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### **St. Mary Magdalene E-News January 22, 2021**

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

This weekend in the Mass we hear the voice of Jonah. Remember that Jonah is memorialized with a statue in the courtyard of our church here at St. Mary Magdalene. Monsignor Staib has always had a connection with the spiritual journey of Jonah. The Ninevites heard Jonah and repented. They lived better. Do we accept the teachings of Jesus Christ and live better too? Jesus invites us to repent and believe in the good news. Live better, God is with you!

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is underway please check your mail. We invite everyone to especially participate this year.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

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### **Upcoming Events**

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

January 23 - Men's Morning of Reflection - 9am Church

January 23 - No Confessions

January 23 - 5pm Mass

January 24 - 9am & 11am Mass

January 24 - Apostello and The Way

January 24 - Youth Mass 6pm  
 January 25 - Daily Mass 9am  
 January 25 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel  
 January 27 - Daily Mass 9am  
 January 28 - Daily Mass 9am  
 January 28 - EDGE 6:30pm  
 January 29 - Daily Mass  
 January 30 - Blood drive 10am - 2pm outside school building  
 January 30 - Confessions 10:30am  
 January 30 - 5pm Mass  
 January 31 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 January 31 - Apostello and The Way  
 January 31 - Youth Mass 6pm  
 February 1 - Daily Mass 9am  
 February 1 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel  
 February 3 - Daily Mass 9am

## Mass This Weekend

Altar flowers were donated by Janelle and Monty Buchanan in memory of Jerry Buchanan.

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: 10,000 Reasons	#561
Psalm 25: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may be faithful in your sight.	
Preparation: The Summons	#383
Communion: Pescador De Hombres	#502
Communion: I Am the Bread of Life	#362
Communion: One Bread, One Body	#338
Sending Forth: A Rightful Place	#724

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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)

## Picture of the Week



Ethan Miller of Boy Scout Troop 316 crafted a bench for our preschool program's PK3 playground for his Eagle Scout project. Ethan and his team of scouts did an excellent job, and this amazing bench will be enjoyed for many years to come. Many thanks to Ethan and his fellow scouts!

## 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](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"*.

## Men's Morning of Reflection

Knights of Columbus Council 7186 invites the men of Saint Mary Magdalene Parish to a Morning of

Reflection Saturday, January 23 from 9:00 to noon in the Church.

Fr. Chris and other men of the parish will lead us as we contemplate discipleship and its role in our lives and the life of the Church. We'll end the morning with Adoration, Confession and Benediction.

We will follow social distancing guidelines and safety protocols. Sanitizer and masks will be available. Everyone should wear a facemask at all times. Contact Joe Sebik, [joeyssebik@gmail.com](mailto:joeyssebik@gmail.com), for more information.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/20f0c4baaaf23a64-mens/17451385>

## 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 will be available for pick up the first week of February 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](mailto: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](mailto:janine.mcgann@gmail.com)



### **StMM High School Youth Ministry**

The Way and Apostello return this Sunday 1/24/21

Apostello 4:30pm-5:45pm

Youth mass 6pm

The Way 7:15pm-8:30pm

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

## **StMM School News**

### **Catholic Schools Week is Coming!**

We are excited to celebrate the gift of Catholic education January 31st - February 5th. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Check out our schedule of events for the week by [clicking here](#).

### **Accepting Applications for New Students for the 2021-22 School Year**

St. Magdalene Catholic School is currently accepting applications for next year. To apply online, please [click here](#). Virtual tours of our school are also available. Schedule a tour by [clicking here](#). Please note, we have limited space in our 3 year old and 4 year old preschool programs. If you are interested, you are strongly encouraged to apply now. Children must be 3 years old by August 31, 2021 and potty trained to qualify for our 3 old preschool program.

### **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**

### **Save the Date: KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry- Takeout Only**

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

## **Letter of Gratitude from the Sisterhood of St. Elizabeth, Belarus**

Dear in Christ Father Koehn,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation of your kind support of our ministry in Belarus. We heartily thank Lord for precious help of all people who helped us during the visit of our sister Maria. Your support is truly a blessing because it enables us to continue our work.

Let us assure you that you are always in our prayers and you are always welcome here at St. Elisabeth

Convent.

With deep gratitude and love in Christ,

Abbess Evfrosinia and sisters of St Elisabeth Convent

## 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.

## StMM Career Network Ministry

You won't want to miss this CNM event, which is open to all working professionals and job-seekers. Paula Snyder is a very inspiring guest speaker. Plus job-search tips and online networking!

**Join us** and please **share** this invite with a few friends, colleagues and networks you think might benefit.

**TAKING OWNERSHIP (EVEN WHEN YOU AREN'T THE BOSS)** Using Your Hidden Creative Genius to Enhance Employee/Employer Experiences:

Ever hear the comment "It's not my job"? Though it's good to understand what we are "supposed to do", it takes some creative thinking and actions to put ourselves into an "ownership" frame of mind. Why should we take ownership? It's a win-win for both employee and employer.

In this talk, Paula shares her years of experience in "taking ownership" to show employees how to gain an extra level of satisfaction from their work, build new skills for upward movement, and earn the recognition/rewards of doing so.

Guest speaker: Paula Snyder  
CEO at PC Snyder Creative Enterprises LLC  
When: Jan 23, 2021, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Save This Link: **Join Here:** <https://bit.ly/35URaMQ>

Reach out to STMM Parishioner Kathy Lynch 919-210-2709 or [Kathy@KathyLynchHomes.com](mailto:Kathy@KathyLynchHomes.com) for any questions.

## 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).

## Scout Sunday

**Scout Sunday - February 7th.** The annual Scout Sunday event to recognize and celebrate our parish's Scouts (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and their leaders) will be held at the **9 AM Mass on Sunday, February 7th.** There will be a special handout at the Mass listing the Scouts participating in the event. To be included in the handout, **please provide the following information to [stmm.scoutsunday@gmail.com](mailto:stmm.scoutsunday@gmail.com) by February 1st:** name, unit type, unit number, rank or position and any religious award/emblem received in the past year. Scouts are asked to attend the event in uniform. Information submissions should receive a confirmation of receipt email within 48 hours. If not, please contact Ben Ryan at 919-924-4888. **NOTE:** Due to pandemic restrictions, the Knights of Columbus will **not** provide refreshments this year and scouts should sit with their families.

## 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!

## K of C Blooddrive

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a blood drive with the Blood Connection on Saturday, January 30th from 10am - 2pm. Please see either link to signup for a slot.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BAAAF23A64-kofc13>

[https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/162531](https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/162531)

## 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.



# MARCH FOR LIFE

January 29<sup>th</sup>

2021



## 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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