

St. Mary Magdalene May 5, 2023

A Note from Father Chris

Congratulations to our 1st Communion recipients this and next weekend. Wonderful to celebrate and share the sacrament with our young people.

Parish registration opportunities at all the Masses in May.

Jesus Christ gives us the examples of the works of God and the church still lives out the same mission. It is wonderful to serve here in this community.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

Upcoming Events

May 6 - No Confessions
May 6 - First Communion Masses 9am & 11am
May 6 - 5pm Mass
May 7 - 9am & 11am Mass
May 8 - Daily Mass 9am
May 8 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
May 10 - Daily Mass 9am
May 11 - Daily Mass 9am
May 11 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
May 12 - Daily Mass 9am
May 13 - No Confessions
May 13 - First Communion Mass 9am
May 13 - 5pm Mass
May 14 - 9am & 11am Mass
May 15 - Daily Mass 9am
May 15 - Catholic Senior Organization 10:30am Room 3
May 15 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
May 16 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church

**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

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

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for the Weekend Masses

Bless the Lord

Gratitude

Gathering: God We Praise You 208

Psalm: 33 .Lord, let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

Preparation: 10,000 Reasons 562

Communion 1: Miracle and Grace 357

Communion 2: I am the Bread of Life 349

Sending Forth: I Know That My Redeemer Lives 683

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass

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.

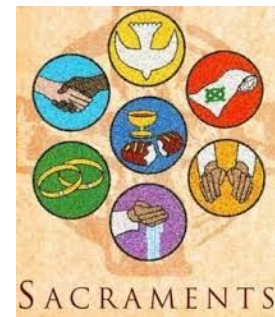
Sacraments

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



Father Chris at the 8th Grade School Field Trip



Thank you to all who came to our Spring New Member Welcome Luncheon! We enjoyed getting to know so many wonderful new families in our parish community. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event a special one!



The Mulholland Columbiettes present a \$500 donation to Paula Hills and Ann Barta for the Gabriel Project ministry, which lovingly supports the needs of new and expectant mothers in our communities. For information on how you can help, contact Paula at pshils@bellsouth.net. If you'd like to learn more about Columbiettes, email Cathy.h.stevens@gmail.com.



Hailey Doneth was baptized on April 29th

Middle School Youth Minister Position

We are recruiting for the parish position of Middle School Youth Minister. This is a full-time (40 hours) position.

Key responsibilities / day-to-day job functions:

UPPER ELEMENTARY "The Rock" (5-6 grade) AND MIDDLE SCHOOL "The EDGE" (7 and 8th grade) YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

- Plan and implement a weekly EDGE (7th & 8th) night with focus on spiritual, social and catechetical development of middle school youth. Develop curriculum and strategies for involvement as well as execution of Middle School Ministry.
- Plan and implement a weekly ROCK (5th & 6th) night with focus on spiritual, social and catechetical family faith formation. Develop curriculum and strategies for a successful journey of discipleship of both parents and children.
- Maintain paperwork for both ROCK and EDGE databases.
- Evangelize and maintain regular contact with parents of middle school youth.
- Assure that all required Level C Safe Environment Training of adult volunteers is conducted (in collaboration with Safe Environment Coordinator) for those participating in middle school ministry.
- Evangelize and disciple adult core team volunteers.
- Promote and arrange social opportunities through age-appropriate activities for middle school.
- Promote and arrange a catechetical lesson plan through age-appropriate curriculum for middle school youth.
- Maintain accounting and budget for Middle School Youth Programs (EDGE & ROCK).
- Create and manage weekly EDGE & ROCK youth ministry newsletter. Maintain additional communication with middle school youth and parents through email, website and social media platforms (FB and Instagram).
- Design and implement middle school portion of Youth Ministry web page as part of overall parish website.
- Plan and execute the yearly middle school retreat for the parish.
- Create a welcoming atmosphere in the Youth Room and maintain organization in offices and storage areas for MS youth gatherings.
- Oversee all aspects of RCIC, including but not limited to:
 - Provide an enriching sacramental experience for the children/teens (grades 5-12) of STMM parish preparing to be received into the Catholic Church by the reception of the sacraments in accordance with the General Catechetical Directory, National Catechetical Directory, The 1983 Code of Canon Law, diocesan and parish guidelines.
- Participate with Core Volunteer in Retreat and other learning activities.
- Serve as the main point person for youth mass. Oversees all aspects of Mass. Works in collaboration with the volunteer Mass coordinator.

Minimum Requirements:

- Minimum level of Education: Bachelor Preferred.
- Minimum amount of Work Experience:
 - Years of related work experience 3 +
 - Area of related work experience: 2-4+
- Must satisfactorily complete criminal and background checks.
- Must complete Diocese-sponsored Safe Environment Training within 60 days of hire.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Training in Religion, Education, Communication.
- Direct employment experience in Catholic Youth Ministry.

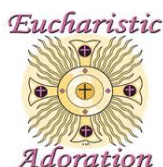
Please send resume and letter of interest to Jim Galkowski (Parish Administrator) at Galkowski@stmm.net or 919-633-9104

Young Musicians Needed for First Communion Masses

Young Musicians Needed to play for StMM First Communion masses. :)

Do you play an instrument? Would you like to use your musical talent to praise the Lord? StMM needs young people to play and sing for the First Communion Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, 6th May and at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, 13th May. If you are interested, please contact Andrew Witchger (awitchger@stmm.net 919-657-4800 x 7288).

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, May 5th 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?

Please contact Anita Becker at ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Doors from Chapel to Main Church

You may notice that the connecting doors between the chapel and the church are now locked when the Main Church is not in use. We recently had a security review on campus and this was one recommendation. The door into the chapel foyer, chapel, and restrooms are open daily from 7am-3:30pm. Thanks for understanding

CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Rice Bowl Collection

CRS Rice Bowl collection so far totaling **\$1045.73** for StMM Parish and School. There is still time to make contributions, "[click here](#)" and help those in need globally participating in the universality of the Church to help serve those on the margins.



Respect Life Ministry

Mother's Day weekend we will celebrate the gift of mothers and honor Our Blessed Mother. The Respect Life committee invites each family to join us in offering prayers and flowers to Our Blessed Mother in the front of the church. Before or after Mass you are invited to come to the table in the gathering space where there will be pens and paper to write down a prayer intention of thanksgiving for her motherly love and intercession. Also, pick up a flower to place in the vase beside Mary statue or give to your mother.

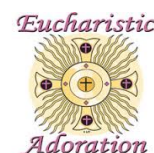
Catholic Senior Organization (CSO)



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, May 15, 2023, 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM, in Church meeting room #3. For more information, please contact Joanne Martin, 919-244-5616, jmartin@kw.com

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, May 16th, from 7- 8pm

Frassati Young Adult Group



Please join us for the following May gatherings with the STMM Frassati Young Adult Ministry!

May 17, 7:00 PM: Summer Planning Night! A "farewell" for the summer with brainstorming for summer activities for our group

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers June 10th

Calling all Habitat for Humanity Volunteers:

June 10th will be the StMM day for the build this year at Poole Place. Please sign up at this link: <http://vhub.at/southwestwake>

Now a few things:

- 1) Minimum age is 18 or 16/17 with parents permission
- 2) I do not know the stage of building we will be in, but will let you know what we are doing (framing, painting, etc) as soon as I can
- 3) If you have small kids and want to get them involved, helping with the meals for that day is a great way to get them involved.
- 4) I am looking for someone to help coordinate lunch that day.

StMM is part of the SW Wake coalition and we not only support monetarily but also with volunteers and would like to see this continue and have our biggest group yet. If you have any questions, please contact me at stmmhabitat@gmail.com.

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 our current candidates and catechumens: Sean, Matt, Jamie, Susan, Robbie, Randal, Whitney, and Paul,

Also please pray for Karen, Julie and Kaitlyn who are continuing 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 June 5, 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.

Request

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





**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Please consider joining our Core Team. We are in need of small group leaders, teachers, assistants, AV Technicians, Hall Monitors and Runners. All materials will be provided and very little prep time is required. You need a heart for Jesus and to become Safe Environment Level C Certified. Interested parents should email will@stmm.net



Questions:

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

StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry



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US!**

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@stmm.edge
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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

Willy Wonka Jr. Tickets Now Available



WILLY WONKA JR. TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Tickets are now available for the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School production of Willy Wonka, Jr.! Performances will be on May 12 and May 13 at 6:30PM in the Gym. Presales are \$8 per person and can be purchased [HERE](#). Join us for an unforgettable night with Willy Wonka and his lively cast of characters!

StMM School News

St. Mary Magdalene CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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23-24 School Year

Preschool

Elementary School

Middle School



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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 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>

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment/saint-mary-magdalene-catholic-school/8th-grade-englishlanguage-arts-teacher-1>

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment/saint-mary-magdalene-catholic-school/fifth-grade-teacher-0>

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment/saint-mary-magdalene-catholic-school/7th-grade-englishlanguage-arts-teacher-0>

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment/saint-mary-magdalene-catholic-school/7th-and-8th-grade-science-teacher-1>

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

Career Network Ministry

May 11th 8:00am- 9:30am
Room 8 - Main Bldg.
St. Andrew The Apostle in Apex
3008 Old Raleigh Road, Apex, NC 27502

Learn More and Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/w997snr8>



CNM Presents: Discovering Your Strengths - Keys to Success in Work & Life
Event by Career Network Ministry

 Thu, May 11, 2023, 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (your local time) [Add to calendar](#) ▼

 3008 Old Raleigh Rd. Apex, North Carolina, US, 27502
St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church (Room 8, near Parish Office)

Recovering Our Soul Connections

Recovering Our Soul Connections:

*A Retreat for
Women Who Have
Been Sexually
Abused*

July 27-30, 2023

The experience of sexual abuse can reach every level of our being and leave us feeling distant from ourselves and even God.

You are invited to come together with other women for a weekend experience of reflection and inspiration to help you reconnect with your deepest self and the God who loves all of you.

Recovering Our Soul Connections is a retreat experience designed and led by three spiritual directors — Cindy Neely, Khris Ford, and Liz Deal — who recognize the interconnection of body, mind, and spirit.

Over a period of two months prior to the retreat you will meet with a spiritual director to build a supportive relationship. The retreat itself will include an exploration of Sacred Scripture, music, movement, expressive arts, mutual support, and liturgy.



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Offered by the Catholic Community
of St. Thomas More, Chapel Hill, NC

The retreat begins at 6 PM on Thursday and concludes at Noon on Sunday.

It will be held at **Well of Mercy** – Hamptonville, NC
<https://wellofmercy.org/>

All accommodations are single rooms with private baths.

Space is limited to 12 retreatants

For more information, or to request an application, please email us at soulconnection366@gmail.com.

- Applications will be accepted until the retreat is full.
- If accepted to the retreat, a \$150 non-refundable deposit will be required to secure your reservation.

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