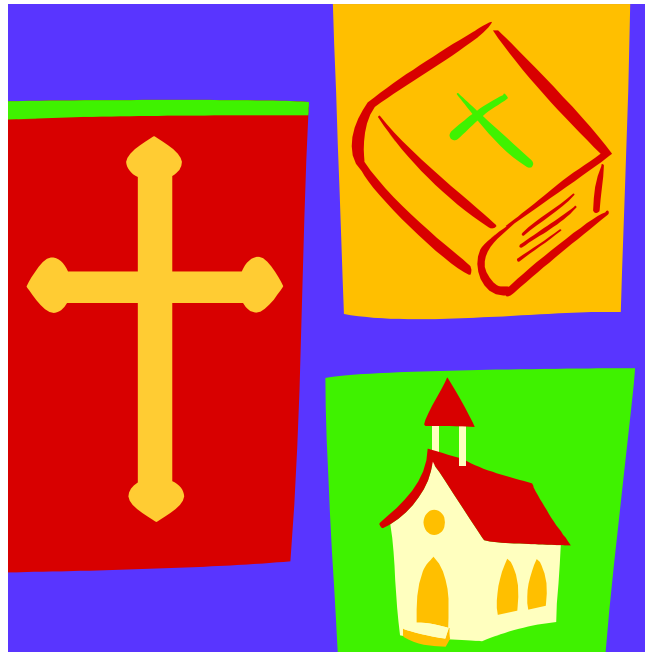


Saint Mary Magdalene  
Religious Education

# Information Booklet

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## Admission Policy for Religious Education Programs

While the parish of Saint Mary Magdalene strives to be able to offer Religious Education to all children, we are faced with the reality that we are in a finite space and are limited by the availability of space for our use.

As a result of these restraints, we are following the following priorities for admission to the Religious Education program:

Families registered in the parish currently enrolled in the R.E. program;

Families registered in the parish entering the R. E. program for the first time;

Non-registered families within Parish boundaries.

Non-registered families outside of parish boundaries.

We will begin taking appointments for registration according to the following schedule:

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| July 13         | Registered families can begin scheduling appointments                    |
| July 16-22      | Registration appointments for returning families                         |
| July 20         | Non-registered families can begin scheduling appointments                |
| July 23-July 29 | Registration appointments for registered parishioners new to the program |
| July 30         | Open enrollment  |

## Attendance Policy for Religious Education Programs

We appreciate that you have chosen Saint Mary Magdalene to participate in the faith formation of your family. The staff and volunteers have committed their time and energy to making sure that your child has a successful time learning about their church and their faith.

In order to assure that your child gets that most benefit from class, we ask that you abide by the following policy:

Children enrolled in the Religious Education class are expected to attend scheduled classes regularly. Every attempt has been made to accommodate school holidays and breaks.

- A child may have two excused absences per year due to family functions, vacations and/or school functions.

Absences due to a child's illness are considered excused.

In order for an absence to be excused, a parent **MUST** call or email the parish office **BEFORE** 4:00 p.m. on the day of or within 12 hours after the scheduled class.

480-279-6737 or [Jayne@smarymag.org](mailto:Jayne@smarymag.org)

"Home work" will be an important component of our program this year. Completion of this work is necessary to receive full credit for the year of formation.

Children who accumulate more than two unexcused absences will not receive credit for the completion of the year. This may affect entry into sacramental preparation processes.



# Little Lambs



Little Lambs is a program for children ages three- pre-K and their caregivers. Two programs for preschoolers will be offered.

Little Lambs will hold class from mid-September until May  
Tuition is \$25 for the year per child.

## LITTLE LAMBS ONE (AGES 3 AND 4)

Our goal is to create a small faith community for the children and introduce them to the Bible while giving at home parents and caregivers time to come together. The children meet major figures from the Old Testament: Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Joseph...then they hear Bible stories from the New Testament after Christmas. The story and activity lasts about 1 hour. During that time caregivers are invited to share reflection on the same story and theme for their life.

Some of our special events of the year include a birthday party for Jesus at Christmas and Easter celebration in the spring.

If you are a stay at home parent or caregiver, we'd love to have you join us for this very special story time program.

## LITTLE LAMBS, TOO! (Pre-K or children who have been through Little Lambs One. )

This program is similar to the first program, adding more Bible figures and New Testament stories. Children will also be introduced to prayers and basic church theology.

Little Lambs One is held on Wednesdays at 10:00

Little Lambs Too is held on Thursdays at 10:00

Saint Mary Magdalene  
Elementary Religious Education  
Grades K-6  
**FAMILY FORMATION**

This year, the elementary school program will take the form of Family Formation, At least one parent and children come to sessions twice a month.

What will you do there???

Community prayer, breakout sessions for children and adults, family activities, whole community events, service, and more!!!

Adult sessions will provide an opportunity for parents to talk with other parents, to revisit our faith as adults, to pray together and to support one another as we work to raise our children in the faith.

The children's lessons will be on the same topic as adults are discussing, providing an opportunity to discuss faith topics as soon as the ride home!

Home lessons to be completed in the interim weeks follow the liturgical calendar and enable families to bring faith alive in the home.

We invite your family to take part in this very special opportunity.

Child care is available.

Family Formation is held on Tuesdays or Wednesdays with sessions from 5:00-6:15 and 6:30-7:45.

Tuition for children in grades K-8 are \$90/1 child, \$160/2 and \$210/3 or more. Discounts are given to catechists and aides.

## Class Schedule Selection for Family Catechesis

Families may choose to follow any one of the calendars below, provided there is space available.

Each calendar has a session from 5:00-6:15 and 6:30-7:45.

| <b>A</b>                                     | <b>B</b>                                     | <b>C</b>                                     | <b>D</b>                                     |
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| <b>TUESDAYS</b>                              | <b>WEDNESDAYS</b>                            | <b>TUESDAYS</b>                              | <b>WEDNESDAYS</b>                            |
| <b>AUGUST 16</b>                             | <b>AUGUST 17</b>                             | <b>AUGUST 23</b>                             | <b>AUGUST 24</b>                             |
| <b>AUGUST 30</b>                             | <b>AUGUST 31</b>                             | <b>SEPTEMBER 6</b>                           | <b>SEPTEMBER 7</b>                           |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 13</b>                          | <b>SEPTEMBER 14</b>                          | <b>SEPTEMBER 20</b>                          | <b>SEPTEMBER 21</b>                          |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 27</b>                          | <b>SEPTEMBER 28</b>                          | <b>OCTOBER 4</b>                             | <b>OCTOBER 5</b>                             |
| FALL BREAK<br>OCTOBER 10-14                  | FALL BREAK<br>OCTOBER 10-14                  | FALL BREAK<br>OCTOBER 10-14                  | FALL BREAK<br>OCTOBER 10-14                  |
| <b>OCTOBER 18</b>                            | <b>OCTOBER 19</b>                            | <b>OCTOBER 25</b>                            | <b>OCTOBER 26</b>                            |
| <b>NOVEMBER 1</b>                            | <b>NOVEMBER 2</b>                            | <b>NOVEMBER 8</b>                            | <b>NOVEMBER 9</b>                            |
| <b>NOVEMBER 15</b>                           | <b>NOVEMBER 16</b>                           | <b>NOVEMBER 29</b>                           | <b>NOVEMBER 30</b>                           |
| <b>DECEMBER 13</b>                           | <b>DECEMBER 14</b>                           | <b>DECEMBER 13</b>                           | <b>DECEMBER 14</b>                           |
| CHRISTMAS BREAK<br>DECEMBER 16-<br>JANUARY 3 | CHRISTMAS BREAK<br>DECEMBER 16-<br>JANUARY 3 | CHRISTMAS BREAK<br>DECEMBER 16-<br>JANUARY 3 | CHRISTMAS BREAK<br>DECEMBER 16-<br>JANUARY 3 |
| <b>JANUARY 10</b>                            | <b>JANUARY 11</b>                            | <b>JANUARY 17</b>                            | <b>JANUARY 18</b>                            |
| <b>JANUARY 24</b>                            | <b>JANUARY 25</b>                            | <b>JANUARY 31</b>                            | <b>FEBRUARY 1</b>                            |
| <b>FEBRUARY 7</b>                            | <b>FEBRUARY 8</b>                            | <b>FEBRUARY 14</b>                           | <b>FEBRUARY 15</b>                           |
| <b>FEBRUARY 28</b>                           | <b>FEBRUARY 29</b>                           | <b>MARCH 6</b>                               | <b>MARCH 7</b>                               |
| SPRING BREAK<br>MARCH 12-16                  | SPRING BREAK<br>March 12-16                  | SPRING BREAK<br>March 12-16                  | SPRING BREAK<br>March 12-16                  |
| <b>MARCH 20</b>                              | <b>MARCH 21</b>                              | <b>MARCH 27</b>                              | <b>MARCH 28</b>                              |
| NO CLASS HOLY<br>WEEK APRIL 1-8              | NO CLASS HOLY<br>WEEK APRIL 1-8              | NO CLASS HOLY<br>WEEK APRIL 1-8              | NO CLASS HOLY<br>WEEK APRIL 1-8              |
| <b>APRIL 10</b>                              | <b>APRIL 11</b>                              | <b>APRIL 17</b>                              | <b>APRIL 18</b>                              |
| <b>APRIL 24</b>                              | <b>APRIL 25</b>                              | <b>MAY 1</b>                                 | <b>MAY 2</b>                                 |
| <b>MAY 9</b>                                 | <b>MAY 9</b>                                 | <b>MAY 9</b>                                 | <b>MAY 9</b>                                 |



The SAint Mary Magdalene Youth program, SAMMY, for students in grade 7-8 continues the work of responding to God's Gift with a new series, *Catholic Connection* from Saint Mary's Press. This program combines catechesis with additional experiences to give the students opportunities to build on the lessons and skills they have received in elementary school.

The focus for the students is on deepening their personal relationship with Christ and shaping their response to God's invitation to live for others. It is an opportunity for them to develop the gift of the Holy Spirit they received in Confirmation.

Students will experience the rich biblical tradition of our faith, as well as the lessons it holds for our present experience. Activities will include: Scripture study, service to the parish and community, as well as socials and fun.

Discipleship begins here.... Are you In??



SAMMY will meet on Sunday evenings from 5:45-7:00.

Our kickoff will be Sunday August 28th

Eighth grade students are invited to join the SAMMY leadership team. Contact [Jayne@smarymag.org](mailto:Jayne@smarymag.org) for an application.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## GRADES 9-12

Heidi Stoll, our youth minister invites our teens to ministry with these words of Blessed Pope John

Paul II, ***“I want to invite you this year to fix your eyes on Jesus, Teacher and Lord of life.”***

***Teens meet Sunday evenings after the 4:30 mass. Sessions resumed July 10th and continue through the summer.***

# Saint Mary Magdalene Our Commitment To Safe Environment

Our parish is committed to insuring that our faith community is a safe place for everyone. The Diocese of Phoenix is dedicated to upholding a culture of safety and the protection of all God's children from abuse. In support of that effort, we require that all of our volunteers complete the Safe Environment Training outlined below:

Adults: \* Attend Safe Environment Training  
\* Year one is a live class  
\* Yearly updates can be done online.  
\* Complete an entry interview with the  
Director of Religious Education

Teens: \* Must have attended Called to Protect for Youth  
\* Have signed permission from a parent to volunteer.  
\* Complete an entry interview with the  
Director of religious Education.

You can register for the classes online at:

[www.safeenvironmenttraining.org](http://www.safeenvironmenttraining.org) Click on register for classes.

Watch the bulletin for upcoming classes held at or near our parish.

**HELP WANTED!**  
**“ It takes a whole village to teach a child”**  
**-AFRICAN PROVERB**

We need many volunteers to make the Religious Education Program a success. Take time to read about the following positions. Prayerfully consider whether you can make a commitment to our children this year. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**CATECHIST:** 1 1/2 hours plus planning time at home. Some group meetings.  
Are you enthusiastic about your faith? Do you like children? Consider catechesis! We need teachers for grades K-2 and 4-6. Training is provided.

**CATECHIST’S AIDE:** 1 1/2 hour per week in class.  
Volunteer to be in the classroom to help the teacher with activities.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY TEAM :**1-2 hours at home  
We are in need of people to make home kit and coordinate activities for the family component of the RE program/

**SAMMY CORE TEAM MEMBERS:** 1 1/2 hour Sunday evenings.  
This team will work with the 7th and 8th grade students to develop their faith and discipleship skills.

**SAMMY PARENT BOOSTERS:** time as needed  
We are looking for parents of 7th and 8th graders to help plan and execute special Ministry events for the students in these classes. Be a part of making this year special for them!

**OFFICE/RECEPTION:** 1 1/2 hour per week  
Help us to monitor attendance, distribute flyers and help with projects. We need 1 person per session.

**FACILITATOR FOR LITTLE LAMBS:** 1 hour per week plus at home planning.  
Preschool meets at the church once a week for sessions during the day. Lessons are pre-planned and simple to prepare.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:** time as needed.  
Do you love to talk on the phone or send emails? We need someone to help us volunteers when special needs arise.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** time as needed  
If you cannot make a regular weekly commitment, consider volunteering to help us plan special events.

**SACRAMENTAL PROCESS TEAM MEMBERS:** time as needed  
If you have a special love for a sacrament, share it! Join the teams who journey with our Youth on their sacramental journey.

**IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY OF THESE JOBS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE A FRIENDLY INTERVIEW!**