



Parish & Community Garden Plot Expectations

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
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Community Garden Plot Fee: \$15 for 10 X 10

Gardening Season is June 1 – October 31, 2025

Maintain your plot.

- From opening day until closing day, keep your garden plot and all bordering pathways free from weeds, trash and obstacles like branches, stones and gardening equipment, Plan to dedicate 2-4 hours each week to your garden.
- Harvest in a timely manner. Ripe produce left in the garden may be donated to those in need.
- At the end of the season, remove all string, stakes, fencing and trash. This must be done before the garden closing date.
- If a plot is not planted by the planting deadline or is left untended for longer than two weeks during the season, it will be cover cropped or assigned to someone else.
- Gardeners who abandon their plots during the season or who fail to properly clean up their plots by the closing date will be assessed a \$50 fine per plot and will be restricted to one garden plot for the following season.
- **Please reach out to the parish office if you need help or if your plans have changed and you need to forfeit your plot.**

Respect other gardeners and garden plots.

- Do not walk through other plots or allow your family members/guests to walk through other plots.
- Do not harvest from other plots without permission. Garden theft will result in an immediate loss of gardening privileges for current and future seasons. Report vandalism, theft or unusual behavior to the parish office.
- Return all borrowed tools to the garden shed before you leave the garden each day. Tools should never be left outside overnight or when it is raining.
- Dogs are prohibited unless the dog is a certified service animal.
- Cigarette, alcohol and drugs (including marijuana) are prohibited in the gardens.
- The use of organic gardening practices is encouraged.
- Participate in group workdays (Tuesdays) and other garden management tasks as needed. It takes a village to help a community garden thrive!