

BACK TO CHURCH & SCHOOL MONTH



AUGUST IS...

WELCOME (BACK) TO Church AND School MONTH

This is how we come together to Share Christ with the World – sharing the gift of true friendship, rooted in our love of God and our neighbors

– Connect & Welcome Weekend, including New Connections Night, Sunday Mass & Welcome Back Socials

WELCOME BACK CONNECT WEEKEND

August 23, 24, 25 in the Parish Life Center

Join us as we celebrate the full return from summer to Parish Life – faith, fellowship, food, fun.



- **FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 AT 6:30PM IS NEW CONNECTIONS NIGHT:** Whether you have been with us for years or just joined this past year, come and get to know one another in the Parish Life Center! Meet the Pastor. Meet new Friends in Faith. Discover more about our parish. Find a small faith-sharing group. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/NewConnections24>
- **SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY TOGETHER:** After Mass, we head over to the Parish Life Center to experience God through one another and engage in fellowship, with appetizers after evening Mass and brunch after morning Mass provided by the Knights.



Lord. TEACH US TO PRAY

If the Gospel is a message of joy, then it is one we should be eager to share with others, and this is done especially by inviting people to a deeper, prayerful encounter with Jesus Christ

“Prayer doesn’t help our relationship with God, prayer IS our relationship with God!”

In anticipation of 2025 Year of Jubilee, Pope Francis encourages every Catholic to reflect on their life of prayer: what they pray, how they pray, when they pray, and why they pray. The Holy Father encourages us to go deeper in our commitment to pray, so we may grow deeper in our love of God. Pope Francis challenges us to think about how we might accompany someone else to pray, just as our Lord taught us.

As we welcome you back to church and back to school – or to our church for the first time – we invite you to join us for our first fall message series beginning August 25.

As we come out of summer, it’s a natural time of year where we find ourselves setting new goals. Sort of a restart button asking ourselves...

- How do I plan to make God a priority this Fall?
- How can I successfully live my Catholic identity as a parent, friend, spouse, relative, co-worker, out in my community?
- How do I make friends in faith?
- Who do I turn to for support to weather life’s trials?
- How do I stay accountable to my goals?

The Answer: SMALL GROUPS.

NEW GROUPS START THIS MONTH

New Connections Night – August 23
Join a Group and meet new friends in faith
Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/NewConnections24#/>

We walk with the universal Church on Sunday, listening to the Holy Word of God provided to us and encountering Jesus in the Eucharist. During the week, we break open the Sunday gospel and share Christ with one another, growing in our faith and becoming productive disciples. We pray together, laugh together, cry together. It’s where our big church becomes small.



Go to <https://form.jotform.com/SMMParish/SmallGroups> to help us find the right group for you and give it a try! You may also reach out to Mary Gulde, Adult Spirituality – 407.265.2315 or MaryG@StMaryMagdalen.org who can provide you more information.

Los Grupos Pequeños son la forma más rápida de conectarse a la vida de la iglesia y estar en comunidad. Los Grupos Pequeños son una excelente manera de reflexionar y actuar sobre las muchas formas en que Jesús nos enseña a amar a Dios y a los demás. ¡Se están formando nuevos grupos para el inicio de Otoño en Agosto! Vaya a <https://form.jotform.com/SMMParish/SmallGroups> para ayudarnos a encontrar el grupo adecuado para usted e inténtelo.

