

#### St. Mary Magdalene E-News October 7, 2022

#### A Note from Father Chris

Fall decorations abound. We have the ability to ornament the seasons and craft a sense of home and welcome. The decorations we use reflect who we are. Jesus invites us to see if thankfulness is present. Do we see it, and do we display it to others? How are we at expressing thanks? If we are a thankful person than it will be evident to God and our families.

May this season be a time of seeing the respect and thankfulness we have for life.

Grateful for all of you,

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

# **Upcoming Events**

October 7 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church

October 8/9 - CPO Feed a Family Food Drive

October 8 - No Confessions

October 8 - 5pm Mass

October 9 - 9am & 11am Mass

October 9 - Youth Mass 6pm

October 9 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way

October 10 - Daily Mass 9am

October 10 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

October 11 - Gather & the ROCK 6:15pm Church

October 12 - Daily Mass 9am

October 13 - Daily Mass 9am

October 13 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel

October 14 - Daily Mass 9am

October 15 - Confessions

October 15 - 5pm Mass

October 16 - 9am & 11am Mass

October 16 - No Youth Mass

October 17 - Daily Mass 9am

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



This week's altar flowers were donated by Monty Buchanan.

Click **HERE** to Live Stream our 9am Sunday Mass

#### Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: Come, Now is the Time to Worship 546

**Psalm:** 98 The Lord has revealed to the nations, saving power, saving power saving power.

Preparation: Taste and See 338 Communion 1: Tend the Ground 626 Communion 2: God of Mercy 527 Communion 3: The Summons 385

Sending Forth: How Can I Keep from Singing 443

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#### **Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only**

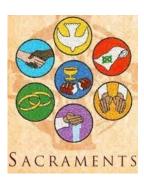
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

#### **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.

 $\textbf{WEDDINGS -} See the Guidelines on the Website - then email \ \underline{\textbf{weddings@stmm.net}}$ 



# Pictures of the Week



Matthew and Elisabeth Hartwig were married on September 30th. They also donated the altar flowers last weekend.



Jones Michael Lemons was baptized on October 1st



Camila Avery Lillard was baptized on October 1st.



Jeremy Windham, Brittany Tascione, Kaci Dunnavant, and James Dunnavant were confirmed on October 2nd



Blessing of the Animals October 2nd

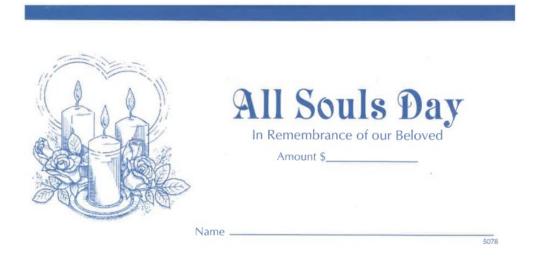
# First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, October 7th 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.

#### 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 <u>click here</u> 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.

#### CPO Feed A Family Food Drive

StMM's Feed A Family Food Drive for CPO is this weekend.

We will collect food items and monetary donations at CPO's box truck before & after all Masses.

Food prices have jumped and we need your help! A simple example: A case of eggs has gone from \$14 to \$46.

## 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 <a href="mailto:Stevens@stmm.net">Stevens@stmm.net</a>. 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, and Stone.

# **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 <a href="rcia@stmm.me">rcia@stmm.me</a> 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".



## Altar Server Training for 6pm Youth Mass



"Serving at the Altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus" - Pope Francis

Altar serving is a great way to learn more about the Mass and to take an active role in the Church family. All who are 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up and have received their First

Sacraments are welcome to join the altar server ministry.

A training session for new servers for the 6pm Youth Mass will be held on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm in the Church. Please register by emailing <a href="mailto:idvollmerviera@gmail.com">idvollmerviera@gmail.com</a>. Parents are encouraged to attend!

# **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

## 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

During Respect Life month, parishes are highlighting the ministry of **Project Rachel**, the church's compassionate outreach to women who may be suffering spiritually or emotionally from an abortion, resources the can greatly help a friend and how you can support their mission of compassion and hope. St. Mary Magdalene is hosting **Project Rachel Talks** with Ms. Jackie Bonk, the Director of **Project Rachel** for the Raleigh Diocese on **Wed. Oct. 12 7-8 pm** in meeting room 3. She will present an overview of the ministry. Everyone is welcome to attend and please invite friends both Catholic and non-Catholic.



#### Called to Serve Moms in Need

Our Blessed Mother models a profound witness to love and life in the Gospel account of the Visitation. Luke's Gospel tells us that, when Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, she travels to the hill country "in haste" (Lk 1:39). The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life? Read the full reflection, which connects our personal call as Christians to live out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy with care for moms and respect for life.: <a href="https://www.usccb.org/resources/rlp-22-reflection.pdf">https://www.usccb.org/resources/rlp-22-reflection.pdf</a>

A new, one-page <u>resource</u> from the U. S Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is available dispelling the many myths currently circulating which claim abortion restrictions will limit women's access to healthcare. <u>"The Truth About Abortion and Women's Health"</u>

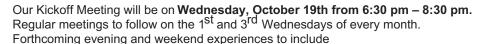
## Catholic Senior Organization



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, <a href="mailto:imartin@kw.com">imartin@kw.com</a>

## Frassati Young Adult Group Kickoff

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



- 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 <a href="mailto:frassati@stmm.net">frassati@stmm.net</a>



# **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

## 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 <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4AA4AF29A1FC1-stmary3">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4AA4AF29A1FC1-stmary3</a> if you plan to attend.

Registration will be open through November 7th.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Petersen at <a href="mailto:la.netersen@gmail.com">la.netersen@gmail.com</a>.

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

### **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!

Contact Cathy Stevens <u>cathy.h.stevens@gmail.com</u> or Carol Marino <u>carolmarino@usa.net</u> 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. \*

Join the Prayer Team

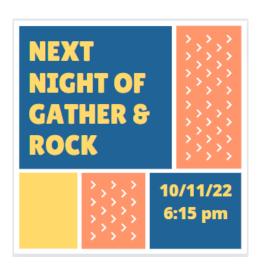
#### Prayers and Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry

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 <a href="mailto:lcmm">lcmm</a>rris0707@gmail.com</a>

# Faith Formation







RECONCILIATION

Attention First Sacrament Families of children in Grade 2 Gather, Intermediate Sacramental Prep at Gather and St. Mary Magdalene School Grade 2 Students

First Reconciliation Parent Meetings: Please attend one of the following:

- Wed, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30 11:30 am Chapel
- Wed., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 8:00 pm Chapel
- Thurs. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30 11:30 am Chapel
- Thurs. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 8:00 pm Church Room 3

Only one parent is required to attend one meeting

Contact Suzanne with questions - will@stmm.net



#### Questions:

For GATHER, contact Suzanne Will atwill@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

For Rock, contact Theresa Bova at bova@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7288

#### StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry

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#### **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: <a href="https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?">https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?</a>
id=tv4olRMtUhOclfX3/LDADA==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz people.aspx&ChurchID=1554&



DEC 10-11 CLOSES TATIOND

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 <a href="mailto:strmmyouthmusicministry@gmail.com">strmmyouthmusicministry@gmail.com</a> 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!



# STMM YOUTH SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday Sept. 18

Apostello	4:30 - 6:45	
The Way	6 - 8:30	
EDGE	6 - 8:30	
Youth Mass	6 - 7	



#### Questions:

For EDGE, contact Theresa Bova at bova@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7288

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





St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School, along with a representative from Parents for Educational Freedom in NC, will hold a Parent Information Session regarding the Opportunity Scholarship which is a financial resource that can help families attend a private school. Please **RSVP HERE** if you plan to attend. If you have any questions, please email Lisa Portland, **portland@stmm.net**.



# OPEN HOUSE



**Grades K-5** October 26th Grades 6-8 October 27th Schedule of Events

Media Center

Campus Tours



Are you interested in a Catholic Education for your child next school year? Join us at our Open House! Please RSVP athttps://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 https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment/st-mary-magdalene/aftercare-staff

#### arishioner Assistance Ministr\

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

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass October 15th

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Zarama MASS Come celebrate the sacrament of marriage Special Recognition for those celebrating 25, 50, and 60 years SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 | 10AM HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHEDRAL, RALEIGH

To register to attend the Mass and/or to receive a Commemorative Certificate go to: https://raldioc.configio.com/wam2022



For questions, call 984-900-3184

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