

St. Mary Magdalene E-News August 26, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

Jesus invites us to be humble. This invitation allows us to experience the joy of being appreciated by others. Self-promotion by definition is selfish. The life of a Christian is always working to suppress selfishness. God gives us the gift of surprises. The wonderful surprise when we are told we are loved and appreciated. Humility can unlock the ability to be joyfully surprised with the goodness of God and the goodness of others.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

The Chapel is open from 7am - 3:30pm during the week.

Please enter through the single metal door to the left.

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 <u>here</u> 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 <u>floralministry@stmm.net</u>

Mass This Weekend



Altar flowers donated by Andrea Dochtermann in Loving Memory of Carolyn Retzinger

Altar flowers donated by Kathy Lynch in Loving Memory of Ann Curvan

Altar Flowers donated by Ronald Bobeck in Loving Memory of Jason Helms

Click HERE to Live Stream our 9am Sunday Mass

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: O Love of God 317 Psalm: 68 God in your goodness, you have made a home, you have made a home for the poor. Preparation: Come to the Feast 307 Communion 1: We Belong to You 644 Communion 2: Earthen Vessels 408 Communion 3: They'll Know We Are Christians 585 Sending Forth: We are the Light 601

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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.

Sacraments

BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, <u>info@stmm.net</u>. 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



Pictures of the Week



Theodore Fassett, Peter Brunet, Isla O'Meara, and Charlotte O'Meara were baptized on August 20th



Aitor Thomas Hager was baptized on August 21st

Welcome to the New Parish Office Staff



Anne Moore, and her family have been members of St. MM since 2007 and both of her sons attended St. MM School grades pre-k thru 8th . Being a substitute teacher at the School since 2014, I am very excited to be given the opportunity to be an employee of the parish. My Catholic faith is very important to me and I look forward to helping all of you as a member of the parish office. Ms. Moore will be working as Administrative Assistant in our Parish Business Office, helping our Parish Secretary (Deb Prewitt) and our Fiscal Analyst (Julie Hoffman).



Anne Marie Miller, her husband Brian, and 3 teenage boys have been parishioners at STMM since 2009. I have been a Catechist and small group leader for various levels of our faith formation programs throughout this time. I am excited to join the STMM team and to help StMM's youth grow in their faith and love of Jesus. Ms. Miller is our new Administrative Assistant for the elementary and youth faith formation team assisting in their faith growth and sacramental preparation.

Deb Bishop and her husband (Jim) have been married 26 years. They currently live in Cary with their daughter and two sons and have been parishioners at St. MM for over 10 years. I have been



involved at the school and in the youth ministry program, and I'm looking forward to my role in the parish office. Ms. Bishop will be taking on the role as Administrative Assistant for Sacraments involved in baptisms, marriage and eventually expanding into confirmation preparation.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, September 2nd 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 are in need of some volunteers for 5-6pm hour.



Please contact Anita Becker at <u>ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM</u> or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Eucharistic Holy Hours 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 September 6th 7-8pm

New Thursday Evening Bible Study



New Weekday Bible Study on the Gospel of John

Join Deacon Dev and Laura Werner on Thursday evenings for an in-depth study on the Gospel of John! John's Gospel was written that "you may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name." It is a book of symbols, poetry, drama, and mystery. This study will deepen your understanding of the faith and ultimately, your relationship with God. Meetings will be at STMM on Thursday evenings, beginning from **September 15th at 6.30pm**. There is no

homework, no videos, and no workbook. Just come! This study is open to everyone, but you must register. Please do so by accessing the attached link. If you have any questions, or need more information, please email Deacon Dev at <u>lobo@stmm.net</u> or Laura at <u>wernerlhome@gmail.com</u>. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0848ACA92FAB9-stmm

Troop 316 / Pack 224 Family Scouting Day

TROOP 316 / PACK 224 FAMILY



DATE: 09/18/22 TIME: 12:30 - 4:30 PLACE: St. Mary Magdalene Athletic Fields

SCOUTING DAY



Troop 316 and Pack 224 invite you to join us to learn all about our scouting programs. Planned activities include a raingutter regatta and rocket launch. We have full use of the athletic fields as well.

Troop 316 will also be having a Court of Honor (COH) to recognize our scouts' achievements over the past several months. The COH will start at 3:30 and everyone is welcome to stay and help us celebrate our scouts.

Bring your whole family and even a friend or two!

Lunch will be provided by The Knights of Columbus -Councils 6650 and 7186. To ensure we have enough food, please RSVP using the QR code to the right or signup at bit.ly/FUN918



If you can't make it, we'd still love to meet you! Visit www.t316apex.org to see other upcoming events or email scoutmaster@t316apex.org

Adult Confirmation and Catholic Faith Refresher

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. The next group session will begin on Wednesday, September 28 and continue for the next five or 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**.

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 October 3, 2022. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at <u>rcia@stmm.me</u> 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".

The StMM Prayer Team



Summer is here, and so is the Prayer Team! May we all enjoy this season of relaxation and take the opportunity to slow down, pray more, and simply bask in the Son ;)

If we can help lift your prayers through the joys and trials of life, please connect with us. <u>StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net</u>

Request Prayers

All are welcome to join our team in lifting the prayers of our parish family, in whatever ways you like to pray best. Parish intentions are shared weekly, drop us a note if you would like to learn more about this ministry.

StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net

Join the Prayer Team

Prayers and Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry

Do you know anyone who is in need of prayers? We make personalized lap sized prayer quilts for each recipient. To request a quilt for someone, please contact Lorraine Morris at <u>Icmorris0707@gmail.com</u>





Questions:

For GATHER, contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

For Rock, contact Theresa Bova at bova@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7288

StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry



October 14–16th Space is limited- Register now!

CALLING ALL 7TH & 8TH GRADERS!!! Don't miss out on our 2022 EDGE Retreat at Camp Caraway in

Asheboro, NC on 10/14-10/16. The weekend will include time for fun, games, fellowship, awesome big and small group get togethers, snacks galore, awesome live praise and worship Hannah Shea, time to meet new friends, bazooka ball(Wait, what's that? Come and see!) Spots are limited to 53 teens so don't wait to sign up b/c this retreat usually sells out!! To register online for the EDGE Retreat please click <u>HERE</u>!

WHEN: 10/14-10/16

WHERE: Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC

<u>WHO:</u> Any teen who will be in 7th and/or 8th grade for the 2022-2023 school year. Do not have to be registered in the EDGE, do not have to be Catholic, just have to be happy to be there!

<u>COST PER PERSON:</u> \$175.00. The retreat full payment or a 50% deposit must be submitted with registration to secure a spot on the retreat. You may pay in payments as long as the balance is paid by October 1st but the spot isn't secure until you have paid at least a 50% deposit. You must cancel by 10/1 in order to receive a refund.



Click link to register: https://secure.accessacs.com/access/memberlogin.aspx?sn=102397

Questions:

For EDGE, contact Theresa Bova at bova@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7288

For Apostello and the Way, contact Niki Bordelon at bordelon@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7309

For Confirmation, contact <u>StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com</u>

Tuesday Daytime Bible Study

We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew using Ascension Press'**The King and His Kingdom**. The study will consist of reading and questions to do at home and group discussion and a video.

This is a full year study so we will start in September 2022 and end in April 2023. Cost: \$37.95

Tuesdays from 1-3 pm in the St. MM church building rooms 3 and 4. Dates: Sept. 13, 2022 thru Nov. 15, 2022; Jan. 10, 2023 thru April 18, 2023.

Please consider joining our group. Contact Laurie Wendt, <u>lauriewendt@gmail.com</u> or cell 919-669-9455 or home 919-303-5433 for information about ordering the materials.

Chrysalis Catholic Marriage Enrichment

Married couples come and join us for a series of Marriage Enrichment skills and for mutual support in married life. These fun and informative sessions are for all married or engaged couples. The sessions of learning, discussion, Catechism and Bible reflection, and prayer are designed to support couples in renewing their understanding of what it means to have a Sacramental Marriage and to rediscover the one they fell in love with many years ago. We will be learning from a new and exciting Catholic 7-part marriage enrichment video series called "Building a Eucharistic Marriage". This marriage enriching concept and curriculum will be presented by the author, Greg Schutte, MSW, LISWS, who is also the director of Marriage Works! Ohio, in Dayton Ohio.

Sessions will begin in September and will run one Sunday a month through May with 7 program sessions and 2 social get-togethers in December and May. We will meet for the sessions at STMM after 11 am mass from 12:15 – 1:30. To sign up please email Russell and Vanita Reeve at <u>stmmchrysalis@gmail.com</u>. Rebecca Anderson will be coordinating childcare so please contact her at <u>apexdoula@gmail.com</u> to let her know your childcare needs. For more information about the Building a Eucharistic Marriage please go to <u>www.eucharisticmarriage.org</u>.

StMM School News



Email portland@stmm.net or visit http://school.stmm.net/admissions/ for more information

School Employment Opportunities

Saint Mary Magdalene is looking to add to our amazing Monarch team. We are currently accepting applications for substitute teachers as well as after care workers. Please email Kate Lawson at <u>lawson@stmm.net</u> to inquire.

Parishioner Assistance Ministry

Parishioner Assistance Ministry continues to grow, welcoming new volunteers and supporting fellow parishioners who are experiencing difficult times. The team is currently providing rides to Mass for a senior member of our parish and meals to two families who are experiencing medical challenges. We invite any parishioners in need and those interested in supporting this growing ministry to contact us!

God Bless!

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