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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

December 11, 2020

A Note From Father Chris

The third week of Advent! Jesus Christ is coming to us in the manger very soon. The Gospel this weekend challenges us to look for the light and to know who is coming. How we prepare ourselves is always effected by who is coming.

Our Savior is coming to us. We have two weeks to be ready to welcome him. He knows who we are and we are invited to know who this God is before the arrival. Let us ready our hearts for Jesus Christ to enter our homes.

We have mailed out, to all registered families, a Christmas opportunity to send in a Christmas donation to the parish. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

In joyful anticipation!

Fr. Chris

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Upcoming Events

December 11 - Daily Mass 9:15am
December 11 - Confession 6pm - 7pm
December 12 - Confession 10:30am
December 12 - 5pm Mass
December 13 - 9am & 11am Mass, 6pm Youth Mass

December 13 - Apostello and The Way
 December 14 - Daily Mass 9:15am
 December 14 - Family Rosary - 6:30pm Chapel
 December 16 - Daily Mass 9:15am
 December 16 - GATHER 6:30pm
 December 17 - Daily Mass 9:15am
 December 17 - EDGE - 6:30pm
 December 18 - Daily Mass 9:15am
 December 18 - Confession 6pm - 7pm
 December 19 - 5pm Mass
 December 20 - 9am & 11am Mass
 December 21 - Daily Mass 9:15am
 December 21 - Family Rosary - 6:30pm Chapel
 December 23 - Daily Mass 9:15am

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 4pm Mass - Outside, please bring lawn chairs/blankets
 8pm Mass - Inside the church, live streamed, outdoor Communion
 Christmas Day 10am Mass - Inside the church, live streamed, outdoor Communion
 January 1st 10am Mass - Inside the church

Moved recently? Please update your address by email info@stmm.net or phone 919-657-4800 x7281.

Mass Schedule This Weekend

There are five options for attending Mass this weekend.

1. 5:00 pm Saturday, Inside the Church, socially distanced, wearing face masks and hand sanitizing
2. 9:00 am Sunday, Inside the Church, socially distanced, wearing face masks and hand sanitizing
3. 9:00 am Sunday, Virtual online with Outdoor Communion Service
4. 11:00am Sunday, Inside the Church, socially distanced, wearing face masks and hand sanitizing
5. 6pm Sunday, Youth Mass, Inside the Church, socially distanced, wearing face masks and hand sanitizing

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: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	#38
Psalm Luke 1: My soul rejoices in God my savior. My spirit finds its joy in God, the living God.	
Preparation: In Christ Alone	#412
Communion: Lo How a Rose E're Blooming	#79
Communion: Waiting in Silence	#49
Communion: Here at This Table	#312
Sending Forth: We Are Called	#618

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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;

- two on the piazza in front of the church and the second station is 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

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 November 9, 2020. 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"*.

Helping Hands Ministry



The Angel Tree

All Angel Tree donations are due back this weekend. Please attach the paper ornament to the gift/food contribution to help us track all donations. No gifts should be wrapped. **All contributions should be placed under the tree no later than 11:00am on Dec. 13th.**

Elementary Faith Formation



GATHER Virtual Packet Pick up - December packets are available for pick up beneath the portico (drive thru side entrance of the church).

Angel Tree - Thanks to all who donated to the Angel Tree Project. Over 20 families will receive Christmas gifts because of your generosity.

Virtual Advent Night of Hope - We'd like to invite you to Franciscan University's *Advent Night of Hope* - a free livestream Catholic Conference to refresh your Spirit On Saturday, **December 12, 7:00-**

9:00 p.m. EST, let's celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe together by gathering as Church to pray for our world with one heart and one voice. You'll enjoy a keynote presentation about our Blessed Mother from Mary Bielski, Eucharistic adoration with our University's President, Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, and more. Registration: <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/night-of-hope/>

Youth Ministry News



EDGE News

If you have any questions regarding faith formation for grades 4 -6 please contact Janine McGann at janine.mcgann@gmail.com

STMM Youth Ministry this Sunday, December 13 with the following schedule:

Apostello meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm. Each Apostello group has been assigned a point of entry/exit and will receive a temperature check at that door upon entry. Each teen must also wear a mask. Teens should check with their Apostello leader for their entry/exit door & room location.

The Way will be held from 7:15pm-8:30pm. Each small group has been assigned a point of entry/exit and will receive a temperature check at that door upon entry. Each teen must also wear a mask. This means that after youth mass, everyone must exit the church building before we can allow anyone to enter if their small group is assigned a room in the church building.

Teens should check with their small group leader(s) for their entry/exit door & room location.

Online registration is now open for teens who attend a Catholic HS & are seeking to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in April 2021. These teens are in year 2 of their preparation and would be in grades 10th-12th. This is "Option B" as explained on our Confirmation website at www.stmm.net. The link to register is located on the right side at this link: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm>. Parents should have already attended a Parent Confirmation Workshop and if you have not, one will be scheduled in the Spring.

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

StMM School News



New Chromebooks Available for Sale

Interested in purchasing a new chromebook? StMM School has some available for purchase. They are Samsung Chromebook 4, Celeron N400/1.1 GHz, Chrome OS, 4GB RAM, 32 GB eMMC, 11.6" 1366 x 728(HD), UHD graphics 600, WiFi in platinum titan. If you are interested in purchasing one, please click on this [link](#).

The cost is \$220.00 and they are available immediately. If you have any questions, please contact [Mrs. Kathy Loeschorn](#).

PSO Monarch Mondays Shirts Now Available

Would you like a St. Mary Magdalene Monarchs shirt or hoodie? The PSO would love to share our Monarch Mondays apparel with the parish! We have long- and short-sleeved options in performance or cotton materials, in youth and adult sizes. Shirts may be purchased [online](#) and will ship to your home. Thank you to our parish businesses and families who sponsored!

St. Nick Show Drive Update

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the St. Nick Shoe and Sock drive. It was a great success! All of our donations will be distributed to those in need by Brown Bag Ministry.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School will be closed for the Christmas holiday December 21st through January 5th. Students will return to school on Wednesday, January 6th. On behalf of the faculty and staff at StMM, we wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Dynamic Catholic Corner



Dynamic Catholic's mission is to re-energize the Catholic Church in America by developing world-class resources that inspire people to rediscover the genius of Catholicism.

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Experience free, daily video reflections on the Advent Gospel readings and head into 2021 with the happiest, shiniest soul you've ever had. Join Us for BEST ADVENT EVER 2020! All you have to do is go to [DynamicCatholic.com](https://www.dynamiccatholic.com) and enter your name and email address. The Best Year of Your Life Begins with the Best Advent of Your Life. Take the First Step Toward Making 2021 the Best Year of Your Life - Sign Up Today!!!

If you are currently an Ambassador or would like to learn more, send an email to stmm.dynamic.catholic@gmail.com. **Be Bold. Be Catholic.**

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 on the sign up genius link 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. All instructions are in the sign up genius description. For questions, please contact floralministry@stmm.net.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CABA82D6-stmary>

We are looking for parishioners gifted in the care of plants and flowers to volunteer to assist in keeping our church beautified. Please contact floralministry@stmm.net.

Knights of Columbus Operation Feed Thy Neighbor

The Knights of Columbus Council #7186 (based at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church) is partnering with St. Mary Magdalene, Wake County Human Services and several other local churches in the area to serve desperately needed meals to children, as well as the unemployed & underemployed in the Apex area during the COVID-19 crisis.

We will continue to operate an emergency food distribution site on Saturday and Sunday evenings located here in Apex. In the twenty six weekends, we have served more than 13,660 meals to Apex residents who are in need, and have distributed several hundred bags of non-perishable goods. A sincere **THANK YOU** to all who have supported our efforts through prayer, financial donations, or contributing to our non-perishable goods collection.

We are called by Jesus to be His hands and feet on Earth in feeding the hungry. Your support will enable us to continue to provide healthy meals to our most vulnerable neighbors during this crisis.

Please join (or partner with) us in performing a corporal work of mercy!

[Donate by clicking here](#)

The KofC are putting together bags with a list of food items in them. There will be tubs located under the drive through portico on the chapel side of the church starting Monday until Thursday of each week. One tub will be labeled "Completed bags" and the other will be labeled "Bag items". If you cannot fill an entire bag, please just give what you can and we'll put bags together out of whatever we collect. This allows for a 'no contact' way to help out during this difficult time.

Here are the items for one completed bag:

- 1 Rice or dried beans
- 1 Pasta & 1 Small Canned Sauce
- 1 Boxed Meal (hamburger helper or Mac-N-Cheese)
- 1 Canned Vegetable
- 1 Canned Fruit
- 6 Snack Items (individually wrapped)
- 1 Breakfast Items
- 1 Hygiene Item
- 1 Roll of Toilet Paper

Please bag these items at home and only include "like" items from above. We are not able to date check the donations, so please fill these bags with in-date items we can hand directly to folks in need. Please make sure everything fits into ONE bag which can be double knotted!

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](#)



Our witness to the sanctity of life.

January 16, 2021

TBD	11:00 am Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral Raleigh	2:00 pm* Bicentennial Plaza Gathering begins 11:30
North Carolina Right to Life Prayer Breakfast for Life	Diocesan Mass for Life (Rosary Begins at 10:30 am)	Rally and March for Life






For more information, contact your Respect Life Leader or Joshua.Klickman@raldioc.org

*Approximate time. For full schedule of Rally and March please see ncrtl.org

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