

Seeking out the Lost Sheep

*Engaging Your Parishioners and
Growing Your Parish through the
Pillars of Hospitality and Service*

**Research Studies
Indicate: Engagement
and Spiritual
Commitment to the
faith are declining**



Decline in Church Participation

According to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA)

- U.S. Mass attendance rate peaked in 1958 and fell 58.1% by 2010.
- The rate of adult females attending Mass fell 40.4% from 1987-2011.

Decline in Church Participation

General Social Survey & Pew Research Center

- Only 27% of US Catholics considered themselves to be “strong” Church members as of 2012 – the lowest level in 38 years and a 36% decline since the mid-1980s.
- Even Mass attendance by strong Catholics has fallen from 85% in 1974 to 53% in 2012.

Why is this Occurring?

Bishops of Vatican II:

Although a major theme of Vatican II was the Church's call to transform the culture...

The secular culture appears to be transforming our members more profoundly than the other way around.

Why is this Occurring?

U.S. Bishops Pastoral Letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*:

Although religious faith is a strong force in the lives of many Americans, our country's dominant secular culture often contradicts the values of the Judeo-Christian tradition...

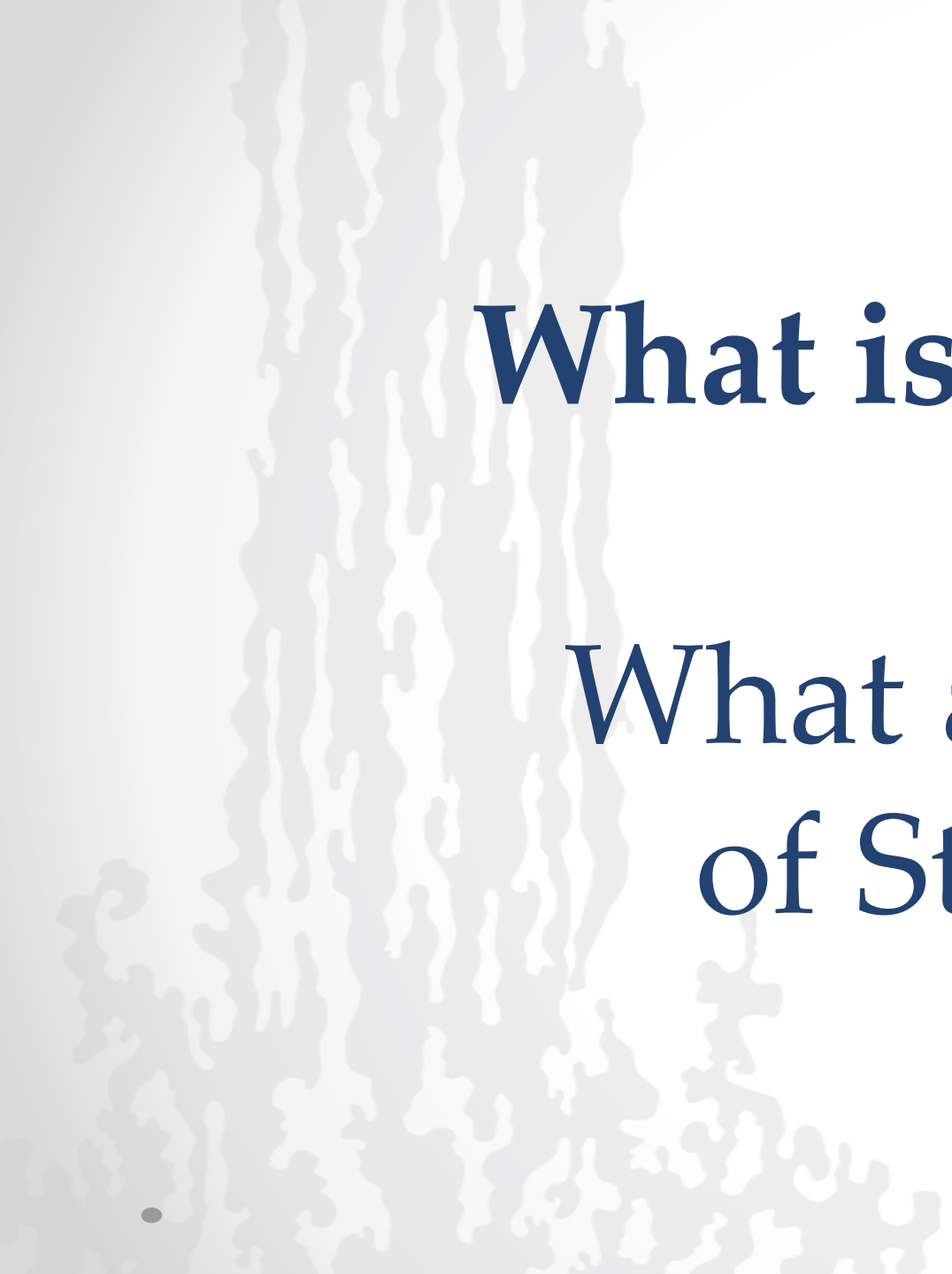
There is a strong tendency to privatize faith, to push it to the margins of society, confining it to people's hearts or, at best, their homes.

Why is this Occurring?

Seductive power of various destructive forces within our “country’s dominant secular culture” effectively competes for people’s minds and hearts by utilizing far greater secular resources than parishes generally have to fight back.

Divine Mission of Parishes

Draw people into an ever-deepening relationship with God.



What is Stewardship?

What are the Pillars of Stewardship?

Stewardship is everything we do after we say we believe. **(John Westerhoff)**

Stewardship is receiving God's gifts gratefully, cherishing and tending them in a responsible and accountable manner, sharing them in justice and love with others, and returning them with increase to the Lord. **(Stewardship: A Disciple's Response)**

Pillars of Stewardship

- Hospitality
- Formation
- Prayer
- Service

Pillars of Stewardship

Hospitality



*He who practices hospitality
entertains God himself.*

Genesis 18:1-8

Hebrews 13:2

**Do not neglect hospitality,
for through it
some have unknowingly
entertained angels.**



Luke 7:36-50

A Pharisee invited him to dine with him,
and he entered the Pharisee's house and
reclined at table...

...there was a sinful woman in the city...
she stood behind him at his feet weeping
and began to bathe his feet with her tears.
Then she wiped them with her hair,
kissed them, and anointed them with the
ointment...

What is Hospitality?

Henri Nouwen:

- Church must create a free, friendly space where one can experience the presence of GOD
 - a space of acceptance, warmth and trust
 - less talking and more listening

Hospitality with a Vigilance



"We've got a newcomer in Sector C. Blue blazer, plaid shirt. Falcon, that's your greeting area. Where are you?"

Pope Francis and 2013 World Youth Day, Brazil

*And it is important to be able to make
people welcome...*

*When we are generous in welcoming
people and sharing something with
them – some food, a place in our
homes, our time – not only do we no
longer remain poor: we are enriched.*

*Visitors are
not
Inconveniences!*



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation
as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.

WELCOMING

Show that
the Parish cares!

To Whom do We offer Hospitality?



Visitors
"Just passing through"

Potential Parishioners
"checking us out"

4 groups to be mindful of:

Engaged Parishioners
"You want to go where everyone knows your name."

**Fallen Away Catholics/
Un-Churched**
"I'll give it a try (again)"

Hospitality Video is shown here.

<https://youtu.be/OA-TkvHtgAGIO>

HOSPITALITY

Is Your Parish
Inviting?

**CAN YOU TELL THIS IS
A CATHOLIC CHURCH?**



OR THIS ONE?





AMERICAN MARTYRS CHURCH

Bingo

TOTAL PRIZES \$3,000

EVERY TUESDAY 7:30PM-10:15PM

EARLY BIRD 7:15PM





Make
Church
Matter



HELPING
THE
LOST
FIND
THEIR
WAY
HOME ...



Grow disciples through
the experience of the **Sunday
Mass** by appealing to **The
Lost**. Give them the sense that
the parish and **The Faithful**
are waiting to welcome them
home as family.





EVERY FIRST
ENCOUNTER
MATTERS

WHERE WE TAKE PEOPLE
MATTERS



WHAT MATTERS ON
SUNDAY...
EVERYTHING!



WHO
WELCOMES
MATTERS

HOW WE MINISTER TO
OTHERS MATTERS



MAKE
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SUNDAY MASS
EXPERIENCE
AS FOCAL POINT



The
Welcome

Music

Liturgy

The
Message

Eucharist

BRINGING PEOPLE ONTO YOUR CAMPUS/OUTREACH



Christmas Eve

4pm (Children) • 6pm • 7:30pm • 9pm (en Español)

Midnight Mass

Concert of Carols begins at 11:15

Christmas Day

8am • 10am • noon

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On the Road to the Cross

LENT

An Invitation to 40 Days
of Reflection & Renewal

@ St. Mary Magdalen Parish

Starting Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017

JOIN US FOR LENT

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

*"While we cross the Lenten 'desert', we keep our gaze fixed upon Easter, which is the definitive victory of Jesus against the Evil One, against sin and against death."
- Pope Francis*

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1 @ 7am, 8:30am, 12noon and 7pm (English)
in the Church. In Spanish at 7pm in Parish Life Center

WEEKEND MESSAGE SERIES

Begins February 25 at all the Weekend Masses

BIBLE STUDY

Revelation, Thursdays starting March 2,
and Sundays starting March 5

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, March 7 @ 10am & 7pm
in the Church (with individual confessions)

CLOTHING THE NAKED: WORK OF MERCY

Clothing Donation Drive, Weekends March 4-5 and
March 11-12 after all Masses in the Parking Lot

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic
Saturday, April 1 • 9am to 1pm in the Parish Life Center

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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SPECIAL FAITH EVENT

Together in Holiness: Marriage-Enrichment
Saturday, March 11 • 8:00am to 2:30pm
in the Parish Life Center • Child care available.

HOURS OF PRAYER DURING LENT

March 2-April 12 from 9am-7pm in the chapel

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5pm, 7pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5:30pm

Kids Ministry: 10pm, 12noon Masses

Children's Liturgy of Word: 7pm, 8am, 10am, 12noon Masses

Interpreted for the Deaf: 10am Mass

Contemporary Christian Choir: 7pm, 12noon & 5:30pm Masses



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Celebrate the Savior
April 16, 2017

'HE IS NOT
here
FOR HE IS
risen'

Matthew 28:6

JOIN US FOR
EASTER
St. Mary Magdalen
Catholic Parish

CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK & EASTER
@ St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

Easter celebrates the greatest of all moments – when Christ rose from the dead – conquering death and sin for us. We have many opportunities for you to engage in the remembrance of His most powerful act of love for us as we celebrate the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. We hope you and your family will join us at St. Mary Magdalen. God Bless!

Fr. Charlie Father Charlie Mitchell, Pastor

Holy Thursday Mass----- Thursday, April 13

- English Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church).....7:00 PM
- Spanish Mass (Parish Life Center).....7:00 PM

Good Friday Services----- Friday, April 14

- English Good Friday Service (Church).....3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
- Spanish Good Friday Service (Parish Life Center).....7:00 PM

Holy Saturday Services----- Saturday, April 15

- Blessing of Easter Foods & Prayer Service....8:30 AM (English)

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, April 15 Easter Vigil Mass----- 8:00 PM

- Mass begins with bilingual blessing of the Easter flame on the track.

Sunday, April 16 Easter Masses

- Sunrise Mass (on the parish grounds next to Gym).....6:30 AM
- Mass (Church).....8:00 AM
- Mass (Adult Choir — Interpreted for the Deaf).....10:00 AM
- Mass (Contemporary Choir in Parish Life Center).....10:15 AM
- Mass (Contemporary Choir in the Church).....12 Noon
- Spanish Mass (Parish Life Center).....12 Noon

ALL ARE WELCOME!

JOIN US FOR THE TENEBRAE SERVICE
7 PM on Wednesday of Holy Week (April 12)

"Tenebrae" is Latin for "darkness" or "shadows" and we will pray in near darkness (in the Church) by remembering solemnly the Last Seven Days of Christ's Life with a 40-minute prayerful reflection with choral selections and special narrations.



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or visit us online at www.StMaryMagdalen.org.



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Prayer Card for victory over death

GLORY BOUND



PATH TO THE CROSS

"Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death."

Pope Francis
Message for Lent 2017

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Easter Celebration - invite others

PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord Jesus Christ,

You came down from heaven to take on human flesh, to be one with us and share in our human experience. For 40 days, you suffered in the desert, but emerged triumphant over temptation and ready to begin announcing the Gospel.

Help us to discipline our wills and avoid temptations, so that we may turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. You turned your face toward Jerusalem to begin your journey to Calvary.

Inspire us to be resolute in our ascent toward Easter. May our Lenten observance help us to die to self and experience in our lives your resurrection.

You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

*Prayer by: Rev. David J. Scheidler, CSC
University of Notre Dame Prayer Cards*

Intentions - I am praying for ...

Your Lenten prayer intentions

**BRING PEOPLE TO YOUR
CAMPUS/OUTREACH**

Hotels

Schedule of Masses in each room

Concierge

Apartment Complexes/Welcome Wagon

Provide information for newcomers about parish services.

BRING PEOPLE TO YOUR CAMPUS/OUTREACH

Ads/Banners

In Local High School Football schedule

Elementary Newsletters

Neighborhood Magazine

Local Newspaper

Cable Access

COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

Voice Mail

- 1 week before Christmas & Holy Week
- Constantly update with the special schedule

Video Monitors

Advertise events around
parish

MAKE
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SUNDAY WELCOME

- Parking Ambassadors
- Door Openers/
Spiritual Guide
Distributors
- Greeters
- Pew Escorts
- Ushers
- Pew Gardeners
- After-Mass Coffee
Team
- Newcomer
Ambassadors



**WELCOME & GUIDE
PARKING AMBASSADORS**

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WELCOME & GUIDE
DOOR OPENERS/SPIRITUAL GUIDE DISTRIBUTERS

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**WELCOME & GUIDE
GREETERS**



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WELCOME & GUIDE

PEW ESCORTS added to USHER TEAM

WELCOMING CENTER/ VISITOR CENTER



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**THE MASS
MAGNIFY THE FULL EXPERIENCE**

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WHY CHRISTMAS (or ASH WEDNESDAY, or PALM SUNDAY or EASTER or MOTHER'S DAY)?

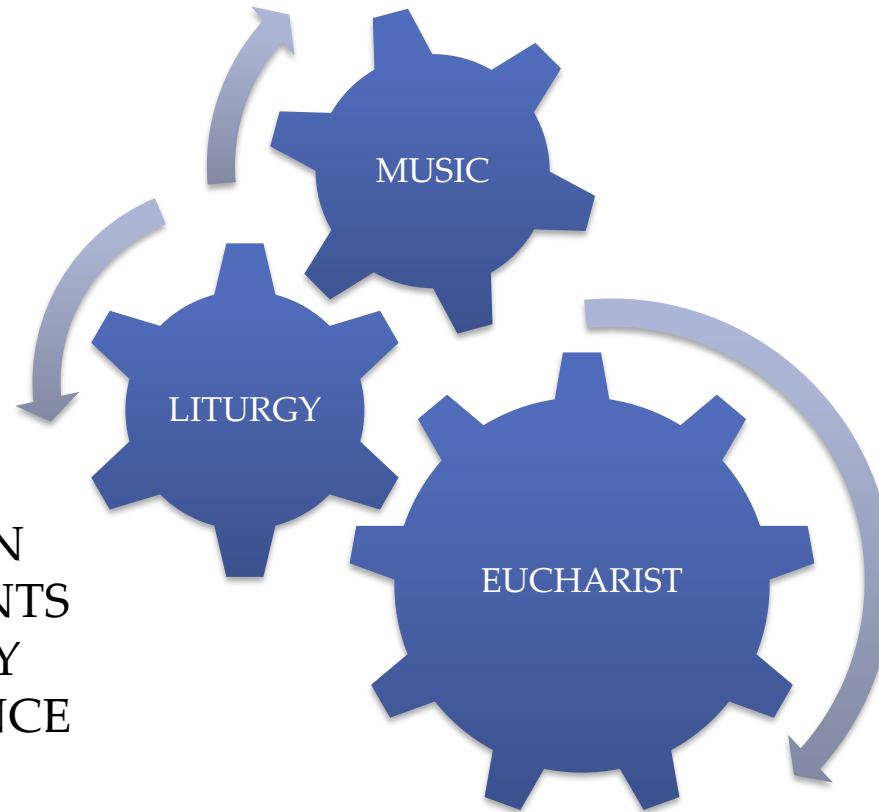
Greatest opportunity of the year
when The Lost and The Faithful
come together ...
guide **EVERYONE**
closer to Jesus!



St. Mary Magdalen Christmas Welcome Video is shown here.

<https://vimeo.com/197203506/351b65ef08>

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PAY ATTENTION
TO ALL ELEMENTS
OF THE SUNDAY
MASS EXPERIENCE

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SUNDAY MESSAGE

- Preaching/Homily:
Spiritual Direction for our People (Encountering God & the spiritual life)
- Be scripture-based.
- Plan message series out weeks in advance (16 wks. min.); all preaching delivers same call to action.
- Deploy missions and ministry during week to be focused on living out the Sunday Message.
- **Challenge The Faithful to live out the message and challenge The Lost to be open to engagement.**



PREACH
SAME
MESSAGE
AT ALL
MASSES



MAKE
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**EVERYONE ON
MESSAGE** and can
share experiences all week
long

RE, SCHOOL,
YOUTH MINISTRY

MOM & DAD

SCHOOL
MOMS IN
THE
PARKING
LOT

BIBLE
STUDY

**SUNDAY
MESSAGE**

MY
FRIENDS
WHO
WENT TO
10 AM
MASS

SMALL
GROUPS

CHILDREN
LITURGY

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REPRESENTING CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

**How do your parishioners
& those who step through
the door perceive the
parish?**

Mr. Grumpy



Not a Happy Fellow ...

Director of First Impressions



COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

Welcoming Process

- Look at the household demographics and have the ministries reach out to them
- RCIA: help the ministry invite non-Catholic spouses

PARISH CENSUS

- At least every 5 years, do a Parish Census
- Some parishes send out a “census update” every year on the head of the household’s birthday (1/12 of the parish is touched per month).
- Home Visits



USE OF ELECTRONIC/ SOCIAL MEDIA

- Emails: Special Church events/traditions
 - Blessing of the Throats
 - St. Valentine's Day
 - National Day of Prayer



BRING PEOPLE ON YOUR CAMPUS

Bridge-Building Events

- Expose people to your campus.
- Police Officers/EMT: Feast of St. Michael Prayer Service
- Doctors: Feast of St. Luke Prayer Breakfast
- Parish Festivals

Pope Francis is coming to St. Mary Magdalen! Well, almost ...



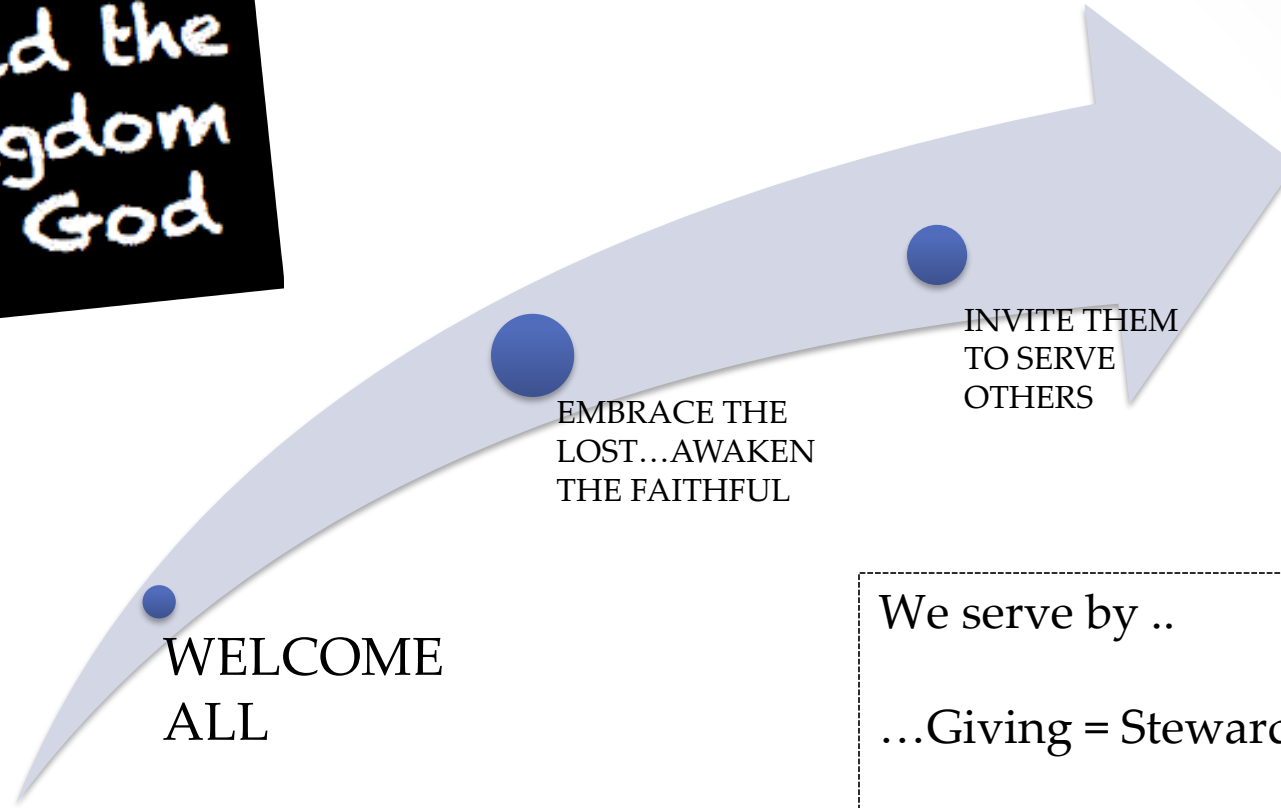
Join Us ~ September 23-27

- WEDNESDAY SAINTS' PIZZA PARTY • THURSDAY BILINGUAL MASS • FRIDAY NEWCOMER POTLUCK
- SATURDAY FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES, TASTE OF ITALY DINNER & POPE FRANCIS VIRTUAL VISIT
- SUNDAY PRAISE & WORSHIP CONCERT, OPEN HOUSE TOURS, FR. CHARLIE TALK AND MORE!





How we
build the
Kingdom
of God



We serve by ..

...Giving = Stewardship

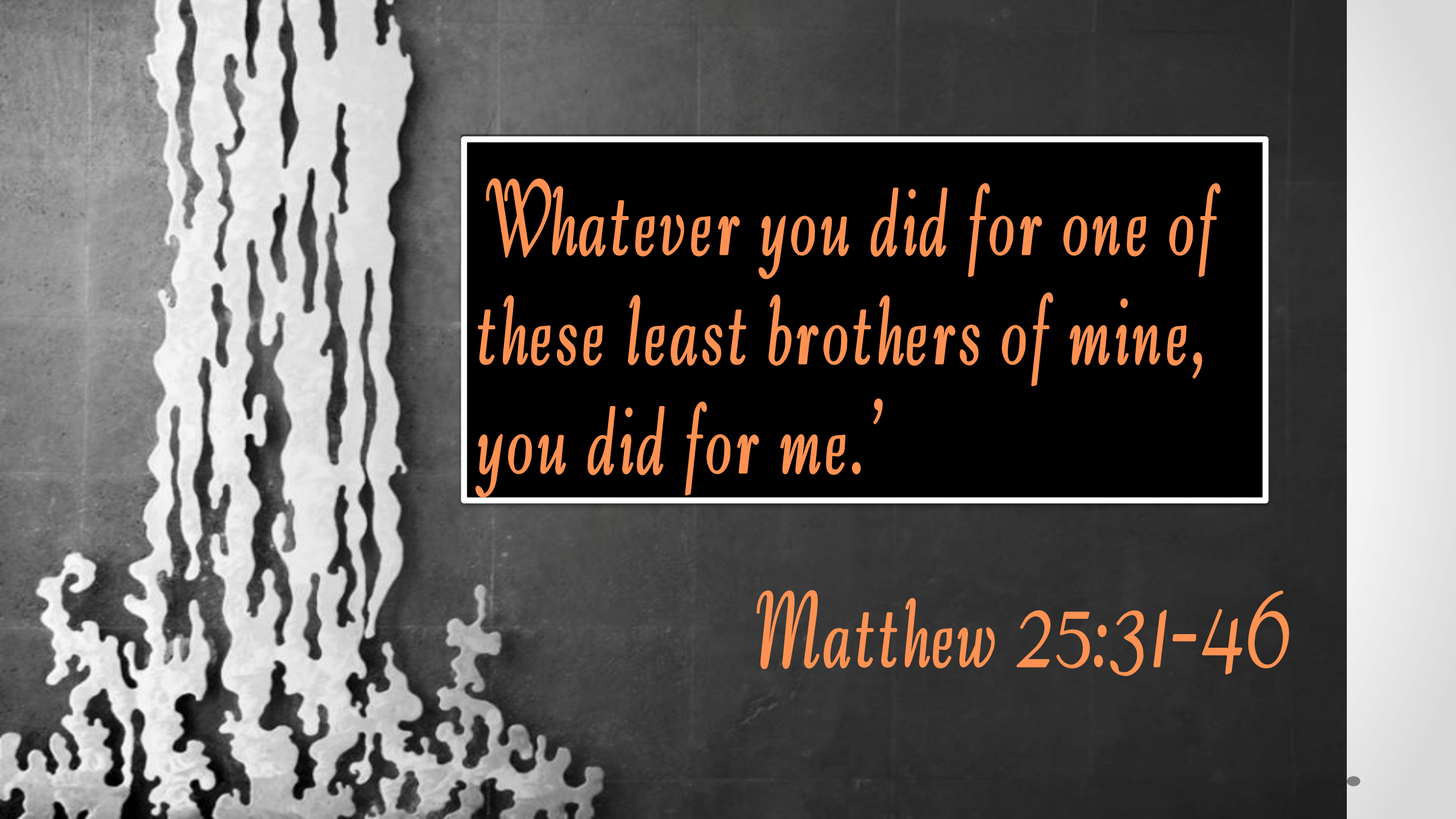
...Living Out the
Message = Mission,
Ministry, Small Groups
(accountability),
Community

Pillars of Stewardship

Service

0 to 6

6 to 18



*Whatever you did for one of
these least brothers of mine,
you did for me.'*

Matthew 25:31-46

GALLUP on MILLENNIALS

Millennials

- More compelled to do Service
- Offer Service projects that will lead them to join our community of Faith
- Use the appeal of Pope Francis

PROMOTING THE GOSPEL

Message Series

**Opportunity to explain service to the community/others
(Corporal Works) in light of our Faith**

Service projects

All relates to the weekend message

Small Groups

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN



CORPORAL
WORKS
OF MERCY

ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH



ACTS OF MERCY CHALLENGE

Now Through September 4 - Serve One Another!
Do Good - Then Make it Count @ StMaryMagdalen.org

THE MESSAGE & THE MISSION: SUMMER SERIES

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN • CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

VISIT THE IMPRISONED



CORPORAL
WORKS
OF MERCY

The parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen have accepted the challenge to complete 2,016 Corporal Works of Mercy in celebration of the September Canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the Jubilee Year of Mercy Saint!



ACTS of MERCY CHALLENGE

WHAT: Serve one another through the Corporal Works of Mercy! In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we want to be the "Good Samaritan" God calls our community to be. No work is too large or too small. The only requirement is that you do it with great love. What are the Corporal Works of Mercy? See the WORKS list in the coupon below. Find additional ideas each week in "Our Catholic Faith" section of the bulletin.

HOW: Parishioners (pairs, teams encouraged) complete a Corporal Work of Mercy - within your own family, for someone in need, in your neighborhood, at Church, or in community! For every corporal work of mercy recorded, \$5.00 will be donated to Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity from the parish's tithing fund, in honor of the canonization of Mother Teresa. Help us double your good works by recording how you have served God and neighbor!

WHEN: Now through Sunday, September 4, 2016

**WANT TO GIVE ALL
THE CORPORAL WORKS AT
ONCE? Join us for ...
MORNING OF MERCY**
Saturday, Aug. 27
9am to 12noon
Parish Life Center

WORLD YOUTH DAY CHALLENGE
In honor of World Youth Day in July, the Youth of the Parish challenge the Adults of the Parish: Who can give their love more through the Corporal Works of Mercy: Youth or the Adults of the Parish? Do something for others and enter it either on the parish website or on the form below.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION
AUG 20-21
AT ALL MASSES**
Donate personal items such as
toothbrushes, combs, sample
size toiletries, shave gel,
shampoo, etc.

Corporal Works of Mercy Submitted

Youth:	875
Adults:	4139
Total:	5014

Submission Form

First Name	Last Name	Age
Name #1*		☐ <= 18 Years Old ☒ >= 19 Years Old
Name #2		☐ <= 18 Years Old ☒ >= 19 Years Old
Name #3		☐ <= 18 Years Old ☒ >= 19 Years Old
Name #4		☐ <= 18 Years Old ☒ >= 19 Years Old
Date completed:* (MM/DD/2016)		

Instructions: I have served God through the Corporal Works of Mercy (please tell us the total number of Corporal Works of Mercy completed. i.e., If 2 people visited one person in the community who is homebound, each person has performed a work of mercy. Therefore, the number 2 should be indicated beside "I/We Visited the Sick").

	# works by Adults	# works by Youth
I/We fed the Hungry	0	0
I/We gave drink to the Thirsty	0	0
I/We clothed the Naked	0	0
I/We Provided Shelter to the Homeless (Welcomed the Stranger)	0	0
I/We Visited the Imprisoned	0	0
I/We Visited the Sick	0	0
I/We Buried the Dead	0	0



Jesus' call is urgent. He does not tell people to follow him at some time in the future but here and now—at this moment, in these circumstances. There can be no delay. *“Go and proclaim the kingdom of God. . . .”*

(U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship)