

St. Mary Magdalene E-News December 30, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

The shepherds went in haste to see Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Christmas has brought us anew our salvation. We all have a new invitation to live and to love.

Our Youth Ministry will have an XLT next Sunday night, January 8th at 7:15pm in the Church. Spectacular opportunity to start the new year with Christ!

May the newness of the year ahead bring us all energetically to the church to serve God and to serve others.

Happy New Year!

With much love,

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

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

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

January 8 - 6pm Youth Mass

January 8 - Confirmation Class for Catholic High School Students 7pm Media Center

January 8 - XLT - Adoration, Praise and Worship, Confession 7:15pm Church

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 week's altar flowers are donated by Elizabeth Perkins in loving memory of Nancy Perkins, you are greatly missed. I know you are with me as I walk down the aisle.

Click **HERE** to Stream our 9am Sunday Mass

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: Angels We Have Heard on High 84

Psalm: 67 O God, let all the nations praise your name, let all the nations praise your name 788

Preparation: Hail Mary: Gentle Woman 706

Communion 1: Silent Night 79 Communion 2: Holy Is His Name 708 Communion 3: Sing of Mary 697 Sending Forth: Joy to the World 82

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

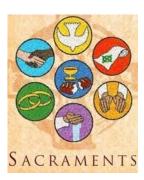
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

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



Catholic Seniors Organization's Christmas Party



Seminarian Johan on the Sea of Galilee

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

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.

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

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 stmmasp@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 <u>Project Rachel (rachelnc.org)</u> and/or email, <u>project.rachel@raldioc.org</u> 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 <u>Stevens@stmm.net</u>. 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 pray for Becky who is scheduled to receive the Sacraments of Initiation on January 21 at the 5 pm.

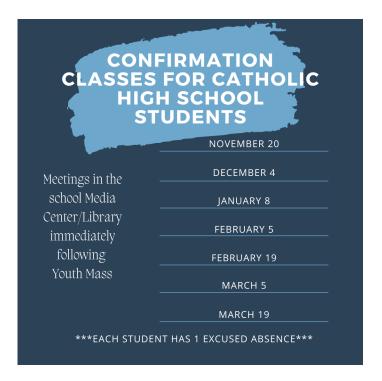
Please also pray for Zach, Julie, Karen, and Kaitlyn, who continue their journey.

RCIA

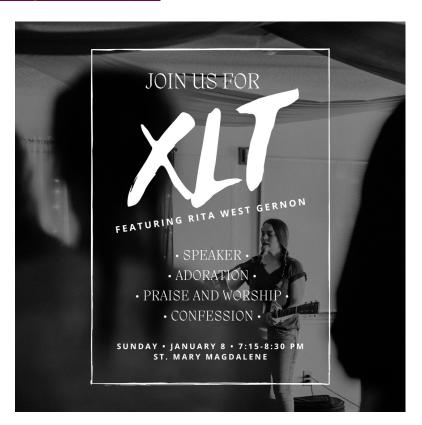
Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic? Are you wanting to participate fully in the sacraments instituted by Christ? Are you a baptized Christian and desiring to receive the Eucharist and Confirmation? The next module of the RCIA process at StMM is starting on January 16, 2023. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at 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



XLT - January 8th 7:15pm



Blood Drive - January 21st

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: Saturday January 21st 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the school parking lot. Reserve your time by signing up using the signup link

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/202811

The purpose of life is to share life with others. The blood you donate may save a life.

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 lcmmrriso707@gmail.com

Faith Formation





Questions:

For GATHER and Rock, contact Suzanne Will atwill@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280



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 strmmouthmusicministry@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 <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com</u>

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

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

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