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St. Mary Magdalene E-News January 29, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris



Jesus in the Gospel this weekend removes the unclean spirits from the afflicted. Dismissing the demons but not dismissing the person. The way of Jesus Christ requires us to treat afflictions while still foster the good the person. We often need help with this. The Diocese of Raleigh offers resources for all the parishes with professional help.

Please consider budgeting a \$200 donation to the Bishop's Annual Appeal from your family to help other families.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris



Upcoming Events



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

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
- February 3 GATHER 6:30pm
- February 4 Daily Mass 9am
- February 4 EDGE 6:30pm
- February 5 Daily Mass 9am
- 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 Daily Mass 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

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 Kathy Loeschorn in memory of Marion Chabot.

Thank you to florist Lavender Lane of Apex, NC.

Click <u>HERE</u> 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.

<u>Music for this week's Mass</u>	
Gathering: Gather Your People	#314
Psalm 95: If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.	
Preparation: The Lord is My Light	#667
Communion: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	#589
Communion: Your Words are Spirit and Life	#592

Communion: Be Thou My Vision	#396
Sending Forth: We are the Light of the World	#591

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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.

2020 Tax Statements

Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email <u>prewitt@stmm.net</u>, 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 <u>info@stmm.net</u> 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 <u>http://www.stmm.church/Brick_Order_Form.pdf</u>

Sacraments



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, <u>info@stmm.net</u>. 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 <u>ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM</u> or 919-280-8931 if

interested.

Please wear a mask and socially distance.

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 <u>rcia@stmm.me</u> 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 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 <u>will@stmm.net</u> 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

The Way and Apostello return this Sunday 1/31/21 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 <u>www.stmm.net</u>. The link to register is located on the right side at this link: <u>http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm</u>. Parents should have already attended a Parent Confirmation Workshop. Please contact Liz Sams at <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u> with questions.



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!

We are excited to celebrate the gift of Catholic education January 31st - February 5th! Every day during Catholic Schools Week will have its own unique theme.

Sunday: "We Celebrate Our Saint Mary Magdalene Community" Monday: "We Celebrate Service" Tuesday: "We Celebrate Our Families" Wednesday: "We Celebrate Our Faculty" Thursday: "We Celebrate Vocations" Friday: "We Celebrate Our Monarchs"

We invite everyone to join in our celebration! Here are a few activities our students will be participating in:

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.

Seminarian Care Packages

Please help us thank our Seminarians for answering God's call to their vocation. Our goal is to send each Seminarian a "care package" with items that show them that we hope they feel healthy, present, centered, rested, and loved. To purchase item(s) for our Seminarians please click on the following link and remember to choose the option to ship to StMM:

<u>https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1GTLHOMUH96LQ?ref_=wl_share</u>

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 "<u>DONATE</u>" button on our church website! <u>Click</u> here to learn more about donating to St. Bridget. We are currently at \$3,900 of our \$10,000 goal.

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 <u>click here</u>. Virtual tours of our school are also available. Schedule a tour by <u>clicking here</u>. 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.

<u>Re-Enrollment for 2021-22 School Year</u>

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 <u>Lydia Bianany</u>.

Save the Date: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fish Fry Alert!



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.

Dynamic Catholic Corner

Dynamic Catholic Corner:

Dynamic Catholic's mission is to re-energize the Catholic Church in America by developing worldclass 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 <u>BEST LENT EVER</u>, 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. <u>lauriewendt@gmail.com</u> 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.

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 <u>floralministry@stmm.net</u>.

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 <u>floralministry@stmm.net</u>.

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 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 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:

- $\cdot\,1\,\text{Rice}$ 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

An Umbrella of Care and Hope

Pope Francis calls us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our own nations and of the entire world. Within the United States this umbrella organization is Catholic Charities. In the entire rest of the world, this organization is Catholic Relief Services! View a visual of how the U.S. Catholic Church addresses poverty here at home and around the world <u>here</u>.



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

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 <u>clicking here.</u>

For more information and for the point of contact for each ministry, please see the website: <u>Ministry Contacts</u>



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