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St. Mary Magdalene E-News August 27, 2021

A Note from Father Chris

What we have within us is essential to our ability to live a life of love. The Gospel proclaims that the beauty within is greater than outside appearances. Living this fullness of life requires us to know our true selves and this requires us to know God. In knowing God, we will see the beauty that we have within us.

Please complete youth registration for the faith formation programs this week: Gather, Edge, Rock, the Way, and Apostello. We are ready to help our youth know God and the beauty that they have within. It is essential and loving.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris



Upcoming Events

August 27 - Daily Mass 9am

August 28 - Confessions 10:30am

August 28 - 5pm Mass

August 29 - 9am & 11am Mass

August 30 - Daily Mass 9am

August 30 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

August 30 - Discipleship Quad Info Session via Zoom at 7pm

August 31 - Faith Formation Registration Ends

September 1 - Daily Mass 9am

September 2 - Daily Mass 9am

September 3 - Daily Mass 9am

September 3 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church

September 4 - No Confessions

September 4 - 5pm Mass

September 5 - 9am & 11am Mass

September 6 - No Daily Mass

September 6 - Labor Day - Parish Office Closed

September 6 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

September 7 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church

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



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>.

Mass This Weekend



Flowers were donated by Terry Mcdonnell-Ganley In loving memory of Bernard and Margaret Ganley and in loving memory of William and Barbara McDonnell

Thank you to Lavender Lane Florist 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: River of Glory #641
Psalm 15: They who do justice will live in the presence of God.
Preparation: You Are the Light #588
Communion: I Will Choose Christ #511

Communion: We Are One Body

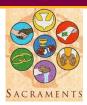
Communion: They'll Know We Are Christians #583
Sending Forth: We Are the Light of the World #591

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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



Rose celebrate her 90th birthday



Mr. & Mrs. Geoff Michalek were married on August 21st.

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.

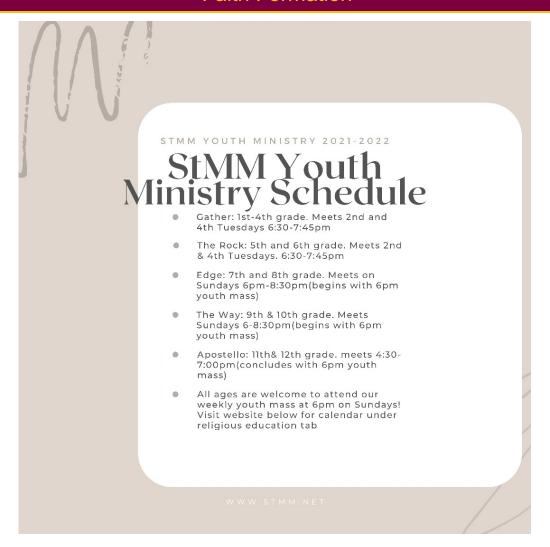
Group sessions beginning Wednesday, Sept. 8 and running for six consecutive Wednesdays 6:30 pm-

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

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



Gather Registration 2021-22 - Registration closes August 31st. Avoid late fees and register your children online. Program details and calendar are available on our website: http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/elementary.cfm. Gather begins Tuesday, September 28, 2021. In an effort to keep the children safe, we will adhere to the StMM School policy of wearing facemasks while indoors on campus.

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 closes 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.

<u>Gather & Rock Volunteers</u> - We have been very blessed by the great response to the family faith formation model and are making every effort to proceed with your child's safety in mind.

In order to keep the small group sizes small, we are in need of volunteers as ASSISTANTS to help the Core Team Leaders who will lead the small groups. Please prayerfully consider joining our team. The only requirements are that you become Safe Environment Certified and most importantly, have a heart for Jesus.

We will be adhering to the school's policy of wearing facemasks while indoors on campus.

For your information, we will be recording the Deacon's talk for parents in the church and can share that with you in our newsletter so you don't miss it.

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

Registration is now open for all the Youth Ministry Programs!

Avoid the late registration fee by registering before 9/1/21

Upcoming One Day Retreats are coming up for teens in The Edge, The Way & Apostello

<u>The Edge:</u> Grades 7th and 8th, October 2nd, Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC. Bus leaves STMM at 7:30am and returns at 11pm

<u>The Way & Apostello:</u> Grades 9th-12th are all welcome to attend! September 11th, Camp Mundo Vista in Asheboro, NC. Bus leaves STMM at 7:30am and returns at 11pm



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

Registration for All High School Programs is available online beginning August 1, 2021 until August 31, 2021 at www.stmm.net.

Please contact Liz Sams at <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u> with questions.

Girl Scout Community Garden Presentation



The Junior girl scouts in Troop 1161 will be presenting their bronze project after the 11am Mass on Sunday 8/29. The girls will be at their tower garden which is outside the church on the portico side. The girls identified Community Spirit as a problem they wanted to address, and chose to do that through a community tower garden. The girls have a brief skit and a pamphlet they created. Please stop by after Mass!

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 session is 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 September 27, 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".

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:

<u>steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/</u> or contact Joe or Laura Werner at <u>steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com</u> or 919-889-9904. Come be a disciple with us!

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! Must be B-level Safe Environment Certified. Applications will be emailed to volunteers.

Adults: Love working with kids? Want to support couples in building stronger marriages? Looking to help fulfill Time & Talent expectations for StMM? Volunteer with Chrysalis Childcare team! A commitment of less than 2 hours per month, volunteers supervise and help an energetic team of teens care for children during our monthly couples marriage enrichment meetings. Adults must be C-level Safe Environment Certified.

Sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4AB4-chrysalis

Chrysalis Ministry

Husbands, wives - do you sometimes feel like your marriage is a three-legged race? Learn how to run the race with grace by attending The BEATITUDES: A Couple's



Path to Greater Joy. This Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment Fellowship program begins September 26 and continues until April 10. Join us for monthly sessions after the 11 am mass from 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm. Click on the sign up button to register. Thank you!

Dates of sessions are: Sep 26, 2021; Oct 24, 2021; Nov 21, 2021; Dec 12, 2021; Jan 23, 2022; Feb 20, 2022; Mar 20, 2022; Apr 10, 2022.

Sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4AB4-chrysalis1

Daytime Bible Study



St. MM Tuesday Daytime Bible Study Group will be studying Ascension Press'
The Book of Romans: The Gospel of Salvation for our fall 2021 study. Tuesdays from 1-3pm in the St. MM church building. We will be following the current Covid guidelines; but we are planning to meet in person.

Dates: Sept. 14 through Nov. 2, 2021

Please contact Laurie Wendt at <u>lauriewendt@gmail.com</u> or cell # 919-669-9455 for more details. All are welcome and no experience is necessary.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy, changing world. Our local council #7186 will be holding a membership drive at all masses the weekend of September 11th. Whether you become an individual member or a member of

our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you like to join today, simply go to <u>KofC.org/JoinUs</u> and enter our council #7186 for local information.

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.

To signup please go to https://habitatwake.volunteerhub.com/lp/southwestwake/.

Extraordinary Ministers or Holy Communion Training

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training will be Wednesday, September 22nd from 7pm-9pm in Church Room 1. Please RSVP to Lisa



StMM School News

Calling All Scouts or Teens Who Need Service Projects

Do you know a budding Eagle Scout looking for a project, a Girl Scout who needs a Silver or Gold project, or a teen who needs service hours? The PSO is looking for someone (or a troop!) to build 4 wooden benches for 2 existing picnic tables. If you have a Scout or teen who would be interested, please have them contact StMM PSO Co-President Gina Callaway (bobandginacallaway@gmail.com).

Considering a Catholic education for your child?

Admissions for the 2021-22 school year have been paused. The StMM Admissions department will open applications for the 2022-23 school year on October 1, 2021. School tours will also resume in October. Online applications and tour sign-ups will be available on our website, http://school.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.

<u>We have Parishioners in need</u> 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 they 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.

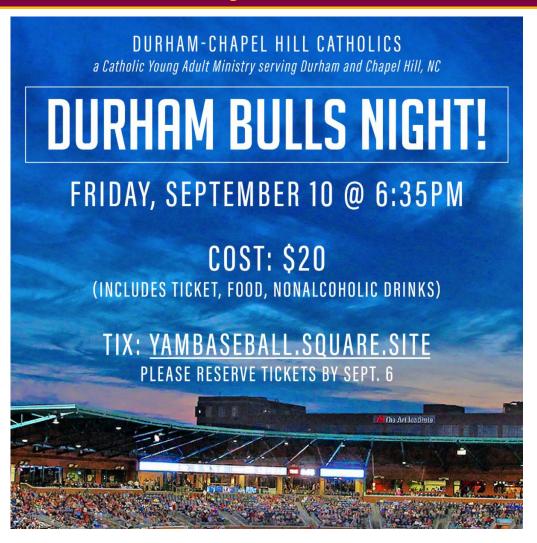
We are all in the same boat together.

God Bless.

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

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

Young Adult Event



Adults between the ages of 21-35 are warmly invited. For more information, contact Cassie Schutzer at cschutzer@stmchapelhill.org

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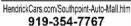
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