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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

May 21, 2021

A Note from Fr. Chris

The Holy Spirit is with us! The new covenant of Jesus Christ reassures us that God is with us. Calling on God and trusting in God take work and practice though. Throughout our journey of life, we depend on family, others, and the church to help us. To bring us the spirit and peace of God which is forever tied with Jesus Christ in love.

We welcome those joining the church this weekend. We pledge to stand with you in your journey with Christ.

Deacon Rick Stevens, (stevens@stmm.net), is offering a new class for those adult Catholics that need to be confirmed. Please reach out and start this enjoyable process of being confirmed in the Holy Spirit too.

With much love,

Fr. Chris



New message from Fr. Chris- May 17, 2021

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

May 22 - Confessions 10:30am
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
May 29 - Confessions 10:30am
May 29 - 5pm Mass
May 30 - 9am & 11am Mass
May 31 - Daily Mass 9am
May 31 - Parish Office Closed
June 2 - Daily Mass 9am
June 3 - Daily Mass 9am
June 4 - Daily Mass 9am
June 4 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm
June 5 - No Confessions
June 5 - 5pm Mass
June 6 - 9am & 11am Mass

Mass This Weekend



Flowers donated by donated by Kathy Burke in memory of her mother, Jean Burke.

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

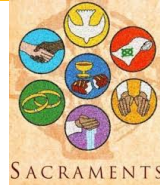
Gathering: In the Day of the Lord	#576
Psalm 104: Send forth your spirit, O Lord. And renew the face of the earth.	
Preparation: We Are Many Parts	#584
Communion: Worthy is the Lamb	#575
Communion: Miracle of Grace	#357
Communion: I Am the Bread of Life	#362
Sending Forth: Take the Word of God with You	#381

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Outdoor Communion Procedures after 9am Sunday Mass only

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.

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

Pictures of the Week



First Communion Mass on May 15th



The Parishioner Assistance Ministry were the speaker this month for the CSO group.

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 Stevens@stmm.net.

Ascension Prayer

Ascension prayer to Christ exalted:

Lord Jesus, I adore you as my savior and my God. I follow you in my thoughts O first fruit of the human race.

I hope one day by your grace to follow you home into heaven. Until then, do not let me neglect the

earthly tasks which you have given me. Let me labor diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present.

Let me realize that only by accomplishing human fulfillment can I attain divine fulfillment and return home to you and the Father at the completion of my work. Amen.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday June 4th 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 ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-8931 if interested.

We will continue to have First Friday Adoration during the summer months. **June 4th, July 2nd, and August 6th from 9:30am - 7pm.**

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.

Gather Virtual Families The May packets will be available for pick up through the month of May. They are found 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 last week's Gather Newsletter dated 5/14/21. It's a great presentation on Our Blessed Mother worth your time to watch or listen to.

Gather Religious Education Programs are finished for the school year. We are most grateful to all the parents who have helped teach the lessons at home along with the Core Team Leaders

who gave of their time and talent to share the faith with our children.

Program Registration 2021-22 - will be available online July 1, 2021 at <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/elementary.cfm>

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 8th GRADE MONARCHS!

Congratulations to the StMM class of 2021! Their Baccalaureate Mass and Promotion Ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 27th in the Church. You are all in our prayers as you move to this next exciting phase in your life. Please know you will always have a home at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School is currently accepting resumes for a full-time Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction, a part-time Administrative Assistant and a Liturgical Music Minister. To view full job postings, please [click here](#).

CONSIDERING A CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD?

Though many of our grade levels are full for the 2021-22 school year, we do have seats available in Kindergarten, 5th, 7th and 8th grades. Get started on your application by clicking [HERE](#). Schedule a tour of our school by clicking [HERE](#).

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

This Saturday May 22nd 9AM-10:15AM

RSVP/Attend: <https://tinyurl.com/5fw9dp64>



✓ Attending

CNM Webex: Successfully Managing the Emotional Journey of Unemployment

Event by 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:

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