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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

May 14, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

We celebrate the Ascension of Jesus Christ to heaven this Sunday. The completed action of our lives also being lifted up to God. That the source of all goodness, truth and love welcomes us home to a place of union. We are a people who believe that there is good and bad. There is a heaven and hell.

Our descriptions of the movements of life often fall short, but our feelings are very real. We can feel what uplifts us and what brings us down. Everything about the Jesus' journey of life invites us to fully live all of life's feelings. Ascension Sunday is a great time to really feel where we are journeying too. Can we see the light and see where we are going to? Jesus is the light and invites us to join the ascension of our spirit.

Thank you to all the teachers, parents, and children receiving 1st Communion this weekend. We are overjoyed at your reception of Jesus Christ. The gift of the Holy Eucharist is one of the lights of our own ascension.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

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Upcoming Events

May 15 - No Confessions
May 15 - 5pm Mass
May 16 - 9am & 11am Mass
May 17 - Daily Mass 9am
May 17 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
May 18 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
May 19 - Daily Mass 9am
May 19 - CSO (Catholic Senior Organization) 11am - Church Parking Lot
May 19 - Confessions 6pm-7pm
May 19 - GATHER 6:30pm
May 20 - Daily Mass 9am
May 21 - Daily Mass 9am
May 22 - 5pm Mass
May 23 - 9am & 11am Mass
May 24 - Daily Mass 9am
May 26 - Daily Mass 9am
May 27 - Daily Mass 9am
May 28 - Daily Mass 9am

Mass This Weekend



Flowers donated by Ann Dinulos in memory of Jay Reyes.

Thank you to florist Lavender Lane of Apex, NC.

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

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| Gathering: We Belong to You | #633 |
| Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind, the Lord is kind and merciful, merciful, merciful is the Lord. | |
| Preparation: We Have Been Told | #507 |
| Communion: Spirit and Grace | #345 |
| Communion: We Come Today | |
| Communion: As I Have Done for You | #143 |
| Sending Forth: With One Voice | #384 |

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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.

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

Picture of the Week



Eucharistic Holy Hour This Tuesday

Please join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for Eucharistic Holy Hour **Tuesday May 18th** 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 18th!!

Catholic Senior Organization



The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for men and women 60+) will be having our first group meeting of 2021 on Wednesday, May 19, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, in the back Church parking lot by the columbarium. Since the meeting will be held outdoors, please bring a chair. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com

Commemorative Bricks



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS ARE IN!!!

The 2021 brick order has been installed, take a stroll outside the Activity building to find yours!

The next order will begin Spring 2022. The order form will be made available on the website then. Please contact hoffman@stmm.net with any questions.

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



First Eucharist

Congratulations to all the children who received the sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday, May 8th and Saturday, May 15th. Special thanks to their families for the fine work they did preparing them this year. **We welcome all those children who received their First Eucharist to wear their First Communion outfits to this weekend's Masses for all the congregation to congratulate and celebrate with them.**

Gather May Dates Our Final Meeting of the school year is Wednesday May 19th. Gather meets from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Church Sanctuary. Our topic this month is Mary, Our Blessed Mother Mary.

Gather Virtual Families The May 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 was distributed in this week's Gather Newsletter.

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

Youth Ministry News

StMM High School Youth Ministry

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.

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



Monarch Masters Golf Tournament

The Monarch Masters on May 10th at MacGregor Downs Country Club was a huge success...so much so that we're doing it again next May! Please see the PSO's posts on the school's social media accounts with our many thank yous to our tee and beverage cart sponsors and prize donors. We also have a Story on the school's Instagram with fun highlights. We sincerely thank our Monarch families for

their support by sponsoring, golfing, and donating prizes. We were happy to see so many friends, aunts, uncles, alumni parents, and grandparents golfing too. Our families are what make our Monarch community so special!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is seeking a **Liturgical Music Minister**. The Liturgical Music Minister for the School Mass will demonstrate a love of Christ, knowledge and respect for worship, and exhibit outstanding leadership qualities. They will be an active worship leader and encourage and teach students how to become worship leaders. They will interface with the school staff to integrate liturgical music into other areas as needed for faith development. [Please click here to view the complete job posting](#). Please send resume and cover letter to John Mihalyo, principal@stmm.net.

Free Adult Conference Livestreams



Join us for ***select free livestreamed sessions*** from our Adult Conferences at Franciscan University:

Power and Purpose Conference

June 5, 2021 @ 6:30-10:00 pm Eastern

REGISTER NOW

Includes keynote, *Church on Fire*, by presenter Bart Schuchts, and a time of eucharistic adoration

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](#)

Career Network Ministry

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Career Network Ministry.

Helping Aging Parents, Partners & You

Aging Conversations: HAPPY Hour

Helping Aging Parents, Partners & You: SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, June 10, 6 - 7:30 p.m. on Zoom

Learn about local programs to support independent living focused on maximizing older adults' safety, comfort, and well-being. Wake County has a network of public, non-profit, and private resources for seniors, but planning is key! Join us for personal stories and expert guidance to prepare your roadmap to local services that can most benefit you and your loved one. Contact Resources for Seniors at carysc@rfsnc.org or amdisera@uncg.edu for more information. Register in advance for this meeting: https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJwkdeCpqjOqHNJpdhXaTi8MsmipQ_ZEwtGd

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