

In light of COVID, we will be taking the following precautions to gather safely:

* Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church will not allow any person to enter our buildings who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days, has recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19, or is experiencing any of the following symptoms:

* Fever or chills (Fever 100.4 or greater), Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, New loss of taste or smell, Muscle or body aches, Congestion, or runny nose, Sore throat, Headache, Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

* To minimize the risk of exposure, we will begin the year by limiting access to our campus buildings to only families registered in our programs and volunteers.

Temperature Checks

Before entering any building, all families will have their temperature taken. Anyone having a temperature of 100.4°F or above will not be allowed to enter the building.

Screening Questionnaire

Every person will be required to complete a screening questionnaire before entering all buildings. Core team and children answering yes to any screening questions will not be allowed to enter the building/s.

Physical Distancing

Everyone will be advised to maintain physical distancing by standing at least six feet away from other people while standing in lines or moving around the building. "Gather" will meet in the church. Upon entering the church, families will be seated in "green" marked pews, socially distanced in all directions. For youth breakout small groups, children will go to a designated classroom. Each classroom has been adjusted for increased spacing, keeping six feet of distance between children. Signage will be in place throughout the school building to remind everyone to remain six feet apart. We will utilize four entrances and exits to help spread out foot traffic. Each small group will be assigned a specific entrance/exit they will use for the entire school year. Upon entering the building, your child is to go directly to their classroom. We will comply with local or state mandated occupancy limits.

Face Coverings

Face coverings must be worn at all times. Children should be able to wear, remove, and handle masks following CDC guidelines.

General Hygiene

Please review best practices for the prevention of the spread of germs with your child. Frequent hand washing for at least 20 seconds is one of the most essential health and hygiene habits you can teach your child.

Hand Sanitizer

Hand sanitizer dispensers are placed at/inside the: school entrances, school office, health room, and all classrooms.

Building Signage

There will be health and hygiene reminders throughout the school. The main entrance of school and the activity building will have COVID-19 information posted to read before entering with signs reminding everyone to wear masks and maintain social distancing while on campus. Hand hygiene posters are in all restrooms and near all sinks in the classrooms, kitchen, and health room. Markings are on the pavement outside the school entrance and on the floors in the hallways to remind everyone to keep six feet social distance.

Cleaning

Classrooms, desks, chairs, and other high-touch areas will be cleaned throughout the day. After STMM school lets out, all classrooms we will be utilizing will be disinfected.

Small Groups

Small groups will be limited to under ten children with 1-2 adults per classroom. Classrooms are set up to hold 12-15 people socially distanced in all directions. Once assigned to a small group, children will stay in that group for their entire time at "Gather". We try, also, to keep the same adults with the children.

*Please note that the number of small groups we offer is in direct correlation to the number of volunteers we will have. The number of volunteers drives the number of registered families we can accept.

In response to COVID, this will be a one year commitment. We will be unable to take additional registrants or change your registration after the program begins.

Registration Fees Options:

1. Registration for registered/contributing STMM parishioners is \$80.00 per child until September 15th 2020. After September 15th, a \$50.00 late fee will be charged to all children registering.
2. If you are new to our parish your fee is \$160.00 for the first year regardless of date of registration.
3. If you are not a registered parishioner of STMM or a registered/non-contributing member your registration fee is \$160.00 for this year until September 15th. After September 15th, a \$50.00 late fee will be charged in addition to the \$160.00 fee.
4. Late online registration will remain open until September 30th. Registration will officially close on September 30th and spots will be considered on a case by case basis. Gather will begin in October.