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St. Mary Magdalene E-News July 30, 2021

A Note from Father Chris

Jesus is the bread of life; God is with us! The Gospel this weekend tells us to work on things that last. A big part of our parish life here is preparing our young people for these lasting things of life. The foundation of a good life. This work is one of keeping promises and offering support.

We continue our care of everyone's safety. The livestream Mass continues as does drive up communion from 10:00am till 10:30am on Sundays. Our faith community here is largely vaccinated. If you are unvaccinated please consider getting your vaccine.

Johan and Tyler, our seminarians, will go on retreat next week please keep them in prayer.

Yours in service.

Fr. Chris



Upcoming Events

August 1 - Online Registration begins for Faith Formation

August 1 - 9am & 11am Mass

August 2 - Daily Mass 9am

August 2 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

August 4 - Daily Mass 9am

August 4 - 7pm XLT(Exalt) Church parking lot

August 5 - Daily Mass 9am

August 6 - Daily Mass 9am

August 6 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church

August 7 - Confessions 10:30am

The **Parish Offices** are located in the main **School building** (625 Magdala Place) and hours are 9-12 M-F. You can gain access to the parish offices by being buzzed in at those front doors. Deb Prewitt (Parish Secretary) and Julie Hoffman (Financial Coordinator) are located in the parish offices, and others are best accessed through their Stmm.net email address listed on website. www.stmm.church

Mass This Weekend



Flowers were donated by Allie Brewer. In loving memory of our parents, Barron Brewer, Arturo Urgelles and Teresita Urgelles.

Thank you to Lavender Lane Florist 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: Be Thou My Vision	#396
Psalm 78: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.	
Preparation: I Am the Bread of Life	#362
Communion: Make Your Home in Me	#620
Communion: I Am the Bread of Life	#327
Communion: Holy is Your Name	
Sending Forth: We Are Called	#616

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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, <u>info@stmm.net</u>. 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

Picture of the Week



Bruce Nguyen received First Communion on July 28th.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday August 6th 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 <u>ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM</u> or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Atlar Server Update

Altar Server Update - As we return to fuller participation in our Mass liturgies, we are offering updated training for our altar servers; both servers currently participating and those who wish to join the altar server ministry. We welcome new servers! All who are 3rd grade and up and have received the Sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation.

Two training sessions will be offered: 21 August at 6 - 7 pm, and 22 August at 12 noon to 1 pm.

We would like each altar server to respond (<u>stmmaltarservers@gmail.com</u>) and indicate which session will be attended. If you are new to the ministry, please be sure to include contact information. Parents are encouraged to attend!

If you have questions, please let us know (stmmaltarservers@gmail.com).

Thank you for your gift of yourselves to our parish family.

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation and Catholic Faith Refresher Sessions Forming!

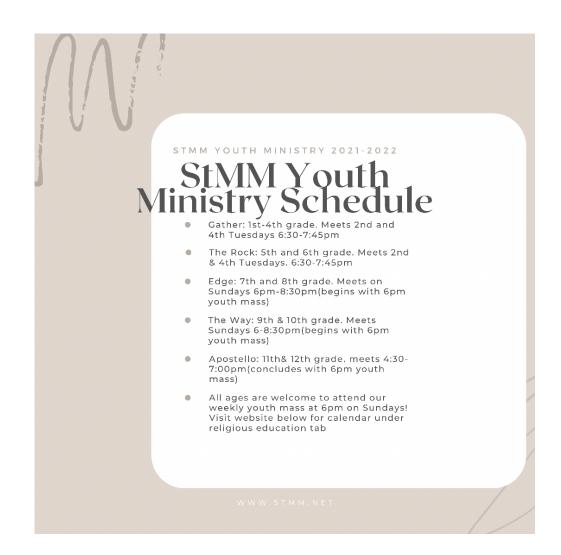
Have you been baptized and received first Holy Communion but have yet to be confirmed? Is it something you've always wanted to get around to but haven't found the time or didn't know how to go about it?

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

Faith Formation





GATHER Gather Registration 2021-22 - Registration will open online August 1, 2021 and run through August 31, 2021. Gather begins Tuesday, September 28, 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 28, 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.

<u>Gather & Rock Volunteers</u> - 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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Volunteers Needed

It is our desire to bring back the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program to our Atrium but we need experienced Catechists and volunteer parents to help make this possible. Experienced Catechesis of the Good Shepherd trained Catechists who are level one and/or level two certified please prayerfully consider volunteering.

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



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 <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u> 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".

Chrysalis Ministry



<u>Husbands, wives - do something together with your spouse to strengthen your marriage.</u> THE BEATITUDES: A Couple's Path to Greater Joy is coming to St. Mary Magdalene. We expect to meet about once a month after the 11:00 Sunday mass. Watch the bulletin for more details. For more information about this program contact Russell and Vanita Reeve at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com or visit www.happy-together.net.

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

August 2nd-6th, 9:00am to 3:00pm

STAM 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

An opportunity is also available for a full-time **7th Grade ELA Teacher** and full-time **Religion Teacher**. The full job description can be seen <u>HERE</u>. Resumes can be emailed to <u>resume@stmm.net</u>.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School has an opening for a full time **preschool teaching assistant**. We are looking for a person with experience and enthusiasm to join us in creating an exceptional early learning environment for our youngest students. If you are interested in applying for this position, or would like additional information, please contact Barbara Senn (<u>senn@stmm.net</u>).

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

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.

<u>We have Parishioners in need</u> 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 they 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.

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

Parish Athletics



Dear Parents,

August 6th - 9th is Parents Appreciation Weekend at Dick's Sporting Goods! Below is a coupon for 20% off at all locations for that weekend!

We plan to be outside of the Apex location at Beaver Creek on that Saturday from 9AM-1PM and Sunday from 1-3PM handing out coupons. We will also be answering any questions you may have and handing out gift certificates to coaches!

Dick's Coupon

We are still accepting registrations for Fall Soccer and Baseball!

Fall Soccer (Apex-Cary)

Grades: Coed; Pre-K (3 year-olds) to 8th.

Dates: August 21st - October 16. Practice Locations: Apex or Cary

Game Locations: Apex or Cary (some games may be at the other site).

Cost: Pre-K - \$60; K - 8th Grade - \$65

Note: Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners - 8th graders

have one weekday practice per week

Fall T-ball & Machine-pitch (Apex-Cary)

Grades: Coed. Pre-K (4 year-olds) to 4th. Dates: August 28th-October 23rd.

Cost: \$65

Practice Locations: Apex

Note: Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners to 4th grade have one weekday practice per week

and games on Saturdays.

Format: Pre-k & Kindergarteners play T-ball and 1st to 4th graders

play Machine-pitch.

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