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St. Mary Magdalene E-News July 2, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

Happy 4th of July Weekend! We come together in this time of commemoration having participated in our own history as well. Jesus, in the Gospel, is concerned with his own community and their relationship with God. Our community here at St. Mary Magdalene and our families have the challenge of providing the shining light of forgiveness and love to our country and world.

Many blessings on our gatherings of friends and families this holiday.

Love,

Fr. Chris

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Upcoming Events

July 2 - Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church
July 3 - No Confessions
July 3 - 5pm Mass
July 4 - 9am & 11am Mass
July 5 - Parish Office Closed for holiday
July 5 - Daily Mass 9am
July 5 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
July 7 - Daily Mass 9am
July 7 - XLT Under the Stars 7pm Church Parking Lot
July 8 - Daily Mass 9am
July 9 - Daily Mass 9am
July 10 - 5pm Mass
July 11 - 9am & 11am Mass
July 12 - Daily Mass 9am



REGISTRATION UPDATE

Online registration for all StMM
faith formation programs will
open on 8/1/21

This includes Gather, The Rock,
Edge, The Way & Apostello

Mass This Weekend

Flowers donated by the Santori Family, in memory of John Santori.



Thank you to Lavender Lane Florist in 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: America the Beautiful	#731
Psalm 123: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.	
Preparation: I am the Living Bread	#355
Communion: Taste and See	#342
Communion: Here I Am, Lord	#373
Communion: Miracle of Grace	#357
Sending Forth: With One Voice	#384

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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.

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

Pictures of the Week



The Schmidtke Family - Grace was baptized on June 27th



Fr. Chris is officially our pastor.

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.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday July 2nd from 9:30am - 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.

We will continue to have First Friday Adoration during the summer months. **July 2nd**, and **August 6th from 9:30am - 7pm.**

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!!

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 June 7, 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 Registration 2021-22 - Gather is off for the summer but we are looking forward to coming back **weekly** next year. Registration will open online **August 1, 2021** and run through August 31, 2021. This is a change from last week's e-newsletter. Registration details 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. Each week, families will attend Gather in the church and then break into small groups on campus by grade level while the parents remain in the church. We will rotate between Teaching Nights, Social Nights, Service Nights, Scripture Study Nights and Eucharistic Adoration Nights. **Gather is offered on Tuesdays on campus from 6:30-7:45 pm.** Parents are expected to attend with their children. There is no virtual or homeschool option available for Gather.

Gather 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. 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

STMM YM IS EXCITED
TO ANNOUNCE
XLT UNDER THE STARS
JUNE 2
JULY 7TH
AUGUST 4TH
7PM-8:30PM



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EDGE News

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

StMM High School Youth Ministry

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

StMM School News

SCHOOL SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

July 6th-8th, 9:00am to 1:00pm
July 13th-15th, 9:00am to 1:00pm
July 20th-22nd, 9:00am to 1:00pm
July 27th-29th, 9:00am to 1:00pm
August 2nd-6th, 9:00am to 3:00pm



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 - SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

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.



St. Mary
Magdalene
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SUMMER EVENTS



July 25

**Kindergarten Mass &
Playground Playdate**

Open to all families
with Kindergarteners.
11am-noon
Kindergarten Mass
12pm-1pm Playdate &
Refreshments on the
Playground
*Uniforms will be
available.



August 1

**New Family Mass &
Orientation**

Open to all families
New to StMM.
11am-12pm New
Family Mass
12pm-2pm Luncheon
& Orientation
*Tours & Uniforms will
be available.



August 15

**Back to School Mass &
Meet the Teacher**

This event typically
begins at 4pm and is
open to ALL StMM
families, returning or
new. Details coming
soon. For now, just
save the date!

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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 kindergarten, 5th, 7th and 8th grades. Get started on your application by clicking [HERE](#). Schedule a tour of our school by clicking [HERE](#).

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

Prayers and Squares - A Prayer Quilt Ministry



"Prayers & Squares"

A prayer quilt group

We are literally covering people in prayer. A prayer quilt is a lap blanket with ties.

A prayer is said with each knot that is tied. All quilts are blessed by Fr. Chris. To request a prayer quilt to be made for someone or if you are interested in sewing for this group or donating fabric or would like to make contributions to this group, please contact Lorraine Morris at lcmorris0707@gmail.com

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.



[Click here](#) 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. For questions, please contact floralministry@stmm.net.

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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