



IN LOVE OF GOD & NEIGHBOR

JOHN 15:9-12

STEWARDSHIP IS THE GRATEFUL RESPONSE
OF A CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE
WHO RECOGNIZES AND RECEIVES GOD'S GIFTS
AND SHARES THESE GIFTS
IN LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOR.



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Magdalen brothers and sisters,

As I make my way through my first year here, I am repeatedly filled with gratitude for the contributions of those who have gone before me in this parish family—the priests and everyone else who has given of themselves so that the Lord could be present here. To everyone who has practiced stewardship in this parish: Thank you.

There are many other new parishioners who do not have the opportunity that I have to communicate with the whole parish, but are also grateful. In their names as well, please accept this small expression of gratitude. We have come to this place where God is worshipped beautifully, where we have the opportunity to spend time with Him face-to-face, where we can learn and grow.

We have found welcome and experienced joy watching others live more fully alive. We have been prayed with and prayed for. We have found a community wherein we can use our gifts in love of God and neighbor. All this happened because others went before us. So on behalf of the thousands welcomed and served by the Church of the Magdalen, I thank you.

This year's stewardship theme is "In Love of God and Neighbor". It is inspired by the Lord's words to His disciples at the Last Supper—perhaps the most beautiful command ever given. The Lord tells us to receive His love, to remain always in His love, and to love one another in the same way. (Jn 15:9-12)

Jesus speaks these words as He gives them the gift of the Eucharist for the first time. Then He goes to the cross. He teaches us that love is not an emotion or a well wish, but love is life lived in prayerful communion and is expressed in real action. Love for God and neighbor takes the form of the feast and the form of the passion. These two are inseparable. The more whole-heartedly we give ourselves away, the more we find peace and joy worth celebrating. I ask you to take some time over the next few days or weeks to ask the Lord to guide you in making a few commitments:

- To spend time with Him in prayer and study
- To build this parish community through service and financial giving
- To reach out to the hurting world around us with the love of God

Entrust yourself to the Lord, and He will do the rest.

In Christ,

Fr. David Marstall, Pastor



HOLY FAMILY Adoration Chapel

**“The Church and the world have a
great need of Eucharistic worship.”
—St. Pope John Paul II**

Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration. Notice how the Holy Father is asking you to be generous with your time. He is not asking for your money but something much more precious – your time.

Prayerfully consider sharing an hour of your week with God. If you are already an adorer, thank you for your commitment to spending time with God in the adoration chapel. **To sign up, contact Kit Lambertz at klambertz48@gmail.com.**

“...Our adoration, therefore, begins when we walk in the door of the church or adoration chapel. When we genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament, kneel in the pew, and show Him our respect by giving Him our full attention, we adore Him. When we maintain a reverent silence in the chapel, we adore Him. When we make a simple act of faith in his Real Presence, we adore Him. When we place ourselves before Him as empty vessels to be filled with His love, we adore Him...

...We need only to give Him the opening, and He will do the rest. By coming to adoration, we are handing Him the key to our hearts, allowing the rays of His love and grace to bathe our souls in the light of His Presence, as the rays of the sun bathe our bodies in light. If we can take the time to pull away from the busyness and distractions of life and just sit at His feet, He will lead us...”

***Excerpt from “Manual for Eucharistic Adoration”
The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration***

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Be disciples. Make missionary disciples!

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:30pm

Closed on most holidays and Holy Days of Obligation

Liturgical Calendar

1st Sunday of Advent • November 30, 2025

Ash Wednesday • February 18, 2026

Easter Sunday • April 5, 2026

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening Vigil • 4:30pm

Sunday • 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 4:30pm

Monday through Friday • 7:00am

1st Saturday of the month • 7:00am

Tuesday through Friday • 5:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

20 minutes before all weekday Masses • Saturdays 3:30pm until 4:15pm

Anointing of the Sick

After 5:30pm Mass on the 1st Wednesday of each month

Sacrament of Baptism or Marriage

Contact the parish office at 634-2315

Social Media

Follow Magdalen on Facebook and Instagram! Enjoy connecting with you Magdalen family from anywhere at any time. Check out Magdalen's latest events, news, programs, and photos.



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Consider the Matching Gifts Program! A list of current participating companies can be found at magdalenwichita.com/matching-gifts.

Automatic Donation Program



Want to make your online giving easier, faster, and more secure than ever? Many of us don't carry cash or a checkbook anymore, but we do carry our smartphones. Set up your account in minutes via the QR code, or by visiting our giving link on our website.



Thank you for the offerings you have made and are making to Magdalen!

Your offerings of your time, God-given talents, and money help support all that we do. When we are giving, we are being the faithful people God calls us to be.

Join Magdalen Community Rewards at Dillons



You can help the Magdalen Charity Board! Every time you shop at Dillons and swipe your Shopper Card, Magdalen earns a rebate. Join Magdalen Community Rewards by calling 1-866-221-4141 or at www.dillons.com/communityrewards. Link your Shopper Card account to Church of the Magdalen.

Stewardship

Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

These twenty-five simple words provide us the framework for an authentic understanding of stewardship as a way of life. "Stewardship is an expression of Christian discipleship with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives. Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be." (USCCB Stewardship a Disciple's Response Pastoral Letter on Stewardship)

May we allow this year's stewardship theme to inspire, challenge, and guide us throughout the year:

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JOHN 15: 9-12

Stewardship Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to remember that everything that I have and all that I am in Your gift to me. It is in gratitude and love for You that I share these gifts with others. Jesus, I long to encounter You anew in my life each day. Help me to love You with all my heart, soul, and strength. Help me to grow in my relationship with you and with others. Come, Holy Spirit! I ask you to fill me with the fire of your love, make yourself known to me in new, exciting, and challenging ways. Empower me, equip me, and inspire me, Glorious Trinity, so that in confidence I can serve you as a missionary disciple. Amen.



Maximizing the Church's role as a child-safe environment begins with making adults more aware of the ways children and adults interact with each other. The Protecting God's Children program educates and trains adults (clergy, religious, teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents) about the dangers of abuse, the warning signs of abuse, the ways to prevent abuse, the methods of properly reporting suspicions of abuse, and responding to allegations of abuse.

Magdalen requires all parents and guardians of our students to attend VIRTUS training and/or provide VIRTUS certification upon enrollment of their children in our school. VIRTUS is also required for anyone who works with students or youth in our parish. If you have not taken VIRTUS yet, go to www.virtusonline.org to register. Training is free and conducted locally. Thanks for helping us protect God's children.

REMEMBER

Church of the Magdalen in your estate planning.

A bequest or planned gift in which you name Church of the Magdalen as a beneficiary of your estate, IRA, or retirement plan can be a living memorial to the nobility of your life.



**A “planned gift” or an “estate gift” is a gift to charity
that takes effect upon the donor’s death.**

The gift is typically created before death, but the funding of the gift to the charity is postponed until after the donor’s death. It is, at its core, stewardship. It simply is your last act of stewardship when it takes effect. Often, a planned gift can represent a family’s most impactful act of stewardship, and can leave a positive legacy that lives on well after we are all gone.

A planned gift can provide extraordinary opportunities and resources to help the Church of the Magdalen carry out its mission more effectively than ordinary resources and revenues could sustain. A planned gift (estate gift) may enable the donor to make a more significant gift than thought possible. In some circumstances, the planned gift can even be structured to allow the donor to enjoy the subject property for his or her lifetime. Thorough planning with knowledgeable advisors (tax accountant and/or attorney) may allow one to achieve philanthropic and estate planning goals without adversely impacting financial well-being.

**If you have questions or would like more information, please contact
the parish office at 634-2315 or go to www.magdalenwichita.com**

**You can make a difference in
our parish or school during
your lifetime by providing a
gift that lasts forever.**

St. Mary 
Magdalen
PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY

The Pillars of Parish Stewardship

The four pillars of stewardship are Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service. These pillars invite parishioners to live in response to their baptismal call to discipleship.

Ministry Leader Contact Information

Names and contact information for ministry leaders can be found on our website under each specific ministry.

KEY

- ★ Stewardship for Youth
- ▲ Pastor and/or Principal approval needed
- ◆ Must be VIRTUS Trained

Hospitality

Church of the Magdalen is a place where people encounter Jesus. By practicing hospitality we welcome and embrace people into our parish family. If the ministry of hospitality speaks to you, consider the opportunities below.

Bridge Club

Come join us for fun and Christian fellowship, while playing bridge with other parishioners! Enjoy a relaxing environment and make a new friend in the process. Two groups are offered at Magdalen, one meeting on the first and third Tuesday afternoons, the second meeting every Thursday afternoon.

Church Tours

We welcome all to share in the history of our parish and our beautiful building, as well as the art, sculptures, and windows that were chosen for it. Sharing our parish story provides insight to both Church of the Magdalen and our Catholic faith. Docents will be trained and provided with all information needed to lead tours. Tours are offered when requested by the parish.

Coffee and Donuts ★with a parent

Coffee and donuts is our most delicious ministry! Volunteers serve donuts and coffee Sunday after the 7:30am and 9:30am Masses in the Gathering Space.

Dinner Club ★with a parent

Dinner Club is a great way to get to know fellow parishioners and share in Christ's fellowship. Two sessions are held each year: one in the fall and one in the spring. Parishioners are divided into groups of six to eight. Each individual/couple takes a turn hosting dinner, providing the main dish and the rest of the group brings the rest of the meal. You have six months to meet four times.

Funeral Coordinators

The funeral coordinator meets with the bereaved family and assists in coordination of the funeral. On the day of the funeral, coordinators set up and act as a liaison between the family, the funeral home, and the Church.

Greeters ★with a parent

Greeters play a vital role in welcoming guests to Mass. We need volunteers with warm smiles to open doors as people enter the Church and direct any newcomers.

New Parishioner Accompaniment

Do you enjoy meeting new people? After being paired with a new parishioner, accompanying parishioners are responsible for initiating contact and building friendship through faith, fellowship, and prayer. We need accompaniment parishioners of all ages and stages of life to walk with the many and varied new parishioners joining our parish every month.

Wedding Coordinators

A ministry for couples to volunteer together! The wedding coordinator helps run the wedding rehearsal and is there on the wedding day. On the day of the wedding, wedding coordinators set up for the wedding and act as a liaison between the couple getting married and the Church.

Prayer	KEY
<i>We are called to pray unceasingly. As a family, we gather to worship and praise God in the Mass. Nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist, we are strengthened as a parish family to go and serve the Lord.</i>	★ Stewardship for Youth ▲ Pastor and/or Principal approval needed ◆ Must be VIRTUS Trained

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (For the Greater Glory of God)

This intercessory prayer group meets Fridays at 3pm in the Church Sanctuary to pray the Rosary and other prayers that will lead to conversion for our Church, world, country, families and especially our own hearts. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration ★with a parent

The Lord longs to spend time with you! A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration is a great way to spend time with Jesus in silent prayer in the Holy Family Adoration Chapel. Many hours are available for individuals and families. Every parishioner is invited and encouraged to frequent the Adoration Chapel.

Fasting Brothers

Fasting Brothers are men who commit to making a sacrificial fast one day a week (except Sunday) for their selected priest. A Fasting Brother offers his intentions for the priest's sanctification in general, specific spiritual and temporal needs, and his ever-deepening devotion to Our Lady, Mother of Priests. They also offer their fasts for the priest's increased devotion to St. Joseph, model of fortitude and purity. This is a one-year commitment, which can be renewed annually.

Prayer continued

Intercessory Prayer Team

Made up of Magdalen Parishioners who commit to pray daily for the prayer requests received in the St. Joseph prayer box and the Immaculate Heart of Mary prayer box. All parishioners are invited to join this powerful ministry.

Prayer Line

In a time of serious illness, crisis, or surgery, the prayer line is activated to pray for parishioners in need. Prayer needs are distributed through email and participants are asked to offer faithful prayer for the needs presented.

Respect Life Group

The Respect Life Group focuses on defending the right to life from conception to natural death. We provide educational opportunities, and prayer services. Keeping the parish updated on respect life activities in the community is one of our priorities. Volunteers are always welcome!

Seven Sisters Apostolate

This apostolate is made up of adult women who commit themselves to an intentional hour of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament for their assigned priest, one day a week. In doing so, someone is praying for the priest every day of the week. This is a one year commitment, which can be renewed annually.

Vocations Ministry

The Magdalen Vocations Ministry cultivates an environment of discernment for men and women to say Yes to God's call by prayer, support, and service. This support extends to our discerning seminarians, consecrated life, and presiding priests and sisters.

Formation

We are called to life-long discipleship! The deeper one grows in stewardship life, the deeper one loves God, as He loves us. Such formation is a personal challenge as it involves the education of the mind and conversion of the heart.

Opportunities for personal nourishment:

ACTS Retreat

ACTS Retreats offer parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ. This in turn fosters a desire for intentional discipleship. ACTS retreats are given by parishioners for parishioners, and in this way serve to build Christian community in the parish.

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Becoming Marriage Group

This group meets monthly and gives you the opportunity to connect with your spouse over topics that matter most for your marriage and family.

Called & Gifted

This program is designed to assist people in becoming aware of their charisms/gifts. Participants will grow in their understanding of how charisms work by experimenting and practicing them with continuous feedback from trained facilitators. Sessions are offered throughout the year.

High School Ministry ★ 9th - 12th Grade

High schoolers! Do you want to enjoy a place of belonging with others who are striving to do good things? Encounter Jesus and to grow in friendship with Him? Be encouraged in your walk of faith? Live as God's courageous disciple? JOIN US Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm in the Magdalen school gym!

Kapaun Men's Group

Dive into the virtues that made Father Kapaun a hero and currently on the road to sainthood. This series will help strengthen your mission as a Christian man, whether as a husband, father, leader, or friend.

Parish Book Groups

This program is designed to encourage parishioners to make spiritual reading a part of their lives. Study groups meet on their own schedule throughout the year to discuss various spiritual books.

Regnum Christi

Regnum Christi is an Ecclesial Movement raised up by the Holy Spirit and approved by the Church to further its work of evangelization. RC is a way to deepen your relationship with Christ on an ongoing basis with weekly team meetings, monthly evenings of reflection, an annual silent retreat, and opportunities for spiritual direction. Open to both men and women.

Walking with Purpose

Open to all women, you are invited to come and grow in your Catholic faith and connect with others in our parish community. Walking with Purpose is a Bible study group that teaches us how to apply scripture to our everyday lives.

Opportunities to foster nourishment in others:

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Sponsor

OCIA is for adults who are interested in the Catholic faith journey toward full Communion into the Catholic Church. Ministering as a sponsor is a great opportunity to bring others into faith by witnessing to, and sharing, your own faith. In journeying with one's catechumen or candidate, the sponsor's faith and prayer-life also deepens and is renewed. Being a sponsor is like being a bridge into the life of the parish for the OCIA candidate. A willingness to share your lived faith is the essential dimension of being a sponsor. You do not do the teaching.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Catechists ♦

A PSR Catechist is both a teacher and a witness to the Catholic faith. As a catechist you will grow in your Catholic faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with God. We will provide you with the training, materials, and support you need to be successful in teaching our Catholic faith. PSR is for all children in Grades K-12 who do not attend Catholic Schools. Classes are held in Magdalen Catholic School classrooms on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:45pm. Volunteers 18 and older must have VIRTUS training.

Totus Tuus Catechist ♦ ★7th - 12th Grade

Totus Tuus is a week-long catechetical program marked by faith and fun. Magdalen hosts a Totus Tuus team one week during the summer. We welcome volunteers 7th-12th grade to foster a successful week. All volunteers 18 and older must have VIRTUS training.

High School Ministry Volunteer ♦

HSM volunteers are faith-filled, joyful adults who are excited to accompany young people on their journey with Christ. Our leaders help form teens through small groups, make them feel seen and supported, and witness to what a life rooted in Jesus looks like. You'll pray with them, play games, build authentic friendships, and walk alongside them as they grow in faith. If you've experienced the joy of life with Jesus and want to share it with others, come be part of a ministry that is fun, meaningful, and truly life-changing—for them and for you!

Service

There are many practical ways to serve our parish community. It takes various skill sets and interests to care for our parish. Consider what gifts you can share through the opportunities on the following pages.

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Stewardship for Youth



Pastor and/or
Principal approval
needed



Must be VIRTUS Trained

Alb Maintenance

Albs are the robes that altar servers wear and as such, are used daily. Monthly, the albs need laundered and in some cases, repaired. This is a flexible ministry and allows you to set your own schedule.

Altar Society

The Altar Society is a women's organization committed to the needs of the parish, to Christian fellowship, and to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The Altar Society is one of our largest ministries and is open to any woman of the parish. The group meets the first Monday of each month September through May (excluding November and January) at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Bazaar ★age 10+

This annual parish event is a great opportunity for parishioners to work together to put on one of the most popular Arts and Crafts Festivals in the area. Its success depends on the volunteer efforts of the entire parish. Proceeds from the Bazaar support the altar and other parish needs.

Kitchen Cleaning

Many groups enjoy using our parish hall kitchen and we need help to keep it clean and organized. This group of volunteers meet approximately once per month, or as needed, to clean the parish hall kitchen. Duties include cleaning the refrigerator, range/oven, cabinets, and counter tops. Cleaning supplies are provided.

Funeral Dinners

Parishioners minister to those who have suffered the death of a loved one. Volunteers cook and serve meals for parish funerals.

Wedding Receptions

The Altar Society has items that may be borrowed or rented. Volunteers are occasionally needed to assist with cake cutting and cleanup of dishes, as well as to help wash linens after receptions.

Service *continued*

Athletics Concession Stand Volunteer ◆★6th - 8th Grade

Volunteers are needed to run concessions (indoor and outdoor). We welcome all help from parents and parishioners! If you do not have children in school at this time and are interested in assisting with the athletic program, contact the school office and/or Athletic Director.

Adopt-A-Flower Bed/Landscape ★with a parent

You can care for your own flower bed on our campus! This involves adopting a section of the grounds that you will have the opportunity to be creative and maintain yourself, such as planting flowers, pulling weeds, and adding mulch. This group also must develop and implement a long-term vision of the landscape and grounds surrounding the church, rectory, and school. This includes removing dead plants, pulling weeds, trimming bushes, adding mulch and more.

Burrito Challenge

Members of this ministry meet at 9:00am every Saturday at the southwest corner of Broadway and Central to provide food for the homeless.

Communications

Volunteers are needed to assist with the communication efforts in the parish. If you enjoy photography, writing, or have a background in graphic design, we would love to have your help.

Church Office Volunteer ★9th grade+

Volunteers assist office staff in various duties, including answering phones, filing, organizing, copying, greeting guests, preparing mailings, and other office projects that occur throughout the year.

Dinner for Priests ★with a parent

If you like to cook, then this ministry is for you! Once a week, volunteers prepare and deliver a meal to the parish office for the priests. Schedules are made in advance, and you would be scheduled approximately once a year. Optional requests to assist with food at events of the parish are made from time to time.

Environment and Art ★with a parent

The Environment and Art group is a ministry for those who like to make things beautiful. Members decorate the church to mark the liturgical seasons and feast days.

Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's proven money class shows you how to create a budget, pay off your debt, make wise spending decisions and save for the future. Help prepare, lead, or coach the FPU classes.

Guadalupe Clinic

The Guadalupe Clinic is a donation-based safety net clinic delivering compassionate, quality healthcare to adults aged 18 years and older. The clinic relies on physicians, specialists, nurses, and other licensed healthcare providers to provide this care to the uninsured and poorest in our community. Proper licensing is required.

Jeans Quilt Ministry (formerly Rose's Blankets for the Poor)

This group cuts squares from donated jeans, sews them together, adds fleece backing, and ties them with yarn to finish the quilts. We put prayer cards or encouraging notes in pockets on the quilts. The quilts are donated to organizations that help the homeless. The group meets twice a month (1st and 3rd Mondays), 8:30am-12:00pm. Donated jeans can be placed in the box in the Gathering Space.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest fraternal organization for men. Its foundation is built on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Through its many programs the Knights support the needy and sick, our Magdalen parish and its many activities, our Wichita diocese, and the greater church. Membership is open to all men of the parish ages 18 and older.

Lawn Mowing

Magdalen relies on parishioners to contribute their time in keeping the grounds mowed, trimmed, and edged. Volunteers are assigned to teams that meet once a month to mow from spring to fall. Magdalen supplies all the equipment; you supply the effort and skill. Volunteers must be over 18 to operate power equipment.

Service *continued*

Lord's Diner ♦ ★age 12-15 with a parent

Magdalen parishioners volunteer at the Lord's Diner on the third Tuesday of every month at the Central and Broadway location. Volunteers are needed from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM to assist the staff in preparing meals for all the locations. Others are needed from 5:00 to 8:00 PM to serve and clean up. A brief food safety training video is provided by the Lord's Diner (food handlers permit is no longer required). VIRTUS training is required. Minimum age to volunteer is 12; volunteers aged 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Men's Club

Join us for a couple of hours of fellowship with other parish men (18 and older)! The Men's Club is designed to be a welcoming, low-pressure opportunity for men in the parish to connect and spend quality time together. They will meet the first Thursday of each month.

Middle School Athletics Coach ▲♦

Interested in volunteering to coach Magdalen middle school sports (6th-8th grade)? Visit the MCS website for a coaching application. Applications must be filled out each year. VIRTUS training required. You do not need to have a child participating in a sport to volunteer.

Mom's Day Out ♦

Stay-at-home moms need a break every now and then to catch their breath! This group provides stay-at-home moms with childcare once a week, allowing mom free time to run errands. This is a cooperative Mom's Day Out made up of four teams of five moms. Each team works one Wednesday each month and then has the other three Wednesdays off. This is a great way to meet other moms in the parish as well as give yourself a much-needed break. The group meets 9:00am to 1:00pm and serves ages 6 months through the summer prior to entering Kindergarten.

Money Counter ▲

Once a week the money counters process the weekend offertory collections. Persons interested in this ministry need to have background experience in accounting, finance, banking, or money-handling. The person must agree to a criminal background check and cannot have a criminal record involving money.

Parish Library ★age 12+

Keep our library in order! Volunteers are needed to maintain our collection of spiritual and historical books in the St. Joseph Room. The library is organized with a directory of books by title, author, and subject. Come by and see if we have something you are looking for.

Service *continued*

Parish Social Activities

Members of this ministry assist with the planning and facilitation of special social events for the parish. This does not include wedding receptions. This ministry is generally open to men and women aged 12 and older, with some events having possible older age restrictions.

PTO Committees

Volunteers are needed for the many activities that PTO organizes throughout the school year. Volunteers are encouraged to attend monthly PTO meetings and learn what opportunities are available. Volunteers 18 and older must have VIRTUS training.

School Crossing Guards (Adult) ♦

Crossing guard duty takes place in the main drive directly in front of the school. Duties include setting out the traffic cones and assisting parents and children with drop off, whether students are exiting a vehicle or on foot from the parking lot. This stewardship opportunity takes about 30 minutes, 7:25am-7:55am. You do not need to be a Magdalen parent to volunteer. VIRTUS training required.

School Lunchroom Volunteers ♦

Volunteers help with K-5th grade lunches from 10:50am-12:25pm by handing out milk and condiments, helping the students open items in their lunches and assisting the cafeteria supervisor. They always need weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly or the occasional volunteer!

School Office Volunteer ♦

Assist with clerical needs throughout the year. Assist with making copies, preparing materials for classroom projects, etc. Trained volunteers are needed to assist with health screenings as needed at MCS. VIRTUS training required.

Scouting (Family) ♦ ★Kindergarten+

Family Scouting is a fun way for boys and girls to enjoy fellowship, character development, leadership, and spiritual growth. All volunteers 18 and older must have VIRTUS training.

Snow Removal

We need to allow easy access into school and Church. Volunteers in good health are needed to remove snow from our sidewalks and spread ice melt. (We hire professionals to remove parking lot snow.) We provide two snow blowers as well as shovels. Volunteers must be willing to arrive very early in the morning after any overnight snowfalls.

St. Vincent de Paul Society ♦

We are a lively, fun, faith-filled group that meets twice a month for prayer, reflection, fellowship and to administer a range of ministries. Our meetings involve formation in Vincentian spirituality. We meet at Church of the Magdalen on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7:00pm. VIRTUS is required for SVdP members for the safety of children and adults at risk that we work with. Some of the activities we are actively working with are:

- Responding personally to requests for assistance from the needy and suffering of all faiths
- Coordinating Church of the Magdalen’s participation in the Wichita Diocese Meals on Wheels program
- Regularly visiting local nursing homes to engage in prayer and fellowship with residents
- Delivering food donations to God’s Food Pantry

Trunk-or-Treat Volunteers ♦ ★9th Grade+

High school volunteers are needed to set up and clean up at the annual Trunk or Treat event. Help us celebrate Halloween in a fun and safe environment.

VIRTUS Facilitators ▲ ♦

VIRTUS is an organization that identifies best practices designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote “right doing” within religious organizations. The VIRTUS programs empower organizations and people to better control risk and improve the lives of all those who interact with the Church. Those wanting to help with VIRTUS classes must complete a VIRTUS training and have Pastor approval.

Liturgical Ministers

Through Baptism, we all share in the life of Christ and have a responsibility to take part in liturgical ministry in some way. Consider what gifts He is calling you to share as we celebrate the Mass together.

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★	Stewardship for Youth
▲	Pastor and/or Principal approval needed
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Liturgical Ministers *continued*

Altar Servers ★training begins in 6th grade

Altar servers assist in a very important way during the Liturgy. Kids are actively involved in the Mass and have a front row seat to witnessing the most sacred parts of the Liturgy. This ministry is open to male and female parishioners, grades 6 and up. High school students can take in an even more active role in the liturgy as sacristans or Mass Captains.

Baptism Assistants

Baptism is an important step in a family's faith life. This ministry helps set up for this special sacrament and assists with tasks during baptism.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion ▲

The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) performs a great service to the Church, by distributing Holy Communion at Mass or to our homebound community. It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Church in this capacity and requires careful preparation on the part of the EMHC. This is a pastor approved position.

Gift Bearers ★with a parent

This is a unique way to engage your family in the Mass. It is symbolic of returning to God a small part of the many blessings that He has given to us. Gift bearers present the hosts and wine to the priest during Sunday Mass.

Lectors ▲

Lectors proclaim the Word of God at all Masses. Lectors need to reveal the Faith with a simple and natural delivery. Orientation and training are provided. Lectors are screened based upon voice and speaking qualities. This position must be Pastor approved.

Liturgy and Devotions Committee

These members are representatives from all subcommittees that plan for liturgical seasons. Greeters, gift bearers, extraordinary ministers, choir directors, and environment and art are just a few subcommittees that help to plan for Advent, Christmas, Ordinary time, Lent, and Easter Seasons. The church improvements subcommittee also oversees planning for celebrations and liturgical seasons during the year.

Liturgical Ministers continued

Mass Captain Fraternity ★age 14+

This group is for high school men who are interested in taking on more responsibility while serving at Mass. This is a call for boys to become men by leading younger servers and acting as a model of virtue. This is also a fraternal group that meets socially on a regular occasion and takes a fun trip involving both prayer and entertainment during the year. Service to the parish, community building, and vocational discernment are all pillars of this group.

Music Ministry ★age 12+

Music is a great way to share your gifts and enhance the Liturgy! Vocalists and instrumentalists are welcomed.

Sacristan ▲

The sacristan, under the general direction of pastoral staff, undertakes the overall preparation of weekend and daily Masses. These positions are filled as needed and must be Pastor approved.

Ushers ★age 14+

Ushers are vital in ensuring the Mass is celebrated without interruption. Ushers welcome and seat the congregation, take up the collection, hand out the bulletin, organize the Church for the next Mass and are prepared with instructions and information in case of an emergency.

Pastor Appointed/Approved Ministries

The following ministries help ensure that Magdalen is a parish on Mission. Pastoral appointment or approval is required prior to involvement.

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Athletic Advisory Council ▲◆

Athletic Advisory Council (AAC) was created to provide team sport policy and procedure recommendations to the school’s administration and athletic director. This Council is responsible for ensuring sport-related extra-curricular activities at MCS are in accordance with Diocesan policy, and as delegated by the school administration and athletic director. The primary goal is to align our programs with the mission of the school and parish.

Pastoral Appointed/Approved Ministries *continued*

Charity Board ▲

The Magdalen Charity Board has a responsibility to develop, enhance and promote the various charitable ministries that are offered within the parish and to efficiently connect your charitable donations to the people and causes that need them the most.

Facilities Advisory Board ▲

The Facilities Advisory Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Pastor concerning our physical building and grounds. The members of this board bring one or more skill sets relative to buildings and grounds and uses this expertise in identifying issues that need resolved to maintain a safe and beautiful campus.

Finance Council ▲

The Finance Council exists in compliance with Church Canon Law and serves in an advisory capacity to the Pastor concerning the financial affairs of the entire parish, including budgeting, financial reporting, and auditing. Membership is at the invitation of the Pastor, with membership representing multiple areas of expertise. Presently the Council consists of parish members and ex-officio members.

Marriage Mentor Couples ▲

This ministry allows married couples in the Parish to mentor engaged couples. Mentor and engaged couples meet two or three times prior to the wedding to visit about daily life in marriage. Meetings can take place wherever the couples feel comfortable – at home, restaurants, or Church for example. This helps the engaged/newly married couple to feel more engaged in their church family, form a relationship where they can discuss the realities of marriage, and encourage each other to grow in faith.

Pastoral Council ▲

The Pastoral Council, under the guidance, oversight, and authority of the Pastor, promotes, supports, and facilitates the mission of the parish.

Planned Giving Committee

This committee recognizes and honors those families and individuals who have provided for Church of the Magdalen Parish and all its ministries, including the school, through a planned gift. They also educate and inform parishioners on this impactful act of stewardship.

Pastoral Appointed/Approved Ministries *continued*

PTO Executive Board ▲◆

PTO Executive Board consists of two co-presidents, two co-vice presidents, two treasurers and a secretary, as well as the school principal and assistant principal. The co-presidents facilitate and lead the PTO Executive Board and general PTO meetings. The co-vice presidents coordinate the monthly giveback events. The treasurers manage the PTO budget and make payments that have been approved for reimbursement. The secretary takes minutes at PTO meetings. All members work together to be a support and a resource for the many PTO subcommittees.

School Council ▲◆

MCS has a School Council made up of representative parishioners selected according to our parish guidelines. The School Council is consultative in nature and assists the administrative team in school initiatives, provides input on policies, carries out strategic planning, strengthens the school’s community relations and evaluates the Council’s progress on both short- and long-term goals on an annual basis.

Stewardship Council ▲

The Stewardship Council oversees the annual stewardship renewal process which includes creating the annual stewardship directory, stewardship forms, communication with ministry leaders and more. The council provides information and support to the parish on the importance of stewardship through Time, Talent and Treasure.

Parish Directory

We plan to begin work on a pictorial directory in 2026, which will include names and addresses of all registered parishioners. If you do not wish for your address to be included, please be sure to complete the opt-out form during your online renewal.

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