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St. Mary Magdalene E-News April 30, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

Jesus Christ speaks of us being connected to God and others with the comparison of the vine and branches. We are challenged to imagine life disconnected from God.

Normally we answer that we are connected to God, but feel unconnected to in other ways. Jesus Christ is telling us that if we are connected to God then we will be connected to the fullness of life!

Please also keep connected with us. Update your parish information when needed. Let us know your concerns and celebrations, too.

Jesus Christ is the vine and we are the branches.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris



Upcoming Events

April 30 - KofC Shrimp Boil. Curb side pickup only. www.KofCseafoodboil.com

May 1 - Confessions 10:30am - 12pm

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
- May 8 No Confessions
- May 8 5pm Mass
- May 9 9am & 11am Mass
- May 10 Daily Mass 9am
- May 10 Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
- May 11 GATHER 6:30pm
- May 12 Daily Mass 9am
- May 13 Daily Mass 9am
- May 13 EDGE Bible Study 6:30pm
- May 14 Daily Mass 9am
- May 15 No Confessions
- May 15 5pm Mass
- May 16 9am & 11am Mass
- May 17 Daily Mass 9am
- May 17 Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
- May 18 Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
- May 19 Daily Mass 9am
- May 19 GATHER 6:30pm

Mass This Weekend



The weekend of April 23 flowers donated by Linda Rice and Sandy Kuk in memory of their husbands, Douglas Rice and Raymond Kuk.

The weekend of April 30 flowers donated by Kathryn Cole in memory of Mark A. Mathison.

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: Sing of the Lord's Goodness #562

Psalm 22: I will praise you Lord. I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of the people, your people.

Preparation: We Have Been Told #507
Communion: One Bread, One Body #338
Communion: As I Have Done for You #143
Communion: Song of the Body of Christ #331
Sending Forth: Lead Me, Lord #726

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- 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, <u>info@stmm.net</u>. 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

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 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? 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 Gather May Dates - Wednesday May 5th , Tuesday May 11th and Wednesday May 19th. Meetings are 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Church Sanctuary.

Gather Virtual Families - The May 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 videos will be distributed in this Gather Newsletter following May 5th.

First Holy Communion Preparation

- Home Lesson Booklet lessons 1-9 should be completed by this week
- Pew Assignments & Communion Day reminders were sent home this week via email

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

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 <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>HERE</u>. 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



Thank You, Teachers!

Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated next week, May 3rd-7th. Thank you to all our staff, teachers and TAs for "Lifting Us Up" this year and every year! Enjoy your special week!

No StMM Summer Camps Offered This Year

Please note that StMM School will not be able to offer summer camps this year. We hope to be able to offer these programs once again in the summer of 2022.

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.

<u>Click 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>.

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 <u>clicking here.</u>

For more information and for the point of contact for each ministry, please see the website: <u>Ministry Contacts</u>

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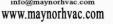
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