

## St. Mary Magdalene E-News January 7, 2022

### A Note from Father Chris

We celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this weekend. This celebration will signify how all the baptized are now to work with Jesus Christ. The light of the world we have witnessed at Christmas is now with us to illuminate our families and our communities with goodness, truth, and love.

We are happy to announce a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Sites of Emmitsburg, Maryland. We will visit the Basilica Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and celebrate Mass with the Sisters of Charity and the next day will celebrate Mass at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and visit the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto.

We will travel in two fully equipped coaches Monday, March 21st and return Wednesday, March 23rd. We stay two nights at the Holiday Inn and Suites at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This will be a great prayerful and fun pilgrimage. Sign up at the link: [Pilgrimage Info and Registration](#)

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

### Upcoming Events

January 7 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church

January 8 - Blood Drive 9am - 2pm [Click here to sign up](#)

January 8 - Confessions 10:30am

January 8 - 5pm Mass

January 9 - 9am & 11am Mass

January 9 - 6pm Youth Mass

January 9 - Apostello, EDGE and the WAY resume with XLT

January 10 - Daily Mass 9am

January 10 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

January 11 - GATHER and the Rock 6:30pm

January 12 - Daily Mass 9am

January 13 - Daily Mass 9am

January 13 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel

January 14 - Daily Mass 9am

January 15 - No Confessions

January 15 - 5pm Mass

January 16 - 9am & 11am Mass

January 16 - No Youth Mass

January 17 - Daily Mass 9am

- **The Parish Office will be closed due to construction until January 10. Please contact staff by email or phone.**

Take this opportunity to consider donating flowers to St. Mary Magdalene to beautify the altar and church for weekly Mass to honor our Lord. These flowers will be donated in honor of or in memory of your loved one. Click [here](#) and take the easy steps to choose partial or full donation and send payment before your donation date. Your donation will be acknowledged in the bulletin. For questions, please contact [floralministry@stmm.net](mailto:floralministry@stmm.net)

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## Mass This Weekend



Altar flowers for this weekend are in loving memory of David Mason Palmer, father of Tish Harmon.

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our 9am Sunday Mass

### Music for this weekend's Mass

**Gathering:** Come to the River 651

**Psalm: 104** Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

**Preparation:** I Have Loved You 616

**Communion 1:** Wade in the Water 654

**Communion 2:** God of Mercy 527

**Communion 3:** Love Has Come 484

**Sending Forth:** River of Glory 650

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### Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

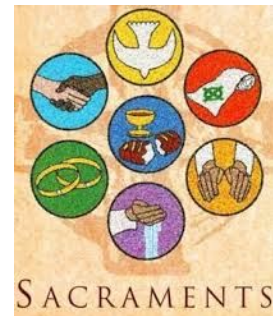
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## Sacraments

**BAPTISMS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, [info@stmm.net](mailto:info@stmm.net). First time parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

**CONFESSIONS** - Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church. See "Upcoming Events" section for schedule.

**WEDDINGS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email [weddings@stmm.net](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)



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## Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene is seeking candidates to apply to manage our successful youth ministry program "The Rock and The Edge". This is a Full time staff position including benefits. For more information please see our posting on the Diocese of Raleigh website. <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment>

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## Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg

**Shrine Pilgrimage in March:** The Knights of Columbus are excited to sponsor an adult pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Seton and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, MD from March 21<sup>st</sup> to March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Father Chris will celebrate Mass at each location. *Questions: contact Joe Sebik at [jsebik@icloud.com](mailto:jsebik@icloud.com)*

Registrations are limited, so please access the following link for more information:  
[Pilgrimage Info and Registration](#)

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## Knights of Columbus Blood Drive



Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Saturday January 8th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. in the school parking lot. They are in great need of donors, as the blood supply is low, so they are giving everyone who donates a \$25 gift card as well as \$20 back to the Knights.

Sign up link to reserve a time.

[https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/182199](https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/182199)

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## The StMM Prayer Team

### StMM Prayer Team

The New Year welcomes us all to take up better practices that renew our mind, body, and spirit. If you've not found a prayer routine that best fits your current season of life, let us know! We are happy to connect, walk with you, and share experiences of success and failures along the way. No one way is perfect when it comes to prayer, but we can strive for "prayer permanence" when we practice praying a little bit each day. Drop us a note at [StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net](mailto:StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net).



Join the Prayer  
Team

Our goal is to help cultivate StMM as a parish of prayer, and whether you are new to prayer or have been devout for decades -- you are most welcome here!

Request  
Prayers

We would be delighted to lift your prayers in great faith, however big or small!

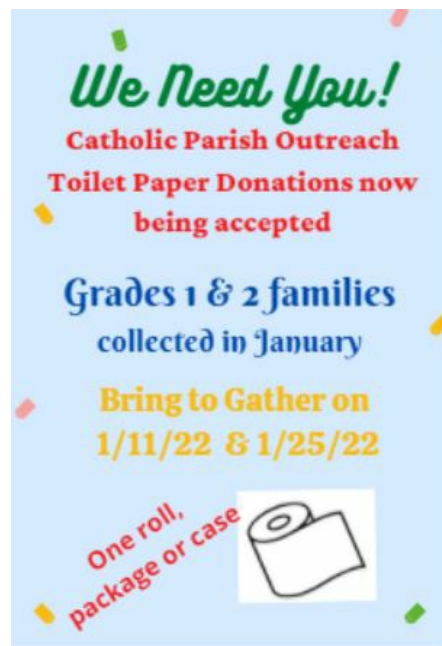
Prayer intentions can be sent to our team at any time via the Request Prayers link, by email, or hand-written prayers are gathered each week from the Prayer Collection Bowl located at the Welcome & Connect kiosk in the StMM Church Narthex.

[StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net](mailto:StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net)

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## Faith Formation





Questions: Please contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7820

**StMM High School Youth Ministry**



**Registration is now open for our girls high school retreat!** This retreat is open to girls in 9th-12th grade and will be held Friday, January 14th, 2022 to Sunday, January 16th, 2022 in New Hill, NC at Trinity Tree Farm (Janine McGann's home). Cost is \$75.00 per girl. It is an amazing opportunity for girls to create community, build up sisterhood, spend the weekend in their pajamas/soft clothes and get away from the everyday stresses of high school life. Girls from any church/denomination may attend this retreat!! Spots are limited to 20 girls. The retreat includes watching & discussing the documentary film created by Project Light Ministries titled "Speaking to Sparrows." You can watch the trailer at this link:

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/285613/375004355?autoplay=1>

Please make sure you review the COVID protocols on the retreat registration form.

You can download a retreat form at this link: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>. Hard copies are also available in the church lobby on Sundays. Please contact Liz Sams at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com) with any questions about this retreat.

**Registration is now open for our Winter High School Retreat!** This retreat is open to guys and girls in 9th-12th grade and will be held Saturday, February 12th, 2022 to Sunday, February 13th, 2022. We'll be going to Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC with our guest retreat host Joe Farris & worship leader Rita West! High School teens from any church/denomination may attend this retreat. Our retreats include time for fun, prayer, games, discussions in large and small groups, awesome worship time led by Rita West, & time for teens to forge new friendships. We are so excited to bring back our weekend retreats & strongly encourage as many teens to come as possible! Spots on the bus are limited to 54 teens and are filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Please make sure you review the COVID protocols on the retreat registration form.

You can download a retreat form at this link: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm>. Hard copies are also available in the church lobby on Sundays. Please contact Caitlin Clendenin at [clendenin@stmm.net](mailto:clendenin@stmm.net) with any questions about this retreat.



Link to register: [https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=HMcq3BzSb96rqf+MLQNDnA==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz\\_people.aspx&ChurchID=1554&EventID=214380&sn=102397](https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=HMcq3BzSb96rqf+MLQNDnA==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=1554&EventID=214380&sn=102397)

For more information about Confirmation, click here: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm>

#### Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Liz Sams at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com)

For **Apostello, the Way, and Confirmation**, contact Caitlin Clendenin at [clendenin@stmm.net](mailto:clendenin@stmm.net)

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## First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday January 7th from 9:30am - 7pm. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the church throughout the day and spend some time in

prayer. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord? We have a particular need from 4-5pm.  
Please contact Anita Becker at [ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM](mailto:ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM) or 919-280-8931 if interested.



## Catholic Senior Organization Meeting

The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for women and men (60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, January 17, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room #3. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, [miriamdel79@yahoo.com](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com).



## Eucharistic Holy Hour First and Third Tuesdays



The 1st Tuesday of each month, please join Deacon Dev from 7-8pm as we spend an hour with our Lord devoted to meditation in a spirit of Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication (ACTS). We will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and close with Benediction. Handouts will be available so everyone can participate fully.

The 3rd Tuesday of each month, please join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for an Eucharistic Holy Hour from 7-8 pm. We will gather in the Church and begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by praying the Vespers together as a group. For those of you unfamiliar, the Vespers are part of the Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours) and represent the official prayers of the Church. After evening prayer, we will continue with Adoration and Benediction. Handouts will be available so everyone can participate fully.

**Next Holy Hour Tuesday, January 18th 7-8pm**

## Adult Confirmation Prep and Catholic Faith Refresher

Adult Confirmation and Catholic Faith Refresher Sessions Forming!!

Have you been baptized and received first Holy Communion but have yet to be confirmed? Is it something you've always wanted to get around to but haven't found the time or didn't know how to go about it?

Are you an inquiring Catholic who feels like you've missed out on some key doctrines of the Church? Or maybe feel the need to be refreshed and reinvigorated? Then these sessions would be perfect for you as well.

Group sessions beginning Wednesday, January 5th and running for six consecutive Wednesdays 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

If interested, please contact Deacon Rick by phone at 908-910-0309 or by e-mail at [Stevens@stmm.net](mailto:Stevens@stmm.net).

## RCIA

Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic? Are you wanting to participate fully in the sacraments instituted by Christ? Are you a baptized Christian and desiring to receive the Eucharist and Confirmation? The next module of the RCIA process at StMM is starting on January 31, 2022. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at [rcia@stmm.me](mailto:rcia@stmm.me) and let's have a conversation. We can help you start the process. Be assured by Christ's very own words: "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you".



## Respect Life Ministry



# SATURDAY 01.15.22

Pray to Support  
Moms in Need  
and for the  
Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children



## Diocesan Mass for Life & NC March for Life

Bring your church and group banners to the March for Life

### HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHEDRAL

10:30 AM  
Rosary  
(English/Spanish)

11:00 AM  
Mass for Life with  
Bishop Zarama



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### BI-CENTENNIAL PLAZA, DOWNTOWN RALEIGH

12:45 PM  
Youth & College  
Rally

1:15 PM  
Main Life Rally &  
Speakers

2:30 PM  
March for Life

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## Discipleship Quads

Would you like to feel more comfortable and confident sharing our Catholic faith with others? Are you interested in learning how to be sent out on mission for Christ and His Church? If you said yes to either of those, then **Discipleship Quads** is for you!! Each week, the group of four people journey together as disciples through weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversion, and learning. This 10-month path of accompaniment fosters growth through prayer, accountability and authentic relationships. The Quad's small size allows for authenticity and vulnerability that simply does not happen in larger groups. You can meet anywhere and at anytime. No prior knowledge needed. You will grow deeper in your faith, build lasting friendships, and develop the skills and confidence to share your faith with others. And it's free! NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME! New Quads forming in February. Read more at Franciscan University of Steubenville's website: [steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/](http://steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/). Then contact Joe or Laura Werner with questions or to sign up - [steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com](mailto:steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com) or 919-889-9904. *Come disciple with us!*

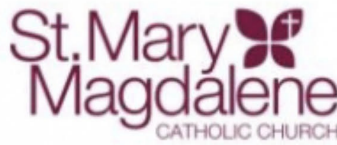


## StMM Night with the Carolina Hurricanes!

Come hang out with your StMM parish family for a night filled with fellowship and fun as we cheer on our Carolina Hurricanes. For GREAT prices on tickets and more details click here: <http://canesgroups.com/magdelene>

If you have any questions email Janine McGann at [mcgann@stmm.net](mailto:mcgann@stmm.net)

Can't wait to see you there!



## St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Night

Friday, February 25th 2022 @ 7PM | Canes vs. Blue Jackets

Join everyone from St. Mary's Magdalene at PNC Arena on Friday, February 25th at 7PM as the Canes take on the Columbus Blue Jackets!

All school and church members, as well as their family and friends are invited to join and take advantage of this exclusive ticket discount for the game!

*For any questions or group seating of 10 or more, please contact:*

**Mack Stewart**

Group Event & Suite Sales – Carolina Hurricanes  
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## StMM School News

### Wrapping Paper Tubes Needed

Finished with your Christmas wrapping? Please be sure to save the cardboard gift wrap tubes for the Cultural Arts Committee at StMM School. They are coordinating a didgeridoo presentation later this spring and need 80 tubes for a student workshop. Tube donations can be dropped off in the container in the school lobby. Thank you for your help!

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## Parishioner Assistance Ministry

The spirit of giving is being brought to life this holiday season through our generous angels of the Parishioner Assistance Ministry! Over the past few months, a number of new volunteers have joined the team to support fellow parishioners who are experiencing challenging times.

Our angels have provided rides to Mass for senior members of our parish, rides to/from dance class for young girls as their mother recovered from surgery, and meals to lift the burden from multiple families in times of need. We are especially grateful for how quickly volunteers answered a call for help in providing a large family meal to a senior couple and their children/grandchildren in order for the family to spend quality time together as the grandfather faces illness. We are also thankful for parishioners who assisted in planting trees for a parish family who experienced a fire that destroyed their home and business.

We invite any parishioners in need and those interested in supporting this growing ministry to contact us!

God Bless!



## Parish Athletics

Parish Athletics ([ParishAthleticsNC.org](http://ParishAthleticsNC.org)) has opened registration for the Spring 2022 Soccer and Baseball Season. [Register Here](#)

### Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary)

- **Grades:** Coed; Pre-K (3-year-olds) to 8th.
- **Dates:** March to May.
- **Practice Locations:** Apex or Cary, you pick.
- **Game Locations:** Apex & Cary.
- **Cost:** Pre-K \$60; K – 8th Grade \$65; (includes medal, shirt, and picnic).
- **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners to 8th graders have one weekday practice per week.

### Spring T-ball & Machine-pitch (Apex)

- **Grades:** Coed. Pre-K (4-year-olds) to 4th grade.
- **Dates:** April to May.
- **Cost:** \$65 (includes medal, shirt, hat, and picnic).
- **Practice & Game Location:** Apex
- **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners to 4th grade have one weekday practice per week.
- **Format:** Pre-k & Kindergarteners play T-ball and 1st to 4th graders play Machine-pitch.

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## Cristo Rey High School Employment Opportunities

Cristo Rey Research Triangle High School is currently hiring faculty in the following disciplines: math, history, science, English, Spanish, theology, and health/PE. For more information and application instructions, visit: [https://www.cristoreyrt.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=2126895&type=d&pREC\\_ID=2156868](https://www.cristoreyrt.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2126895&type=d&pREC_ID=2156868)

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