## ST MARY MAGDALENE, DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

# Priority Plan Final Draft - August 7, 2024



## Parish Purpose Statement

Grounded in the Eucharist and delighting in our diverse community, the Lord has gathered us to grow spiritually through Scripture, the Sacraments, outreach, and service so that we can share Christ's love with our community.

#### **Parish Vision Statement**

Our community will embrace all of God's children as we gather together as one community of faith. We will create a culture for ongoing spiritual growth, celebrate the diversity of Catholic worship traditions, and engage in joyful service to one another, our community, and our world.

#### Parish Values

- o Faith: Community of believers who trust in God and in his care for his people.
- O **Community**: We are a people gathered by God to give witness to the good news of Christ to the world and each other
- o **Joy**: We confidently approach life as a gift from God and an opportunity to celebrate the good and persevere through difficulties

### **Priority #1: Faith Formation**

To provide opportunities for lifelong growth in Catholic spirituality.

**Goal #1**: Grow the number of youths in grades 6-8 who participate in youth ministry, by at least 20, by June 30, 2026.

<u>Goal #2</u>: Increase from 7% to 14% the percentage of parishioners who 'strongly agree' to having confidence in answering questions about the teachings of the Church, by June 30, 2026.

## Priority #2: Community Building

To foster a sense of belonging among our parish family through our Christian hospitality, parish events, and Sunday experience.

**Goal #1**: Increase from 23% to 35% the percentage of parishioners who 'strongly agree' to having a community to support them and/or their family in times of need by June 30, 2026.

**Goal #2**: Increase the number of parishioners who attend parish social events at least monthly from 17% to 25% by June 30, 2026.

## Priority #3: Missionary Discipleship

To embolden our parish community to share the joy and knowledge of Jesus beyond our parish doors.

**Goal #1:** Increase the number of parishioners who 'strongly agree' that the parish teaches them how to share their personal faith story from 7% to 14% by June 30, 2026.

<u>Goal#2</u>: Increase the percentage of parishioners who volunteer to serve in the community at least monthly from 35% to 50% by June 30, 2026