

## St. Mary Magdalene E-News September 23, 2022

### A Note from Father Chris

The Gospel proclaims a family's concern to avoid torment. That our wisdom can help others avoid sin and pain is a sign of our love for others. How does our life point others to goodness? Are we leading others to the fullness of life and to the saving power of Jesus Christ?

The life of love in Christ Jesus empowers us to be priests, prophets and kings! Our baptismal journey in action. We are all called to teach by the very example of our lives and to teach the good news of the victorious love of God.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

### Upcoming Events

September 24 - Confessions 10:30am  
September 24 - 5pm Mass  
September 25 - 9am & 11am Mass  
September 25 - Chrysalis 12:15pm Room 3  
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  
September 28 - Daily Mass 9am  
September 29 - Daily Mass 9am  
September 29 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel  
September 30 - Daily Mass 9am  
October 1 - Confessions 10:30am  
October 1 - 5pm Mass  
October 2 - 9am & 11am Mass  
October 2 - 3pm - Blessing of the Animals  
October 2 - Youth Mass 6pm  
October 2 - 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

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## Mass This Weekend



Altar flowers donated by:

Sammy Wray in Loving Memory of Zara Anne Wray  
and  
Monty Buchanan

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

### Music for this weekend's Mass

**Gathering:** As We Gather at Your Table 311

**Psalm: 146** Praise the Lord, my soul. Bless the name of God. Praise the Lord, my soul. Bless the name of God.

**Preparation:** You Are the Light 599

**Communion 1:** Seed Scattered and Sown 330

**Communion 2:** I am the Bread of Life 326

**Communion 3:** Taste and See 338

**Sending Forth:** Blest Be the Lord 444

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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.

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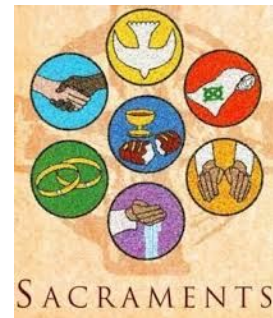
## Sacraments

**BAPTISMS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, [info@stmm.net](mailto: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](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)



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## Pictures of the Week



Merin and Arun John wedding were married on September 17th.  
They also donated the altar flowers last weekend.



Logan Fox was baptized on September 17th

## 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](mailto:Stevens@stmm.net). Come and learn and grow with us!


## A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

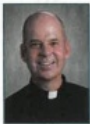


**SAVE THE DATES!**


### A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Under the Spiritual Direction of:  
**Msgr. John Wall, Pastor Emeritus**  
**St. Michael's the Archangel Church in Cary, North Carolina &**  
**Fr. Chris Koehn, Pastor**  
**St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Apex, North Carolina**

  
Msgr. John A. Wall

  
Fr. Chris Koehn

**12-Days: October 9 to 20, 2023**




**PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Nazareth-site of the Annunciation
- Cana-Renewal of Marriage vows
- Capernaum and Peter's Primacy
- Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Mount of Beatitudes and Caesarea Philippi
- Jericho & the Jordan River-renewal of baptismal vows
- Bethlehem and Shepherds' Field
- Mount of Olives and Garden of Gethsemane
- Mount Zion and the Upper Room
- Jerusalem-Via Dolorosa and the Old City
- Jerusalem-Western Wall
- Plus much, much, more!

Pricing, itinerary and registration available after December 1, 2022  
**Group Coordinator: MJ Bettman**  
**2023HolyLand@gmail.com**

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## 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](mailto:communitykoc7186@yahoo.com).

## Blessing of the Animals October 2nd

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, please bring your pet to be blessed on Sunday, October 2nd





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## RCIA Prayer Corner

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

Alan, Brittany, James, Jeremy, Kaci, Kaitlyn, Julie, Nik, Paul, Ryan, and Stone.

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## 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](mailto: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"*.



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## 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 many years ago. 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.

The first session is this Sunday, September 25, at 12:15 pm in Room 3. Future sessions will run one Sunday a month through May with 7 program sessions total and 2 social get-togethers in December and May. We will meet for the sessions at STMM after 11 am mass from 12:15 – 1:30. To sign up please email Russell and Vanita Reeve at [stmmchrysalis@gmail.com](mailto:stmmchrysalis@gmail.com). Rebecca Anderson will be coordinating childcare so please contact her at [apexdoula@gmail.com](mailto:apexdoula@gmail.com) to let her know your childcare needs. For more information about the Building a Eucharistic Marriage please go to [www.eucharisticmarriage.org](http://www.eucharisticmarriage.org).

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## 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 [jdvollmerviera@gmail.com](mailto:jdvollmerviera@gmail.com). Parents are encouraged to attend!

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## 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](mailto:artklaum61@gmail.com)).

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## Eucharistic Holy Hours First and Third Tuesdays



Pope Francis encourages us to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration and allow our encounter with Jesus to transform us. If you are willing to spend an hour communing with our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament, please join Deacon Dev and your fellow parishioners the 1st Tuesday of each month in a spirit of Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication followed by Benediction. Handouts will be available to help you participate in prayer and song.

**Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, October 4, from 7- 8pm**

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## 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](mailto:stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net) or call the Parish Office at 919-657-4800 ext.7280.

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## 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 [ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM](mailto:ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM) or 919-280-8931 if interested.

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## Respect Life

For the month of September, the pope dedicated his prayer intention for the abolition of the death penalty. He has called on "all people of goodwill" to rally together to end capital punishment and prayed that "the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country." The Raleigh Diocese posted this article from Catholic News Service <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/news/death-penalty-encourages-revenge-not-justice-pope-says>

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## 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](mailto: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

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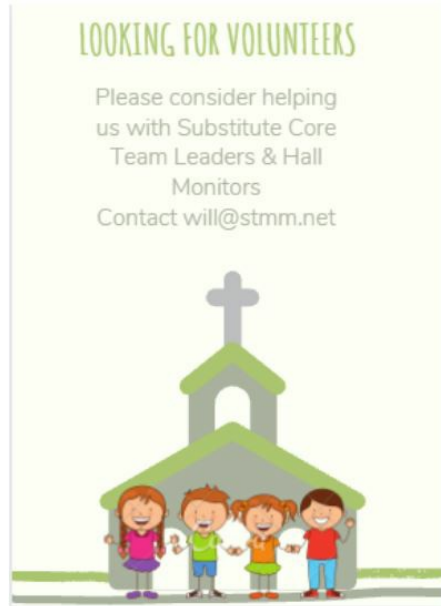
## Prayers and Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry

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](mailto:lcmorris0707@gmail.com)

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## Faith Formation





**Questions:**

For **GATHER**, contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7280

For **Rock**, contact Theresa Bova at [bova@stmm.net](mailto:bova@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7288

**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](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](mailto:stmmyouthmusicministry@gmail.com) 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



Find out more online at [www.stmm.church/religious-ed/](http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/)

## Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Theresa Bova at [bova@stmm.net](mailto:bova@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7288

For **Apostello and the Way**, contact Niki Bordelon at [bordelon@stmm.net](mailto:bordelon@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7309

For **Confirmation**, contact [StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com](mailto:StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com)

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October 12, 2022 6:30pm

**WHERE:**

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School  
Media Center  
625 Magdala Place, Apex, NC 27502



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](mailto:portland@stmm.net).

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jordan@stmm.net).

If you have experience with chess and would like to volunteer to assist Andrej in leading, please email Ms. Jordan at [jordan@stmm.net](mailto:jordan@stmm.net).

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## 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  
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