

## St. Mary Magdalene E-News January 20, 2023

# A Note from Father Chris

Living now and living fully is an invitation that Jesus Christ gives us. We long for having everything in order. In the work of accomplishing the balance we seek, we need focus and we need help. The Gospel this weekend brings back the teaching of Jesus Christ and the life we live right now.

The area priests will be in a study group this coming week: Care of Creation and the Human Person. Keeping current with ways of teaching our young people about the truths the Church shares for our own good and the good of the world.

With gratitude for your faithfulness,

Fr. Chris

**Giving Portal** 

## **Upcoming Events**

- January 21 No Confessions
- January 21 Blood Drive 9am 2pm
- January 21 5pm Mass
- January 22 9am & 11am Mass
- January 22 Chrysalis 12:15pm Room 3
- January 22 Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
- January 22 6pm Youth Mass
- January 22 Confirmation Class for Catholic High School Students 7pm Media Center
- January 23 Daily Mass 9am
- January 23 Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
- January 23 Forward in Hope 7pm Room 1
- January 24 GATHER and the ROCK 6:15pm Church
- January 25 Daily Mass 9am
- January 26 Daily Mass 9am
- January 26 Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
- January 27 Daily Mass 9am
- January 28 Confessions 10:30am
- January 28 5pm Mass
- January 29 9am & 11am Mass
- January 29 Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
- January 29 6pm Youth Mass
- January 30 Daily Mass 9am
- January 30 Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
- January 30 Forward in Hope 7pm Room 1
- January 31 Forward in Hope 10am Room 1

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 Monty and Janelle Buchanan in memory of Richard Kramarik and William Reucher

Click HERE to Stream our 9am Sunday Mass

#### Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: Come to the Feast 306 Psalm: 27 The Lord is my light. The Lord is my help. The Lord is my salvation. Preparation: Your Words are Spirit and Life 608 Communion 1: The Summons 387 Communion 2: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 599 Communion 3: I Will Lift Up Your Name Sending Forth: Take the Word of God with You 382 \* 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



Frassati Young Adult Group met with Bishop Zarama this week



New sign installed this week



Macklin Ray Morin was baptized on January 14th



Paul Williams, Nik Foulkrod, Father Chris, Ryan Newland, Stone Hazlett and Alan Fisher were confirmed on January 14th



Riley and Chase Hicks were baptized on January 15th

## Church Envelope Packets

The envelope company has been experiencing supply issues and staff shortages. They have temporarily stopped mailing envelope packets and will resume mailing the packets in March.

During this time, you may use a plain envelope for your donations. Please include your envelope number and name on the outside of the envelope.

You may also donate online through our giving portal: https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=102397&f=1

Thank you for your patience.

Contact the Parish Office with any questions atinfo@stmm.net.

## First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, February 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.

## 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, February 7th, from 7-8pm

### Weekday Study on Paul's Letter to the Romans



Join Deacon Dev and Laura Werner on Thursday evenings for an in-depth study of Paul's letter to the Romans! Romans stands as **the clearest and most systematic presentation of Christian doctrine in all the Scriptures**. This promises to be a richly rewarding study and we hope you will join us! Meetings will be in the STMM Chapel on Thursday

evenings, beginning from **February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm**. There is no homework, no videos, and no workbook. Just come! Register by accessing the attached link (each person to be separately registered). https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0848ACA92FAB9-stmm2

Space is limited, and so please only register if you are serious about participating in this Study. If you have any questions, or need more information, please email Deacon Dev atoo@stmm.net or Laura at wernerlhome@gmail.com.

## Blood Drive - January 21st

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Saturday January 21st in the school parking lot from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. All donors will receive a \$50.00 gift card. Please reserve your time by using the sign up 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.

## Chrysalis Catholic 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 new and exciting Catholic 7-part 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, January 22, at 12:15 - 1:30 pm in Room 3, after the 11 am mass. Sessions run one Sunday a month with 3 program sessions left on 2/12, 3/12, 04/23 and a social get-together on 05/21. To join us please email Russell and Vanita Reeve at <u>stmmchrysalis@gmail.com</u>. Rebecca Anderson will be coordinating childcare so please contact her at <u>apexdoula@gmail.com</u> to let her know your childcare needs. For more information about Building a Eucharistic Marriage please go to <u>www.eucharisticmarriage.org</u>. We welcome new participants at any point.

## Save the Date - Lenten Fish Fry



Save the Date: KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry- we're back and in person! -- Friday, February 24th, March 10th, and March 24th at the St. Mary Magdalene Activity Building. Enjoy a great meal while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus. We are also sponsoring a free throw contest for boys and girls aged 9 to 14 in the gym during the March 10th Fish Fry.

# 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 emailstmmForwardinhope@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: <u>https://forms.gle/nQkaugGNvc31C1xR9</u>
- Have a few questions? Please reach out to Taylor Wray at <u>stmmasp@gmail.com</u>



## **Respect Life Ministry**

Calling all crafty kids! The Respect Life Ministry strives to brighten the day of senior citizens in area assisted living centers by sharing custom-made cards with them on important holidays. **Valentine's Day** is fast approaching and we need **kid-made cards** celebrating the holiday. Cards may be left in the labeled box in the church narthex **through February 5th**. Thank you!

Did You Know? This Monday, January 23, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of

Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. More information visit: <u>respectlife.org/january-22</u>

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential and compassionate help is available. Visit **<u>HopeAfterAbortion.org</u>** or **<u>Project Rachel (rachelnc.org</u>)** or call (919) 852-1021.

### Gabriel Project

Keep the Christmas Spirit of Giving into January- STMM Gabriel Project is collaborating with Catholic Parish Outreach to help them keep up their inventory for infant and children's clothing. Currently the bins are empty for boys pants or shirts in sizes 3T, 4T and 5T. CPO accepts new and gently used items. If you or anyone you know has preschool age children who have outgrown clothes, you can drop them off at church in bins marked for CPO or Gabriel Project. Baby blankets and pajamas are also needed. If you have any questions, please let us know by email at <u>gabrielproject@stmm.net</u> or phone Paula 919-441-6500.

### Help Clothe Kids in Need

Note in the Pocket is a non- profit organization that works with social workers across Wake County to provide clothing packages to children and families in need.

Note in the Pocket is hosting a clothing drive at StMM this year! From January 20th to January 30th bring in any used/ new clothing, shoes, or toys. All size clothes are accepted: from infant clothing to Men's 2XL. Note in the pocket accepts everything- even old, ripped clothes that 2nd hand stores don't accept. Of course these items aren't given out, but they can be exchanged for newer products that can be distributed!

There will be bins in the main lobby of the church as well as in the lobby of the school building. There are so many families in need, and we really appreciate your support. Drive being coordinated by Mollie Nadile, a Apex Friendship HS student and past StMM student.

### Adult Softball Team

We are seeking parishioners age 17+ to join us for the StMM softball team. Games start in late March/early April and are played on Fridays and Sundays.

If interested, please contact Bobby Rowe (<u>stmmapexsoftball@gmail.com</u>). Sign-up is available through the Apex Parks and Recreation website. COVID regulations will be in place. Cost to play will be based on the number of teammates but should be approximately \$50.

## 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 Becky who is scheduled to receive the Sacraments of Initiation on January 21 at the 5 pm mass.

Please also 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".



## Frassati Young Adult Group February 1st

The Frassati Young Adult Group invites all young adults to our next gathering Wednesday, February 1st, at 7pm in Room 3 of the Church for a visit from Fr. Scott McCue from St. Thomas More. Fr. Scott McCue will speak on the sacraments. Please join us for food beforehand, followed by this wonderful talk. The young adult community from Chapel Hill and St. Thomas More will also join us, allowing the opportunity for fellowship among Catholic young adults in the Triangle. Hope to see you there.

### Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry

Dear STMM Friends: We hope you had a Beautiful and Blessed Christmas Season. CPO, Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry, is part of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Raleigh, and we are so **very grateful** for your wonderful support all year through. As a parish you are AMAZING donors and we are excited to partner with you! We could not help our neighbors in need the way we do without your support. THANK 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. \* Share Prayer Updates via email. \*



## 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>

## Faith Formation





# **Retreat Details**

- Please bring Family Focus Poster to Retreat on Saturday, 2/4/23 at 8:30 am 12:00 pm
- Volunteers still needed. Click on Sign up genius below





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Catholic Parish Outreach Toilet Paper Donations now being accepted

Grades K & 1 families collected in January

Bring to Gather on 1/10/22 & 1/24/22



### StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry

RENEW PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT: Come join us four our first ever Renew Praise & Worship night in the Chapel on Monday, February 6th from 7:30-8:30pm! 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 and backgrounds are welcome, and all are free to come-and-go throughout the hour. Bring a friend!



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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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 <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

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