

## St. Mary Magdalene E-News November 25, 2022

### A Note from Father Chris

Jesus shares, ***"So too, you also must be prepared."*** The fullness of living is an endeavor and journey of preparation and perseverance. Preparing for the grace of a life with God at its center, bringing stronger bonds of love in all our relationships.

Our Advent Penance Service is at **St. Andrews Church on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** at 7pm. A dozen priests will be on hand to help us prepare for the renewal of our life in Jesus Christ. A great family time together.

With great love and thanks,

Fr. Chris

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### Upcoming Events

#### Parish Office closed for Thanksgiving November 24-27

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  
November 30 - Daily Mass 9am  
December 1 - Daily Mass 9am  
December 1 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel  
December 2 - Daily Mass 9am  
December 2 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church  
December 3 - 10:30am Confessions  
December 3 - 5pm Mass  
December 4 - 9am & 11am Mass  
December 4 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE  
December 4 - 6pm Youth 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.

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## Mass This Weekend



This week's altar flowers are donated by Amy Griffin in honor of Lesley McCauley and Caroline Weigand for helping with my cancer journey.

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

### Music for this weekend's Mass

**Gathering:** O Love of God 314

**Psalm: 72** Lord every nation on earth will adore you, O God.

**Preparation:** Christ Be Our Light 601

**Communion 1:** There is a Longing 405

**Communion 2:** Ready the Way 53

**Communion 3:** All That is Hidden 501

**Sending Forth:** Emmanuel 58

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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.

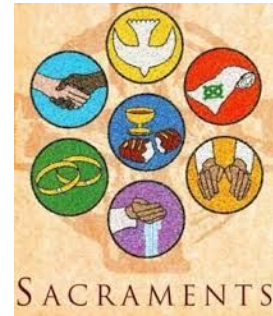
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## Sacraments

**BAPTISMS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, [info@stmm.net](mailto: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](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)



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## Pictures of the Week



Alyssa and Bret Pienkosz were married on November 19th.



Jennifer Wojcik received all three Sacraments of Initiation- Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation on November 19th.



Thank you to the CSO volunteers who switched the hymnals in record time.

## Campus Updates

### Mary Statue

The Mary Statue that has graced the Rose Garden in front of the school, is currently 'in the spa' getting an "extreme makeover", to include thorough washing, crack repair, a new supporting base, and a refreshed paint job. Once this work is completed, Mary will return to the newly created Pedestal Base in the Rose Garden that was made under the new shade structure shortly.

### Church Parking Lot Lighting

A few of the exterior parking lot light poles have malfunctioned in the rear Church Parking Lot. After evaluation by electricians, these appear to be non repairable. We are working with the electrician, designer, and architect for a solution that will get these lights (or replacements) back lighting those areas.

## Advent Penance Services

- Nov 29th 6:30pm - St. Bernadette
- Nov 30th 7pm - Mother Teresa
- Dec 1st 11am - St. Bernadette
- Dec 1st 7pm - St. Andrew
- Dec 2nd 11am - St. Francis
- Dec 6th 11am - St. Raphael
- Dec 6th 7pm - St. Francis
- Dec 9th 11am - St. Michael
- Dec 9th 7pm - St. Eugene
- Dec 13th 11am - Our Lady of Lourdes
- Dec 13th 6:30pm - St. Catherine of Siena
- Dec 14th 6:30pm - St. Michael
- Dec 20th 7pm - Holy Name of Jesus
- Dec 21st 10:30am - St. Catherine of Siena
- Dec 21st 7pm - St. Raphael

## 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!



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**BE BOLD. BE CATHOLIC.**

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## 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](mailto:ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM) or 919-280-8931 if interested.

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## 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**

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## 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. **Another series begins on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. We run six consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.**

For more details or to sign up, contact Deacon Rick at 908-910-0309 or by e-mail at [Stevens@stmm.net](mailto:Stevens@stmm.net). Come and put your faith into action!!

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## RCIA Prayer Corner

Congratulations to our Catechumen, Jennifer, who was baptized and received First Holy Eucharist and Communion this past Saturday. Please continue to pray for Alan, Ryan, Stone, and Nik who are scheduled to receive the Sacraments of Initiation on January 15, 2023 at the 9 am mass.

Please also pray for Zach, Julie, Karen, and Becky who continue their journey.

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## 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](mailto: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"*.



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## 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](mailto:cathy.h.stevens@gmail.com) or Kathy Lynch [kathy@kathylynchhomes.com](mailto:kathy@kathylynchhomes.com) for more details.

Additional information on the organization can be found at [Columbiettes.org](http://Columbiettes.org).

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## 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](mailto: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  
Team

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## 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](mailto:lcmorris0707@gmail.com)

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2. Please wrap any small items in larger boxes to keep from getting lost
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### *Drop Off*

- Tuesday Dec. 13th  
from 5:45-6:15PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49ABA62CA6FCC16-20222>

#### **Questions:**

For **GATHER** and **Rock**, contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto: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:

[https://secure.accesssacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=tv4olRMtUhOclfX3/LDADA==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz\\_people.aspx&ChurchID=1554&EventID=221290&sn=102397](https://secure.accesssacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=tv4olRMtUhOclfX3/LDADA==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=1554&EventID=221290&sn=102397)





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 [stmmyouthmusicministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmmyouthmusicministry@gmail.com) 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!

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FALL DATES

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

MEETINGS

7-8:15 PM  
STMM Youth Room

## FOLLOW US!

STMM YM ON INSTAGRAM

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**Questions:**

For **EDGE**, contact Liz Sams at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com) or 919-657-4800 x7305

For **Apostello and the Way**, contact Niki Bordelon at [bordelon@stmm.net](mailto:bordelon@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7309

For **Confirmation**, contact [StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com](mailto:StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com)

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:principal@stmm.net). The job description can be found at <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment/saint-mary-magdalene-catholic-school/music-teacher>

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Dmoskey12@gmail.com)

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## 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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