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### St. Mary Magdalene E-News

December 4, 2020

#### A Note From Father Chris

This second week of Advent we move from "*get ready*" for the Christ that is coming to - "*how to get ready*" for Christ. We take the steps in our hearts to acknowledge God, and to acknowledge our sins. This might not sound like fun, but the result is! Knowing how to get our very spirit ready for Christmas helps us capture the joy of Christmas. The joy that is available at every age.

Masses for the Solemnity of Blessed Mary on Tuesday, December 8th will be at 9:15am and 7:00pm. There is a Holy Hour after the Tuesday evening Mass.

We have come so far together through our carefulness, so let's continue our efforts to stay safe.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

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### Upcoming Events

- December 4 - Adoration 10am - 7pm Church
- December 4 - Confession 6pm - 7pm
- December 5 - Confession 10:30am
- December 5 - 5pm Mass
- December 6 - 9am & 11am Mass, 6pm Youth Mass

December 6 - Apostello and The Way  
 December 7 - Daily Mass 9:15am  
 December 7 - Family Rosary - 6:30pm Chapel  
 December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception - 9:15am & 7pm Mass  
 December 8 - Eucharistic Holy Hour - 8pm Church  
 December 8 - No GATHER  
 December 9 - Daily Mass 9:15am  
 December 10 - Daily Mass 9:15am  
 December 10 - EDGE - 6:30pm  
 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

#### 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](mailto:info@stmm.net) or phone 919-657-4800 x7281.

## Mass Schedule This Weekend

Thank you to the newlyweds Luke and Katie McGann for their donation of their wedding flowers for the church Thanksgiving 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**

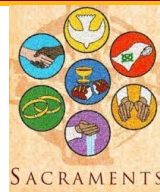
Gathering: River of Glory	#643
Psalm 85: Show us your kindness, O God. Show us your kindness O God	
Preparation: O Come, O Come Emmanuel	#38
Communion: All That Is Hidden	#501
Communion: Luke 1: My Soul Rejoices	#824
Communion: Here at This Table	#312
Sending Forth: Emmanuel	#56

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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.

**WEDDINGS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email [weddings@stmm.net](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)

## Pictures of the Week



Wedding of Kate and Luke McGann November 28th



Msgr. Staib was here for a visit with Fr. Chris

Offertory Counters Needed

Do you have a focus on details? Do you have time to dedicate on Monday mornings?

St MM Church is seeking parishioners as we restructure our offertory 'counting team'. After training, the commitment would be on a rotational schedule from 9:45 - 11am every Monday except holidays

If you want to learn more- Please respond to [info@stmm.net](mailto:info@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](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"*.

## First Friday Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday December 4th from 10am - 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](mailto:ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM) or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Please wear a mask and socially distance.

## Eucharistic Holy Hour

Please join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for Eucharistic Holy Hour December 8 from 8-9 p.m. following the 7pm Mass. 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 8th!!

## Giving Tuesday Thank You



A big THANK YOU to all who generously supported StMM's first Giving Tuesday. We surpassed our goal and raised \$2350 towards Operation Feed Thy Neighbor! Thank you for "Giving Catholic" on #Giving Tuesday

## Helping Hands Ministry





### The Angel Tree

The **Angel Tree** will be in the lobby filled with ornaments for needy children and families from several Wake County non-profit organizations continue this Saturday, December 5th. Please attach the 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 Second Tuesday Families** - Tuesday, December 8, 2020 is *the Feast of the Immaculate Conception*. Rather than arriving at 6:30 pm, GATHER families will attend Mass at 7:00 pm and pick up their packets following Mass. There will not be a guest speaker or small group time for this night only.

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

**Thanksgiving Basket Donations** - Thank you to all our families for your generous donations this Thanksgiving Season.

**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](mailto:janine.mcgann@gmail.com)

### STMM Youth Ministry this Sunday, December 6 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](http://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](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com)

## StMM School News



### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED**

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School is accepting applications for substitute teachers for grades PreK-8. Come be part of the Saint Mary Magdalene faculty, and work with our Monarchs! Interested? Email Christa Iozzo at [iozzo@stmm.net](mailto:iozzo@stmm.net).

### **St. Nick Shoe and Sock Drive December 1st-8th**

The 2nd grade class at StMM School is once again sponsoring a shoe and sock drive. There are so many families in need this year due to the pandemic. If you can, please consider donating any of the following items: new shoes/sneakers, new socks, and new men's work boots. Gently used shoes will also be acceptable. Put each pair of shoes inside a plastic bag and tie it. Donations bins will be located outside our Church's side and back entrances. There will also be bins outside the school's main entrance during school hours. Brown Bag Ministry distributes all of our donations. Thank you for supporting this important service project!

## Sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent (Belarus)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We would like to invite you to have a look at handmade religious articles and souvenirs made by the Sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent (Belarus) which with the kind permission of Rev. Chris Koehn to visit your church on December 5-6.

The Sisterhood of Saint Elisabeth was founded in 1996. For more than 15 years our sisters have been rendering spiritual, social and financial support to the sick and the suffering at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults, a TB clinic. It is of great importance to give sick people spiritual support and consolation.

In recent years a rehabilitation center for the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners was established 20 miles away from the Convent. About 160 residents live here today. Many lost and struggling people get a chance to tackle their problems and start a new life with God.

To help these people workshops were established on the grounds of the Convent. Many of these sick people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with the nuns and sisters and making beautiful articles (hand painted icons, crosses, crucifixes, woodcarvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, vestments).

All these goods are made with love and prayer and bring blessing to home. You will support many people in need by purchasing items of devotions for yourselves and your beloved ones.

With love in Christ,

Sisters of St Elisabeth

## Discipleship Quads

**Discipleship Quad Info Session (via ZOOM)** - *Looking for community within our parish? Wanting to learn more about our faith but don't know where to start?* Don't let the word "discipleship" scare you away!! A disciple is simply someone who is overflowing with the love of Jesus and desires to share it with others. If you want to move closer to that reality, then Discipleship Quads are for you. All parishioners 18+ are welcome. No prerequisites needed! And it is free. Entry into a quad is ongoing and you can meet virtually or in person, whenever it is convenient for you and the other members of your small group. 12 quads are already active and running within our parish. **To ask questions and learn more, please join our Zoom meeting this coming Wednesday 12/9 at 7:30 pm.** Go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us). Meeting ID: 820 6104 3921 Passcode: 533656. Can't make it but have questions? Email Joe or Laura Werner at [steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com](mailto:steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com). Hope to see you Wednesday!!

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## 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 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](#)



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# January 16, 2021

TBD	11:00 am Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral Raleigh	2:00 pm* Bicentennial Plaza Gathering begins 11:30
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