

St. Mary Magdalene E-News October 14, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

"Pray always without becoming weary", the Gospel invites us to an essential part of living; our persistence. Persistence in honoring God. Persistence in doing good works. Persistence in loving!

To be persistent in living the good life, we need nourishment and strength. The church is a source of continuing nourishment and necessary strength. The Eucharist nourishes us with the power and love of God. Please remember that your presence at Mass adds to the power and strength of the whole community. This helps us all to be persistent in honoring God and living a blessed life.

With continuing love,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

Upcoming Events

October 15 - Confessions 10:30am
October 15 - 5pm Mass
October 16 - 9am & 11am Mass
October 16 - No Youth Mass
October 17 - Daily Mass 9am
October 17 - CSO Meeting 10:30am Room 3
October 17 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
October 18 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
October 19 - Daily Mass 9am
October 19 - Frassati Young Adult Group 6:30pm Chapel
October 20 - Daily Mass 9am
October 20 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
October 21 - Daily Mass 9am
October 22 - Confessions 10:30am
October 22 - 5pm Mass
October 23 - 9am & 11am Mass
October 23 - 6pm Youth Mass
October 23 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way

**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.

Mass This Weekend



This week's altar flowers are donated by Rudy Gunawan in honor of Herlina Lim, a spouse and a mother. Have a blessed birthday.

Click [HERE](#) to Stream our 9am Sunday Mass ***New link for this week**

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: Here at This Table 312

Psalm: 121 Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Preparation: You Alone 663

Communion 1: Taste and See 341

Communion 2: Your Words are Spirit and Life 605

Communion 3: Be Thou My Vision 398

Sending Forth: Rain Down 614

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

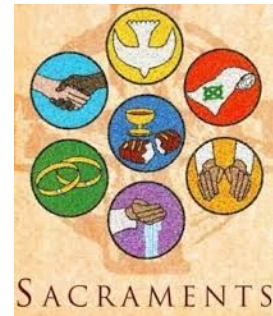
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

Sacraments

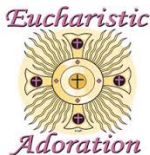
BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, info@stmm.net. First time parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

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



Eucharistic Holy Hours 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, October 18, from 7- 8pm

All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance November 2nd 7pm



All Souls Day

In Remembrance of our Beloved

Amount \$ _____

Name _____ 5078

If you would like your deceased loved ones to be remembered at all Masses throughout the entire month of November, please fill out the All Souls' envelopes (available in the Narthex) with their names and drop them in the collection baskets. Or [click here](#) to donate through our giving portal and include their names in the memo field by November 2nd. These intention envelopes will remain on the altar throughout November.

New Member Lunch

Calling All New Parishoners!

We are very excited to have you as new members of our community. If you registered as a member from April 2022 through now, we would love to have the opportunity to officially welcome you after 11am Mass, Sunday, November 13th. We will gather in the Activities Building for food, fellowship, and fun for the kids!

Please register <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4AA4AF29A1FC1-stmary3> if you plan to attend.

Registration will be open through November 7th.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Petersen at l.a.petersen@gmail.com.

We look forward to officially welcoming you to the St. Mary Magdalene family!

Confirm, Refresh & Renew Your Catholic Faith!

- Are you an adult Catholic who missed Confirmation?
- 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 parishoners in a dynamic series that can transform the way you practice and live out your faith. Past participants have called it 'life-changing'. For those wanting to be Confirmed, this series also serves as Confirmation prep.

We begin on Wednesday, September 28 and continue for six consecutive Wednesdays 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 learn and grow with us!

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please pray for these candidates and catechumens who are on a journey to become fully initiated into the Catholic faith:

Alan, Kaitlyn, Julie, Nik, Paul, Ryan, Stone, and Zach.

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 receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you"*.



Forward In Hope New Session Beginning

Seasons of Hope - Bereavement Group - Next Session to Begin in October
If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. Our first morning class will begin Tuesday, October 4th at 10am. Our first evening class will begin Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00pm. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. Classes meet weekly until November 9th. For more information or to register, please, contact stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net or call the Parish Office at 919-657-4800 ext.7280.



Respect Life

Pro-Life Meditations on the Mysteries of the Rosary

The rosary is a devotion strongly embraced by the pro-life movement. Our salvation began because a mother said yes to the life within her! In the rosary we also say, "Pray for US sinners." We don't point the finger at others, but rather at ourselves. We know that sin that is in the world, but we start by repenting of the sin within us. That is the best way to rebuild the Culture of Life. One version of meditations is <https://www.priestsforlife.org/prayers/Rosary.aspx>

Come to the STMM chapel and join with others in praying a Rosary for Life at any one of these times:
Thursday Oct. 20 at 9:45 after morning Mass
Sunday Oct. 23 after 9am and 11am Mass
Monday Oct. 24 6:30 for Family Rosary



BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

To benefit Birthchoice Pregnancy Center in Raleigh. Bottle distribution will be the Weekend of **Oct. 22 - 23**

Please pick up a bottle, take it home and fill it with spare change or checks made payable to "Birthchoice".

Please return the bottles the following weekend or the weekend of Nov 5 - 6

You can also go to the website to donate [Supportbirthchoice.org](https://supportbirthchoice.org) And click on the "Give Now" and click on **Baby Bottles**. If you have any questions, please call Janelle Buchanan at 214-497-0756
Thanks in advance for your help!

Ten ways to support her when she's unexpectedly expecting- here's link to

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Catholic Senior 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, October 17, 2022, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room #3. For more information, please contact Joanne Martin, 919-244-5616, jmartin@kw.com

Frassati Young Adult Group Kickoff

Calling all young adults in their 20s and 30s to join into a beautiful budding church

community!

Our Kickoff Meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 19th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.**
Regular meetings to follow on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month.
Forthcoming evening and weekend experiences to include

- Hikes
- Bonfires
- Game nights
- Sports
- Themed Parties



Trust in the Lord's desire for fellowship among his flock and join us. See you soon!
For further questions, please reach out to frassati@stmm.net

Blood Drive

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive. There is a shortage of Life Saving Blood and you can help. Please donate on Saturday October 29th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the school parking lot. Please use the sign up link to reserve your time.

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/196103

Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner - Save the date

Save the Date: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pasta Dinner on Saturday, November 5th after the 5:00 Mass. The event will be in the StMM school cafeteria. All proceeds will benefit the Lamb Foundation which supports individuals with intellectual disabilities in our community.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, November 4th 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.

Columbiettes

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 are starting 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!

Our installation ceremony where we will initiate new members and launch our new auxiliary is Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7 pm. If you are interested and have questions or wish to join but haven't completed a membership application yet, please contact Cathy Stevens cathy.h.stevens@gmail.com or Carol Marino carolmarino@usa.net soon 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 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](#) *

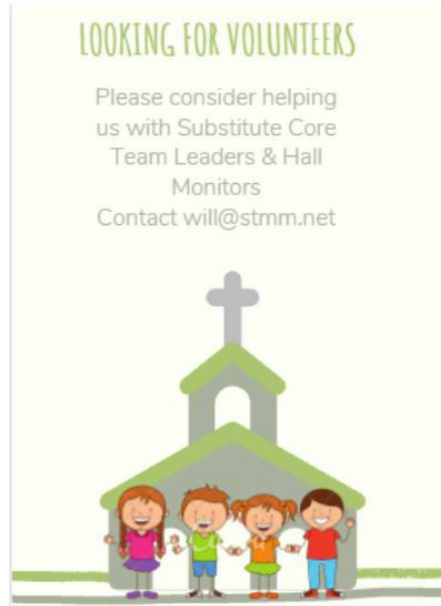
Join the Prayer
Team

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:

https://secure.accessacs.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 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!

Reminder to register for our 8 Confirmation Classes for Catholic High School Students! The registration deadline and first session is 11/6. Click [here](#) to register



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

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A young girl in a maroon St. Mary Magdalene polo shirt stands outdoors in front of a tree.



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OPEN HOUSE

Grades K-5
October 26th

Grades 6-8
October 27th

Schedule of Events

9-10am
School Mass

10-10:30am
Information Session
Media Center

10:30-11:30am
Campus Tours

A group of four girls in maroon shirts and skirts walk away from the camera on a paved path towards the school building.

Are you interested in a Catholic Education for your child next school year?
Join us at our Open House! Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/Cg97H2kZCcnzyC6B6>

School Employment Opportunities

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>

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

Food for the Poor Update

Last year, the StMM community funded a 40 home project in El Tablon, Guatemala through Food for the Poor. This short (2 min.) video shows the dramatic changes this made in that community.



The latest project will build upon that foundation to construct new housing, add eco-kitchens and rainwater collection to the 40 homes, provide a badly-needed source of potable water, improve education in the school, and establish vocational training facilities and programs. For project information and donations, please visit www.foodforthe poor.org/smm

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