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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

March 12, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

Jesus brings us an even greater gift than Moses. The word of God becomes our entry into an abundance of life and love.



Visit Our Church Website

Weather permitting the Easter morning Masses will be outside behind the church on Easter morning at 9am and 11am allowing whole families to be in attendance. See the Holy Week schedule listed in this E News edition.

We are almost finished with our Bishop's Annual Appeal. Thank you for your super generosity.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

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Rejoice!

*The Light promises a new day
with new opportunity.*



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Did you give up something for Lent and finding it hard to stay committed? Have you stumbled?
Remember God is always with us, helping us pick ourselves up and try again.

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

March 12 - Daily Mass 9am
March 12 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church and [live streamed](#)
March 12 - Confessions 7-8pm
March 13 - 9am Help Beautify the Campus
March 13 - Confessions 10:30am
March 13 - 5pm Mass
March 13-14 - "Feed a Family" Food Drive
March 14 - 9am & 11am Mass
March 14 - Apostello & the Way
March 14 - Youth Mass 6pm
March 15 - Daily Mass 9am
March 15 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
March 16 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
March 17 - Daily Mass 9am
March 17 - GATHER 6:30pm
March 18 - Daily Mass 9am
March 18 - EDGE 6:30pm
March 19 - Daily Mass 9am
March 19 - KofC Fish Fry Takeout Only www.lentfishfry.com
March 19 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church and [live streamed](#)
March 19 - Confessions 7-8pm
March 20 - Confessions 10:30am
March 20 - 5pm Mass
March 21 - 9am & 11am Mass
March 21 - Apostello & the Way
March 21 - Youth Mass 6pm

Mass This Weekend

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: The King of Love My Shepherd Is	#467
Psalm 137: By the waters of Babylon, we shall cry, we shall rest and remember Zion.	
Preparation: Amazing Grace	#432
Communion: Christ, Be Our Light	#587

Communion: Open My Eyes

#393

Communion: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

#589

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Forth: In Christ Alone

#405

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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; one on the piazza in front of the church and two in 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.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday
Vigil 3/27/21 5:00 pm Indoors
3/28/21 9:00 & 11:00 am Indoors

Holy Thursday - 7:00 pm - Indoors

Good Friday
12:00 pm Stations - Indoors
3:00 pm Passion of our Lord

Easter Sunday
Vigil 4/3/21 8:00 pm Indoors
4/4/21 9:00 & 11:00 am Outdoors

Help Beautify the Campus



We need your helping hands again.

On THIS SATURDAY March 13th at 9am- we welcome you to the campus to help beautify the grounds. A lot got done on March 6, but more to be done.

We ll be spreading more mulch on the grounds, and pine straw along the church perimeter, but also working on some new plantings, and cutting back some other areas to clear vines and old debris.

If you have tools like wheelbarrows, pitchforks, steel rakes, and also clippers, lopping shears, push brooms, shovels -- feel free to bring along with a pair of work gloves. Gas Leaf Blowers would be an extra help too, if you have as we'll use those to blow debris, leaves, and residual mulch off of parking areas.

Families and individuals are welcome. Many hands make for quick work!

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Please join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for Eucharistic Holy Hour **Tuesday March**

16th 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 16th!!

2020 Tax Statements



Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

http://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2020.pdf

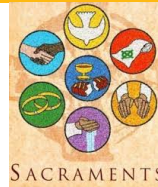
Are you now donating online and do not want to receive church envelopes? If so, please email the parish office at info@stmm.net to stop the envelopes.

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 http://www.stmm.church/Brick_Order_Form.pdf

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

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 March 22, 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 March Dates - Wednesday, 17th. This Month's topic is on "*Living the Ten Commandments*" and will feature Deacon Rick Stevens as our guest speaker.

Gather April Date - Gather will only meet on one night in April; 4/13/21. We will have a Family Teaching on Adoration, with Guest Speaker Harriett Scott and live Music provided by our Youth Ministry Band, Rooted.

Gather Virtual Families - March 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 the Ten Commandments were recorded and emailed home in the 3/12/21 Gather newsletter.

First Holy Communion - Last Call for children who have made their First Reconciliation to sign up for First Communion Liturgies in May. Please contact Suzanne this week.

Questions: Please contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net 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

StMM YM schedule for 3/14/21

Apostello 4:30-5:45pm

Youth mass 6pm

The Way 7:15-8:30pm

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

Confirmation

I am offering 3 Parent Confirmation Workshops in March to try to help parents catch up with the guidelines for the sacrament. Each workshop will be in the gym on the following nights:

March 3rd at 8:00pm

March 9th at 8:00pm

March 18th at 8:00pm

There's no RSVP or Sign Up process. If your teen is in year 1 or year 2 of preparation you are required to attend 1 Parent Confirmation Workshop prior to your teen receiving the sacrament. We'll be in the gym where you can spread out on the bleachers. It is required for parents to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth while you are on the STMM campus.

The gym is on the first floor of the Activity Building.

DONATIONS NEEDED! Can you Help? StMM Youth Group for teens in Apostello are doing a service project during Lent to help those experiencing homelessness. We are in need of the following items:

- Socks
- Sanitizer
- Individual Snacks
- Wet Wipes
- Personal Hygiene items
- Disposable Masks

We will have a labeled box in the lobby of the church to collect items until March 14th. Please consider helping those less fortunate.

Houses in Haiti



Help for Haiti

Please watch this video with a message from Janine and myself about how StMM is partnering again with Haiti Mission Inc. to assist the wonderful people of Jeremie, Haiti. If you'd like to donate online via the StMM website please click [HERE](#). Click on the 'select a fund' arrow and select "House in Haiti". You may also donate by dropping a check in the Offertory Box located in the church lobby.

Please write "House in Haiti" on the memo line. Thank you for your support & prayers for our sister parish in Haiti!

StMM School News

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School will have a day off on Monday, March 15th. Classes will resume for our students on Tuesday, March 16th. Enjoy your long weekend, Monarchs!

The StMM PSO will be holding the **Monarch Masters Golf Tournament** on Monday, May 10th at MacGregor Downs Country Club (10 am shotgun start, registration opens at 8:45 am). We invite the parish to join us for a fun day of golf, games and prizes to benefit our school. Early Bird registration is open until April 25th (\$125 single golfer/\$400 foursome; on April 26th, prices increase to \$150 single golfer/\$500 foursome). Registration includes 18 holes of golf, a light breakfast, boxed lunch, and golf cart (2 riders/cart). Register [online](#), or by [paper form](#) and check. Want to be a tee sponsor (\$125 donation)? Up to 120 golfers will see your sign with your business name and logo at a tee box. Fill out our [online sponsorship form](#), or print and mail the [paper sponsor form](#). You don't need to golf to sponsor! Please contact [Kevin Machos](#) with questions.

Save the Date: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fish Fry Alert!



KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry- Takeout Only-

Friday March 19th at St. Mary Magdalene. Pre-order online at www.lentfishfry.com. Although we will not be able to gather together, the Knights will continue our great tradition this Lent with a Pre-order/Takeout only event. Enjoy a great meal while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.

"Feed a Family" Food Drive

"Feed-A-Family" Food Drive Comes to Mary Magdalene

Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry distributed enough food to feed over 57,000 people since the pandemic began? Volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list or a donation of \$40 feeds a family for one week. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by taking a bag and returning it on March 13th and 14th. If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Kelly Rappl at krappl@nc.rr.com or Kathy Barnack at kbarnack957@gmail.com

Parishioner Assistance Ministry

Help, I need somebody! Song by The Beatles

"How are you doing today?" Such a simple question and yet how often do we answer "fine" "good" or "ok"...and if we were being honest we were neither fine or even ok.

Are you a member of our STMM family who is hurting physically, emotionally, spiritually or financially? Your parish family is here and WANTS TO HELP YOU. We have so many people in our parish willing to serve you and walk with you during this time of difficulty. The important part of this is the "asking".

When looking at Jesus' life yes he gave it, for the benefit of others, but we must not get the idea that trying to be more like him demands that we always be the giver, and not the receiver, of service. There are many examples of Jesus accepting help from others. This was not in any way a display of weakness on Jesus' part. He understood that allowing others to serve him provided an opportunity for them both to express love and build a relationship, just as it did when he served them. Jonathan Decker, your family expert

We, your STMM family, want to lighten your burden but we need to know you're hurting and in need. How do you let us know? 1. Call the parish and leave a confidential message with Deb Prewitt she will put you in touch with the people that can help. 2. Contact Dan or Kathy from the Parishioner Assistance Ministry. Depending upon your need we will work to find the right assistance for you. You do not need to go this road alone. Let us help you get your feet back on the ground.

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.

Knights of Columbus Operation Feed Thy Neighbor

Our StMM Knights of Columbus Council #7186 continues to partner with Wake County Human Services and several other local churches in the area to serve desperately needed meals & non-perishable goods to those in need in the Apex area during the COVID-19 crisis.

As we are continuing these efforts until the threat of the pandemic subsides, we kindly ask for your continued support of our efforts through prayer, [financial donations](#), or [contributing to our non-perishable goods collection](#). Please contact Bob Callaway at bob.callaway@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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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