

St. Mary Magdalene February 10, 2023

A Note from Father Chris

Let your "Yes" mean "Yes" and your "No" mean "No"...(Matthew 5:37)

Jesus in his perfection of love says these words to us. The words sound like a parent's workshop topic. True love leads always to clarity, and keeping the commandments always works to move us to goodness. We are to remain true to God and true to others in word and deed.

Prayers especially for our youth on the retreat this weekend. That their encounter with Jesus Christ may bring them clarity to hear the love in "yes" and in "no".

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

Bishop's Annual Appeal



The 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal funds many ministries that allow us to proclaim the Gospel and reach even the most remote areas of Eastern NC. Your support plays a critical role in funding ministries in the areas of evangelization, discipleship, worship, liturgy, sacramental preparation, and a

slew of programs that pour forth God's grace, love, and mercy. We are STRONGER TOGETHER.

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Upcoming Events

February 11 - Confessions 10:30am February 11 - 5pm Mass February 12 - 9am & 11am Mass February 13 - Daily Mass 9am February 13 - Forward in Hope 7pm Room 1 February 13 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel February 14 - Forward in Hope 10am Room 1 February 14 - GATHER and the Rock 6:15pm Church

February 15 - Daily Mass 9am

February 16 - Daily Mass 9am

- February 16 Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
- February 17 Daily Mass 9am
- February 18 Confessions 10:30am
- February 18 5pm Mass
- February 19 9am & 11am Mass
- February 19 Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
- February 19 6pm Youth Mass
- February 19 Confirmation Class for Catholic High School Students 7pm Media Center
- February 20 Daily Mass 9am
- February 20 Catholic Senior Org 10:30am Room 3
- February 20 Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
- February 21 Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm 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 <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



This week's altar flowers are donated by Caecil, Margie, Suzanne, Shinta, Iriene, Tintin, Nani, Diana A, Diana B, Dian, Herlina and Allison in memory of our beloved friend Mr. Kurniawan Antono

Click HERE to Stream our 9am Sunday Mass

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: As We Gather at Your Table 315 Psalm: 119 Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord. Preparation: Your Words are Spirit and Life 608 Communion 1: Our God is Here 304 Communion 2: I Received the Living God 320 Communion 3: Bread of Life 364 Sending Forth: Rain Down 621 * Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-602944 . All rights reserved.

Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

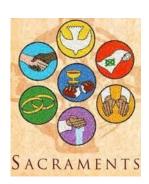
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

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



Elizabeth Ivins and her mom Diana practice the First Reconciliation script at Saturday's retreat



Emma Dart and her dad Doug create her First Reconciliation stole at last Saturday's retreat



First Reconciliation Retreat 2/4/23



Trish Tilley, Cathy Stevens, Brooke Kingston and Beth Perkins of the Mulholland Columbiettes presented a \$750 donation to Suze Ruiz, Executive Director of Birthchoice. Funds will be used toward first-time visits and ultrasounds for pregnant mothers. For more information on Birthchoice, contact parishioner Janelle Buchanan <u>ihbuchanan0327@gmail.com</u>.

Tax Statements for 2022 are Ready

Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email **prewitt@stmm.net**, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

http://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2022_2.pdf

Are you now donating online and do not want to receive church envelopes? If so, please email the parish office at <u>info@stmm.net</u> to stop the envelopes.

Thank You

Thanks to your very generous response to the Christmas letter this year, and the continued donations to the debt reduction (white envelopes) our parish was able to make another substantial 'principal only' payment on the Church Construction Loan. The original loan was for \$7.55 million dollars (in Oct 2017) and through your generosity, and our regular mortgage payments, we have reduced that amount down to \$4.8M. This is the 3rd principal only payment we have made in the past 12 months, and each principal payment allows our debt to decrease, and to save on borrowing costs. Thank you again for your generosity and use of your treasure towards this loan.

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday is coming! St. Mary Magdalene Church has participated in this Tackle Hunger project on Super Bowl weekend since 2012.

This year we want to collect canned soup, crackers, dish soap, paper towels and gas cards (Exxon, Mobil, Sheetz, BP). All contributions will be collected at the Masses on February 11 and 12 and benefit the clients at Western Wake Crisis Ministry and Catholic Parish Outreach. As we've done every year, the soup pots will be available for cash donations.

Help us serve our neighbors with Souper Bowl 2023!

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, February 21st, from 7-8pm

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, March 3rd 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.

Catholic Senior Org 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, February 20, 2023, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room #3.

For more information, please contact Joanne Martin, 919-244-5616, jmartin@kw.com

KofC Annual Lenten Fish Fry

KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry... We're back and in person! -Fri, February 24th, March 10th and March 24th in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:30 pm. (Eat in or Take Out). Pre-order online at <u>www.lentfishfry.com</u>. Entrees include fried fish, baked fish and sauteed Shrimp. Fried fish is freshly breaded just prior to cooking which delivers to you a perfect golden brown crispy filet. We serve our meals with your choice of seasoned french fries,



parsley potatoes, or macaroni and cheese along with cole slaw, corn bread and dessert. We are excited to partner with the Columbiettes and the Girl Scouts for desserts and with Brueprint for draught beer options. Come out and enjoy a great meal with friends and family while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Free Throw contest during the March 10th Fish Fry in the school gym for boys and girls aged 8 to 14.

Please consider supporting Council 6650's Fish Fry at St. Andrews on March 17th and 31st this year!

Stations of the Cross



Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm in the church during Lent beginning February 24th.

For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with the season of Lent. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross", the "Via Crucis", and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion. Praying the

"Stations of the Cross" has always been one of the most popular devotions for Roman Catholics. By meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death, it is often performed in a spirit of spiritual pilgrimage.

Altar Server Training for Weekend Masses

"Serving at the Altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus" – Pope Francis

Altar serving is a great way to learn more about the Mass and to take an active role in the Church family. All who are 3rd grade and up and have received their First Sacraments are welcome to join the altar server ministry.



A training session for new servers for the Weekend Masses (Saturday 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM) will be held in the Church on **Saturday, February 25** after the conclusion of the 5 PM mass. Please register by emailing <u>stmmaltarservers@gmail.com</u>. Parents are encouraged to attend!

Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip

Join St. Mary Magdalene for our Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip July 23-29! The application deadline is due by February 5th!

- 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.
- Want to apply? Fill out our application here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLScbgk1ZUrzXTdcF2XX25uFhsEe84D9Y_JblNpUVyMtpUQgy Mg/viewform

· Have a few questions? Please reach out to Taylor Wray at stmmasp@gmail.com



Saturday Morning Women's Group

Please join a wonderful group of women on Saturday mornings. 8am – 9:30am in Church Building Room 4.

- We keep it simple. No homework, no prep work. Come as you are. Come when you can.
- We read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday gospel or watch short videos or listen to podcasts and discuss.
- Most importantly, we come together in fellowship to learn, laugh, pray, and grow with each other as we navigate the circumstances of our individual lives, searching for God's will in the ups and downs of family, jobs, and life.
- Yes, it's early so our group is minimal or NO MAKEUP zone. Wear your sweats, throw your hair up, whatever!! We all pledge to be judgment-free. God loves us just the way we are!
- New faces show up each week so please join us!
- Have a few questions? Please reach out to Wendy Sechler at wsechler@gmail.com

Discipleship Quads



Being a Disciple is both following Jesus and sharing Jesus. Franciscan University of Steubenville has created a free resource to help you accomplish both. Discipleship Quads is a group of four men or women who journey together in a weekly small group learning about their Catholic faith, studying Scripture, and growing in friendship. The curriculum starts with the love of God and builds on itself every week. Participants also develop confidence to go forth and make other disciples. You can be anywhere on your faith journey. You can meet anytime of the week and anywhere that your group decides is convenient. *This is great for new members*! If you would like to review the curriculum or learn more about Quads, please contact Joe or Laura Werner at wernerLhome@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. Keep an eye on the E-News for dates for upcoming series!

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



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 February 27, 2023. 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".

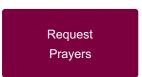


The StMM Prayer Team



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 **<u>StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net</u>**.



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. * <u>Share Prayer Updates via email</u>.*

> 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>lcmorris0707@gmail.com</u>





Questions:

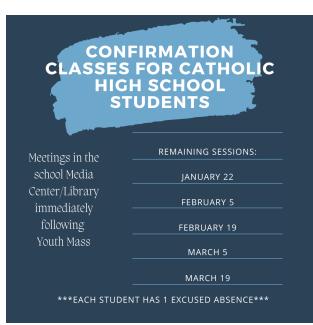
For GATHER and Rock, contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

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 <u>stmmyouthmusicministry@gmail.com</u> 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!



Registration Link: <u>https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?</u> id=63CEt2IIWeW74qzewP+MwQ==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=1554 &EventID=224165&sn=102397





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 Catholic School invites you to join our school community as a substitute teacher. We offer competitive compensation, a great work environment, and a flexible work schedule to fit your life. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Kate Lawson at the school at <u>lawson@stmm.net</u>.

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

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

Birthchoice 29th Annual Run for Life!



Family Honors

Family Honor, Inc., will be hosting a truly unique chastity program for families on Friday, February 17 from 6:30 to 9 pm and Saturday, February 18, from 9:30 am to noon in the St. Catherine of Siena multi-purpose room, Wake Forest, NC. *Changes & Challenges* is designed for parents and preteens to connect and communicate about God's gift of sexuality, chastity, fertility appreciation, true worth and lots more. A recent participating parent shared, *"It's a straightforward approach to sexuality, involving the whole person.*"Cost is \$15 for one parent and one child or \$20 per family. Space is limited so register early online at this link: https://scswf.org/family-honor. For more information, visit www.familyhonor.org or contact Mary Beth Phillips at 919-274-9362 or FHraleigh@gmail.com.

Introducing Family Honor's New Real Love & Real Life Program



Parents, if you are looking for hope, encouragement, and resources to help you raise happy, healthy, holy teens in this current culture, then we invite you to sign up for Family Honor's new program: *Real Love* & *Real Life: Living the Faith*.

Real Love & Real Life is a 3-session program for parents to attend with your 7th or 8th grade son or daughter.

Dates: Friday evening, March 3* 6:30 - 8:30 pm and Saturday, March 4 9:00 am- 2:00 pm (includes lunch).

Location: The Conference Center at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Cary.

The program is fun and informative. It will help you and your young teen be better prepared to speak with each other calmly about purity, sex, real love, future dating, and some of the 'hot button' issues in our culture.



Program details and registration information can be found by opening this QR Code or visiting https:// familyhonor.org/chastity-programs-near-me/

Don't delay – register today! Space is limited.

*Friday evening session is for parents only. Saturday session is for parents <u>with</u> their teen.



Providing a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family

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