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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

February 26, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

Transfigured before Peter, James and John, Jesus says, *"tell no one yet"*.



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Are we ready to tell people who we really are? We long for the day when we are completely transformed in brilliant perfect love. Dazzling goodness and truth. This Lenten journey is available for us to become pure. Pure in our motives, and pure in our hearts

Part of this transformation is telling others who we want to be. Please make a contribution to the Bishops Annual Appeal to join in that transformation. We want all families to participate. Please.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris



Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

February 26 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church and [live streamed](#)
February 26 - Confessions 7-8pm
February 27 - Confessions 10:30am
February 27 - 5pm Mass
February 28 - 9am & 11am Mass
February 28 - Apostello & the Way
February 28 - Youth Mass 6pm
March 1 - Daily Mass 9am
March 1 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
March 3 - Daily Mass 9am
March 3 - GATHER 6:30pm
March 4 - Daily Mass 9am
March 4 - EDGE 6:30pm
March 5 - Daily Mass 9am
March 5 - Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church
March 5 - KofC Fish Fry Pre-order/Takeout only event
March 5 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church and [live streamed](#)
March 5 - Confessions 7-8pm

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: Beyond the Days

#126

Psalm 116: I will walk in the presence of God. I will sing of the good things that God has done for me. I will walk in the presence of the Lord.

Preparation: Transfigure Us, O Lord

#499

Communion: Transfiguration

#131

Communion: The Lord is My Light

#667

Communion: I Have Loved You

#602

Sending Forth: Lead Me, Lord

#726

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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.

A Lenten Night of Reflection

Three Transformative Moments

A Lenten Night of Reflection

with

Fr. Scott McCue

March 10, 7 PM Church

[Live Stream Link](#)

Our Lenten night of reflection will look at three key gospel passages from John that served as moments of transformation:

The Woman at the Well

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst"

The Man Born Blind

"I am the light of the world"

The Raising of Lazarus

"Untie him and let him go."

Fr. Scott will help us to understand how these passages transformed those who Jesus encountered and how they can help in our ongoing transformation as disciples.



A priest of the Diocese of Raleigh for 20 years, Fr. Scott serves as Pastor of St. Thomas More in Chapel Hill. Previously has served as Pastor of St. Ann in Clayton and Asst. Principal for Spiritual Life at Cardinal Gibbons High School. Fr. Scott currently also serves as Dean of the Piedmont Deanery, a member of the Council of Priests, the College of Consultors and as Diocesan Scout Chaplain.

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

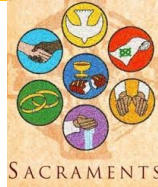
Are you now donating online and do not want to receive church envelopes? If so, please email the parish office at info@stmm.net to stop the envelopes.

Brick Orders

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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

First Friday Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday March 5th 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 or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Please wear a mask and socially distance.

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



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.

Gather March Dates - March 3, 9 & 17. This Month's topic is on Living the Ten Commandments and will feature Deacon Rick Stevens as our guest speaker.

First Eucharist Parent Meetings - For those parents who missed last week's meeting, materials are available for pick up in the portico. Meeting notes and video will be emailed home this week. Email Suzanne to sign up for First Communion Liturgy

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 2/28/21

Apostello 4:30-5:45pm

Youth mass 6pm

The Way 7:15-8:30pm

Confirmation

I am offering 3 Parent Confirmation Workshops in March to try to help parents catch up with the guidelines for the sacrament. Each workshop will be in the gym on the following nights:

March 3rd at 8:00pm

March 9th at 8:00pm

March 18th at 8:00pm

There's no RSVP or Sign Up process. If your teen is in year 1 or year 2 of preparation you are required to attend 1 Parent Confirmation Workshop prior to your teen receiving the sacrament. We'll be in the gym where you can spread out on the bleachers. It is required for parents to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth while you are on the STMM campus.



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.mcgann@gmail.com

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

StMM School News

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!



KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry- Takeout Only- Fri, 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.

Parishioner Assistance Ministry

We are one BIG STMM Family- Can you help? Do you need help?

Now feels like the right time to 'reboot' the Parishioner Assistance Ministry. Its true purpose is to help our brothers and sisters in need while building our STMM community. We are all members of a large STMM church family! When a family member needs help, we need to be there. And when **you** are in need, we - your church family will be there for you.

How can we do this? We will do this by creating and managing a database of family members willing and able to help. Via a simple and confidential request to this ministry, we would arrange and provide assistance, free of charge - to help those in a time of need. All of us have a talent or two. What is your talent? We need it all. Electricians, roof repair, counselling, financial guidance, legal advice, lawn cutting, minor car repair questions, driving help, a meal for someone in need, child care, elder care, a meal.....anything...

1. Please consider offering your time and sharing your talent. 1-2 hours is all we will ever ask for. Will your help be needed now or anytime soon? Maybe or maybe not. But your fellow family members will be happy to know that if needed, help will be there.

2. When **YOU** find yourself in a time of need, **PLEASE** know your STMM family is here. Please reach out to us, and we'll find a way to help. **This includes help to 'keep the lights on' during a difficult time.** Don't go through your tough times alone. Lean on your STMM family.

Please consider joining us in this ministry as we help those in need and continue to build and strengthen our STMM community!

Proverbs 3:27 'Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act'. You have the power to act. You have the power to help those in need."

Contact: Kathy Lynch kcclynch@yahoo.com 919-210-2709 or Dan Moskey dmoskey12@gmail.com 919-986-8613

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 (stmmapexsoftball@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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