

St. Mary Magdalene March 24, 2023

A Note from Father Chris

The Lord GOD opens our graves this weekend. Maybe an odd statement, as we here from the Book of Ezekiel, but the truth in the coming of Easter. To move from sin to life. The resurrection of Jesus Christ opens our graves, our darkness, so that we may be in the light, to live in newness.

We will finish the Bishop's Annual Appeal this weekend. Please help us by using the link provided here: givetobaa.org

Thank you for your generosity!

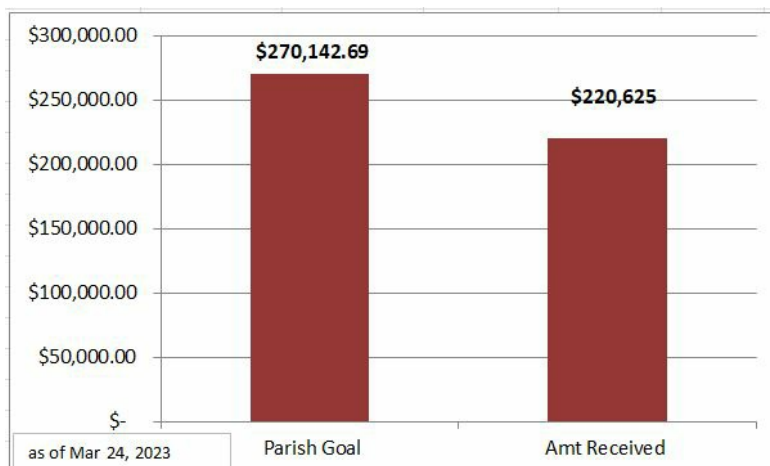
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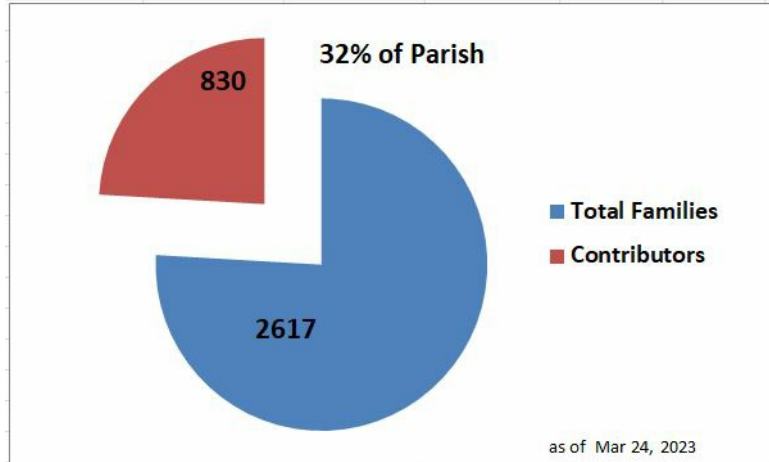
Fr. Chris

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

March 24 - KofC Lenten Fish Fry www.lentfishfry.com
March 24 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
March 25 - Confessions 10:30am
March 25 - 5pm Mass
March 26 - 9am & 11am Mass
March 26 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
March 26 - 6pm Youth Mass
March 27 - Daily Mass 9am
March 28 - Forward in Hope 10am Room 1 Church
March 28 - Gather and the ROCK 6:15pm Church
March 29 - Daily Mass 9am
March 30 - Daily Mass 9am
March 30 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
March 30 - Commemorative Brick Order Deadline [brick order form](#)
March 31 - Daily Mass 9am
March 31 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
April 1 - KofC Blood Drive 9am - 2pm
April 1 - Extraordinary Ministers Training 10am Church
April 1 - Confessions 10:30am
April 1 - 5pm Mass
April 2 - 9am & 11am Mass Palm Sunday
April 3 - Daily Mass 9am
April 3 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
April 3 - Forward in Hope 7pm Room 1 Church
April 4 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
April 4 - Forward in Hope 10am Room 1 Church
April 5 - Daily Mass 9am
April 6 - Holy Thursday Mass 7pm Church
April 6 - Adoration 8pm - midnight Chapel
April 7 - Good Friday - Parish Office Closed
April 7 - Stations of the Cross 12pm
April 7 - Good Friday Service 3pm
April 8 - No Confessions
April 8 - Easter Vigil 7:45pm
April 9 - Easter Sunday 9am & 11am Mass outside
April 10 - No Daily Mass
April 10 - Parish Office Closed
April 12 - No Daily 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

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

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: The Lord is My Hope 469

Psalm: 130 With the Lord, there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Preparation: You Alone 663

Communion 1: I Am the Bread of Life 329

Communion 2: In These Days of Lenten Journey 129

Communion 3: I Will Choose Christ 516

Sending Forth: Roll Away the Stone 176

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

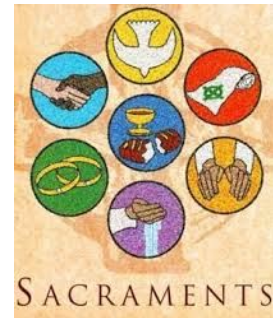
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

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



Many members of the choir gathered the other day and attended a 'send off' celebration for our long time Music Director Kristin Wagner. Kristin had been part of the ST MM "Music scene" for nearly 20 years, and Director of the Music Ministry for 18. She has been an integral part of the celebrations of Masses, Holy Days, Special Events, Weddings, Funerals, First Communions, and recently Quinceaneras, and the Sinulog Festival. Her corporate career has taken her into higher levels of responsibility, and with that recent promotion, she had to relinquish her position. Kristin will still 'be around' so you may still see her sitting on the piano bench, or singing from the Choir risers as time permits.



Apex Mayor Jacques Gilbert with the Catholic Senior Organization

Lenten Penance Services

Mar 28th - 6:30pm St. Michael
 Mar 29th - 6:30pm St. Catherine of Siena
 Mar 30th - 11am St. Luke

Tax Statements are Ready

Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email brewitt@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.

Administrative Assistant for Sacraments Position Available

We are recruiting for the parish position of Administrative Assistant for Sacraments. This is a part-time (20-24 hours estimated) position.

Key responsibilities / day-to-day job functions:

1. Primary point of contact for administrative documentation related to Baptisms.
2. Responsible for documentation and coordination of wedding materials.
3. Responsible for Confirmation documentations.
4. Preparing certificates and letters as needed for sacraments.
5. Recording in Parish Ledgers when sacraments are given.

Minimum Requirements:

- Minimum level of Education: Bachelor's Degree preferred.
- Minimum amount of Work Experience:
 - Years of related work experience 3 +
 - Area of related work experience: 2-4+

Preferred Qualifications:

- Computer and database skills.
- Direct employment experience in administrative roles.

Please send resume and letter of interest to Jim Galkowski (Parish Administrator) at Galkowski@stmm.net or 919-633-9104

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

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



KofC Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Fish Fry Alert!



KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry... We're back and in person! The last one is on 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 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.

One of the charities we will support this year is **Oak City Cares**. Located near downtown Raleigh, Oak City Cares provides critical services to the homeless in Wake County through the coordination of multiple service providers in one location.

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

K of C Blood Drive

No April's Fool, we need your blood. Please sign up for the next Knights of Columbus Blood Drive on April 1st, in the St Mary Magdalene school parking lot from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please reserve your time on the sign up link below. The Blood Connection is offering all donors a \$10 e-card.

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/207297

Stations of the Cross



Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm in the church during Lent

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.

CPO Food Drive Thank You

Thank You to all of our parishioners who supported the CPO "Feed a Family" food drive. We greatly appreciate your generosity of 3, 884 pounds of food and \$655 for families in need.

Extraordinary Ministers Training

Extraordinary Ministers assist the Presider with the distribution of the Body of Christ at Mass. All parishioners who are practicing confirmed Catholics may become Eucharistic Ministers.

Respect Life

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



Forward in Hope



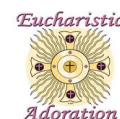
If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. We recommend participants join us approximately six months after the loss of a loved one. Sessions will consist of prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship.

- Our next weeknight session (Season Three) begins Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm in Church Room One

For more information, please feel free to email stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net, call 919-657-4800 ext. 7280 or sign up by completing [this registration form](#).

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, April 4th, from 7- 8pm

Spring Welcome Lunch



Calling All New Parishioners!

We are very excited to have you as new members of our community. If you registered as a member from November 2022 through now, we would love to have the opportunity to officially welcome you after 11am Mass, Sunday, April 30th. We will gather in the Activities Building for food, fellowship, and fun for the kids!

Please register [here](#) if you plan to attend.

Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration 8pm - Midnight

HOLY THURSDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8PM TO MIDNIGHT

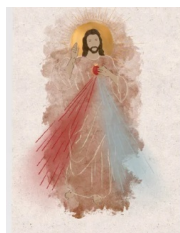
Jesus asked Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" (MT 26:40)

St Mary Magdalene will offer you an opportunity to spend time with Christ during Lent, by hosting Adoration immediately following Mass on Holy Thursday, from 8pm to Midnight.

Why on Holy Thursday? Historically, Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus - where he established the Sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. We are all encouraged to spend time during that night in Adoration.

Can you help support this effort by volunteering 1 hour? Please contact Jorge Rosende at rosendejv@gmail.com - thank you

Divine Mercy Sunday April 16th



The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

Come celebrate the Feast of Mercy on **Sunday, April 16th at 3pm** in the main church. All are invited, bring your family, friends and children. There will be music, prayers, Adoration and Benediction. Plan to arrive a few minutes early as we will begin promptly at 3pm. Questions: hoffman@stmm.net

Confirm, Refresh & Renew Your Catholic Faith!

If you're like many Catholics, you went through your Catechism classes dutifully...

If you're like many Catholics, you learned about faith, scripture, and the teachings of the Church. But maybe not about how it all fits together.

Would you like to gain a life-changing perspective and enrich your faith?

Would you like to apply your understanding of the faith to live a more joyful life?

Then come join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for a dynamic, 6-week series that is designed to apply these concepts to everyday life.

This series also fulfills preparation for Confirmation candidates. We run Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm. The next series begins on April 12.

For more details or to sign up, contact Deacon Rick at 908-910-0309 or by e-mail at Stevens@stmm.net.

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please also pray for Zach, 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

Power & Purpose Conference This June



Also featuring: John Beaulieu, Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, Dcn. Ralph Poyo, and music by Dcn. Bob Rice

Attention STMM women - join us for this year's Women's Road Trip to the beautiful, holy campus of Franciscan University of Steubenville. Come and experience the Holy Spirit's power and healing from June 9-11 at the Power and Purpose Conference. Allow Him to reveal the purpose of your life: to live in true freedom and joy of the Spirit. Be uplifted by the witness and fellowship of Catholic disciples like you. You will experience great speakers and a powerful evening of Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday night.

The theme this year is Faith, Hope and Love. If you are struggling with anything right now, if you went last year and want to come again, or if you have never been on a Catholic retreat, *this is for you!!* Early bird pricing until 3/31 but registration is open until we leave. If you don't know anyone, don't worry! Want to bring a relative or friend, bring them along! Let the Holy Spirit pour into you this weekend and come back to Apex renewed, refreshed, and with a deeper sense of joy and peace.

Register at steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/ppc using code PPC23LWerNC or Contact **Laura Werner** at steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com or **919-889-9904** for more information.

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

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**



**3/28/23
6:15 pm**

We Need You!

Catholic Parish Outreach

**Toilet Paper Donations now
being accepted**

**Grades 4, 5 & 6 families
collected in March**

**Bring to Gather &
Rock on**

March 14 & 28th

**One roll,
package or case**





Questions:

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

StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry



Registration Link for Guys Retreat: https://secure.accesssacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=L7oJp75Al33/GXho5MehRg==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=1554&EventID=224930&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

All School Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 24th, 2pm

 **Living Stations of the Cross** 
Performed by our 5th grade students
Thursday, April 6th, 10:15am



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sponsor link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/NPdenAMa>

golfer registration link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/jvY6Zwej>



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>

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For more information, <http://school.stmm.net/student-life/summercamp.cfm>

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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