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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

January 8, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

Prepared for the coming year by the celebration of Christmas this weekend Jesus Christ invites us on a journey. We are ready to follow the life of Christ into the new year! The journey will be assisted by those we are able to love, and those we are able to allow to love us.

Many blessings to everyone who made our Christmas liturgies possible and the church so beautiful. It is an honor to serve here with you!

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

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Upcoming Events

* The 2021 Calendars are now available under the covered drive at church.

January 9 - Confessions 10:30am

January 9 - 5pm Mass

January 10 - 9am & 11am Mass

January 10 - Apostello and the Way

January 10 - Youth Mass 6pm

January 11 - Daily Mass 9am

January 11 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 January 12 - GATHER 6:30pm
 January 13 - Daily Mass 9am
 January 14 - Daily Mass 9am
 January 14 - EDGE 6:30 pm
 January 15 - Daily Mass 9am
 January 16 - No Confessions
 January 16 - 5pm Mass
 January 17 - 9am & 11am Mass
 January 18 - Daily Mass 9am
 January 18 - Parish Office Closed
 January 18 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 January 19 - Holy Hour 7pm Church
 January 20 - Daily Mass 9am
 January 20 - GATHER 6:30pm
 January 21 - Daily Mass 9am
 January 21 - EDGE 6:30pm
 January 22 - Daily Mass 9am

Mass This Weekend

Donation of flowers for the weekend masses of January 1st from Herlina Lim in memory of Tsoja Po Tin and in memory of Goh Herman Gohnawan.

Donation of flowers for the weekend masses of January 8th from Anna Dela Rosa for the intentions of St. Mary Magdalene's Priest and parishioners.

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

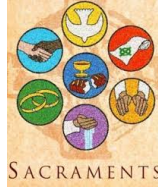
Gathering: Come to the River	#645
Psalm Isaiah 12: We shall draw water joyfully, singing joyfully, singing joyfully. We shall draw water joyfully from the wellsprings of salvation.	
Preparation: One Lord	#639
Communion: Wade in the Water	#643
Communion: God of Mercy	#521
Communion: I Am the Living Bread	#355
Sending Forth: River of Glory	#641

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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. 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 January 19th 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 19th!!

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"*.

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, joeysebik@gmail.com, for more information.



GATHER begins the New Year in-person on Tuesday, January 12th. For those First Wednesday and Virtual families, January packets are available for pick up beneath the portico (drive thru side entrance of the church) anytime 24/7 for your convenience.

Please note: if you or your child are "at risk" or not feeling well, please know that rather than attend in person, you can choose to watch the teaching video sent home in our weekly Gather Newsletter and pick up the Gather packet.

Gather Virtual Families - a teaching video on this month's topic of Vocations will be recorded and released the second week of January. Parents are welcome to attend an alternate teaching night on either Tuesday, 1/12/21 or Wednesday, 1/20/21 if you are a First Wednesday family, but unfortunately due to class size restrictions; we cannot allow first Wednesday students to join any other classes in January.

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 will be available for pick up the first week of February beneath the portico (drive thru side entrance of the church) anytime 24/7 for your convenience.

First Reconciliation - Details for First Reconciliation for GATHER and STMM students will be sent home next week.

First Eucharist Parent Meetings - One parent attends one of these meetings (without the 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

Edge will resume next Thursday January 14th at 6:30. Virtual Edge groups will resume January 17th/18th.

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

StMM High School Youth Ministry

We're back!!!

1/10/21 STMM YM schedule is as follows:

4:30pm-5:45pm Apostello

6pm Youth Mass

7:15pm-8:30pm The Way

Looking forward to seeing everyone!!

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

With the health and safety of our students, faculty and families in mind, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School will be operating virtually for the first two weeks of January. Our school will welcome students back for in-person learning on Tuesday, January 19th.

Friday Morning Men's Faith Group

Starting on January 15th, the Friday morning's men's faith group will begin a **10-week video study program**, *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*. Anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels, this study explores the entirety of Jesus' life- who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today. Presented by **Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Dr. Edward Sri**, this study was **filmed in the Holy Land** so Catholics can experience the extraordinary world in which Jesus lived and taught-the historical context, the politics, the clashing cultures, the history, and the ancient land-and see where the most significant events of his life took place, from his infancy to his ascension. We will meet virtually from 6:45-8AM every Friday morning. If any men in the parish are interested in participating, please reach out to Paul Mastropolo (pmastropolo@gmail.com).

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.

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.

Volunteer Opportunity

We are seeking an adult volunteer to refinish the three teak benches we have in our Columbarium. Teak stain and sealant will be supplied. The benches have weathered from being outdoors and will need to be cleaned up and resealed and then returned to the columbarium space. If you are interested, please contact Jim Galkowski at 919 633 9104 or jgalkowski@nc.rr.com for additional information.

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!

Career Network Ministry

Career Network Ministry -- Did you know there is an amazing resource for STMM parishioners that can help in:

- Networking and business relationships to find work, better jobs, or new employment
- Mentoring and a forum for life-long career development
- Peer support related to anxiety/depression associated with job loss or career stress
- Seeking/discussing the spiritual meaning of God's will with career decisions

This ministry has been active at St. Andrew's and St. Michael's for many years and have combined efforts to help people in the Raleigh diocese with finding work, making connections and leaning on our Catholic faith to achieve a fulfilling career. See below for the kickoff meeting for 2021. All meetings are virtual. Find the Career Network Ministry on LinkedIn.

"Join us as we kick off 2021 with a Bang! Here is our group

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8821144/>

Digital Transformation @ SAS: An Executive Insider's View

This presentation will address the opportunities and challenges associated with digital transformation in the workplace, SAS' own digital transformation journey as well as how SAS partners with its customers on their own journeys. It will cover what an IT organization needs to consider when moving applications and workloads to the cloud, which is often key to digital transformation, as well as the employee skills that organizations are seeking to help with digital transformation efforts.

Guest Speaker - Trish Halley, Vice President, Information Technology, SAS "

Here is the link:

<https://www.linkedin.com/events/cnm-21kickoff-digitaltransforma6752624311070154752/>

For questions reach out to Kathy Lynch 919-210-2709 or kcclynch@yahoo.com

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. Also, [additional resources](#) to observe the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children are available.



Our witness to the sanctity of life.

January 16, 2021

TBD	11:00 am Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral Raleigh	2:00 pm* Bicentennial Plaza Gathering begins 11:30
North Carolina Right to Life Prayer Breakfast for Life	Diocesan Mass for Life (Rosary Begins at 10:30 am)	Rally and March for Life



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For more information, contact your Respect Life Leader
or Joshua.Klickman@raldioc.org

*Approximate time. For full schedule of Rally and March please see ncrtl.org



MARCH FOR LIFE

January 29th 2021



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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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