

St. Mary Magdalene February 24, 2023

A Note from Father Chris

Happy First Week of Lent! We love this time of intentionally moving closer to God. We can gain a balance in life that increases our true life of love and service, and decreasing our selfishness and pain. The true balance to recognize the blessings we have.

We ask all families to participate in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Every family. It is a simple task togo to the link or scan the QR code in church.

Stations of the Cross are celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the church.

Many blessings on your closeness to God,

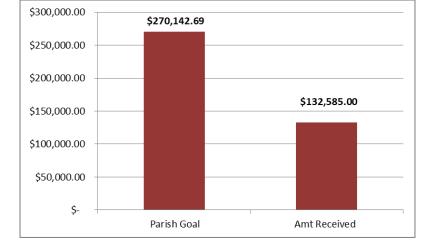
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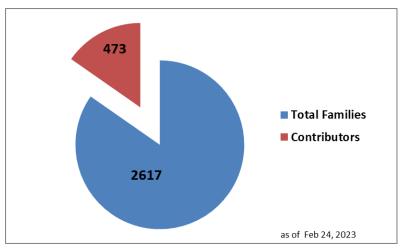
Giving Portal

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

Please help our Parish to make our Goal and learn more about the BAA: **givetobaa.org**. You can designate St Mary Magdalene Parish by using the pull down menus on this site.







Upcoming Events

- February 24 KofC Lenten Fish Frywww.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
- February 27 Daily Mass 9am
- February 27 Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
- February 27 Forward in Hope 7pm Room 1
- February 28 Gather and the ROCK 6:15pm Church
- March 1 Daily Mass 9am
- March 1 First Communion Parent Meetings 10:30am & 7pm Chapel
- March 2 Daily Mass 9am
- March 2 Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
- March 2 First Communion Parent Meetings 10:30am Chapel & 7pm Media Center School
- March 3 Daily Mass 9am
- March 3 First Friday Adoration 9:30am 7pm Church
- March 3 Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
- March 4 Confessions 10:30am
- March 4 5pm Mass
- March 5 9am & 11am Mass
- March 5 Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
- March 5 6pm Youth Mass
- March 5 Confirmation Class for Catholic High School Students 7pm Media Center
- March 6 Daily Mass 9am
- March 6 Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
- March 6 Renew Praise and Worship Night 7:30pm Chapel

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

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

Music for this weekend's Mass Gathering: Enter the Journey 648

Psalm: 51 Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Preparation: Hosea 665

Communion 1: On Eagle's Wings 440 Communion 2: Beyond the Days 127 Communion 3: Be Not Afraid 438 Sending Forth: We Belong to You 646

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

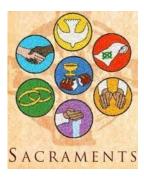
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

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 <u>weddings@stmm.net</u>



Pictures of the Week



Rory Flicek was baptized on February 5th



Hadley Elizabeth Baynes was baptized on January 28th



Newly confirmed Olivia Pagach and her sponsor Jessica Riccardi

Lenten Penance Services

Feb 28th - 10:30am St. Bernadette

Mar 2nd - 6:45pm St. Eugene

Mar 8th - 7pm St. Raphael

Mar 9th - 7pm St. Mary Magdalene

Mar 14th - 6:30pm St. Teresa of Calcutta

Mar 16th - 7pm St. Francis

Mar 17th - 11am St. Michael

Mar 21st - 7pm Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral

Mar 22nd - 10am St. Catherine of Siena

Mar 23rd - 11am Our Lady of Lourdes

Mar 24th - 7pm Our Lady of the Rosary

Mar 28th - 6:30pm St. Michael

Mar 29th - 6:30pm St. Catherine of Siena

Mar 30th - 11am St. Luke

Note in the Pocket

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes to the Note in the Pocket clothing drive. We had a record number of donations, and together we helped change lives. With a collection of around 300 garbage bags full of clothes, and a moving truck packed with bags, over 500 children will be gifted with several new or gently used outfits. Thanks again for all of the donations!

Souper Bowl of Caring

Thanks to all for making the Souper Bowl of Caring (our 12th year of participating!) a successful fundraiser for Catholic Parish Outreach, Western Wake Crisis Ministry and the Holly Springs Food Bank. All three organizations benefited from food, non-perishables and donated money! Thanks to your generosity, each organization is able to do a little bit more for their clients!

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 <u>info@stmm.net</u> to stop the envelopes.

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

Forward in Hope

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 being offered on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm or Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am 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, 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 <u>ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM</u> or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Renew Praise and Worship Night



Come join us for a Renew Praise & Worship Night on Monday, March 6th from 7:30-8:30pm in the Chapel! The night will consist of a short talk followed by Holy Spirit-led charismatic worship through song, led by Courtney & Nick Blaskovich. People of all ages, backgrounds, and singing ability are welcome, and all are free to comeand-go throughout the hour! Bring a friend!

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, March 7th, from 7-8pm



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

Commemorate a First Communion, a Graduation or remember a loved one with an

engraved brick.

eeking Volunteer to Coordinate Parish Welcome/Connect

Are you someone who enjoys meeting others? Are you inspired to help share the exciting news of what is happening all around the Parish? We are seeking a volunteer to help coordinate the Welcome/Connect Program. Person will coordinate staffing the Welcome Desk in the Church Lobby, assist with new parishioner welcome reach outs, and work with others for the newcomer program. Want to learn more, please reach Jim Galkowski at galkowski@stmm.net

Respect Li

Raleigh Spring 2023 campaign Dates: Wednesday, February 22 through Saturday, April 1 All are invited to join us this Lent in prayer to help save lives. For details and to sign up go to www.40daysforlife.com/raleigh If you have questions or have

never been to the prayer vigil, reach out to Tim timothy.calla@gmail.com,

Jane jsbreslin@outlook.com or Paula pshils@bellsouth.net



National March for Life in January had a fantastic turnout, including participants from STMM. The speakers at the rally were amazing: Jonathan Roumie, who plays Jesus in The Chosen, former NFL Coach and Super Bowl winner **Tony Dungy**. and **this one by a handi-capable woman** and her twin sister.





KofC Free Throw Competition

The Knights of Columbus councils #7186 and #6650 are holding a BasketballFree 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.

Mulholland Columbiettes Cornei



Kathy Lynch presents an auxiliary donation of \$750 to representatives Martina Young and Maria Young for the Crisis Ministry program of Doorway to Hope, which supports families experiencing financial instability in our community. The Mulholland Columbiettes actively do good works, share their faith together and have fun-We welcome new members! If you'd like to learn more, contact us at fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes.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 guestions 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 who is scheduled to receive the Rite of Sending on February 26th at the 11 am mass and the Rite of Election at 3:30 pm at His Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral.

Please also pray for Matt, Jamie, 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 May 1, 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 **StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net**.



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 lcmmriso707@gmail.com

Faith Formation











Questions:

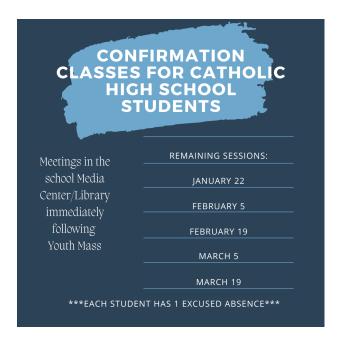
For GATHER and Rock, contact Suzanne Will atwill@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

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!



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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 <u>StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com</u>

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
https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment/saint-mary-magdalene-catholic-school/anticipated-teaching-vacancies-grades-prek-8

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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