

St. Mary Magdalene E-News December 9, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

The Gospel gives us a chance to define what we most importantly seek. Knowing what we are actually looking for in life will help us on the journey. We can think of the gatherings that happen during this season and the people we want to see as a sign of the true blessings of our life.

Consider inviting the people close to you to celebrate Christmas Mass with your spiritual family here at St. Mary Magdalene.

Christmas Eve Masses are at 4:00pm, 7:00pm and 9:00pm and Christmas Day Mass will be at 10:00am.

Many, many blessings!

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

Upcoming Events

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
December 12 - Daily Mass 9am
December 12 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
December 13 - Gather and the ROCK 6:15pm Church
December 14 - Daily Mass 9am
December 14 - Frassati Young Adult Christmas Party 7pm
December 15 - Daily Mass 9am
December 15 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
December 16 - Daily Mass 9am
December 17 - 10:30am Confessions
December 17 - 5pm Mass
December 17 - 9am & 11am 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

Mass This Weekend



This week's altar flowers are donated by:

Angela Hicks in memory of William J. Shirley C. and William L. Hicks

and

Janet Kelly in loving memory of Robert P. Tesar loving husband, father and grandfather

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

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: O Come, O Come Emmanuel 39

Psalm: 146 The Lord has revealed to the nation, saving power, saving power, saving power.

Preparation: Make Your Home in Me 624

Communion 1: Christ Be Our Light 601

Communion 2: Waiting in Silence 51

Communion 3: Ready the Way 53

Sending Forth: People Look East 43

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

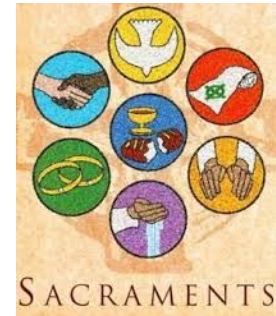
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

Sacraments

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



Picture of the Week



Siena Helen Florio was baptized on December 4th

Advent Penance Services

- 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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Christmas and New Year's Mass Times

Christmas Eve - 4pm - live streamed, 7pm and 9pm

Christmas Day - 10am - live streamed, Outdoor Communion after 10am Mass

New Year's Eve - 5pm

New Year's Day - 9am and 11am

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.

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!

Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards

The Knights of Columbus is selling Christmas Cards before and after Mass in the narthex the weekend of December 10th. Thank you for your support- and Merry Christmas!

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.

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.

Frassati Young Adult Ministry



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, December 19, 2022, 10:30 AM until Noon, at the Apex Senior Center, 63 Hunter Street, Apex. For more information, please contact Joanne Martin, 919-244-5616, jmartin@kw.com or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com

Eucharistic Holy Hour First and Third Tuesdays

The 3rd Tuesday of each month, please join Deacon Rick for Eucharistic Holy Hour and Evening Prayer. This sacred time is an opportunity for a deep, personal encounter with Christ: Pope Francis recommends Eucharistic Adoration as a foundational spiritual practice. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by evening prayer (Vespers) in the Liturgy of The Hours which represents the official prayers of the Church. We give thanks for the day and praise God. Adoration continues followed by Benediction.



Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, December 20th, 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.

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



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. Come and put your faith into action!!

RCIA Prayer Corner

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.

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 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

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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 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

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

Faith Formation



NEXT NIGHT OF GATHER & ROCK

12/13/22
6:15 pm

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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 stmmyoungmusicministry@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

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.

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!

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