

St. Mary Magdalene E-News December 23, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son,
full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

Christmas is here! Our Savior has come! We welcome all families to come and celebrate God’s love with us this weekend. Mass time best for your family. December 24th **4pm, 7pm, and 9pm**. December 25th at **10:00am**

It is an honor to minister here at St. Mary Magdalene Church. May your family receive the richness of all blessings this Christmas!

With much love,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

Upcoming Events

Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 23rd - Monday, January 2nd

December 24 - No Confessions
December 24 - Christmas Eve Masses 4pm ([Live Streamed](#)), 7pm, and 9pm
December 25 - Christmas Day 10am Mass ([Live Streamed](#))
December 26 - December 29 - No Daily Mass
December 30 - Daily Mass 9am
December 31 - No Confessions
December 31 - 5pm Mass
January 1 - 9am and 11am Mass
January 2 - Daily Mass 9am
January 2 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
January 3 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Chapel
January 4 - Daily Mass 9am
January 5 - Daily Mass 9am
January 5 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
January 6 - Daily Mass 9am
January 6 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church
January 7 - 10:30am Confessions
January 7 - 5pm Mass
January 8 - 9am & 11am Mass
January 8 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way

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 date. Your donation will be acknowledged in the bulletin. For questions, please contact floralministry@stmm.net

Mass This Weekend



This weeks altar flowers are donated by:

Mark and Angela Chapman in memory of Joel Trahan

Mark and Angela Chapman in memory of Margaret Atteberry and Olelia Chapman

Leona Dudley in memory of Joe Dudley

Click [HERE](#) to Stream our 4pm Christmas Eve Mass and 10am Christmas Day Mass

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: O Come, All Ye Faithful 93

Dec 24th - Psalm: 89 Forever I will Sing, the goodness of the Lord

Dec 25th - Psalm: 98 The Lord has revealed to the nations, saving power, saving power, saving power.

Preparation: Away in a Manger 92

Communion 1: What Child is This 96

Communion 2: Angels We Have Heard on High 84

Communion 3: Silent Night 79

Communion 4: God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen 90

Sending Forth: Joy to the World 82

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Outdoor Communion after 10am Sunday Mass only

There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 10:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

Christmas Eve Parking Information

We again have contracted with an outside firm to assist our parishioners attending Christmas Eve Masses with parking on campus. We plan to utilize the ground level parking first and then overflow parking on the upper sports field as needed. The parking contractor will be present from 3pm to 830pm to direct attendees, so please plan to follow their directions. Handicap parking is located in the front of the church (6 spaces) and rear of church (12 spaces), along with drop off under the Portico. There is no lighting on the sports field so please plan accordingly. Current plans are to allow entrance and exiting from both Apex BBQ Road and Townside Drive. We look forward to welcoming everyone for the Masses at 4pm, 7pm and 9pm on Christmas Eve and 10am on Christmas Day.

Sacraments

BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, 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



Pictures of the Week



Thank you to the CSO Volunteers for all the help with the Christmas letter mailing.



Music Ministry's Christmas Party

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) 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 projects/activities. Selections for new members for the 2023 term will be made in early January.

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, January 3rd, from 7- 8pm

Forward in Hope - Grief Support Group to Begin

If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. We recommend participants join us approximately six months after the loss of a loved one. Classes are forming and are being offered on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm, beginning January 23rd in the Church or Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am, beginning January 10th in the Church Room 1. Sessions will consist of prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. For more information, please feel free to email stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net call 919-657-4800 ext. 7280

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, January 6th 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 or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip

It is finally that time! The interest form for ASP is officially open to be a part of the 2023 team!

- *What is ASP?* ASP is an immersion mission trip in the Appalachia mountains that focuses on building relationships, fostering community, and a little side of construction.
- The planning and meetings for this trip begin in February 2023 all leading up to our week long trip in July.
- You do not need any experience or expertise!
- *Who can go?* We are looking for people who are 14 years old and older. Youth are 14-18 years old & Adults are 19+ years old.
- *Interested in getting some more information about the trip and filling out an application?* Please see the following link: <https://forms.gle/nQkaugGNvc31C1xR9>
- *Have a few questions?* Please reach out to Taylor Wray at stmmaspp@gmail.com



Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry

The Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry is a wonderful and easy way for families to get involved in parish ministry. Families take turns hosting our St. John statue in their home for one month each year. During your month, the statue in your home helps serve as a reminder to pray for our priests and for an increase in vocations. Please contact Lynn Coulmas for more information or to join! coulmas1@att.net

Project Rachel Healing Retreat

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love and mercy of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat January 6-8, 2023. The weekend retreat is strictly **confidential** for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion.

The cost for the weekend is \$150 (\$100 for early registration) for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available.

For more information or to register for the retreat, go to website [**Project Rachel \(rachelinc.org\)**](http://Project Rachel (rachelinc.org)) and/or email, [**project.rachel@raldioc.org**](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org) or call (919) 852-1021.

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!!

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please continue to pray for Alan, Paul, 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, Kaitlyn, and Becky who continue their journey.

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"*.



Confirmation Classes for Catholic High School Students

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 20

DECEMBER 4

JANUARY 8

FEBRUARY 5

FEBRUARY 19

MARCH 5

MARCH 19

Meetings in the
school Media
Center/Library
immediately
following
Youth Mass

EACH STUDENT HAS 1 EXCUSED ABSENCE

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 StMMPrayerTeam@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

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 lcmorris0707@gmail.com

Faith Formation





Questions:

For **GATHER** and **Rock**, contact Suzanne Will at 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 for more information! All 8th 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!



Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Liz Sams at liz.sams@gmail.com or 919-657-4800 x7305

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

For **Confirmation**, contact StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com

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. 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 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.

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

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Dmoskey12@gmail.com

Bulletin Advertisement

Check these ads at www.STMM.church/welcome/bulletins.cfm

PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE (919) 460-7676 Children - Teens - Adults WELCOMING NEW PATIENTS Dr. Mary MacKenzie STMM Parishioner 270 Cornerstone Dr. #105 Cary, NC 27519 (off Davis by High House Rd.) www.PrimaryMedCare.com	919-361-0993 Maynor Service Company Since 1990 HEATING • COOLING PLUMBING • ELECTRIC info@maynorservices.com www.MaynorServices.com	Life is short, get moving! Nancy Grace, Realtor® Voted THE BEST Real Estate Agent in Western Wake by Cary Living Magazine Your local Real Estate expert helping Cary, Apex, Morrisville & Holly Springs residents since 2007! "I love what I do!" 919.616.4139 www.NancyGraceHomes.com STMM Parishioner, STMM & CGHS Parent & Volunteer
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