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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

February 5, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

Simon said to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you!". By our very nature we are looking for Jesus. Jesus who is the way, the truth and the light. Who is LOVE.

The Diocese of Raleigh provides many especially in the rural areas that light and love people are seeking. Please be generous in your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We are thankful for your support to be the presence of Jesus Christ in our community and in the rest of Eastern North Carolina.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris



Please view the 2021 BAA message
from Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama

Giving

Upcoming Events



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

- February 5 - Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm
- February 6 - Confessions 10:30am
- February 6-7 - Souper Bowl of Caring after all the Masses
- February 6 - 5pm Mass
- February 7 - 9am & 11am Mass
- February 7 - No Apostello or the Way
- February 7 - No Youth Mass
- February 8 - Communion Service 9am
- February 9 - GATHER 6:30pm
- February 10 - Daily Mass 9am
- February 11 - Daily Mass 9am
- February 11 - EDGE 6:30pm
- February 12 - Daily Mass 9am
- 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 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

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 Rudy Gunawan in memory of Benedictus Bintoro Halimputro and Go Sa Wen.

Thank you to florist Lavender Lane of Apex, NC.

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: Table of Plenty	#311
Psalm 147: O bless the Lord My soul, who heals the brokenhearted.	
Preparation: The Least of These	#390
Communion: Blest are They	#725
Communion: I Am the Living Bread	#355
Communion: Taste and See	#333
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.

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

First Friday Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday February 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.

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!!

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 February Meetings are as follows:

First Wednesday 2/3/21, Second Tuesday 2/9/21 - Meetings in Person. 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. Parents who'd like to attend in person on the First Wednesday 2/3/21 or Second Tuesday 2/9/21 are welcome to attend but regrettably, classes are full therefore the children cannot attend alternate nights. We will have three guest speakers

to discuss the Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Please join us.

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 Vocations were recorded and were emailed home in this week's newsletter.

First Reconciliation Retreat - The First Reconciliation Retreat for second graders and sacramental preparation students will **not** be held in person on February 6, 2021. Materials for an "at home" retreat experience for GATHER students are now available for pickup beneath the portico anytime and will be sent home with STMM students.

First Reconciliation - Details for First Reconciliation for GATHER and STMM students were emailed this week. If you did not receive an email and have a child eligible to receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation, please contact Suzanne.

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

High School Programs are off this weekend 2/7/21.

No Youth Mass

Catholic HS Confirmation

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

STMM YOUTH MINISTRY
PARENT WORKSHOPS

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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.mcgann@gmail.com

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

StMM School News

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School had a wonderful Catholic School Week celebration! Just a reminder that our CPO food drive and our adopt a student at St. Brigid campaign continues. Details below:

CPO Food Drive

For two weeks, February 1st-12th, we will be collecting food for Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO). Food donations can be dropped off at the school. As a peanut/tree nut free school, we would ask you please NOT send in peanut butter, substitutes or items containing nuts.

Donate to our Sister School in Haiti

Did you know that Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School has a sister school in Numero Deux, Haiti called St. Bridget? During Catholic Schools Week we are inviting families to adopt a student and help keep the school open for another year. Just use the "[DONATE](#)" button on our church website! [Click here to learn more about donating to St. Bridget.](#) We are currently at \$4,045 of our \$10,000 goal.

Re-Enrollment for 2021-22 School Year

Just a reminder to our current Monarch families that re-enrollment for next school year is currently underway. Priority enrollment runs until February 12th. More information about re-enrollment is available in your most recent school newsletter. Questions? Please contact [Lydia Bianany](#).

Save the Date: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fish Fry Alert!



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.

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.

Daytime Bible Study

St. MM Daytime Bible Study

No Greater Love : A Walk Through Christ's Passion

by Edward Sri with Ascension Press

 There is a virtual and in person option.
Tuesday Afternoons Feb. 16 through March 16, 2021
Please contact Laurie Wendt for details.
lauriewendt@gmail.com or 919-669-9455

Souper Bowl of Caring



The Nationwide SOUPER BOWL OF CARING "tackle hunger" event will take place at St. Mary Magdalene Church on Super Bowl weekend, February 6th and 7th. More than \$90 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. The time around Super Bowl weekend has been transformed into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Please be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. We are collecting CANS OF SOUP, PACKAGES OF CRACKERS and DOLLAR DONATIONS before and after the Saturday 5pm mass on February 6th, and before and after the Sunday 9am and 11am masses on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) food pantry and Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) food pantry.

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 the weekend of Feb. 7th and 14th or there will be a collection box under the covered drive outside the church. 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 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 forty four weekends, we have served over 20,000 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!

Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services- How can we help?

In recent weeks, the Catholic Relief Services Wake County Chapter has formed you about the work Catholic Relief Services does around the world. We have shared how millions of people are helped around the world each year on our behalf. But this can only happen with our support. In coming weeks, you will be invited to LEARN, PRAY, and ACT as a part of the CRS Rice Bowl Program. We hope that you will join other Catholic Wake County families on their journey this Lent to learn more about CRS! [Click here to learn more.](#)



[Click here for CRS Rice Bowl 2021 Virtual Events](#)

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](#)

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.

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