

St. Mary Magdalene E-News November 18, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

We celebrate the Solemnity of **Christ the King** this weekend. Perfectly inviting us to order our lives to love God above all things. Taking this to heart will prepare us for a terrific Thanksgiving; acknowledging the blessings that God has given us to participate in his divinity and experience true love.

We as a parish are thankful to be able to minister to the families here at St. Mary Magdalene Church. May Christ the King continue to reign in our hearts!

With great thanks,

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

November 19 - Confessions 10:30am
November 19 - 5pm Mass
November 20 - 9am & 11am Mass
November 20 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
November 20 - 6pm Youth Mass
November 21 - Daily Mass 9am
November 21 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
November 23 - Daily Mass 9am
November 24 - Thanksgiving Day 10am Mass
November 25 - No Daily Mass
November 26 - No Confessions
November 26 - 5pm Mass
November 27 - 9am & 11am Mass
November 27 - No Youth Mass
November 28 - Daily Mass 9am
November 28 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
November 29 - Gather and the Rock 6:15pm 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

Mass This Weekend



This week's altar flowers are donated by Cristina Maresca in honor of Sofia and Gabi Marescas Birthday. Thankful for their health and beautiful life.

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

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: The King of Glory 728

Psalm: 122 I rejoiced when I heard them say, "Let us go to the house of the Lord. Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Preparation: Worthy is the Lamb 579

Communion 1: In Christ Alone 417

Communion 2: I am the Bread of Life 345

Communion 3: I Will Choose Christ 512

Sending Forth: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus 732

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

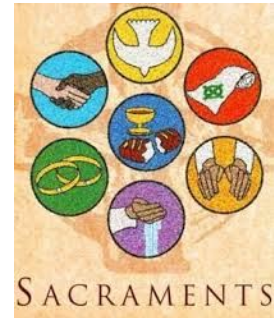
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

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



Picture of the Week



Olivia Firrincieli was baptized on November 12th.



Andrew Scopel, Thalia Scopel, Kinsley Scopel, Anniston Whitman, and Annette Lofaro were baptized on November 12th.

Catholic Seniors Organization

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, November 21, 2022, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room #3. For more information, please contact Joanne Martin, 919-244-5616, jmartin@kw.com



Chrysalis Catholic Marriage Enrichment



Married couples join us for 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 will be 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, November 20, at 12:15 - 1:30 pm in Room 3, after the 11 am mass. Sessions run one Sunday a month through May with 7 program sessions total and 2 social get-togethers in December and May. To sign up please email Russell and Vanita Reeve at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com. Rebecca Anderson will be coordinating childcare so please contact her at apexdoula@gmail.com to let her know your childcare needs. For more information about Building a Eucharistic Marriage please go to www.eucharisticmarriage.org. We welcome new participants at any point.

Dynamic Catholic Corner

YOU CAN HAVE A CHRISTMAS FULL OF PEACE. HERE'S HOW.

Most people spend the time leading up to Christmas feeling overwhelmed, stressed, and stuck. Caught in the complexity and busyness of the holiday season, we end up striving for all the things that aren't worth having. It's no wonder the beauty, meaning, joy and life-changing power of Christmas has become lost!



This year, do something different. Reclaim the peace that can only come from simplicity this Christmas.

Sign up for **BEST ADVENT EVER** and receive short, inspiring videos in your inbox every morning for free to help you focus your day on what matters most.

We've created not one, but TWO fantastic experiences for you this year. You can choose one or do both, but one of these paths is perfect for someone in your life. So share them boldly and journey toward a peaceful Christmas together!

BE BOLD. BE CATHOLIC.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

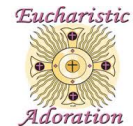


First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, December 2nd from 9:30am - 7pm. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the church throughout the day and spend some time in prayer. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord? We are in need of some volunteers for 5-6pm hour.

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, December 6th, from 7- 8pm

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. Look for another series to begin in mid-January. We run six consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

For more details, contact Deacon Rick at 908-910-0309 or by e-mail at Stevens@stmm.net. Come and put your faith into action!!

RCIA Prayer Corner

This Saturday, 11/19 at the 5 pm mass, our Catechumen, Jennifer will be receiving all three Sacraments of Initiation- Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please pray for her and do your best to attend this celebration to lend support.

Please also continue to pray for Alan, Ryan, Julie, Paul, Zach Stone and Nik as they 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 January 9, 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



Columbiettes

Join our New Catholic Women's Organization!

Are you a Catholic woman 18 years of age or older, looking for a way to support your Parish, give back to our community and grow in faith? Would you like to meet and make friends with other Catholic women that you can play and pray together with? Then the Columbiettes is for you. We are a band of sisters, a network of women in communities throughout the United States dedicated to doing good, in the service of God and our neighbors. Members enjoy spiritual, charitable and social benefits. We have just started up a new auxiliary at St. Mary Magdalene church in Apex, and women from all local parishes are invited to join us. Your new friends are eager to meet you!

Contact Cathy Stevens cathy.h.stevens@gmail.com or Kathy Lynch kathy@kathylynchhomes.com for more details.

Additional information on the organization can be found at Columbiettes.org.

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
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](#) *

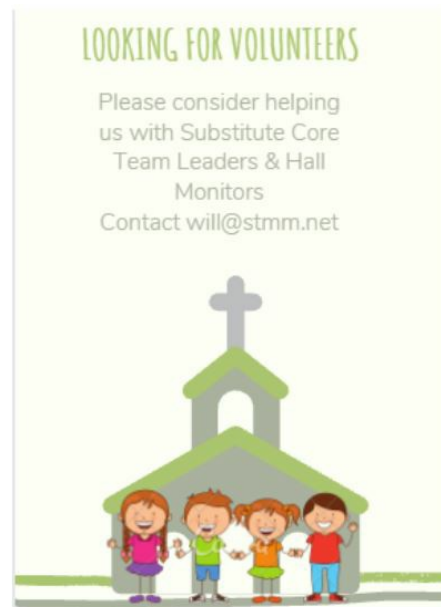
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Team

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





Questions:

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

StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry

DATE CHANGE: EDGE Retreat is now in December!!

Due to some scheduling difficulties with Camp Caraway, we have had to make the decision to move our retreat to 12/10-12/11.

Please note the other big change: the retreat will actually begin on **Saturday and be one night instead of two**. So much like the EDGE Retreat was in 2021, the bus will load at 7am and depart at 7:30am for Camp Caraway in Asheboro and we will return on Sunday around 3:30-4pm where Fr Chris will greet us and celebrate a special mass just for the EDGE teens on retreat. There will be no EDGE that night on 12/11.

Please sign up for our EDGE retreat as soon as possible. Please follow this link:

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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 stmmymusicministry@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!

A circular inset photo showing two young women sitting and talking. One woman is wearing a white t-shirt with a graphic on it, and the other is wearing a blue shirt.

F Circle

FALL DATES

9/6	11/1
9/20	11/15
10/4	12/6
10/18	

MEETINGS

7-8:15 PM
STMM Youth Room



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

St. Nick Shoe and Sock Drive

Second Grade St. Nick SHOE AND SOCK Drive December 5-12th

During this season of giving, we are asking you to help families in need by donating new or gently used shoes/sneakers, new socks, and new men's work boots. Donations can be placed inside the boxes located in the school lobby. Please tie shoelaces together or put them in a plastic bag. Brown Bag Ministry distributes all of our donations. Thank you for supporting this important service project.

StMM School News



School Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene is currently accepting resumes for a full-time music teacher. Please send resume and letter of interest to principal@stmm.net. The job description can be found at

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 lawson@stmm.net 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>

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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

Christmas Holiday Shoppe Craft Show

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SHOPPE CRAFT SHOW

St. Thomas More Catholic School presents its 17th annual Christmas Holiday Shoppe Craft Show on **Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** in the elegant Friends and Family Hall of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 940 Carmichael Street, Chapel Hill. Enjoy one-stop shopping with 60 talented artisans and crafters and find the perfect gift for everyone on your holiday shopping list! A raffle, holiday music, bake sale and a featured food truck add festive flair. Free admission.



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