

St. Mary Magdalene E-News September 30, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

"Come here immediately and take your place at table ..." (Luke 17:7) Jesus Christ implores us to have this response to one another. Again, "Come here immediately and take your place at table". A wonderful way to greet someone and a wonderful way to be greeted. Rejoicing in being together and inviting us all to gather around the family table.

God intends us to be together in communion, and together in life. Being together strengthens us so we can love God and one another. Our own living of the blessed life depends on loving God and others. **Please come and take your place at table**.

See you soon,

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

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 October 3 - Daily Mass 9am October 3 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel October 4 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church October 4 - Forward in Hope 7pm Room 1 October 5 - Communion Service 9am October 5 - Forward in Hope 10am Room 1 October 6 - Daily Mass 9am October 6 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel October 6 - Columbiettes 7pm Room 1 October 7 - Daily Mass 9am 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

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 are donated by Ramona Fitzgerald in memory of her father Ervin Spangler, Sr.

Click HERE to Live Stream our 9am Sunday Mass

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: In This Place 308 Psalm: 95 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Preparation: One Bread, One Body 337 Communion 1: We are Many Parts 586 Communion 2: I Know that My Redeemer Lives 683 Communion 3: I Will Choose Christ 512 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.

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



Pictures of the Week



Anna and Brennan Vaughan were married on September 24th. They also donated the altar flowers last weekend.



Gather & Rock Core Team Retreat Trinity Tree Farm - 9/24/22

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 'lifechanging'. 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!

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land



Blessing of the Animals October 2nd



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, please bring your pet to be blessed on Sunday, October 2nd at 3pm on the piazza near the Jonah Statue

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.



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 <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".



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 3rd 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 9th at 4.30pm** in the Church. Please register by emailing jdvollmerviera@gmail.com. Parents are encouraged to attend!

Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit - Postponed

Due to the limited signups, the workshop is being postponed until some time in 2023. In the meantime, please pray that the Holy Spirit guide, guard, and enlighten us on how to serve our heavenly Father.

Feel free to contact Art Klaum at <u>artklaum61@gmail.com</u> with questions, inputs, and/or prayer requests. Also, consider submitting requests for prayers to the StMM Prayer Team at <u>StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net</u>.

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

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 <u>stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net</u> or call the Parish Office at 919-657-4800 ext.7280.

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.

Respect Life

This weekend is Respect Life Sunday, which kicks off Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. Information is available at the Respect Life table after masses and will be included in the e-news throughout the month of October.

Building a Culture of Life in a Post-Roe World

The Catholic Church in the United States observes October as "Respect Life Month." This year, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities invites Catholics to "practice radical solidarity and unconditional love" for pregnant and parenting mothers.

Moving from law to culture, Archbishop Lori asks Catholics to "shift the paradigm to what Saint Pope John Paul II described as 'radical solidarity,' making the good of others our own good, including especially mothers, babies (born and unborn), and families throughout the entire human lifespan." He reminds the faithful that "Our Church understands that parents, children, and families need help not just during pregnancy, but throughout the whole of life's journey because millions of Catholics already accompany their neighbors in such circumstances."

Read Archbishop Lori's full statement, "Building a Culture of Life in a Post-Roe World" here.

Columbiettes Meeting

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!

Join us at our next meeting on October 6, Thursday 7 pm in meeting room 1 in the St. Mary Magdalene church building. 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.

Frassati Young Adult Group Kickoff

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

Our Kickoff Meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 19th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.** Regular meetings to follow on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. Forthcoming evening and weekend experiences to include

- 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 **frassati@stmm.net**



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>Icmorris0707@gmail.com</u>









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

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> 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 <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!





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/

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**.



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.

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

Infant Loss Prayer Service St. Michael's Oct 3rd



Misa de la Herencia Hispana Oct 8th



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass October 15th



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