

St. Mary Magdalene E-News September 2, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

God is #1. Our faith is an expression of the reality that God is first. We have a true sense within us that there is something more than us. Something that is much more than us. Love is our window into the power of God. The Gospel this weekend helps us in such a fundamental and necessary way.

Putting God first starts us on a life in right order. We are orderly created in God's plan for the express purpose of being us and not being God. We are joined to God who is the source of love. Love requires everything, is best accomplished together and all in right order.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

September 2 - Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church
September 3 - Confessions 10:30am
September 3 - 5pm Mass
September 4 - 9am & 11am Mass
September 5 - **Labor Day - Parish Offices Closed**
September 5 - **No Daily Mass**
September 5 - **No Family Rosary**
September 6 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
September 7 - Daily Mass 9am
September 7 - StMM Book Club 12:30pm Church Room 1
September 8 - Daily Mass 9am
September 8 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
September 9 - Daily Mass 9am
September 10 - Confessions 10:30am - 12pm
September 10 - 5pm Mass
September 11 - 9am & 11am 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 [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 Patrice Buffkin in honor of Matthew Buffkin on the occasion of his baptism.

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

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: In This Place 308

Psalm: 90 In every age O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Preparation: This Is My Song 747

Communion 1: Psalm 42 - As the Deer Longs 508

Communion 2: On Eagle's Wings 437

Communion 3: You Are the Light 599

Sending Forth: Lord of All Hopefulness 407

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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



Picture of the Week

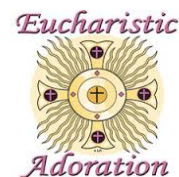


Thomas Fischer Peterman was baptized on August 27th

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, September 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 or 919-280-8931 if interested.



Eucharistic Holy Hours First and Third Tuesdays

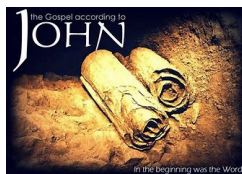


The 1st Tuesday of each month, please join Deacon Dev from 7-8pm as we spend an hour with our Lord devoted to meditation in a spirit of Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication (ACTS). We will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and close with Benediction. Handouts will be available so everyone can participate fully.

The 3rd Tuesday of each month, please join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for an Eucharistic Holy Hour from 7-8 pm. We will gather in the Church and begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by praying the Vespers together as a group. For those of you unfamiliar, the Vespers are part of the Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours) and represent the official prayers of the Church. After evening prayer, we will continue with Adoration and Benediction. Handouts will be available so everyone can participate fully.

Next Holy Hour September 6th 7-8pm

New Thursday Evening Bible Study



New Weekday Bible Study on the Gospel of John

Join Deacon Dev and Laura Werner on Thursday evenings for an in-depth study on the Gospel of John! John's Gospel was written that "you may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name." It is a book of symbols, poetry, drama, and mystery. This study will deepen your understanding of the faith and ultimately, your relationship with God. Meetings will be at STMM on Thursday evenings, beginning from **September 15th at 6.30pm**. There is no

homework, no videos, and no workbook. Just come! This study is open to everyone, but you must register. Please do so by accessing the attached link.

Space is limited to 75. Almost 60 people have already registered. And so, if you are thinking of joining us, please sign up as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, or need more information, please email Deacon Dev at tobo@stmm.net or Laura at wernerlhome@gmail.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0848ACA92FAB9-stmm>

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 signup 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

Tuesday Daytime Bible Study

We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew using Ascension Press' **The King and His Kingdom**. The study will consist of reading and questions to do at home and group discussion and a video.

This is a full year study so we will start in September 2022 and end in April 2023. Cost: \$37.95

Tuesdays from 1-3 pm in the St. MM church building rooms 3 and 4. Dates: Sept. 13, 2022 thru Nov. 15, 2022; Jan. 10, 2023 thru April 18, 2023.

Please consider joining our group. Contact Laurie Wendt, lauriewendt@gmail.com or cell 919-669-9455 or home 919-303-5433 for information about ordering the materials.

StMM Book Club

The STMM Book Club is a group of book lovers who meet once a month to discuss fiction, nonfiction and faith based books. We will be having our first meeting of the year on September 7 at 12:30 in the church meeting room 1. We would love to have new members join us!

Please contact Ann Dudzinski - amdudzinski@gmail.com - for more information.

New Columbiettes Auxiliary

New Columbiettes Auxiliary at St. Mary Magdalene Parish - Join Us!

We are excited to announce that we are launching a new auxiliary this Fall at St. Mary Magdalene parish!

The Columbiettes are a vibrant Catholic women's service organization which originated in the US in 1939, and are currently active in 20 states (NC has 17 auxiliaries and nearly 900 members). Members are active in their parishes and communities, assisting those in need and supporting each other. We work in partnership with the Knights of Columbus, but also have our own charitable activities and budget. The benefits of membership are many - including spiritual, moral, charitable, educational and social. '

We pray for each other and play together, building lasting friendships and support systems in our lives'.

Catholic women at all ages and stages of life are welcome (over the age of 18). No matter how busy you are, or how much (or little) time you have to spare, you can make a difference in the Columbiettes. This is an organization that is made strong by strong women, and one which can enrich YOUR life. If we get enough faith-filled women together - we can accomplish much - 'little things with great love'. Our patronesses are the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Therese, the little Flower, and St. Joan of Arc.

This is a wonderful opportunity to be a founding member of a wonderful group of women! **We invite you to come to our first organizational meeting on September 13, Tuesday evening at 7 pm in the church, meeting room 4.** If you are unable to attend the meeting, there is still plenty of time to 'come and see' what we're all about.

For more information, or to get on our email list, contact Cathy Stevens and Carol Marino; cathy.h.stevens@gmail.com OR carolmarino@usa.net

See this link for more information on the Columbiettes:
<http://www.columbiettes.com/Default.aspx>

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

Adult Confirmation and Catholic Faith Refresher

Have you been baptized and received first Holy Communion but have yet to be confirmed? Is it something you've always wanted to get around to but haven't found the time or didn't know how to go about it? Are you an inquiring Catholic who feels like you've missed out on some key doctrines of the Church? Or maybe feel the need to be refreshed and reinvigorated? Then these sessions would be perfect for you as well. The next group session will begin on Wednesday, September 28 and continue for the next five or six consecutive Wednesdays 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. If interested, please contact Deacon Rick by phone at 908-910-0309 or by e-mail at Stevens@stmm.net.

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](#) *

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

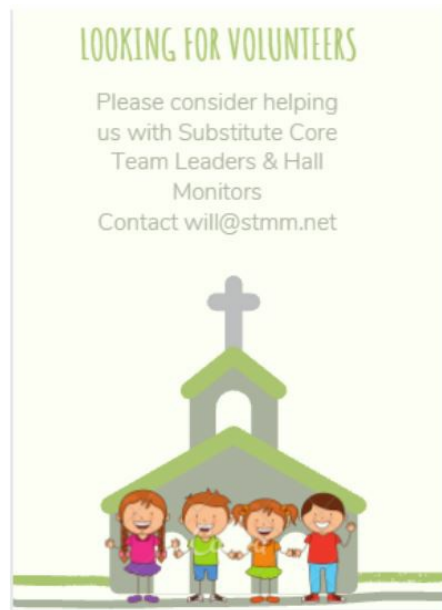


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Questions:

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

EDGE FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



October 14-16th
Space is limited- Register now!

CALLING ALL 7TH & 8TH GRADERS!!! Don't miss out on our 2022 EDGE Retreat at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC on 10/14-10/16. The weekend will include time for fun, games, fellowship, awesome big and small group get togethers, snacks galore, awesome live praise and worship Hannah Shea, time to meet new friends, bazooka ball (Wait, what's that? Come and see!) Spots are limited to 53 teens so don't wait to sign up b/c this retreat usually sells out!! To register online for the EDGE Retreat please click [HERE!](#)

WHEN: 10/14-10/16

WHERE: Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC

WHO: Any teen who will be in 7th and/or 8th grade for the 2022-2023 school year. Do not have to be registered in the EDGE, do not have to be Catholic, just have to be happy to be there!

COST PER PERSON: \$175.00. The retreat full payment or a 50% deposit must be submitted with registration to secure a spot on the retreat. You may pay in payments as long as the balance is paid by October 1st but the spot isn't secure until you have paid at least a 50% deposit. You must cancel by 10/1 in order to receive a refund.

A group of teenagers are sitting around a wooden table in a room with string lights. They are looking at books or papers. A dark blue text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.


**JOIN OUR
CORE
TEAM**

Teen registrations are coming in, and we need more adult volunteers to lead small groups for The Way and Apostello! If you feel a tug to lead, email Niki at the email below!

bordelon@stmm.me



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

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).

StMM School News

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**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SHARING A TALENT OR
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.

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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