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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

August 13, 2021

A Note from Father Chris

Life has exuberance! We are to live. The Gospel proclaims that God has come into the world to be with us. Mary says YES to God for all of us to receive this exuberance of life.

My heart is very full of thankfulness for Monsignor Staib's support and for Bishop Zarama's trust for my assignment here at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Serving one another, saying yes to God, and being true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ we can all experience Mary's yes to life.

Register now for our youth formation programs: Gather, Edge, the Rock, the Way, and Apostello.

With much love and gratitude,

Fr. Chris

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Upcoming Events

August 14 - Confessions 10:30am

August 14 - 5pm Mass

August 15 - 9am & 11am Mass

August 15 - 4pm Back to School Mass

August 16 - Daily Mass 9am

August 16 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
August 18 - Daily Mass 9am
August 19 - First day of school
August 19 - Daily Mass 9am
August 20 - Daily Mass 9am

The **Parish Offices** are located in the main **School building** (625 Magdala Place) and hours are 9-12 M-F. You can gain access to the parish offices by being buzzed in at those front doors. Deb Prewitt (Parish Secretary) and Julie Hoffman (Financial Coordinator) are located in the parish offices, and others are best accessed through their Stmm.net email address listed on website. www.stmm.church

Mass This Weekend



Flowers donated by David Watson in loving memory of Margaret Watson.

Thank you to Lavender Lane of Apex.

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

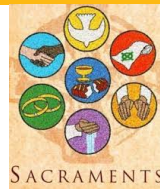
Gathering: Immaculate Mary	#203
Psalm 45: The queens stands at your right hand arrayed in gold.	
Preparation: Hail Mary, Gentle Woman	#695
Communion: Holy is His Name	#686
Communion: Spirit and Grace	#345
Communion: Bread of Life	#368
Sending Forth: With One Voice	#384

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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, 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.

Picture of the Week



Austin Smith was baptized on July 24th

Altar Server Update

Altar Server Update - As we return to fuller participation in our Mass liturgies, we are offering updated training for our altar servers; both servers currently participating and those who wish to join the altar server ministry. We welcome new servers! All who are 3rd grade and up and have received the Sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation.

Two training sessions will be offered : 21 August at 6 - 7 pm, and 22 August at 12 noon to 1 pm.

We would like each altar server to respond (stmmaltarservers@gmail.com) and indicate which session will be attended. If you are new to the ministry, please be sure to include contact information. Parents are encouraged to attend!

If you have questions, please let us know (stmmaltarservers@gmail.com).

Thank you for your gift of yourselves to our parish family.

Adult Confirmation Prep and Catholic Faith Refresher

Adult Confirmation and Catholic Faith Refresher Sessions Forming!!

Have you been baptized and received first Holy Communion but have yet to be confirmed? Is it something you've always wanted to get around to but haven't found the time or didn't know how to go about it?

Are you an inquiring Catholic who feels like you've missed out on some key doctrines of the Church? Or maybe feel the need to be refreshed and reinvigorated? Then these sessions would be perfect for you as well.

Group sessions beginning Wednesday, Sept. 8 and running for six consecutive Wednesdays 6:30 pm-8:30 pm.

If interested, please contact Deacon Rick by phone at 908-910-0309 or by e-mail at Stevens@stmm.net.

An Additional Eucharistic Holy Hour Starting in September

Beginning from September, there will be an additional Eucharistic Holy Hour. This will begin on **September 7th from 7-8 p.m.** and continue the 1st Tuesday of each month. Please join Deacon Dev as we spend an hour with our Lord devoted to meditation in a spirit of Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication (ACTS). We will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and close with Benediction. Handouts will be available so everyone can participate fully.

Faith Formation

STMM YOUTH MINISTRY 2021-2022

StMM Youth Ministry Schedule

- Gather: 1st-4th grade. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 6:30-7:45pm
- The Rock: 5th and 6th grade. Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. 6:30-7:45pm
- Edge: 7th and 8th grade. Meets on Sundays 6pm-8:30pm(begins with 6pm youth mass)
- The Way: 9th & 10th grade. Meets Sundays 6-8:30pm(begins with 6pm youth mass)
- Apostello: 11th & 12th grade. meets 4:30-7:00pm(concludes with 6pm youth mass)
- All ages are welcome to attend our weekly youth mass at 6pm on Sundays! Visit website below for calendar under religious education tab

WWW.STMM.NET



Gather Registration 2021-22 - Registration is Open online until August 31st.

Avoid late fees and register your children online. Program details and calendar are available on our website: [http://www.stmm.church/religious-](http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/elementary.cfm)

[ed/elementary.cfm](http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/elementary.cfm). Gather begins Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

Gather is a family faith formation program open to first through fourth graders designed to cultivate a lifelong relationship with Jesus and to build community while living and learning our Catholic faith together. Twice a month, families will attend Gather in the church with one adult meeting where the children break into small groups on campus by grade level while the parents remain in the church and a second Family Meeting each month where families remain together. **Gather is offered on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month on campus from 6:30-7:45 pm (see Calendar on our website for exception).** Parents are expected to attend with their children. There is no virtual option available for Gather.

The Rock Registration 2021-22

The ROCK (Reach Out for Christ) is a relational ministry program for preteens in grades five & six that encourages the youth to encounter Jesus Christ and His Church unceasingly. We hold fast to His teachings, foster a Christ-centered community, and seek participation in the sacraments and prayer.

The ROCK will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 6:30 pm-7:45 pm (see Calendar on our website for exceptions). Parents are encouraged to attend the **GATHER** parent sessions in the church for family faith formation. Registration is now open online and will run through August 31, 2021. Avoid late fees by registering soon. The Rock

begins Tuesday, September 28, 2021. Registration details and calendar are available on our website: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/elementary.cfm>.

The program offers a dynamic, fun, Catholic curriculum that goes deep, answering the questions tweens have about their life and faith. The method of teaching includes games, videos, Gospel reflections, Saint of the Day and small group discussions. We will be rotating through hot topics, service projects, understanding how to read and pray with the bible and social nights.

Gather & Rock Volunteers - Are you feeling called to serve the children of our parish? Do you have an hour and a half to volunteer with a vibrant, spirited, amazing Core Team? We need you! Our youth programs are grounded in building community, establishing our Catholic identity, developing a personal prayer life, and most importantly growing in relationship with the living Christ through regular meetings and intentional ministry. We are looking for adults for our Core Team to join us. Responsibilities include leading small groups of elementary aged children in discussion, activities, games and events two nights per month. If you feel called to link arms with us or are just curious about how you can get involved, please contact Suzanne for more information.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Volunteers Needed

It is our desire to bring back the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program to our Atrium but we need experienced Catechists and volunteer parents to help make this possible. Experienced Catechesis of the Good Shepherd trained Catechists who are level one and/or level two certified please prayerfully consider volunteering.

Questions: Please contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280



EDGE REGISTRATION IS GOING LIVE August 1st! CALLING ALL 7th and 8th GRADERS! The Edge is moving back to Sunday evenings and will kick off at 6pm with Youth Mass.

What do you get when you mix faith, fun and fellowship? The Edge! So what exactly is the Edge? The EDGE is an awesome youth group open to teens in middle school, grades 7-8. The Edge meets every Sunday at 6:00pm with youth Mass and moving right into youth group from 7:15-8:30pm. The Edge provides a safe fun place for our youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. The EDGE uses different forms of media and instruction to help teens experience the importance of their Catholic faith during their middle school years. Our nights are anything but boring! The program schedule rotates through a teaching night, an expository scripture night, prayer nights, service projects, and social nights (think group laser tag, gaga ball and 9 square with yummy snacks mixed in). The Edge will kick off this year on September 19th. Cannot wait to see you there!

It doesn't take a village to run our programs, it takes a small army, so we need YOU! We humbly ask for you to consider volunteering in some capacity. There are many opportunities in the EDGE: small group leader, AV/tech team, social media/newsletter, safety team or service team. If you can volunteer please email Liz Sams at liz.sams@gmail.com ALL 7th and 8th graders are welcome! Grab a friend and sign up! Registration is available online at www.stmm.net beginning August 1, 2021 until August 31, 2021. After August 31st, a \$50 late registration fee will apply. Go to "Religious Ed: The EDGE" and click the link in the right column marked "Edge Registration" and you will be asked to login using your St. Mary Magdalene login that you created upon registering with the parish. For assistance with your login, please contact the Parish Secretary at 919-657-4800 x7281.

StMM High School Youth Ministry

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

Safe Environment Training



Safe Environment Training - Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend one Safe Environment Training session. Our next sessions are Tues, 8/24 at 1PM; Mon, 9/20 at 6:30PM. The session will last approx 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. Must register to attend as seating is limited. Email Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) to register and to get meeting location.

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 August 9, 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"*.

Volunteer for Chrysalis' Childcare Team

Responsible teens and adults: looking for a great volunteer opportunity to work with kids and earn service hours? Join Chrysalis' childcare team, which cares for parish children while their parents are attending monthly Chrysalis marriage enrichment meetings. Teens are encouraged to volunteer with a friend and get to know StMM families who might be looking for babysitters! Help make our parish's marriage enrichment program possible! Adults must be C-level Safe Environment Certified - if you aren't already, you can sign up for upcoming training sessions at StMM (see information on upcoming sessions in Safe Environment Training). To volunteer contact Russell and Vanita Reeve at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com.

Chrysalis Ministry



Do you know that your marriage is a dance? Come learn how to avoid stepping on each other's toes. Let **The BEATITUDES: A Couple's Path to Greater Joy** show you the way. Join us for monthly sessions of fun after the 11am Sunday mass beginning in September. Make it a date with your spouse. To register, email Russell and Vanita Reeve at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com. Please indicate your preference for either in-person or zoom sessions.

StMM Habitat Ministry

The StMM Habitat Ministry is in search of volunteers. We are back, after a year of not being able to build, volunteers are needed. No building experience is necessary. Best thing, we are in Apex this year,

down on Kissena Lane. We are going to be supporting two weekends, September 18 and October 2nd. We will have another chance in the Spring if you are unable either of these days. Please join us, put your faith in action and make an impact in your community. We need volunteers for both weekends. Volunteers must be 16 or older. We are looking for 10 volunteers on September 18 and 15 volunteers on October 2nd. If you have any questions, please reach out to Becky Loding at becky.loding@gmail.com or Jim Fletcher at fletchjhome@gmail.com. To sign up please go to <https://habitatwake.volunteerhub.com/lp/southwestwake/>.

Discipleship Quads



Are you at a stage in your life where you are searching for authentic friendships? Would you like to learn more about scripture and our Catholic faith? Or perhaps you are a new parishioner and want to connect to the community in a meaningful way? If you said yes to any of those scenarios, then **Discipleship Quads** is for you!! These small groups meet anytime and anywhere that is convenient

for its members. Each week, the Quad gathers to pray for one another, review the lesson, discuss related scripture, and ask tough questions. The Quad's small size of four allows for authenticity and vulnerability that simply does not happen in larger groups. You will grow deeper in your faith, build lasting friendships, learn how to be a disciple, and develop the skills and confidence to share your faith with others. And it's free! Have questions? Join us on **Monday, August 30 at 7pm** for an Info session via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85092219091>. For more information, go to the Franciscan University of Steubenville Outreach Office website: steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/ or contact Joe or Laura Werner at steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com or 919-889-9904. Come be a disciple with us!

StMM School News

Our 1st day of school is Thursday, August 19th! Welcome back, Monarchs!
[Click here to read our school re-opening plan for the 2021-22 school year.](#)

StMM SCHOOL FAMILIES - BACK TO SCHOOL MASS & PICNIC

We can't wait to welcome our Monarchs and their families back to campus on Sunday, August 15th! The back to school Mass begins at 4:00pm in the church, and the picnic hosted by the PSO begins at 5:00pm. We'll have food and treats to purchase from Mr. A's Beignets, Pelican's Snoballs and the Knights of Columbus. Tables and chairs will be set up along the circle drive, and the courtyard will be open as well with a few picnic tables so we can spread out on campus. Feel free to bring your own folding chairs. The playground will also be open for fun!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

After Care - The StMM School After Care Program has employment opportunities available for the upcoming school year. Interested? Please contact Megan Mastrogiovanni directly at mastrogiovanni@stmm.net.

Substitute Teachers- Substitute teachers are needed for the 2021-22 school year at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School. If you would like to be considered for our substitute list, please email us at resume@stmm.net.

Parishioner Assistance Ministry

"Jesus is in the Boat with us! And we are all in the same boat together!"

As Deacon Dev said so beautifully in his recent homily on the Gospel of Mark (4:34-40), "Jesus is in the Boat with us! And we are all in the same boat together!"

When violent squalls come up and waves are breaking over the boat, trust in God and reach out to your fellow parishioners in the boat with you for help!

The Parish Assistance Ministry now has 75+ parishioners signed up and more join every week! When we are informed of a parishioner in need, we work confidentially to manage assistance requests and to get the help needed.

We have Parishioners in need and the ministry has been actively helping in any way we can. Examples of assistance now being provided includes:

- * STMM Family dealing with very difficult health issues.
 - 3 hours of landscaping from a team of parishioners
 - Care packages for their teenage girls
 - Meals to ease the burden on the family (12+ meals in collaboration with Feed the Neighbor - still ongoing)
- * STMM Senior Parishioner dealing with loneliness in assisted living facility - Visitors arranged for companionship and prayer
- * STMM Family looking for advice for care for family member with dementia - Guidance provided
- * STMM Family looking for care for a elderly family member - Guidance provided / care established
- * STMM Family looking for legal advice regarding family matter - Some legal advice provided. Still in progress of gaining additional advice.

We are still actively looking for more 'helpers' to join our ministry. If you would like to share your time or talent, please reach out to us. In particular, we are seeing a greater need for those with experience in mental health and senior care / health related issues.

We also need your help to continue to spread the word to EVERYONE in the parish that if you are dealing with difficult times, please do not hesitate to reach out to us and to let your STMM family help you.

We are all in the same boat together.

God Bless.

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,

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