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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

April 23, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

Jesus Christ is the good shepherd and his role of shepherd lays down his life for us. We also in our role of loving the people God places in our lives are to give of ourselves. Our happiness is connected to our laying down our lives for others.

Please save the date of Thursday, July 22nd on our calendars. We will celebrate on that day the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene and Monsignor Staib's 60th Anniversary of Priesthood. There will be a morning Mass then outside family games. Some summer FUN!

Grateful to be here and to serve,

Fr. Chris

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Upcoming Events

April 24 - Confessions 10:30am
April 24 - 5pm Mass
April 25 - 9am & 11am Mass
April 26 - Daily Mass 9am
April 26 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
April 28 - Daily Mass 9am
April 29 - Daily Mass 9am
April 30 - Daily Mass 9am

April 30 - KofC Shrimp Boil. Curb side pickup only. www.KofCseafoodboil.com
May 1 - Confessions 10:30am
May 1 - 5pm Mass
May 2 - 9am & 11am Mass
May 3 - Daily Mass 9am
May 3 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
May 5 - Daily Mass 9am
May 5 - GATHER 6:30pm
May 6 - Daily Mass 9am
May 7 - Daily Mass 9am
May 7 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church

Pictures of the Week



Altar Servers for the Youth Mass with Fr. Chris



Megan and David Witkowski were married in our church April 17th.

Mass This Weekend



Flowers provided by St. Mary Magdalene Floral Ministry.

Thank you to florist Lavender Lane of Apex, NC.

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

Please remember to subscribe to our channel STMM Church Live to receive reminders when events are added and go live.

Music for this week's Mass

Gathering: Veni al Banquete/Come to the Feast

#308

Psalm 118: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad for this is the day that the Lord has made. Alleluia, alleluia!

Preparation: Amazing Grace	#432
Communion: The Lord is My Hope	#468
Communion: I am the Living Bread	#355
Communion: They'll Know We Are Christians	#583
Sending Forth: Rain Down	#600

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Outdoor Communion Procedures after 9am Sunday Mass only

1. There will be three stations available outside for communion following the 9:00 am Mass; one on the piazza in front of the church and two in the drive thru at the portico for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.
2. Ushers will be available with hand sanitizer and face masks are required.

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

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Our diocese has a code of conduct adults must follow to create safe environments and protect children. Reading and following the code of conduct helps create a culture of protection and keeps our children safer. Access the Code of Conduct at <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/2019-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

K of C Shrimp Boil April 30



Shrimp Boil April 30 ! - Knights of Columbus Council 7186 is proud to host our Spring Low Country Shrimp Boil at St. Mary Magdalene on Friday, April 30, 2021. All proceeds go to supporting individuals in our community with intellectual disabilities. This will be a Pre-Order Only and **Curb Side Pickup Only** event. Great Food, Great Value, Convenient Pickup, and a Wonderful Cause. Go to www.KofCseafoodboil.com and place your order today!

Request for Volunteers for Parish Website Revision

We are seeking those with website design experience to form a group to work collaboratively with our

staff, and others in proposed website revisions for the Church. If interested in contributing your time and talents- please contact - Jim Galkowski at galkowski@stmm.net

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday May 7th from 10am - 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? Please contact Anita Becker at ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Please wear a mask and socially distance.

Eucharistic Holy Hour Third Tuesday of the Month

Please join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for Eucharistic Holy Hour Tuesday May 18th from 7-8 p.m. and continuing the 3rd Tuesday of each month. 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.

Look forward to seeing everyone on the 18th!!

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 June 7, 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



Gather May Dates - Wednesday May 5th , Tuesday May 11th and Wednesday May 19th

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 was distributed in the April 16th Gather Newsletter.

First Holy Communion Preparation

- Home Lesson Booklet lessons 1-8 should be completed by this week
- Retreat Kits are now available for pick up outside church beneath the portico

Youth Ministry News



EDGE News

Please contact Janine McGann with any questions at janine.mcgann@gmail.com

StMM High School Youth Ministry

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.

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!

StMM School News

Teacher Workday, Wednesday, April 28th

Please note, this coming Wednesday, April 28th, will now be a Teacher Workday for St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School. There will be no in person or remote learning on this day.

Diocese of Raleigh Remote Learning 2021-22

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School has been faced with important decisions regarding in-person and remote learning options for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. Next year StMM will not offer remote learning. However, we are pleased to announce that our school will be partnering with the Diocese of Raleigh, who will be offering a full remote learning opportunity for students interested in this option. More information can be found in the [attached letter](#). This new virtual school will be its own school. For current families choosing to enroll in this virtual program, enrollment at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School will end. If you are interested in the Diocese's program, please be sure to

fill out the survey using the link in the attached letter. The deadline for that survey is April 29, 2021.

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.

K of C Blood Drive April 24th



Blood Drive

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thebloodconnection.org

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](#)

Ignited by Truth Conference

The 18th annual **Ignited By Truth Conference** will be held on **Saturday, April 24, 2021, 11am-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!

18TH ANNUAL IGNITED BY TRUTH		FREE Virtual Conference Saturday, April 24th, 2021 11 am - 5:30 pm EDT		REGISTER AT: IgnitedByTruth.org
Dr. Scott Hahn Renowned biblical scholar, professor, and best selling author. Founder and President of St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology.	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.	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!)	PRE-CONFERENCE TALK 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> .	
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.	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)	Student Testimonies from NC State Catholic Campus Ministry and Eucharistic Adoration with Fr. Ian Van Heusen and Students at ECU Newman	
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