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St. Mary Magdalene E-News March 19, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

Jesus says, "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself", this weekend in the Gospel. Are we ready to be united and lifted with Jesus Christ?

Lifting others also lifts us. Thank you for your kind support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal and of your continued generosity to the parish. Lenten almsgiving and sacrifice draws us closer to Christ and prepares us for Easter.

The parish is planning for the gradual safe return of all of our ministries. Please keep letting us know when vaccines are received to help us in our planning. We are united and lifted with Jesus Christ.

Many blessings!

Fr. Chris



Upcoming Events

- 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

March 22 - Daily Mass 9am

March 22 - Family Rosary 6:30pm in the Chapel

March 23 - Parent Confirmation Workshop 7pm in the Gym

March 24 - Daily Mass 9am

March 25 - Daily Mass 9am

March 25 - EDGE 6:30pm

March 26 - Daily Mass 9am

March 26 - Fish Taco Fundraiser for Feed Thy Neighbor Click Here to Order

March 26 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church and live streamed

March 26 - Confessions 7-8pm

March 27 - Commemorative Brick Order Deadline

March 27 - Confessions 10:30am

March 27 - 5pm Mass

March 28 - Palm Sunday 9am & 11am Mass

March 29 - Daily Mass 9am

March 29 - Family Rosary 6:30pm in the Chapel

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: In These Days of Lenten Journey #128

Psalm 51: Create in me a clean heart O God, a clean heart O God, create in me.

Preparation: You Are Mine #456
Communion: Roll Away the Stone #185
Communion: My Soul is Thirsting #772
Communion: Hosea #655
Sending Forth: Go Make a Difference #498

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.

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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

Pictures of the Week



Molly Ehrenzeller and Zachary Lit were married on 3/11/21.



Danielle Glaser and Max Elsbrock were married on 3/13/21



Jack Connor completed his Eagle Scout Project, a bridge in the courtyard.

2020 Tax Statements

Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email <u>prewitt@stmm.net</u>, 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

BUY A BRICK FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL 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

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.

CPO "Feed a Family" Food Drive

Thank you for donating to the Catholic Parish Outreach "Feed a Family" Food Drive last weekend. We collected 2,842 pounds of food and \$3,380.

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 Gather April Date - Gather will only meet on one night in April; Tuesday, 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 Preparation

- Home Lesson Booklet lessons 1-3 should be completed this week
- Retreat Kits will be available for pick up Thursday, April 1st of Holy Week outside church beneath the portico

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 3/21/21 Apostello 4:30-5:45pm Youth mass 6pm The Way 7:15-8:30pm

Parent Confirmation Workshop rescheduled for Tuesday, March 23rd at 7pm in the Gym

Apostello & The Way are off 3/28 and 4/4/ for Palm Sunday & Easter break. We'll return on Sunday 4/11/21 with Youth Mass and all our programs

Please contact Liz Sams at <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u> with questions.

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 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 <u>HERE</u>. 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

Employment Opportunities

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School is currently accepting resumes for the following positions: 7th & 8th Grade Science Teacher, 7th & 8th Grade Math Teacher, and full-time Music Teacher. To view the full job postings, please click <u>HERE</u>. Resumes and letters of interest can be sent to <u>principal@stmm.net</u>.

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.

Fish Taco Night for Operation Feed Thy Neighbor

Fish Taco Night for Operation Feed Thy Neighbor - March 26th!

If you love tacos (and we know you do!), join us a delicious fish taco dinner on Friday in Lent while supporting Operation Feed Thy Neighbor (OFTN)! 100% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to supporting the costs incurred in preparing 400+ hot meals each weekend for those in Apex suffering from food insecurity. Pre-orders only for this curbside takeout event on March 26th can be placed at https://fish-taco-night-for-feed-thy-neighbor.square.site/

Can't join us but still want to support our efforts? Make a donation here!

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.

<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>.

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 <u>clicking here.</u>

For more information and for the point of contact for each ministry, please see the website: Ministry Contacts

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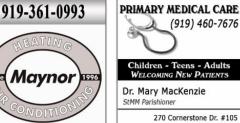
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