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### **St. Mary Magdalene E-News**

**November 13, 2020**

#### **A Note From Father Chris**

Jesus tells us a story of trust this weekend in the Gospel. We are trusted with having certain blessings. Each of us characteristically endowed with unique talents and abilities. We are trusted to use those blessings for the greater kingdom of God.

We continue to work here to bring the sacraments of the church to the community. To pray, learn and care. Thank you for helping us live out the responsibility of sharing what God has entrusted us with.

The parish council voted to support opening another Sunday Mass beginning in Advent. This will help spread out our numbers for those able to come to Mass. Outdoor communion distribution will also continue. Please consider helping the Mass coordinators with the extra Mass.

It is a joy to serve this community.

Fr. Chris

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### **Upcoming Events**

November 14 - Confessions - 10:30am

November 14 - 5pm Mass

November 15 - 9am & 6pm Mass

November 15 - Apostello and The Way

November 16 - Daily Mass 9:15am  
 November 16 - Family Rosary - 6:30pm Chapel  
 November 17 - Eucharistic Holy Hour with Deacon Rick - 7pm Church  
 November 17 - Parent Confirmation Meeting - 7pm Gym  
 November 18 - Daily Mass 9:15am  
 November 18 - GATHER - 6:30pm  
 November 19 - Daily Mass 9:15am  
 November 19 - EDGE - 6:30pm  
 November 20 - Daily Mass 9:15am  
 November 21 - Confessions - 10:30am  
 November 21 - 5pm Mass  
 November 22 - 9am & 6pm Mass  
 November 22 - Apostello and The Way  
 November 23 - Family Rosary - 6:30pm Chapel  
 November 25 - Daily Mass 9:15am  
 November 26 - Thanksgiving Day Mass 10am  
 November 27 - No Daily Mass  
 November 28 - No Confession  
 November 28 - 5pm Mass  
 November 29 - 9am & 11am Mass, No 6pm Youth Mass  
 November 30 - Daily Mass 9:15am  
 November 30 - Family Rosary - 6:30pm Chapel

Moved recently? Please update your address by email [info@stmm.net](mailto:info@stmm.net) or phone 919-657-4800 x7281.

## Mass Schedule This Weekend

The altar flowers were donated by the Qubeck & Fadelici families in honor of mom/mother-in-law/Gramma Lois' (Derry) 80th birthday.

There are four options for attending Mass this weekend.

1. 5:00 pm Saturday, Inside the Church, socially distanced, wearing face masks and hand sanitizing
2. 9:00 am Sunday, Inside the Church, socially distanced, wearing face masks and hand sanitizing
3. 9:00 am Sunday, Virtual online with Outdoor Communion Service in Parking Lot
4. 6:00 pm Sunday, Inside the Church, socially distanced, wearing face masks and hand sanitizing

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 128: Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you, blest are those who seek you, O God.	
Preparation: We Have Been Told	#507
Communion: Lord of All Hopefulness	#402
Communion: Taste and See	#339
Communion: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	#589
Sending Forth: We Are Called	#616

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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; two on the piazza in front of the church and the second station is 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](mailto: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.

**WEDDINGS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email [weddings@stmm.net](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)

## Giving Tuesday



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#GivingTuesday

We are excited to have StMM participate in our nation's first-ever Catholic day of giving! What better way to thank God for His continued blessings than to give back to our community. Beginning this **Monday, November 16**, you can support **Operation Feed Thy Neighbor** with a \$25 or more donation. You can also send a check in any amount directly to our parish by Dec 1st.

Your generous support will make a difference! Click here to donate now

<https://raleigh.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-mary-magdalene-catholic-church-d6877a69-ee85-4132-8e5a-e9eaf529aba6>

## Offertory Counters Needed

Do you have a focus on details? Do you have time to dedicate on Monday mornings?

St MM Church is seeking parishioners as we restructure our offertory 'counting team'. After training, the commitment would be on a rotational schedule from 9:45 - 11am every Monday except holidays

If you want to learn more- Please respond to [info@stmm.net](mailto:info@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 November 9, 2020. 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](mailto: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"*.

## Eucharistic Holy Hour

Please join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for Eucharistic Holy Hour beginning November 17 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 17th!!

## Elementary Faith Formation



**GATHER Virtual Packet Pick up** - November packets will be available the first week of the month beneath the drive thru on the side entrance of the church.

**Thanksgiving Basket Donations** - STMM Gather participants are partnering with Western Wake Crisis Ministry to collect items this Thanksgiving. You can drop off your donations anytime either during GATHER, at Mass or anytime outside the Side Entrance Drive Thru of the Church. The list of items being collected includes:

- 2 liquid dish soap
- 1 pkg toilet paper
- 1 liquid laundry detergent
- 3 cans of fruit
- 2 boxes of cake mix
- 6 boxes mac and cheese
- 3 cans of tuna
- 3 cans of soup
- 3 boxes of pasta
- 4 cans of vegetables (not green beans or corn)
- 1 can of chicken
- 3 can/jars of pasta sauce
- bag of white flour
- bottle of cooking oil
- 2 boxes brownie mix
- 4 boxes of muffin mix
- 2 lbs of brown sugar
- 3 lbs of rice
- 1 can of salmon

toothpaste  
shower gel (soap)  
deodorant

**GATHER Meeting Remaining Dates for November 6:30 - 7:45 pm :**

Third Wednesday - November 18, 2020

Fourth Tuesday - November 24, 2020 - Sacramental Prep grades 3 - 5

**First Reconciliation Materials** for GATHER students, including Virtual, pick up is available in the Parish Office from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon Monday - Friday.

**Gather Calendar for the 2020/21 School Year**

[http://www.stmm.church/Youth\\_Ministry\\_Calendar\\_2020-21\(1\).pdf](http://www.stmm.church/Youth_Ministry_Calendar_2020-21(1).pdf)

Contact Suzanne - [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) with your questions

## Youth Ministry News



### EDGE News

8th grade parents -

I know you are probably not thinking about high school just yet - or maybe you are. I need to share with you some super important information about your teen's next sacrament: Confirmation. Here at

STMM we confirm at the end of 10th grade, usually. It is a TWO YEAR preparation program required by the diocese. The two years can be completed any time in their high school (or college/adult) career. Most folks do it freshmen/sophomore year. Because, who doesn't want the Holy Spirit renewed in their life asap?? Sign me up!

It is a parish requirement that you must attend ONE of the Confirmation Prep informational meetings in order to start the process. The meetings are for parents only. If your teen would like to be Confirmed at the end of their sophomore year, then you (parent) must attend one of these meetings while they are in 8th grade.

Please see Liz's information below, in the Way section, regarding these meetings.

If you have any questions regarding faith formation for grades 4 -6 please contact Janine McGann at [janine.mcgann@gmail.com](mailto:janine.mcgann@gmail.com)

### STMM Youth Ministry this Sunday, November 15 with the following schedule:

Apostello meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm. Each Apostello group has been assigned a point of entry/exit and will receive a temperature check at that door upon entry. Each teen must also wear a mask. Teens should check with their Apostello leader for their entry/exit door & room location.

The Way will be held from 7:15pm-8:30pm. Each small group has been assigned a point of entry/exit and will receive a temperature check at that door upon entry. Each teen must also wear a mask. This means that after youth mass, everyone must exit the church building before we can allow anyone to enter if their small group is assigned a room in the church building.

Teens should check with their small group leader(s) for their entry/exit door & room location.

Please contact Liz Sams with any questions at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com)

# Confirmation

## **IMPORTANT: PARENT CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS ARE REQUIRED FOR A TEEN PREPPING FOR CONFIRMATION AT STMM:**

If you have a teen who is currently in 8th/9th/10th/11th grade who is currently in year 1 or year 2 of Confirmation prep or a teen who will be entering either year 1 or year 2 of Confirmation preparation at STMM in the 2021-2022 school year (meaning they would receive the sacrament in Spring 2022), please be aware that it is required by our parish that you attend a Parent Confirmation Workshop. We offer 3 of them every year and it is required that 1 parent attend 1 of the 3 sessions offered. Usually we offer them in the Spring and these have been moved due to us not being able to hold them last semester.

To see the complete list of Diocesan Guidelines for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please go to: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm>

*The dates for the 2020 Parent Confirmation Workshops are as follows:*

*November 11th, November 17th, & December 1st*

*All the workshops will be held at 7:00pm in the STMM School Gym*

*Masks required & we'll space out on the bleachers*

**IMPORTANT: Whether or not you attended a workshop in the past 2 years, you need to attend. New pastor + COVID = new ball game.**

**Please make plans to attend 1 of the 3 sessions.**

## StMM School News



### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED**

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School is accepting applications for substitute teachers for grades PreK-8. Come be part of the Saint Mary Magdalene faculty, and work with our Monarchs! Interested? Email Christa Iozzo at [iozzo@stmm.net](mailto:iozzo@stmm.net).



### **StMM PSO FUNDRAISER**

Please join the StMM PSO in our primary fundraiser of this school year, Monarch Mondays. We would love to include parish families and businesses. Beginning in December, we will be selling cool Monarchs t-shirts and hoodies that our StMM Monarchs may wear to school every Monday in 3rd-4th quarters from January to June. Sponsor names will be printed on the back of the shirts. Let us spread the word about your family or business to our school community!

There are two easy ways to sponsor or donate a teacher shirt. You may print our [sponsor and donor form](#) and mail with a check, or [pay online](#) with a credit card or linked checking account in FACTS. The online account has been fixed; please use this new link! If you are a business and need our non-profit tax ID number, please see our [donor letter](#). All sponsorships must be received by November 24.

Questions? Please contact [Erin Bonasso](#) for sponsorship, and PSO Presidents [Molly Pryzwansky](#) and [Tina Korzeniowski](#) with general inquiries.



#### NOW ACCEPTING 2021-22 APPLICATIONS

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is now accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year. Apply online by clicking [here](#).

Prospective three year old preschool parents, please note that our full day spots tend to fill up quickly. If you are interested in our program, you are encouraged to apply early. Children must be three years old by August 30, 2021 and potty trained to enter preschool.

Interested in a tour of our school? Schedule a virtual tour by clicking [here](#). Questions? Please contact Lydia Binanay, [binanay@stmm.me](mailto:binanay@stmm.me), 919-657-4800 x7296.

## Annual Homeschool Mass

Our Annual Homeschool Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral on Dec 4th, 10am

All homeschoolers are welcome!

Please rsvp at <http://dioceseofraleighorg/event/annual-homeschool-mass>

For questions you can contact Megan Brinkley [m.brinkley@hotmail.com](mailto:m.brinkley@hotmail.com)

## Western Wake Crisis Ministry - Pack the Pantry

**Help Western Wake Crisis Ministry (WWCM) Pack the Pantry** St. Mary Magdalene's Helping Hands Social Ministry is sponsoring two weekends to partner with WWCM. On **November 14 and 15**, visit the table in the narthex before or after Mass to see what items will help to Pack the Pantry during the holiday season. All items can be brought to Mass on November 21 and 22. If you prefer not to shop, visit <http://wwcm.org/financial-donations/> to see how to donate funds. Due to the pandemic and employment issues, every little bit we can do to help will be put to good use!

## 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 on the sign up genius link 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. All instructions are in the sign up genius description. For questions, please contact [floralministry@stmm.net](mailto:floralministry@stmm.net).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CABA82D6-stmary>

We are looking for parishioners gifted in the care of plants and flowers to volunteer to assist in keeping our church beautified. Please contact [floralministry@stmm.net](mailto:floralministry@stmm.net).

## Respect Life

The Birthchoice 2020 Benefit for Life is virtual this year. [Click here](#) for video.

## Rosary Monday Nights

"The Rosary is .. the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints... it is a prayer from my heart." - Pope Francis Join the members of our parish praying the Rosary every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Find STMM Rosary On FaceBook <https://www.facebook.com/STMM-Rosary-115180550121735/> and Instagram <https://instagram.com/stmmrosary?igshid=dk6zl88nql4t> . No experience necessary! Online guides are available from the Knights of Columbus. <http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/devotionals/4772.pdf> you may leave prayer requests on the Rosary page even if you are unable to join us online. For more information or to leave a prayer request contact Joe Sebik @ [joeyselik@gmail.com](mailto:joeyselik@gmail.com).

## Knights of Columbus Operation Feed Thy Neighbor

The Knights of Columbus Council #7186 (based at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church) is partnering with St. Mary Magdalene, Wake County Human Services and several other local churches in the area to serve desperately needed meals to children, as well as the unemployed & underemployed in the Apex area during the COVID-19 crisis.

We will continue to operate an emergency food distribution site on Saturday and Sunday evenings located here in Apex. In the twenty six weekends, we have served more than 13,660 meals to Apex residents who are in need, and have distributed several hundred bags of non-perishable goods. A sincere **THANK YOU** to all who have supported our efforts through prayer, financial donations, or contributing to our non-perishable goods collection.

We are called by Jesus to be His hands and feet on Earth in feeding the hungry. Your support will enable us to continue to provide healthy meals to our most vulnerable neighbors during this crisis.

Please join (or partner with) us in performing a corporal work of mercy!

[Donate by clicking here](#)

The KofC are putting together bags with a list of food items in them. There will be tubs located under the drive through portico on the chapel side of the church starting Monday until Thursday of each week. One tub will be labeled "Completed bags" and the other will be labeled "Bag items". If you cannot fill an entire bag, please just give what you can and we'll put bags together out of whatever we collect. This allows for a 'no contact' way to help out during this difficult time.

Here are the items for one completed bag:

- 1 Rice or dried beans
- 1 Pasta & 1 Small Canned Sauce
- 1 Boxed Meal (hamburger helper or Mac-N-Cheese)
- 1 Canned Vegetable
- 1 Canned Fruit
- 6 Snack Items (individually wrapped)

- 1 Breakfast Items
- 1 Hygiene Item
- 1 Roll of Toilet Paper

Please bag these items at home and only include "like" items from above. We are not able to date check the donations, so please fill these bags with in-date items we can hand directly to folks in need. Please make sure everything fits into ONE bag which can be double knotted!

## Catholic Parish Outreach

Dear Friends,

CPO, Catholic Parish Outreach, is in great need of your empty paper and plastic grocery bags. If you could please bring them to daily and Sunday masses now through the holidays we would be most grateful. Please place them in the bin outside under the covered drive. Thank you for your continued support!

Your Friends at CPO

## 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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