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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

February 12, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

After this weekend we will put away the word "alleluia". Alleluia will be absent from the Masses until Jesus rises from the tomb on Easter morning. We will put away our celebration themes and embrace our real life struggles and our real life healings.

We need all our parish families to participate in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocese spreads the real life healing power of Jesus Christ throughout Eastern North Carolina so please help us with a donation. Go to the [link for the BAA](#) and give. It's easy and it's a good cause.

Thank you!!

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

**“God is love,
and whoever
remains in love
remains in God
and God in him.”**

1 JOHN 4:16



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Upcoming Events



There is a collection box under the covered drive at church for Palms.

February 13 - Confessions 10:30am
February 13 - 5pm Mass
February 14 - 9am & 11am Mass
February 14 - Apostello & the Way
February 14 - Youth Mass 6pm
February 15 - Daily Mass 9am
February 15 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
February 16 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm
February 17 - Ash Wednesday Mass 9am & 7pm
February 17 - No GATHER
February 18 - Daily Mass 9am
February 18 - EDGE 6:30pm
February 19 - Daily Mass 9am
February 19 - KofC Fish Fry Pre-order/Takeout only event
February 19 - Stations of the Cross 7pm
February 19 - Confessions 7-8pm
February 20 - Confessions 10:30am

February 20 - 5pm Mass
February 21 - 9am & 11am Mass
February 21 - Apostello & the Way
February 21 - Youth Mass 6pm
February 22 - Daily Mass 9am
February 22 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

Perhaps you were not at the dedication, or perhaps you are a new parishioner since July 2017 we have some Dedication Journals available still. These have been placed in the church lobby by the pictures (opposite ministers sacristy) Please feel free to take home one of these for your family as the journal is filled with information about the Church, including about the design, furnishings, and the wonderful stained glass windows.

Mass This Weekend



Altar flowers were donated by Brandon and Bertha Smith in memory of Hans and Lucia Dodel.

Altar flowers were also donated by Robert Elder in memory of the Elder and Walsh Families.

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: Gather Us In	#303
Psalm 32: I turn to you in times of trouble and you fill me with the joy of salvation.	
Preparation: Blest Are They	#725
Communion: The Summons	#383
Communion: Spirit and Grace	#345
Communion: Bread of Life	#368
Sending Forth: How Can I Keep From Singing	#442

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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; one on the piazza in front of the church and two in 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.

Lent



Lent begins this week with **Ash Wednesday**, Mass will be at **9am** and **7pm** with distribution of ashes. After the 9am Mass, ashes will be distributed outside in the covered drive. This year in the Diocese ashes will be sprinkled.

We have booklets from the Word Among Us for Lent on the tables in the Narthex. Please help yourself.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) **Rice Bowls** are also available in the Narthex. You can find more

information about this project at <https://www.crsricebowl.org> Please return your Rice Bowls by Easter and convert money collected to a check.

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during lent at 7pm in the church.

Confession will also be offered every Friday during lent from 7-8pm.

2020 Tax Statements



Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

http://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2020.pdf

Are you now donating online and do not want to receive church envelopes? If so, please email the parish office at info@stmm.net to stop the envelopes.

Brick Orders



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS line the walkway to our Activities Building. Commemorate a First Communion, a Graduation or remember a loved one with an engraved brick. The deadline for the Spring brick order is **March 27th**. The cost is \$100 per brick. Order forms are located in the parish office or http://www.stmm.church/Brick_Order_Form.pdf

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

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Please join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for Eucharistic Holy Hour **Tuesday February 16th from 7-8 p.m.** and continuing the 3rd Tuesday of each month. 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 16th!!

Virtual Night of Discovery and Fellowship

Are you a newer member of our parish or someone who is looking for community during COVID? We want to virtually meet you!! Join us for a night of discovery and fellowship via ZOOM as we learn more about who Jesus is. Jesus asks his Apostles in Matthew 16, "Who do you say that I am?" This is an important question for each one of us to answer as He asks this same question of us today. We will watch, reflect, and discuss the first segment of Fr. Dave Pivonka's video series *Metanoia: A Journey with Christ into Conversion*. Fr. Dave is a well-known and popular Catholic speaker and currently the president of Franciscan University of Steubenville. All are welcome. Please join us on **Thursday February 25 from 7-8:15pm**. FREE. Contact jackie.centamore@yahoo.com to sign up and receive the Zoom link. If you enjoy this one event, please consider joining our four-week, virtual Lenten study to follow.

Dynamic Catholic Corner

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.

Feed Your Soul with Prayer this Lent!

Nothing will transform your life so completely, absolutely, and forever like really learning how to pray. That's why this year's BEST LENT EVER journeys through Matthew Kelly's latest book, **I Heard God Laugh**

A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God. If you choose to throw yourself into this experience, we promise you that you will be surprised by what God can do in your life with just an email, a short video and an open heart. So this year, don't just sign up for [BEST LENT EVER](#), have your best lent ever! Pickup a copy of **I Heard God Laugh** and a BEST LENT EVER journal to prepare for your Lenten journey. There will be a limited supply of BEST LENT EVER journals available at Ash Wednesday Mass in the Narthex.

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.

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 February 1, 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".

Elementary Faith Formation



First Reconciliation - Congratulations to all our children who made their First Reconciliation last week and a special thanks to all the Parents and Volunteers who have worked diligently to prepare them for this sacrament. Next week will be our second group of children to make their sacrament. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Gather February - Third Wednesday 2/17/21 of the month will not meet in person as its **Ash Wednesday**. Families are invited to attend Mass at 7:00 pm and pick up your packets following Mass.

Gather Virtual Families - February packets are available for pick up beneath the portico (drive thru side entrance of the church) anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for your convenience. Teaching videos on this month's topic of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving were recorded and were emailed home in the 2/5/21 Gather newsletter.

First Eucharist Parent Meetings - One parent attends one of these meetings (without children). We will meet in the chapel, wearing face masks, sitting socially distanced, and review everything required for preparation of the sacrament of First Eucharist.

- Wednesday, February 24, 2021 - 10:30 am **or** 7:00 pm in the Chapel
- Thursday, February 25 - 10:30 am **or** 7:00 pm in the Chapel

Questions: Please contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7820

Youth Ministry News



EDGE News

Please contact Janine McGann with any questions at janine.mcgann@gmail.com

StMM High School Youth Ministry

StMM YM schedule for 2/14/21

Apostello 4:30-5:45pm

Youth mass 6pm

The Way 7:15-8:30pm

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

FROM SIPPY CUPS TO SEX: CANDID CONVERSATIONS ON HOW TO LOVE AND LEAD YOUR CHILDREN THROUGH LIFE'S MOST CHALLENGING TRANSITIONS

Be a part of the conversation. Join us.

Part 1

Feb. 25 OR 28 (same workshop both nights)

Part 2

March 25 OR 28 (same workshop both nights)

6:45pm - 7:45pm in the GYM

Please join us for a two part conversation on raising kids in today's technology, how to have "the sex talk" at all ages, and navigating today's pornographic culture. We hope you'll join us. Space is limited. Questions? Please email Janine at janine.mcgarra@gmail.com

Signup at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ca9aa2ca5f85-from>

StMM School News

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School students will enjoy a day off on Monday, February 15th and Tuesday, February 16th. Students will return to school on Wednesday. Enjoy your long weekend, Monarchs!

Considering a Catholic education for your child? Though many of our grades have a waitlist for the 2021-22 school year, we do have limited space available in grades 5, 7 and 8. We also have a few spots left in our half-day, morning 3 year old preschool and half-day, afternoon 4 year old preschool. [Click here to apply.](#) Schedule a virtual tour of our school by [clicking here.](#)

Save the Date: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fish Fry Alert!



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry- Takeout Only-

Fri, February 19th, March 5th, and March 19th at St. Mary Magdalene. Pre-order online at www.lentfishfry.com. Although we will not be able to gather together, the Knights will continue our great tradition this Lent with a Pre-order/Takeout only event. Enjoy a great meal while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.

Souper Bowl of Caring



Thank you all so much for your generous donations last weekend for the Souper Bowl of Caring food drive. We collected \$2,263 in cash donations and 167 lbs. of food. The food was delivered to Western Wake Crisis Ministry food pantry in Apex, and the cash donations were divided and sent to Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) food pantry in Raleigh and to Western Wake Crisis Ministry.

Respect Life Committee Service Project



To bring friendship, kindness, and thoughtful words to seniors in community, the Respect Life committee invites you to write Valentine's Day notes/cards. They can be store bought or handmade with a simple message (e.g. Wishing you all the love in the world this Valentine's Day or Happy Valentine's card to someone sweeter than a box of chocolates). You can drop off the cards in a collection box at StMM church during Masses this weekend of Feb. 14th. If you need more information contact Paula at pshils@bellsouth.net.

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, please contact floralministry@stmm.net.

Knights of Columbus Operation Feed Thy Neighbor

Our StMM Knights of Columbus Council #7186 continues to partner with Wake County Human Services and several other local churches in the area to serve desperately needed meals & non-perishable goods to those in need in the Apex area during the COVID-19 crisis.

As we are continuing these efforts until the threat of the pandemic subsides, we kindly ask for your continued support of our efforts through prayer, [financial donations](#), or [contributing to our non-perishable goods collection](#). Please contact Bob Callaway at bob.callaway@gmail.com if you have any questions.

StMM Softball Team

We are seeking parishioners age 17+ to join us for the STMM softball team. Games start in late March/early April and are played on Fridays and Sundays.

If interested, please contact Bobby Rowe (stmmmapexsoftball@gmail.com). Sign-up is available through the Apex Parks and Recreation website. COVID regulations will be in place. Cost to play will be based on the number of teammates but should be approximately \$50.

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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