

## St. Mary Magdalene E-News December 2, 2022

### A Note from Father Chris

John the Baptist announces the coming of the Savior in the Gospel this weekend. Preparing us for Jesus' ministry. This preparation in Jesus Christ started in Bethlehem. Can we link our preparation with Jesus? The decorations we see around the community are inviting us to link our preparation to the life of Jesus Christ. To allow a Savior to come to us individually and transform us. *"Prepare the way of the Lord." Matthew 3:3*

With joyful anticipation,

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

### Upcoming Events

December 2 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church  
December 3 - 10:30am Confessions  
December 3 - 5pm Mass  
December 4 - 9am & 11am Mass  
December 4 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE  
December 4 - 6pm Youth Mass  
December 5 - Daily Mass 9am  
December 5 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel  
December 6 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church  
December 7 - Daily Mass 9am  
December 7 - Frasatti Young Adult Ministry 7pm Room 3  
December 8 - **Parish Office Closed**  
December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass 9am & 7pm  
December 8 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel  
December 9 - Daily Mass 9am  
December 10 - 10:30am Confessions  
December 10-11 - Columbiettes Bake Sale after all the Masses  
December 10 - 5pm Mass  
December 11 - 9am & 11am Mass  
December 11 - Apostello, the Way and the EDGE  
December 11 - 6pm Youth Mass

**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 [here](#) and take the easy steps to choose partial or full donation and send payment before your donation

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## Mass This Weekend



This week's altar flowers are donated by:

The Loeschorn Family in memory of Charles Loeschorn  
and

Gina Jampetti in loving memory of Robert Jampetti. Miss you dad!

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

### Music for this weekend's Mass

**Gathering:** O Love of God 314

**Psalm:** 72 Lord every nation on earth will adore you, O God.

**Preparation:** Christ Be Our Light 601

**Communion 1:** There is a Longing 405

**Communion 2:** Ready the Way 53

**Communion 3:** All That is Hidden 501

**Sending Forth:** Emmanuel 58

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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.

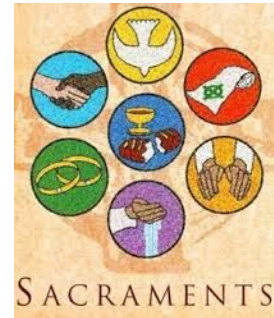
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## Sacraments

**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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## Pictures of the Week



Mary has returned from her makeover. Please take a few minutes to visit her in the rose garden.



Quinceanera Mass for Isabella Duarte on November 26th



Calvin Bryant Schuller was baptized on November 26th.



Kinsley Alyce Van Niel was baptized on November 27th.



Parish Staff enjoying our Christmas potluck

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## Christmas Letter from Bishop Zarama



DIocese of RALEIGH

Office of the Bishop

7200 Stonehenge Drive Raleigh, NC 27613

984-900-3103

Christmas 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Meditating on God's plan of salvation, I pondered how He carried it out and the means He used to do it. In His infinite wisdom, God does it through creation itself.

The most extraordinary thing about His plan is that God sought consent – the “yes” of Mary. His invitation to participate in the plan of salvation was manifested in the greeting and the call to become the Mother of God – He does not impose it; God awaits her “yes,” the free participation of Mary.

What a great lesson we find in meditating on those moments in the life of Mary! The Lord also invites us to participate in His plan of salvation and in His very Being. He awaits our “yes,” as He did with Mary.

That “yes” implies opening our hearts – our whole being – so that, fed with the Love of God, each of us may become managers of life, of true life, and the beneficiaries of the mercy of He who became Man to speak our language and make us partakers of His kingdom: Jesus!

May we experience the call to the Love of Jesus in our Christmas celebrations and, as we come together with family and friends, may we share what we receive: Life and Love – the true Life and True Love of Jesus.

May the Child Jesus transform and bring light to the manger that is our heart so that, by welcoming Him, we may welcome and Love our neighbor.

In the Love of Jesus,

† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L.  
Bishop of Raleigh

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## Advent Penance Services

- Dec 6th 11am - St. Raphael
- Dec 6th 7pm - St. Francis
- Dec 9th 11am - St. Michael
- Dec 9th 7pm - St. Eugene
- Dec 13th 11am - Our Lady of Lourdes
- Dec 13th 6:30pm - St. Catherine of Siena
- Dec 14th 6:30pm - St. Michael
- Dec 20th 7pm - Holy Name of Jesus
- Dec 21st 10:30am - St. Catherine of Siena
- Dec 21st 7pm - St. Raphael

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## Parish Council Nominations

Interested in serving on the Parish Council? If so, please make your interest known to Deb Prewitt via email ([prewitt@stmm.net](mailto:prewitt@stmm.net)) during these weeks of Advent preparation. The terms on parish council are three years and meetings are held monthly on campus. The Parish council provides guidance and input to the Pastor on behalf of the entire parishioner body, and works with ministries to direct their actions, along with special

## First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, December 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 [ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM](mailto:ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM) or 919-280-8931 if interested.

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## Helping Hands Ministry Angel Tree

Helping Hands Ministry is sponsoring an Angel Tree to help five organizations and countless patrons this holiday season. You will find ornaments for Catholic Parish Outreach, Women that Care, children from St. Julia's parish (Siler City), Western Wake Crisis Ministry, and the Migrant Ministry at St. Bernadette's parish (Fuquay Varina) at our tree in the Narthex...or a nearby table.

Visit us before or after all Masses this weekend. All contributions are due December 10 and 11.

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## Eucharistic Holy Hour First and Third Tuesdays

Pope Francis encourages us to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration and allow our encounter with Jesus to transform us. If you are willing to spend an hour communing with our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament, please join Deacon Dev and your fellow parishioners the 1st Tuesday of each month in a spirit of Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication followed by Benediction. Handouts will be available to help you participate in prayer and song.



**Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, December 6th, from 7- 8pm**

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## Frassati Young Adult Group

**Frassati Young Adult Ministry**

**DINNER PROVIDED**

**DECEMBER 07  
7 PM @  
ROOM 3**

*Hear Monsignor Brockman (from Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral) speak on the Eucharist*

Our Christmas party will be December 14! For more details, come to our meeting on December 7, or text Justin at 904 472 1123

## Columbiettes ADVENT Bake Sale

Columbiettes ADVENT Bake Sale – first ever at StMM!

Delicious, home baked sweets and treats will be available after ALL Masses the weekend of Dec 10-11, made by our very own Columbiettes Auxiliary! Save yourself time baking or going to the store by visiting our

abundant tables chock-full of fresh cookies, brownies, pies, cakes, breads, bars...(all nut free). Ideal to give as gifts, take to holiday dinners, for your own family gatherings! Or to freeze and save.

Come meet your new Mulholland Columbiettes sisters and support their first fundraiser!

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## Respect Life Ministry

We are inviting everyone to help us provide handmade Christmas cards for everyone at the local assistive living centers. This a fun family Advent activity and task for students needing service hours! Cards can be dropped off in a collection box in the church gathering space Dec 3-11.

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## Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards

The Knights of Columbus is selling Christmas Cards before and after mass in the narthex the weekends of December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support- and Merry Christmas!

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## Confirm, Refresh & Renew Your Catholic Faith!

Has your faith life felt somewhat dry and routine lately?  
Do you hunger for a spiritual renewal?  
Do you wish you had a better understanding of Catholic social teachings?  
Would you like to connect more deeply to the Mass and scripture?  
Do you have questions about salvation history and how it applies to your life today?  
If any of this applies to you, Deacon Rick invites you to join fellow parishioners in a dynamic series that can transform the way you practice and live out your faith. Past participants have called it 'life changing'.

For adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, this series also serves as Confirmation prep. **Another series begins on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. We run six consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.**

For more details or to sign up, contact Deacon Rick at 908-910-0309 or by e-mail at [Stevens@stmm.net](mailto:Stevens@stmm.net). Come and put your faith into action!!

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## RCIA Prayer Corner

Congratulations to our Catechumen, Jennifer, who was baptized and received First Holy Eucharist and Communion this past Saturday. Please continue to pray for Alan, Ryan, Stone, and Nik who are scheduled to receive the Sacraments of Initiation on January 15, 2023 at the 9 am mass.

Please also pray for Zach, Julie, Karen, and Becky who continue their journey.

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## 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 9, 2023. 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"*.



## The StMM Prayer Team

For companionship in your trials and joys of life, our team of prayer warriors are here to walk with you. It is a sincere privilege to help lift our parish family through intercessory prayer. As we



pray for one another's needs, it helps us all to hear how loved ones are continuing on their journeys.

Please feel encouraged to share updates of your prayer intentions via email to [StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net](mailto:StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net).

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.

\* [Share Prayer Updates via email](#) \*

Join the Prayer  
Team

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## 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 [lcmmorris0707@gmail.com](mailto:lcmmorris0707@gmail.com)

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## Faith Formation



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NIGHT OF  
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ROCK**



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6:15 pm**



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## STMM YOUTH MINISTRIES Christmas Project

In partnership with Friends of Wake County Guardian  
ad Litem Program serving children in Wake County.

### Guidelines

1. Sign up for an item in the sign up genius
2. Please wrap any small items in larger boxes to keep from getting lost
3. Wrap all gifts and label with the gift label code
4. Include gift receipts
5. Check-in all presents in Room #2 in the Church



### Drop Off

- Tuesday Dec. 13th  
from 5:45-6:15PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49ABA62CA6FCC16-20222>

### Questions:

For **GATHER** and **Rock**, contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7280

**StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry**



Have a musical talent and want to join the Youth Music Ministry Team to be involved with Youth Mass? Reach out to Ryan Kemper at [stmmyouthmusicministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmmyouthmusicministry@gmail.com) for more information! All 8<sup>th</sup> graders and above with any instrumental, vocal, or audio/visual interests are welcome to join the program. Come and join us in creating a joyful noise!

## FALL DATES

9/6	11/1
9/20	11/15
10/4	12/6
10/18	

## MEETINGS

7-8:15 PM  
STMM Youth Room

## FOLLOW US!

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**Questions:**

For **EDGE**, contact Liz Sams at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com) or 919-657-4800 x7305

For **Apostello and the Way**, contact Niki Bordelon at [bordelon@stmm.net](mailto:bordelon@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7309

For **Confirmation**, contact [StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com](mailto:StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com)

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## St. Nick Shoe and Sock Drive

Second Grade St. Nick SHOE AND SOCK Drive December 5-12th

During this season of giving, we are asking you to help families in need by donating new or gently used shoes/sneakers, new socks, and new men's work boots. Donations can be placed inside the boxes located in the school lobby. Please tie shoelaces together or put them in a plastic bag. Brown Bag Ministry distributes all of our donations. Thank you for supporting this important service project.

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## StMM School News



## School Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene is currently accepting resumes for a full-time music teacher. Please send resume and letter of interest to [principal@stmm.net](mailto:principal@stmm.net). The job description can be found at <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment/saint-mary-magdalene-catholic-school/music-teacher>

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 [lawson@stmm.net](mailto:lawson@stmm.net) to inquire.

Are you interested in working with our students at St. Mary Magdalene? Come work with us at aftercare either full-time or part-time! Applicants need to be over the age of 18 and hours will be from 2:30-6pm Mondays-Fridays. For more information or if you are interested in applying, please email Ms. Jordan at [jordan@stmm.net](mailto:jordan@stmm.net).

For job descriptions::

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment/st-mary-magdalene/aftercare-preschool-staff>

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## 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!

Dan Moskey  
919-986-8613  
[Dmoskey12@gmail.com](mailto:Dmoskey12@gmail.com)

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## Career Network Ministry



### New Date: CNM Presents - How To Communicate When It Matters Most w/ Heidi

Event by Career Network Ministry

📅 Thu, Dec 8, 2022, 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (your local time) [Add to calendar](#) ▼

📍 3008 Old Raleigh Rd, Apex, North Carolina, US, 27502  
St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church (Room 8, near Parish Office)

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## StMs Jolly Elf Trail Run



 **2022 StMS Jolly Elf Trail Run**  
**Saturday, Dec. 10**  
**at WakeMed Soccer Park**

**Families and friends are invited to register and join the fun!**

Event Schedule:  
1.25 mile Run/Walk: 8:15 a.m.  
Kids Dash: 9:00 a.m.  
5K Race: 9:15 a.m.



**Scan the QR Code to register before Dec. 6.**

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Check these ads at [www.STMM.church/welcome/bulletins.cfm](http://www.STMM.church/welcome/bulletins.cfm)

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