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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

April 2, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

Spring and Easter and the good news of life! Life eternal. We have this gift of hope and light. We have a new start to our life and our relationships. The reality of true love reigns.

The weather forecast for the Easter Sunday outdoor Masses is good. Drive up communion will take place behind the school off of Village Commons Lane after the 9am Mass.

May the blessing of Easter be with you and your family. He is Risen Indeed!!

With much love,

Fr. Chris

Giving
Portal

Upcoming Events

April 2 - Good Friday, Stations 12pm, Passion of the Lord 3pm - [live streamed](#)

April 2 - Parish Office Closed

April 3 - No Confessions

April 3 - Easter Vigil 8pm Mass - [live streamed](#)

April 4 - Easter Mass Outside 9am & 11am

April 5 - No Daily Mass

April 5 - Parish Office Closed

April 5 - Family Rosary Chapel - 6:30pm

April 7 - Daily Mass 9am
April 8 - Daily Mass 9am
April 8 - EDGE 6:30pm
April 9 - Daily Mass 9am
April 10 - Confessions 10:30am
April 10 - 5pm Mass
April 11 - 9am & 11am Mass
April 11 - Divine Mercy Sunday 3pm in Church
April 11 - Apostello & the Way
April 11 - Youth Mass 6pm

Parking for Easter Sunday Outdoor Masses

GENERAL INFORMATION -

- Please bring your own chairs for the outdoor Masses at 9am and 11am
- The Parking lot behind the church will be closed off for seating.
- No Live stream of the Easter Morning Masses.
- The recorded Saturday Easter Vigil Mass can be viewed Easter Sunday from our YouTube channel "STMM Church Live". [Click here for link to channel.](#)
- We ask those attending the 11am Mass, to arrive after 1040am, to allow for the flow of vehicles and parishioners from the 9am Mass to be able to depart the campus.
- We will be using the sports field for parking of vehicles and parishioners will need to walk down the sidewalk to the rear of the Church to sit for the Mass.
- Handicapped persons are encouraged to come to the drive thru communion behind the school.

ARRIVING ON CAMPUS-

- Please use the Townside Drive entry to campus.
- The Apex BBQ Road entry will be used for exit only.
- Parking Attendants will guide you to available parking locations in the school lot or onto the sports fields.

DEPARTING FROM CAMPUS-

- After conclusion of Mass, please return to your vehicle and follow guidance from parking attendants.
- The road onto Apex BBQ Road will be used to EXIT the campus after Mass.

OUTDOOR COMMUNION (after 9am Mass)

- Will be held BEHIND the School.
- Please use the Village Commons Lane (road behind the school) to enter the rear parking lot.
- Eucharistic Ministers will provide communion to parishioners into your car.
- No parking will be available in the rear lot.
- A drive through loop in the rear parking lot will be utilized for communion to smooth the process.

Mass This Weekend

Psalm 118: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Preparation: I Know that My Redeemer Lives

#678

Communion: I Am the Bread of Life

#363

Communion: Roll Away the Stone

#182

Communion: We Come Today

Communion: Our God is Here

#305

Sending Forth: Alleluia, Love is Alive

#161

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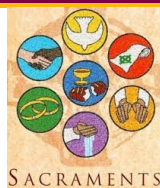


Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

http://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2020.pdf

Are you now donating online and do not want to receive church envelopes? If so, please email the parish office at info@stmm.net to stop the envelopes.

Sacraments



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, info@stmm.net. First time parents must attend a baptism class [a good time is during the 9 months prior to birth.] 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

Divine Mercy Sunday



The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

Come celebrate the Feast of Mercy on **Sunday, April 11th at 3pm** in the main church. All are invited, bring your family, friends and children. There will be prayers, Adoration and Benediction. Plan to arrive a few minutes early, we will begin promptly at 3pm. Questions: hoffman@stmm.net

Western Wake Crisis Ministry

Western Wake Crisis Ministry, like all local food banks, has had a tremendous



increase from our neighbors for food and household products. They are looking for the following items: 2 lb bags of rice, boxed cereal, personal hygiene products (soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo), dish detergent (small bottles) laundry detergent (small size), ramen noodles, gallon and quart size Ziplock bags. Place items in the bins in the narthex, or leave outside under the portico with WWCM written on the bag. WWCM is also in need of empty dish and laundry detergent bottles. Thanks for helping!

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call: *The Diocese of Raleigh Office of Child and Youth Protection* at 1-866-535-7233 or email safe@raldioc.org. Information is also available at: <http://www.preventchildabusenc.org/>

RCIA



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but not confirmed? The next module of the RCIA process at STMM is starting on April 19, 2021. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Let's have a conversation. Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at rcia@stmm.me and 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"*.

Elementary Faith Formation



Happy Easter to all our Gather Families. Wishing you all the Blessings of Easter.

Gather April Date - Gather will only meet on one night in April on Tuesday, 4/13/21. We will have a Family Teaching on Adoration, with Guest Speaker Harriett Scott and live Music provided by our Youth Ministry Band, Rooted.

Gather Virtual Families - The April packets are available for pick up beneath the portico (drive thru side entrance of the church) anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for your convenience. The teaching video will be distributed after our 4/13/21 Gather night.

First Holy Communion Preparation

- Home Lesson Booklet lessons 1-6 should be completed by this week
- Retreat Kits will be available for pick up Thursday, April 1st of Holy Week outside church beneath the portico

Questions: Please contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7820

Youth Ministry News

StMM High School Youth Ministry

Apostello & The Way are off 3/28~Palm Sunday & 4/4~Easter Sunday

We will return for our final 2 gatherings on 4/11 & 4/18 with our regular schedule

Please consider donating to our fundraising effort to help Haiti Mission Inc in building houses in Haiti

Please contact Liz Sams at liz.sams@gmail.com with questions.

DONATIONS NEEDED! PLEASE HELP!

StMM Apostello Teens are collecting items during Lent to help those affected by homelessness. Our last collection day is Easter Sunday:

We need the following items:

- SOCKS
- PERSONAL HYGEIENE ITEMS shampoo/lip balm/deodorant/shave cream/soap
- DISPOSABLE MASKS

Houses in Haiti



Help for Haiti

Please watch this video with a message from Janine and myself about how StMM is partnering again with Haiti Mission Inc. to assist the wonderful people of Jeremie, Haiti. If you'd like to donate online via the StMM website please click [HERE](#). Click on the 'select a fund' arrow and select "House in Haiti". You may also donate by dropping a check in the Offertory Box located in the church lobby. Please write "House in Haiti" on the memo line. Thank you for your support & prayers for our sister parish in Haiti!



Thank you, Father Chris!



*Your 4th grade
Virtual Monarchs*

8th Grade Saints Wax Museum

This week our 8th grade Monarchs continued our annual tradition of the Saints Wax Museum by dressing up as their chosen saint and presenting facts about their lives. [View a video of our saints by clicking here.](#)

StMM School Easter Break

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School will be closed for Easter break Friday, April 2nd- 11th. We will welcome our Monarchs back to class on Monday, April 12th. Happy Easter!

Employment Opportunities

StMM School is currently accepting resumes for the following positions: 7th & 8th Grade Science Teacher, 7th & 8th Grade Math Teacher, and full-time Music Teacher. To view the full job postings, please click [HERE](#). Resumes and letters of interest can be sent to principal@stmm.net.

PSO Monarch Masters Golf Tournament

The StMM PSO will be holding the Monarch Masters Golf Tournament on Monday, May 10th at MacGregor Downs Country Club (10 am shotgun start, registration opens at 8:45 am). We invite the parish to join us for a fun day of golf, games and prizes to benefit our school. Early Bird registration is open until April 25th (\$125 single golfer/\$400 foursome; on April 26th, prices increase to \$150 single golfer/\$500 foursome). Registration includes 18 holes of golf, a light breakfast, boxed lunch, and golf cart (2 riders/cart). Register [online](#), or by [paper form](#) and check. Want to be a tee sponsor (\$125 donation)? Up to 120 golfers will see your sign with your business name and logo at a tee box. Fill out our [online sponsorship form](#), or print and mail the [paper sponsor form](#). You don't need to golf

Parishioner Assistance Ministry

Help, I need somebody! *Song by The Beatles*

"How are you doing today?" Such a simple question and yet how often do we answer "fine" "good" or "ok"...and if we were being honest we were neither fine or even ok.

Are you a member of our STMM family who is hurting physically, emotionally, spiritually or financially? Your parish family is here and WANTS TO HELP YOU. We have so many people in our parish willing to serve you and walk with you during this time of difficulty. The important part of this is the "asking". *When looking at Jesus' life yes he gave it, for the benefit of others, but we must not get the idea that trying to be more like him demands that we always be the giver, and not the receiver, of service. There are many examples of Jesus accepting help from others. This was not in any way a display of weakness on Jesus' part. He understood that allowing others to serve him provided an opportunity for them both to express love and build a relationship, just as it did when he served them. Jonathan Decker, your family expert*

We, your STMM family, want to lighten your burden but we need to know you're hurting and in need. How do you let us know? 1. Call the parish and leave a confidential message with Deb Prewitt she will put you in touch with the people that can help. 2. Contact Dan or Kathy from the Parishioner Assistance Ministry. Depending upon your need we will work to find the right assistance for you. You do not need to go this road alone. Let us help you get your feet back on the ground.

Dan Moskey (919) 986-8613 dmoskey12@gmail.com

Kathy Lynch (919) 210-2709 kcclynch@yahoo.com

Altar Flower Donations



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.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPTIONS: STMM offers a wide variety of adult faith formation options, and some are continuing to meet virtually during the pandemic. Prayerfully consider how you can grow deeper in your faith and download our brochure of options by [clicking here](#).

For more information and for the point of contact for each ministry, please see the website: [Ministry Contacts](#)

The 18th annual **Ignited By Truth Conference** will be held on **Saturday, April 24, 2021, 10am-5pm ET** on the IBT YouTube Channel. Speakers include Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Michael Schmitz, Fr. Chris Alar, Matthew Leonard, and Patricia Sandoval. Register at IgnitedByTruth.org for **FREE** access, including weekly pre-conference talks!

We added another great speaker, John Pridmore!

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Dr. Scott Hahn Renowned biblical scholar, professor, and best selling author. Founder and President of St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology.	Fr. Michael Schmitz Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Duluth and Chaplain for the Newman Ctr. at the University of MN-Duluth. Well known for his <i>Bible Timeline Podcast</i> (1M views per episode!)	Fr. Chris Alar, MIC Director of the Association of Marian Helpers in Stockbridge, MA. Best selling author and frequent host and guest on EWTN. Host of <i>Divine Mercy Matters</i> series at DivineMercyMatters.org .	Matthew Leonard Popular speaker, author, filmmaker, & founder of <i>The Science of Saint-hood</i> , an online community teaching authentic Catholic spirituality. (ScienceOfSainthood.com)	
PRE-CONFERENCE TALKS				
Patricia Sandoval Int'l speaker shares her story of three abortions, work behind the hidden doors of Planned Parenthood, then nearly three years as a homeless drug addict. Hosts weekly TV program <i>Informe Pro Vida</i> on EWTN español.	Rob Agnelli - April 14th Author, blogger, and teacher with a passion for spreading the Catholic Faith through teaching. Regular contributor to <i>The Narthex</i> , a blog sponsored by New Oxford Review, his blog <i>Two Wings to God</i> .	Michael Hichborn - April 21st Founder and president of the Lepanto Institute (lepantoin.org) and a renowned investigative journalist. Hosted the popular online video series, <i>The American Life League Report</i> on their YouTube channel.	John Pridmore An ex- gangster who had it all: money, power, girls, drugs. God's love changed it all. After his conversion, he joined the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, met Mother Teresa, and now speaks all over the world.	
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Career Network Ministry

It's time for Ask a Recruiter?

- What's the job market like today?
- How strong is it, and what's the outlook for hiring across the next several months?
- What are the greatest barriers to success that candidates are encountering right now?
- What qualifiers are employers using to select people for interviews/positions, and what tactics are the best to help with increasing the likelihood of landing a job?
- How should people be utilizing resumes? Cover letters? LinkedIn? What's the most important tool in the tool belt, and how can each be best maximized?

Guest speaker: [Will Barfield](#), CEO, Barfield Revenue Consulting

April 8th 9:00am-10:15am Virtual meeting!

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/aezrtdz2>

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