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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

July 16, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

Jesus is being followed in great numbers in the Gospel. This is still true! We are all seeking goodness and the peace of God. We are all on a mission. Even in the summer our school mission of pray, learn and care is true for all of us.

This Thursday, July 22nd, is the feast of St. Mary Magdalene! It's a PARTY.

Please join us Thursday at 10:00am for Mass celebrating Monsignor Staib's 60th Anniversary of Priesthood. We will have burgers, dogs and chicken for lunch and games for the kids following the Mass.

Thursday at 7:00pm in the church the choir will perform a musical celebration of the music of the era of Monsignor Staib's priesthood. Come and get your groove on or come and be groovy.

Many blessings and see you on Thursday!

Fr. Chris

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Upcoming Events

July 17 - No Confessions

July 17 - 5pm Mass
 July 18 - 9am & 11am Mass
 July 19 - Daily Mass 9am
 July 19 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 July 20 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
 July 21 - Daily Mass 9am
 July 22 - Daily Mass 10am - Feast Day
 July 22 - Concert 7pm Church
 July 23 - Daily Mass 9am
 July 24 - Blood Drive - 10am - 2pm
 July 24 - Confessions 10:30am
 July 24 - 5pm Mass
 July 25 - 9am & 11am Mass
 July 26 - Daily Mass 9am
 July 26 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

The parish is celebrating our feast day on 7/22 with Mass, recognition of Msgr. Staib, and Bob Reardon, a luncheon and family fun day. We are in need of volunteers to help with meal prep, serving, cleanup and bouncy house supervision.

Please click on the following link and see if you are able to help with any of the available time slots.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FOC4BAAAF23A64-feast>

Mass This Weekend



Flowers donated by Elizabeth Perkins in loving memory of Nancy H Perkins. May God have mercy on your soul, RIP. Happy Birthday Momma!

Thank you to Florist Lavender Lane of Apex.

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: Ven Al Banquete	#308
Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.	
Preparation: Sacred Silence	#546
Communion: I Am the Bread of Life	#327
Communion: The Lord is My Hope	#468
Communion: There is a Longing	#401
Sending Forth: Rain Down	#600

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

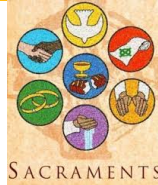
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

School Parking Lot Update

Fire Lanes- Recently, we refinished the School parking lot and re painted the Fire Lane Markings in that lot. These lanes should remain open for the safety of all on campus.

Fire Lanes are No Parking areas and are designated, so that emergency vehicles can enter/exit the campus smoothly in the event of need.

Sacraments



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, info@stmm.net. First time parents must attend a baptism class. 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

Job Opening - School Business Manager

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is seeking interested candidates for the position of Full Time Business Manager who is responsible for day to day financial operations in our school, pre school, aftercare program, cafeteria and other programs. This position also assists with payroll, HR actions such as benefits, leave administration and coordinates with program officials, church staff and school administrators. Preferred - Bachelor degree in business (or related fields) , 3+ yrs prior work experience in managing complex financial administration, knowledge of Diocese policies, procedures and software programs. Those interested please respond to Galkowski@stmm.net.

Volunteer Opportunity

Any interested high school student (16 or older) OR adult, who wants to assist in some summertime work at School, please contact Jim Galkowski at galkowski@stmm.net. We are seeking some hands to help set up classrooms, move furniture, move desks/chairs after some painting and new carpet work was done in School. Usually been working Monday- Friday 8am to ? Any help is appreciated.

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Please join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for Eucharistic Holy Hour **Tuesday July 20th** 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 20th!!

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation and Catholic Faith Refresher Sessions Forming!!

Have you been baptized and received first Holy Communion but have yet to be confirmed? Is it something you've always wanted to get around to but haven't found the time or didn't know how to go about it?

Group sessions are forming for Wednesday evenings which will prepare you for the Sacrament.

Are you an inquiring Catholic who feels like you've missed out on some key doctrines of the Church? Or maybe feel the need to be refreshed and reinvigorated? Then these sessions would be perfect for you as well.

If interested, please contact Deacon Rick by phone at 908-910-0309 or by e-mail at Stevens@stmm.net.

Youth Ministry Staff Updates



Our STMM family continues to see outstanding weekly growth as our parish adds new families each and every week. And with growth comes changes. In order to continue to strive to serve our parish family in the best ways possible, we're excited to announce some big changes. We'd like to welcome Caitlin Clendenin to our youth ministry team. She, along with Suzanne Will and Liz Sams, will oversee our youth faith formation programs for grades 1st through 12th. You can find more detailed information about each of the youth programs offered (Gather 1st - 4th, ROCK 5th/6th, The Edge 7th/8th, The Way 9th/10th, Apostello 11th, 12th) below. Janine McGann is moving into the new role of Director of Marriage, Missions, and New Member Ministries. We look forward to continuing to serve you in this upcoming school year.



Caitlin Clendenin

A graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and NC State, Caitlin has spent five of the past six years of her teaching career in Catholic schools, most recently at St. Mary Magdalene. Before that she served for three years in ministry in the Episcopal Church, then converted to Catholicism in 2015. Caitlin is passionate about evangelizing, teaching Scripture, and facilitating opportunities for others to find healing in their connection with God.

Elementary Faith Formation



Gather Registration 2021-22 - Registration will open online **August 1, 2021** and run through August 31, 2021. Gather begins Tuesday, September 21, 2021. Registration details and calendar are available on our website:

<http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/elementary.cfm>

Gather is a family faith formation program open to first through fourth graders designed to cultivate a lifelong relationship with Jesus and to build community while living and learning our Catholic faith together. Twice a month, families will attend Gather in the church with one adult meeting where the children break into small groups on campus by grade level while the parents remain in the church and a second Family Meeting each month where families remain together. **Gather is offered on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month on campus from 6:30-7:45 pm (see Calendar on our website for exception).** Parents are expected to attend with their children. There is no virtual option available for Gather.

The Rock Registration 2021-22

The ROCK (Reach Out for Christ) is a relational ministry program for preteens in grades five & six that encourages the youth to encounter Jesus Christ and His Church unceasingly. We hold fast to His teachings, foster a Christ-centered community, and seek participation in the sacraments and prayer.

The ROCK will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 6:30 pm-7:45 pm (see Calendar on our website for exceptions). Parents are encouraged to attend the

GATHER parent sessions in the church for family faith formation. Registration will open online **August 1, 2021** and run through August 31, 2021. The Rock begins Tuesday, September 21, 2021. Registration details and calendar are available on our website: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/elementary.cfm>.

The program offers a dynamic, fun, Catholic curriculum that goes deep, answering the questions tweens have about their life and faith. The method of teaching includes games, videos, Gospel reflections, Saint of the Day and small group discussions. We will be rotating through hot topics, service projects, understanding how to read and pray with the bible and social nights.

Gather & Rock Volunteers - Are you feeling called to serve the children of our parish? Do you have an hour and a half to volunteer with a vibrant, spirited, amazing Core Team? We need you! Our youth programs are grounded in building community, establishing our Catholic identity, developing a personal prayer life, and most importantly growing in relationship with the living Christ through regular meetings and intentional ministry. We are looking for adults for our Core Team to join us. Responsibilities include leading small groups of elementary aged children in discussion, activities, games and events two nights per month. If you feel called to link arms with us or are just curious about how you can get involved, please contact Suzanne for more information.

Questions: Please contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7820

Youth Ministry News



EDGE REGISTRATION IS GOING LIVE August 1st! CALLING ALL 7th and 8th GRADERS! The Edge is moving back to Sunday evenings and will kick off at 6pm with Youth Mass.

What do you get when you mix faith, fun and fellowship? The Edge! So what exactly is the Edge? The EDGE is an awesome youth group open to teens in middle school, grades 7-8. The Edge meets every Sunday at 6:00pm with youth Mass and moving right into youth group from 7:15-8:30pm. The Edge provides a safe fun place for our youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. The EDGE uses different forms of media and instruction to help teens experience the importance of their Catholic faith during their middle school years. Our nights are anything but boring! The program schedule rotates through a teaching night, an expository scripture night, prayer nights, service projects, and social nights (think group laser tag, gaga ball and 9 square with yummy snacks mixed in). The Edge will kick off this year on September 19th. Cannot wait to see you there!

It doesn't take a village to run our programs, it takes a small army, so we need YOU! We humbly ask for you to consider volunteering in some capacity. There are many opportunities in the EDGE: small group leader, AV/tech team, social media/newsletter, safety team or service team. If you can volunteer please email Liz Sams at liz.sams@gmail.com ALL 7th and 8th graders are welcome! Grab a friend and sign up! Registration is available online at www.stmm.net beginning August 1, 2021 until August 31, 2021. After August 31st, a \$50 late registration fee will apply. Go to "Religious Ed: The EDGE" and click the link in the right column marked "Edge Registration" and you will be asked to login using your St. Mary Magdalene login that you created upon registering with the parish. For assistance with your login, please contact the Parish Secretary at 919-657-4800 x7281.

StMM High School Youth Ministry

Registration for All High School Programs is available online beginning August 1, 2021 until August 31, 2021 at www.stmm.net.

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

Safe Environment Training



Safe Environment Training - Adults who wish to volunteer with youth at StMM are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend one Safe Environment Training session. Our next sessions are Sun, 8/22 at 12:15PM; Tues, 8/24 at 1PM; Mon, 9/20 at 6:30PM. The session will last approx 2 hours and is for adults only as the presentation is not appropriate for children. Must register to attend as seating is limited. Email Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) to register and to get meeting location.

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 August 9, 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"*.

Discipleship Quads



Are you at a stage in your life where you are searching for authentic friendships? Would you like to learn more about scripture and our Catholic faith? Or perhaps you are a new parishioner and want to connect to the community in a meaningful way? If you said yes to any of those scenarios, then **Discipleship Quads** is for you!!

These small groups meet anytime and anywhere that is convenient for its members. Each week, the Quad gathers to pray for one another, review the lesson, discuss related scripture, and ask tough questions. The Quad's small size of four allows for authenticity and vulnerability that simply does not happen in larger groups. You will grow deeper in your faith, build lasting friendships, learn how to be a disciple, and develop the skills and confidence to share your faith with others. And it's free! Have questions? Join us on **Monday, August 30 at 7pm** for an Info session via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85092219091>. For more information, go to the Franciscan University of Steubenville Outreach Office website: steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/ or contact Joe or Laura Werner at steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com or 919-889-9904. Come be a disciple with us!

StMM School News

SCHOOL SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

July 20th-22nd, 9:00am to 1:00pm
July 27th-29th, 9:00am to 1:00pm
August 2nd-6th, 9:00am to 3:00pm

StMM SCHOOL FAMILIES - BACK TO SCHOOL MASS & PICNIC

Please join us on Sunday, August 15th at 4:00pm in the Church for our annual Back to School Mass, followed by a picnic hosted by the PSO at 5:00pm and opportunity to meet your teachers. We'll have a

DJ outside on the patio, and food and treats will be available for purchase from the Knights of Columbus, Mr. A's Beignets, and Pelican's SnowBalls.



GET STARTED ON YOUR SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING NOW!

In order to create a safe environment for our children, we screen all prospective volunteers as required by the Diocese of Raleigh and the Safe Environment Team at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church and School. If you would like to volunteer, please go to the Safe Environment webpage (<http://www.stmm.church/get-involved/safeenvironment.cfm>) for information and volunteer applications. If you have any questions, please contact [Bertha Smith](#).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

After Care - The StMM School After Care Program has employment opportunities available for the upcoming school year. Interested? Please contact Megan Mastrogiovanni directly at mastergiovanni@stmm.net.

Substitute Teachers- Substitute teachers are needed for the 2021-22 school year at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School. If you would like to be considered for our substitute list, please email us at resume@stmm.net.

CONSIDERING A CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD?

Though many of our grade levels are full for the 2021-22 school year, we do have seats available in 5th, 7th and 8th grades. Preschool is filling fast! We have just 1 seat left in PK3 Tuesday/Thursday mornings. We also have 1 seat left Tuesday/Thursday morning or Tuesday/Thursday full day in PK4. Additionally, we have space in our afternoon PK4 class. Get started on your application by clicking [HERE](#). Schedule a tour of our school by clicking [HERE](#).

StMM Preschool Program Update

Preschool Program Update

We are pleased to announce that the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Preschool Program has now transitioned both financially and administratively to officially become part of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School.

While the preschool program has always operated in collaboration and cooperation with the school community to the benefit of both programs, they have been financially separate from the school up to this point. Officially merging the preschool program with the school will streamline operations for both the parish and the school as well as making additional resources available to our preschool students, families and faculty.

The St. Mary Magdalene School Preschool Program provides an exceptional early learning experience, offering a wide variety of creative, hands-on activities in a safe and nurturing environment where young children can learn and explore.

As part of this transition, the title of the preschool's administrative representative, Barbara Senn, is changing from Preschool Director to Early Childhood Coordinator in accordance with Diocesan guidelines.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the school.

God Bless.

John Mihalyo, Principal

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive



The Knights of Columbus with the Blood Connection will be hosting a Blood Drive on Saturday, July 24th from 10am to 2pm. To make an appointment, click on the link:

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/172567

Parishioner Assistance Ministry

"Jesus is in the Boat with us! And we are all in the same boat together!"

As Deacon Dev said so beautifully in his recent homily on the Gospel of Mark (4:34-40), "Jesus is in the Boat with us! And we are all in the same boat together!"

When violent squalls come up and waves are breaking over the boat, trust in God and reach out to your fellow parishioners in the boat with you for help!

The Parish Assistance Ministry now has 75+ parishioners signed up and more join every week! When we are informed of a parishioner in need, we work confidentially to manage assistance requests and to get the help needed.

We have Parishioners in need and the ministry has been actively helping in any way we can. Examples of assistance now being provided includes:

- * STMM Family dealing with very difficult health issues.
 - 3 hours of landscaping from a team of parishioners
 - Care packages for their teenage girls
 - Meals to ease the burden on the family (12+ meals in collaboration with Feed the Neighbor - still ongoing)
- * STMM Senior Parishioner dealing with loneliness in assisted living facility - Visitors arranged for companionship and prayer
- * STMM Family looking for advice for care for family member with dementia - Guidance provided
- * STMM Family looking for care for a elderly family member - Guidance provided / care established
- * STMM Family looking for legal advice regarding family matter - Some legal advice provided. Still in progress of gaining additional advice.

We are still actively looking for more 'helpers' to join our ministry. If you would like to share your time or talent, please reach out to us. In particular, we are seeing a greater need for those with experience in mental health and senior care / health related issues.

We also need your help to continue to spread the word to EVERYONE in the parish that if you are dealing with difficult times, please do not hesitate to reach out to us and to let your STMM family help you.

We are all in the same boat together.

God Bless.

Dan Moskey (919) 986-8613 dmoskey12@gmail.com

Kathy Lynch (919) 210-2709 kcclynch@yahoo.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.

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