

St. Mary Magdalene E-News September 16, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

The Gospel proclaims for us to actively live a life of service to others. Being trustworthy says something about us and is evidence of God within us.

Many of our volunteer needs are simple works of kindness. Helping out in faith formation for our young people shows us how small matters become great ones.

We are always in need of trustworthy people to help in our goal. **Go Out and Love.**

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

Upcoming Events

September 17 - Confessions 10:30am
September 17 - 5pm Mass
September 18 - 9am & 11am Mass
September 18 - Youth Mass 6pm
September 18 - Apostello, EDGE and The Way
September 19 - 23 - No Daily Mass - Annual Diocesan Priests Retreat
September 19 - CSO Meeting 10:30am Room 3
September 19 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
September 20 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
September 24 - Confessions 10:30am
September 24 - 5pm Mass
September 25 - 9am & 11am Mass
September 25 - Youth Mass 6pm
September 25 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
September 26 - Daily Mass 9am
September 26 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
September 27 - Opening Night 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 Johnathan Tucker

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

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: All Are Welcome 420

Psalm: 113 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Preparation: Your Words Are Spirit and Life 605

Communion 1: One Bread, One Body 337

Communion 2: How Great Thou Art 432

Communion 3: This Day God Gives Me 637

Sending Forth: Sing of the Lord's Goodness 562

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

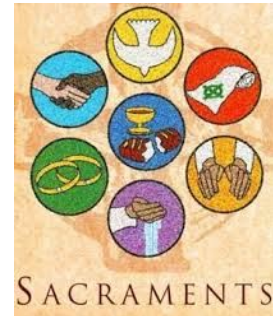
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

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



StMM Finance Committee

The 2022 Annual Financial Report is now on the website. Click [here](#) to view

Picture of the Week



Deacon Dev and Deacon Rick hosted a Mass at St.MM and dinner in downtown Apex for the area deacon families on Wednesday.



Katie and Chris Lowell celebrated at Sarah and Sean Mayefski's wedding at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral on Saturday.

Gabriel Project Ministry

Our parish has formed a Gabriel Project ministry. This ministry flows from a respect for all life and sees the birth of a child as a fresh expression of the unfailing love of God. The mission is to support those expectant mothers facing an unplanned or difficult pregnancy who may feel overwhelmed, lost, alone, or afraid - whether rich or poor, single or married, young or older. These women are in our parish and our community. Through Gabriel Project we witness to the value and dignity of every human life by providing emotional, material, educational, and spiritual support for pregnant women & families-in-need.

We invite all parishioners to join us in serving mothers in need in our community. To learn more about the Gabriel Project stop by the table after Mass. We have prayer cards and list of specific donation items for new baby baskets. You can contact a Gabriel Project coordinator by email at gabrielproject@stmm.net or by phone at 919-441-6500 (Paula) or 919-522-1329 (Ann).

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 Stevens@stmm.net. Come and learn and grow with us!

Troop 316 / Pack 224 Family Scouting Day

TROOP 316 / PACK 224 FAMILY SCOUTING DAY



DATE: 09/18/22
TIME: 12:30 - 4:30
PLACE: St. Mary Magdalene Athletic Fields



Troop 316 and Pack 224 invite you to join us to learn all about our scouting programs. Planned activities include a raingutter regatta and rocket launch. We have full use of the athletic fields as well.

Troop 316 will also be having a Court of Honor (COH) to recognize our scouts' achievements over the past several months. The COH will start at 3:30 and everyone is welcome to stay and help us celebrate our scouts.



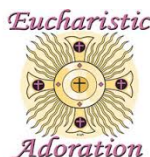
Bring your whole family and even a friend or two!

Lunch will be provided by The Knights of Columbus - Councils 6650 and 7186. To ensure we have enough food, please RSVP using the QR code to the right or sign up at bit.ly/FUN918



If you can't make it, we'd still love to meet you!
Visit www.t316apex.org to see other upcoming events or email scoutmaster@t316apex.org

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 September 20th 7-8pm

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.



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.

Friday Morning Men's Group

Starting on September 9th, the Friday morning's men's faith group will begin a **10-week video study program on the Protestant Reformation with Bishop Robert Barron**. When Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of a Wittenberg church, he initiated a massive split of the Christian community. What should Catholics make of this event 500+ years later? How should Catholics relate to their Protestant brothers and sisters? Please join us as we explore this important period in church history. We offer a hybrid option from 6:30-8AM every Friday morning. If any men in the parish are interested in participating, please reach out to Paul Mastropolo (pmastropolo@gmail.com).

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, September 19, 2022, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room #3. For more information, please contact Joanne Martin, 919-244-5616, jmartin@kw.com

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

The Knights of Columbus Council 7186 is holding a soccer challenge on Saturday, September 24, at 3 PM. The contest for boys and girls, ages 9 - 14, will be held on the St Mary Magdalene's soccer field. For questions, please send an email to communitykoc7186@yahoo.com.

Chrysalis - Catholic Marriage Enrichment

Married couples come and 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 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.

Session dates are: 9/25, 10/23, 11/20, 12/11, 1/22/23, 2/12, 3/12, 4/23, 5/21. You do not need to attend all sessions to participate. We will meet at STMM after 11 am mass from 12:15 – 1:30. 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 the Building a Eucharistic Marriage go to www.eucharisticmarriage.org.

Chrysalis Childcare

Responsible teens and adults: looking for a great volunteer opportunity to work with kids and earn service hours? Join Chrysalis' childcare team, which cares for parish children while their parents are attending monthly Chrysalis marriage enrichment meetings.

Teens are encouraged to volunteer with a friend and get to know StMM families who might be looking for

babysitters! Must be B-level Safe Environment Certified. Adults: Love working with kids? Want to support couples in building stronger marriages? Looking to help fulfill Time & Talent expectations for StMM? Volunteer with Chrysalis Childcare team! A commitment of less than 2 hours per month, volunteers supervise and help an energetic team of teens care for children during our monthly couples marriage enrichment meetings. Adults must be C-level Safe Environment Certified. Volunteer sign up is at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4AB4-chrysalis6> Rebecca Anderson will be coordinating childcare so please contact her at apexdoula@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit

"Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit" – Are you interested in experiencing more fully, the power of the Holy Spirit? This one day workshop (co-sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council) is being offered on **Saturday October 8, 2022 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. A continental breakfast will be available. Bring your own lunch.**

This day is about renewing our Christian faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is about seeking a new intimacy with Jesus and the fullness of the Holy Spirit, so that we can be and bring God's presence to the people and circumstances of our lives. If you have never said yes to Jesus' offer to have a relationship with you, this is an opportunity to do so, as well as seek to experience the fullness of his Holy Spirit. If you have said yes to him but that relationship has grown distant, this is an opportunity to renew that relationship and also seek to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Please register by October 1st using the following Signup Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BAAAF23A64-living1>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Art Klaum artklaum61@gmail.com.

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 October 3, 2022. 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"*.



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](#) *

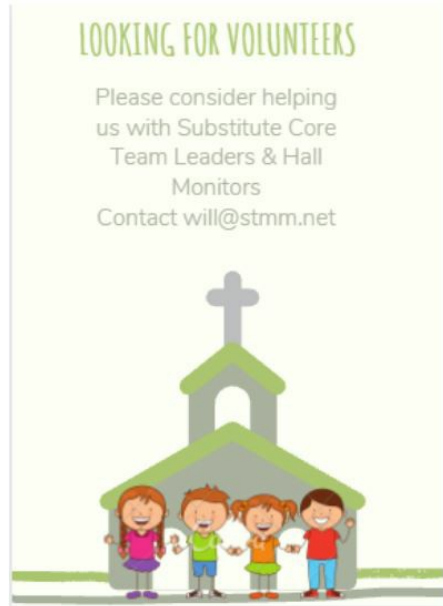
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Team

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**, contact Suzanne Will at will@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





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 StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com

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SUBJECT AREA YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT WITH
OUR STUDENTS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO
JOHN MIHALYO, PRINCIPAL@STMM.NET**



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.

If you have experience with chess and would like to volunteer to assist Andrezej in leading, please email Ms. Jordan at jordan@stmm.net.

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

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