

St. Mary Magdalene February 17, 2023

A Note from Father Chris

The Gospel invites us to a way of life that is beautifully challenging. Being actively concerned for all our families and neighbors.

We encourage all families who have yet to donate to the **Bishop's Annual Appeal**, to do so this week. We have to raise \$270,000. Your generosity is very much appreciated. givetoBAA.org

Ash Wednesday Masses: 9:00am, School 10:00am, and 7:00pm.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

Bishop's Annual Appeal



The 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal funds many ministries that allow us to serve our communities, not just our parish community, but our larger Catholic family. Half of Catholic Charities' operating budget comes directly from the Bishop's Annual Appeal. And that's only a sliver of the many ministries and programs provided by the Bishop's Annual Appeal that reach the underserved and disadvantaged in our own backyard. We are STRONGER TOGETHER.

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Upcoming Events

- February 18 - Confessions 10:30am
- February 18 - 5pm Mass
- February 19 - 9am & 11am Mass
- February 19 - Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment 12:15pm Room 3
- 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 20 - Forward in Hope 7pm Room 1

February 21 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
February 22 - Ash Wednesday Mass 9am & 7pm
February 23 - Daily Mass 9am
February 23 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
February 24 - Daily Mass 9am
February 24 - KofC Lenten Fish Fry www.lentfishfry.com
February 24 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
February 25 - Confessions 10:30am
February 25 - 5pm Mass
February 25 - Altar Server Training 6pm Church
February 26 - 9am & 11am Mass
February 26 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
February 26 - 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 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 Dave and Robin Machado in memory of Marian Story.

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

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: In This Place 307

Psalm: 103 The Lord is kind, the Lord is kind and merciful. The Lord is kind and merciful, merciful. Merciful is the Lord.

Preparation: Hold on to Love 493

Communion 1: You Alone 663

Communion 2: They'll Know We Are Christians 586

Communion 3: Ubi Caritas 483

Sending Forth: Go Make a Difference 499

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

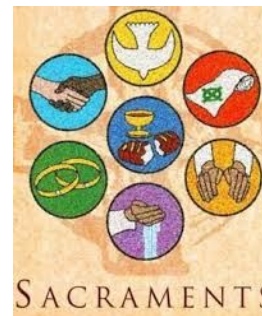
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

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



Pictures of the Week



Jackie and Ryan St Laurent were married on February 11th



Saturday Morning Mens Group offering prayers for parishioner TJ Huffman over Prayers & Squares Ministry quilt



Olivia Evenson makes her First Reconciliation



Thank you to the outgoing parish council members for their service.
Joe Sebik, Joe Werner, Courtney Cantrell and Sarah Larson



StMM Second Graders received First Reconciliation this week.





StMM Students received First Reconciliation this week.



High School Retreat at Camp Caraway February 10-12

Tax Statements are Ready

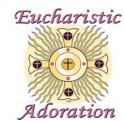
Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

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 info@stmm.net to stop the envelopes.

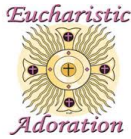
Eucharistic Holy Hour First and Third Tuesdays

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.

Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment

Married couples join us in a series of Marriage Enrichment skills and for mutual support in married life. These fun and informative sessions are for all married or engaged couples. The sessions of learning, discussion, Catechism and Bible reflection, and prayer are designed to support couples in renewing their understanding of what it means to have a Sacramental Marriage and to rediscover the one they fell in love with. We are learning from a marriage enrichment video series called "Building a Eucharistic Marriage". This marriage-enriching concept and curriculum is presented by the author, Greg Schutte, MSW, LISWS, who is also the director of Marriage Works! Ohio, in Dayton Ohio.



The next session is this Sunday, February 19, at 12:15 - 1:30 pm in Room 3, after the 11 am mass. Sessions run one Sunday a month with 2 program sessions left on 3/12, 04/23 and a social get-together on 05/21. To join us please email Russell and Vanita Reeve at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com. Rebecca Anderson will be coordinating childcare so please contact her at apexdoula@gmail.com to let her know your childcare needs. For more information about Building a Eucharistic Marriage please go to www.eucharisticmarriage.org. We welcome new participants at any point.

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

CRS Lenten Rice Bowls

Catholic Relief Services

(CRS) Lenten Rice Bowls will be distributed after Ash Wednesday Masses. Please plan to take one and collect coins and dollars throughout Lent for our neighbors in the world where food insecurity and education are vastly improved through these Lenten almsgiving efforts.

Thank You!

Commemorative Brick Order



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS – Commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activities Building. St. Mary Magdalene Church will be placing a Spring brick order. Engraved bricks are \$100, the deadline is **March 30th**. Order forms are in the church office or at http://www.stmm.church/Brick_Order_Form.pdf

Gabriel Project

Immediate need for a gently used car seat for newborn. Stroller arrangement would be helpful, but not essential. If you can help, please email gabrielproject@stmm.net.

KofC Free Throw Competition

The Knights of Columbus councils #7186 and #6650 are holding a Basketball Free Throw Competition Friday March 10 in the STMM's gymnasium. Ages 9 thru 11 will start at 5:15 PM, Ages 12 thru 14 will start at 6:15 PM. The winners from each Council will square off for a chance to go to the State contest. Contact Joe Beiras for more information at communitykoc7186@yahoo.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 www.lentfishfry.com. 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 Blueprint 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.

Fish Fry Alert!



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 stmmaltarservers@gmail.com. Parents are encouraged to attend!

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
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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 Stevens@stmm.net. Come and put your faith into action!!

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please 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 February 27, 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".



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 recipient. To request a quilt for someone, please contact Lorraine Morris at lcmorris0707@gmail.com

Faith Formation



NEXT NIGHT OF GATHER & ROCK




2/28/23
6:15 pm

We Need You!
Catholic Parish Outreach
Toilet Paper Donations now
being accepted

Grades 2 & 3 families
collected in February

Bring to Gather on
2/14/23 & 2/28/23

One roll,
package or case 

*First Eucharist
Parent Meeting*

PICK ONE MEETING:

3/1/23 10:30 am - 11:30 am Chapel
3/1/23 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Chapel
3/2/23 10:30 am - 11:30 am Chapel
3/2/23 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Media Center School Building

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!



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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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

REMAINING SESSIONS:

- JANUARY 22
- FEBRUARY 5
- FEBRUARY 19
- MARCH 5
- MARCH 19

EACH STUDENT HAS 1 EXCUSED ABSENCE

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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 lawson@stmm.net.

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

Birthchoice 29th Annual Run for Life!

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SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023
IN PERSON – WAKEMED SOCCER PARK IN CARY.
5K, 1 Mile – Chip Timing – DJ Refreshments – Prizes
Bring the family, friends, classmates, teammates
www.raleighrunforlife.org



If you have any questions, please contact
Janelle Buchanan at 214-497-0756 or Kathy Klein 919-815-1369.

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