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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

March 26, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

United with Jesus Christ we march victoriously into struggle. The palms this Sunday unite us to Jesus and his disciples processing into Jerusalem. We will hear the trial and crucifixion and be part of the crowd. A day for us to be honest about who we and our families are as a people. What crowd are we in and who is with us? Can we live the life of goodness and love and persevere with God?

Jesus Christ is ready for our YES!

Blessed palms will also be available after the Masses and next week in the church for pickup.

We will post instructions for the outdoor Easter Masses on Monday, March 29th.

Stay safe and keep those Lenten promises as we walk with Jesus Christ and the cross.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

Giving
Portal

Upcoming Events

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 - 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
March 31 - Daily Mass 9am
April 1 - Holy Thursday Mass 7pm
April 2 - Good Friday, Stations 12pm, Passion of the Lord 3pm
April 2 - Parish Office Closed
April 3 - No Confessions
April 3 - Easter Vigil 8pm Mass
April 4 - Easter Mass Outside 9am & 11am
April 5 - No Daily Mass
April 5 - Parish Office Closed
April 7 - Daily Mass 9am
April 8 - Daily Mass 9am
April 8 - EDGE 6:30pm
April 9 - Daily Mass 9am
April 10 - Confessions 10:30am
April 10 - 5pm Mass
April 11 - 9am & 11am Mass
April 11 - Divine Mercy Sunday 3pm in Church
April 11 - Apostello & the Way
April 11 - 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: Hosanna to the Son of David	#138
Psalm 22: My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?	
Preparation: O Sacred Head Surrounded	#148
Communion: Now We Remain	#507
Communion: You Alone	#664
Communion: Bread of Life	#369
Sending Forth: Were You There	#152

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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

Picture of the Week



AJ Ryder received First Communion on March 25th.

2020 Tax Statements

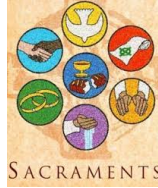


Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

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.

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

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!](#)

Divine Mercy Sunday



The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

Come celebrate the Feast of Mercy on **Sunday, April 11th at 3pm** in the main church. All are invited, bring your family, friends and children. There will be prayers, Adoration and Benediction. Plan to arrive a few minutes early, we will begin promptly at 3pm. Questions: hoffman@stmm.net

Western Wake Crisis Ministry



Western Wake Crisis Ministry, like all local food banks, has had a tremendous increase from our neighbors for food and household products. They are looking for the following items: 2 lb bags of rice, boxed cereal, personal hygiene products (soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo), dish detergent (small bottles) laundry detergent (small size), ramen noodles, gallon and quart size Ziplock bags. Place items in the bins in the narthex, or leave outside under the portico with WWCM written on the bag. WWCM is also in need of empty dish and laundry detergent bottles. Thanks for helping!

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 April 19, 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 April Date - Gather will only meet on one night in April on 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 - The April 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. The teaching video will be distributed after our 4/13/21 Gather night.

First Holy Communion Preparation

- Home Lesson Booklet lessons 1-5 should be completed by 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

Apostello & The Way are off 3/28~Palm Sunday & 4/4~Easter Sunday
We will return for our final 2 gatherings on 4/11 & 4/18 with our regular schedule

Please consider donating to our fundraising effort to help Haiti Mission Inc in building houses in Haiti

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

DONATIONS NEEDED! PLEASE HELP!

StMM Apostello Teens are collecting items during Lent to help those affected by homelessness. Our last collection day is Easter Sunday:

We need the following items:

- SOCKS
- PERSONAL HYGEIENE ITEMS shampoo/lip balm/deodorant/shave cream/soap
- DISPOSABLE MASKS

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

StMM School Easter Break

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School will be closed for Easter break Friday, April 2nd- 11th. We will welcome our Monarchs back to class on Monday, April 12th. Happy Easter!

Employment Opportunities

StMM 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 [HERE](#). Resumes and letters of interest can be sent to principal@stmm.net.

PSO Monarch Masters Golf Tournament

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.

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.

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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