

St. Mary Magdalene March 31, 2023

A Note from Father Chris

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord."We celebrate Palm Sunday and greet Jesus Christ in his entrance to Jerusalem. There is great rejoicing because our relationship with God is renewed. Our very life is renewed.

Thank you, thank you! We have met our Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal. Your generosity and support is so appreciated.

Many blessings to you and your family as we begin Holy Week!

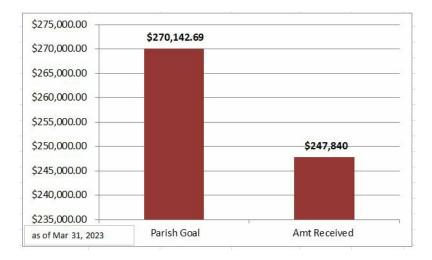
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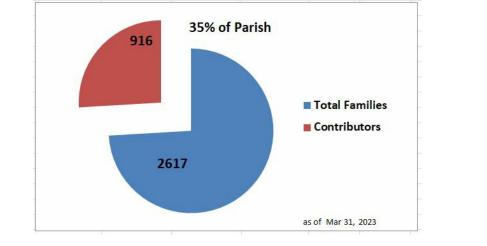
Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

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





Upcoming Events

- 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 Off This Week
- April 5 Daily Mass 9am
- April 5 Frassati Young Adult Group 7pm Room 3
- 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 10 Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
- April 10 Renew Praise and Worship 7:30pm Chapel
- April 11 Gather and the ROCK 6:15pm Church
- 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 <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>

If you would like to help with watering flower arrangements after a weekend Mass, we would love your talent! Please email <u>floralministry@stmm.net</u>. All are welcome!

Mass This Weekend

Click HERE to Stream our 9am Sunday Mass

Music for this weekend's Mass Gathering: Hosanna to the Son of David 140 Psalm: 22 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? 754 Preparation: O Sacred Head Surrounded 151

Communion 1: Create in Me 781 Communion 2: You Alone 663 Communion 3: Bread of Life 364 Sending Forth: Were You There 150 * Permission to reprint podcast and /

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

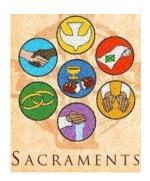
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

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 weddings@stmm.net



Pictures of the Week



Six new members joined the Mulholland Columbiettes auxiliary last week (L to R): Joanne Bunnell, Amy Chegash, Patty Rovano, Nicole Pagliuca (not pictured: Aimee Bachman and Tracy DeMar), with officers Brooke Kingston, Trish Tilley and Cathy Stevens. We welcome you to join us! Call 908-910-0308 or email <u>fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com</u>.



The Mulholland Columibettes partnered with KOC 7186 by providing desserts for their successful Lenten Fish Fry events.

Parking for Outdoor Masses Easter Sunday

GENERAL INFORMATION -

Please bring your own chairs for the outdoor Masses at 9am and 11am

The Parking lot behind the church will be closed off for seating.

No Live stream of the Easter Morning Masses.

The recorded Saturday Easter Vigil Mass can be viewed Easter Sunday from our YouTube channel "STMM Church Live". <u>Click here for link to channel</u>

We ask those attending the 11am Mass, to arrive after 1040am, to allow for the flow of vehicles and parishioners from the 9am Mass to be able to depart the campus.

Parking attendants will be there to direct you.

We will be using the sports field for parking of vehicles and parishioners will need to walk down the sidewalk to the rear of the Church to sit for the Mass.

For those needing assistance, please plan to drop them off in the covered drive at church.

Ask parking attendants to direct you to handicap parking if needed.

Tax Statements are Ready

Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email <u>prewitt@stmm.net</u>, 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.

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 <u>Galkowski@stmm.net</u> or 919-633-9104

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call The Diocese of Raleigh Office of Child and Youth Protection at 1-866-535-7233. Information is also available at: <u>http://www.preventchildabusenc.org/</u>



KofC Lenten Fish Fry Thank You



Our Council is so thankful for your overwhelming support during this fish fry season. We sold an astounding 2,117 meals over the three events, and more importantly filled the cafeteria and gym as we came together to celebrate our wonderful parish community. We also thank our partners the Columbiettes, the Girl Scouts, and Brueprint for your help to

make this a special year. We are so blessed to be part of such a vibrant, growing parish against the backdrop of social forces that seek to push us away from faith and religion. With your participation, we are able to support the following causes/organizations:

Oak City Cares Coats for Kids Seminarian Johan Salas Estrepo Birthchoice Room at the Inn Greensboro Mira-Via, Belmont Abbey Life Care Pregnancy Center in Carthage St. Mary Magdalene Church Catholic Parish Outreach Various STMM Ministries

Thank you!

Vic Agusta Grand Knight Council 7186

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.

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

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.

Training for anyone interested in serving in this ministry is scheduled for **Saturday**, **April 1st at 10am** in the church. Please RSVP to Lisa Westberg at <u>Ibwestberg13@gmail.com</u>

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 <u>stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net</u>, call 919-657-4800 ext. 7280 or sign up by completing <u>this registration form</u>.

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.



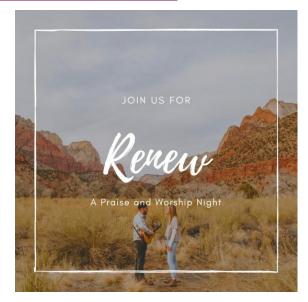
Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, April 4th, from 7-8pm

Frassati Young Adult Group



Please join us for the following April gatherings with the STMM Frassati Young Adult Ministry! April 05, 7 PM: Men's and Women's breakout discussions about Holy Week and Easter in Room 3 April 12, 7 PM: Potluck and game night in Youth Room April 19, 7 PM: Presentation and group discussion about Pier Giorgio Frassati in Room 3

Renew Praise and Worship Night



Come join us for a Renew Praise & Worship Night on Monday, April 10th 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 your family or a friend!

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 **<u>here</u>** if you plan to attend.

Registration will be open through April 24th. We look forward to seeing you in April!

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: <u>hoffman@stmm.net</u>

Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick and Homebound

Outbound Eucharistic Ministers are practicing, confirmed Catholics who take the Body of Christ to the sick and homebound in the parish. They undergo both Safe Environment Training (Level C) and Extraordinary Minister Training catered specifically to those taking the Eucharist to the sick and disabled.

If you are a parishioner who is interested in serving in this ministry, or have a loved one who is confined to their

home because of a long-term illness, disability, lengthy recovery from surgery, etc. please contact Daphne Lobo at <u>darlobo@att.net</u>

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 pray for Zach who is scheduled to receive the Rite of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) at Easter Vigil on April 8th.

Please also pray for Matt, Jamie, Sean, 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 May 1, 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".



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 <u>steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/ppc</u> using code PPC23LWerNC or Contact Laura Werner at <u>steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com</u> 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 **<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. *

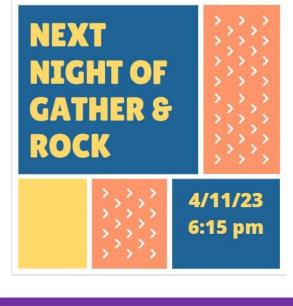
> Join the Prayer Team

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>

Faith Formation







Questions:

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

StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry



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



Looking for a great way to advertise your business? Looking for a beautiful day out on the links? Sponsor a tee at the #StMMPSO Monarch Masters or register to golf! Sponsors do not need to be present at the Masters and individuals, pairs, and foursomes are welcome to play! Bring a guest and enjoy the beautiful course at MacGregor Downs!

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

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



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!

Dan Moskey 919-986-8613 Dmoskey12@gmail.com



