

St. Mary Magdalene E-News October 21, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

Knowing exactly who we are is so important. The truth helps us to become who we also want to be. The Gospel reminds us that humility is a necessary ingredient for the work of transformation. "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

In November, we remember all of our loved ones who have proceeded us on the journey of life. Those who have worked on how best to love. Click on the *All Souls* <u>link</u> or pick up an envelope at the church to remember the special souls in your life.

Many blessings to you and your family,

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

- October 22 Confessions 10:30am
- October 22 5pm Mass
- October 23 9am & 11am Mass
- October 23 Rosary after the 9am & 11am Masses Chapel
- October 23 6pm Youth Mass
- October 23 Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
- October 24 Daily Mass 9am
- October 24 Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
- October 25 Gather and the ROCK 6:15pm Church
- October 26 Daily Mass 9am
- October 27 Daily Mass 9am
- October 27 Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
- October 28 Daily Mass 9am
- October 29 No Confessions
- October 29 5pm Mass
- October 30 9am & 11am Mass
- October 30 Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
- October 30 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.

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>

Mass This Weekend

Click HERE to Stream our 9am Sunday Mass

Music for this weekend's Mass Gathering: As We Gather at Your Table 311 Psalm: 34 The Lord hears the cry of the poor, blessed be the Lord. Preparation: Holy is His Name 706 Communion 1: Eye Has Not Seen 471 Communion 2: 10,000 Reasons 561 Communion 3: Jesus, Meek and Humble 517 Sending Forth: Lead Me, Lord 739

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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



Picture of the Week



Giselle and Cameron Monahan were married on October 15th. They donated the altar flowers last weekend.

All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance November 2nd 7pm



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 with 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 <u>I.a.petersen@gmail.com</u>.

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 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 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 <u>Stevens@stmm.net</u>. Come and learn and grow with us!

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please continue your prayerful support for our RCIA Candidates who are on a journey toward full initiation into the Catholic faith.

Alan, Julie, Zack, Ryan, Stone, Nik and Paul.

This Sunday at the 11 am Mass the Candidates will participate in the Rite of Acceptance (unbaptized) and the Rite of Welcome (Baptized).

This will bring them one step closer to receiving the Sacraments!



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 <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".



Chrysalis Catholic Marriage Enrichment



Married couples come and join us for the second meeting in 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 will be 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.

We will be meeting this Sunday, October 23 in Room 3 of the church for a regular session. Social get-togethers will be in December and May. You are welcome to attend the sessions that fit your schedule. We meet after the 11 am Mass from 12:15 – 1:30.

To join us please email Russell and Vanita Reeve at<u>stmmchrysalis@gmail.com</u>. For child-care sign-ups contact Rebecca Anderson at <u>apexdoula@gmail.com</u>. More information on the program can be found at <u>eucharisticmarriage.org</u> and information on Chrysalis and future sessions dates can be found at <u>https://sites.google.com/view/stmmchrysalis/home</u>.

Forward In Hope New Session Beginning

Seasons of Hope - Bereavement Group - Next Session to Begin in November. Date to be announced.

If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is now forming. Class will be held on Tuesdays at 10am or Wednesdays



at 7pm. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. Classes meet weekly. For more information or to register, please, contact <u>stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net</u> 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: Sunday Oct. 23 after 9am and 11am Mass Monday Oct. 24 6:30 for Family Rosary



The Respect Life Committee will be participating in our annual Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit Birthchoice Pregnancy Center in Raleigh. Birthchoice is a crisis pregnancy center that has been around for 50 years! Birthchoice provides free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds for over 500 women in crisis each year. Birthchoice knows that in order to help the baby, they must first and foremost love and care for the mother, just

as Jesus loves and cares for them. Please take a baby bottle home from the table outside in the gathering space, fill it with your spare change or write a check made payable to BIRTHCHOICE and return it when you come to Mass next week.

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 sigh 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 <u>ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM</u> 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 <u>cathy.h.stevens@gmail.com</u> or Carol Marino <u>carolmarino@usa.net</u> soon for more details.

Additional information on the organization can be found atColumbiettes.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 **<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

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: <u>https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?</u> <u>id=tv4olRMtUhOclfX3/LDADA==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=1554&</u> <u>EventID=221290&sn=102397</u>



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 <u>stmmyouthmusicministry@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>here</u> to register





Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Liz Sams at <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u> 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









OPEN HOUSE



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

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 <u>lawson@stmm.net</u> 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 https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment/st-mary-magdalene/aftercare-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



Called and Gifted Workshop



God, what are you calling me to do?

Explore the ancient teaching of the Church on how the gifts, or charisms, of the Holy Spirit work in your life and in the life of your parish. During the Called & Gifted Workshop, the first step in a three-part gifts discernment process developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute, you will learn the signs and characteristics of the most common charisms of the Holy Spirit.

Called & Gifted Workshop Saturday, November 5, 2022, 9:00 am-5:00 pm For registration and other information, <u>click here</u>.

Workshop Location: St. Thomas More Parish Center, Friends and Family Hall 940 Carmichael Street Chapel Hill, NC 27514 <u>Map & Directions</u> <u>Campus Map</u>

Catholic Scouting Mass of Thanksgiving

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Join Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama and the Raleigh Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting in celebrating our annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Scouting. Everyone is invited!

Saturday, November 5, 2022 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

RSVP: bit.ly/30t08Es



CONTACT INFORMATION Very Reverend Scott E. McCue, V.F. Diocesan Scout Chaplain smccue@stmchapelhill.org // 919-942-6234

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LUNCH

Lunch - sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will follow the Mass

Fallon Center at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. 2718 Overbook Dr. Raleigh, NC 27609



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Friday, November 18 at 6:00pm

St. Luke the Evangelist Church 12333 Bayleaf Road, Raleigh, NC 27614

Register at: https://MayPerpetualLightShine.eventbrite.com (or search "RADIX Sacred Music" at EventBrite.com) \$75/person suggested, but any free-will offering accepted for admission All Are Welcome

Intermissions with silent auction, hors-d'oeuvres, and refreshments All event proceeds will be donated to retirement fund for clergy of the Diocese of Raleigh and the Institute Christ the King Sovereign Priest's Mission in Gabon (Mouila) Africa Sponsored by RADIX - www.theradix.org





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