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### **St. Mary Magdalene E-News December 31, 2020**

#### **A Note from Fr. Chris**

Happy New Year! The church celebrates this Sunday with the newness that the child Jesus Christ brings us. We have a new start to achieve the fullness of life. To serve God and to serve others.

For 2021 the new daily Mass time is **9:00am**.  
(Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays all at 9:00am)

Much thanks and love to Kristin Wagner and the music ministry team for the wonderful music for our Christmas celebrations.

The response to the Christmas appeal to give a donation to our church was super. We appreciate your generous kindness in supporting the church.

Many blessings on the New Year!

Fr. Chris

[Giving  
Portal](#)

### **Upcoming Events**

\* The 2021 Calendars are now available under the covered drive at church.

January 1 - Mass 10am

January 1 - Adoration 10am - 11am in church

January 2 - Confessions 10:30am  
 January 2 - 5pm Mass  
 January 3 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 January 3 - No Youth Mass  
 January 4 - Daily Mass 9am \*New Time for daily Mass  
 January 4 - Family Rosary 6:30pm in the chapel  
 January 5 - No Daily Mass  
 January 6 - Daily Mass 9am  
 January 7 - Daily Mass 9am  
 January 8 - Daily Mass 9am  
 January 9 - Confessions 10:30am  
 January 9 - 5pm Mass  
 January 10 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 January 10 - Apostello and the Way  
 January 10 - Youth Mass 6pm

\*The Parish Office will be closed December 24th through January 3rd.

## Mass This Weekend

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 All Ye Faithful	#97
Psalm 72: Lord every nation on earth will adore you, O God. Lord every nation on earth will adore you.	
Preparation: We Thee Kings	#104
Communion: What Child Is This?	#106
Communion: Hark the Herald Angels Sing	#96
Communion: O Little Town of Bethlehem	#92
Sending Forth: Go Tell It On The Mountain	#99

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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](mailto: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](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)

## Pictures of the Week



Erika Gianni at St. Mary Magdalene Church,  
Apex NC

Tyler popped in photo from Thomas' baptism.



The Adult Ministries presented Fr. Chris with a tree skirt and ornaments.



The Church is decorated beautifully for Christmas.



Monsignor Staib, Monsignor Wall and Monsignor Lewis

## First Friday Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday January 1st from 10am - 11am. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the church 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](mailto:ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM) or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Please wear a mask and socially distance.

## 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](mailto: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** is closed for the Christmas holidays. All programs resume on Tuesday, January 12th.

**GATHER Virtual Packet Pick up** - December packets are available for pick up beneath the portico (drive thru side entrance of the church) anytime 24/7 for your convenience.

**Gather Meeting Schedule Change** - In January, the first Wednesday of the month classes will also be cancelled for the evening of 1/6/21 in conjunction with all STMM Youth Ministry Programs. Those families can pick up their January packets after the first of the year. In addition, a teaching video will be recorded and released the second week of January. Those parents are welcome to attend another teaching night on either Tuesday, 1/12/21 or Wednesday, 1/20/21 but unfortunately due to class size restrictions; we cannot allow first Wednesday students to join any other class in January.

## Youth Ministry News



### EDGE News

Wishing all of our families a very Merry Christmas! Edge will resume January 14th 2021.

Please contact Janine McGann with any questions at [janine.mcgann@gmail.com](mailto:janine.mcgann@gmail.com)

### StMM High School Youth Ministry

Apostello and The Way are off until January 10th 2021.

Please contact Liz Sams with any questions at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com)

## StMM School News

### **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!

### **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!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 thirty eight weekends, we have served over 18,000 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!

## Respect Life Ministry

Pray to protect human life!  
January 21-29, 2020

9 Days for Life is a novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Sign up to receive the novena by email, text message, or an app at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com). Also, [additional resources](#) to observe the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children are available.



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



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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](http://ncrtl.org)

# MARCH FOR LIFE

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January 29<sup>th</sup> 2021



MARCH FOR LIFE  
#WhyWeMarch | [MarchForLife.org](http://MarchForLife.org)

## 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](#)

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