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

**November 20, 2020**

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King! We celebrate Christ the King this weekend and Thanksgiving on Thursday and they are both related. .... YES!!.....

We are thankful we have the person of Jesus Christ to follow and to model our life after. We can live in the Kingdom because we have an acknowledged king in Christ. God is good to us and we are thankful.

Thankful for your support, thankful for your prayers, and thankful for your witness to love. This Thanksgiving may we be joined with Our Lord Jesus Christ the King in joyful thankfulness.

Fr. Chris

**Giving  
Portal**

### **Upcoming Events**

November 21 - 5pm Mass  
November 22 - 9am & 6pm Mass  
November 22 - Apostello and The Way  
November 23 - Daily Mass 9:15am  
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  
 December 2 - Daily Mass 9:15am  
 December 2 - GATHER - 6:30pm  
 December 3 - Daily Mass 9:15am  
 December 3 - EDGE - 6:30pm  
 December 4 - Daily Mass 9:15am  
 December 4 - Adoration 10am - 7pm Church  
 December 5 - Confession 10:30am  
 December 5 - 5pm Mass  
 December 6 - 9am & 11am Mass, 6pm Youth Mass  
 December 6 - Apostello and The Way  
 December 7 - Daily Mass 9:15am  
 December 7 - Family Rosary - 6:30pm Chapel  
 December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception - 9:15am & 7pm Mass

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 Janelle Buchanan in memory of Arthur Hernandez and in memory of Martha and David Loza.

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: Ven Al Banquete	#308
Psalm 23: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.	
Preparation: Worthy is the Lamb	#575
Communion: The Lord is My Hope	#468
Communion: Pastures of the Lord	
Communion: In Christ Alone	#405
Sending Forth: How Can I Keep From Singing	#442

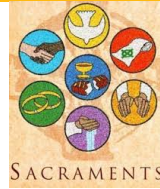
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### Outdoor Communion Procedures after 9am Sunday Mass only

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)

## Picture of the Week



Fr. Chris teaches at Gather - family faith formation

## Giving Tuesday



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What better way to thank God for His continued blessings than to give back to our community. Get a jump start and make your gift of \$25 or more now through Dec 1. All funds will go to support **Operation Feed Thy Neighbor**. You may 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](#)

## 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"*.

## First Friday Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday December 4th from 10am - 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](mailto:ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM) or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Please wear a mask and socially distance.

## Elementary Faith Formation



**GATHER Second Tuesday Families** - Tuesday, December 8, 2020 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. GATHER families will attend Mass at 7:00 pm and pick up their packets following Mass. There will not be a guest speaker or small group time for this night only.

**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

**First Reconciliation Materials** for GATHER students, including Virtual, pick up is available outside the church beneath the portico near the side entrance of the church.

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

[http://www.stmm.church/STMM\\_Faith\\_Formation\\_Calendar\\_2020-2021.pdf](http://www.stmm.church/STMM_Faith_Formation_Calendar_2020-2021.pdf)

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

## Youth Ministry News



### EDGE News

This year we find ourselves in truly some of the most challenging times any of us have seen in our life times. Many people are facing evictions, loss of jobs, loss of loved ones, mental health issues are skyrocketing, and many are in need of help this holiday season. If you are able to help, we have 2 ways you can help coming in the next couple of weeks. We've done them in years past but this year they look a little different (much like everything else in our world in 2020). So please help in whatever way you can.

1) This week is the last week you can drop off items for the Thanksgiving Baskets for Western Wake Crisis Ministries. You can drop them off at the drive thru portico of the church or in the church lobby on Sundays during our youth programs and youth mass. [Click here](#) for the list of what items WWCM is asking for this year. (We know it says GATHER but it's for All donations are appreciated:

2) StMM Angel Tree will look a little different this year due to the Coronavirus. Huge thanks to Janet Overberg for organizing this for all of our programs: Gather, Edge, The Way & Apostello. We are still partnering with Friends of Wake County Guardian ad Litem, but all of our shopping will be done virtually. The agency has created gift registry links on various retailers' websites to shop for the children. These purchases will then be shipped directly to them, where they will wrap, label and deliver the gifts. They wanted to create a "virtual shopping experience", so there may be a couple of choices for a particular item. Example - 2 coat choices, or 2 tablet choices. ONLY 1 needs to be purchased! We will try to monitor this as best we can. The registries will be updated real time, but Janet will have to manually

update the google documents. If anyone has questions please email Janet at [j\\_overberg@bellsouth.net](mailto:j_overberg@bellsouth.net).

*Please be patient as this is a new process that we are trying.*

### STMM EDGE WAY & APOSTELLO Angel Tree

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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 22 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.

Online registration is now open for teens who attend a Catholic HS & are seeking to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in April 2021. These teens are in year 2 of their preparation and would be in grades 10th-12th. This is "Option B" as explained on our Confirmation website at [www.stmm.net](http://www.stmm.net). The link to register is located on the right side at this link: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm>. Parents should have already attended a Parent Confirmation Workshop and if you have not, it is required one parent attend the last of the 3 offered which will be on 12/1/2020 at 7pm in the school gym.

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**

The PSO's Monarch Mondays campaign is in its final days! Would you like to have your family or business name featured on the back of the t-shirts that StMM students may wear to school every Monday in 3rd-4th quarters? Maroon level sponsorship comes with free shirts and a spotlight post on the school's social media - spread the word about your business to our Monarch families! Sponsorships must be received by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, November 24. See our [donor letter](#) for more information. Sponsorships accepted by [online payment](#) or [printed form](#) with mailed check. Our fundraising focus is to continue PSO programming at the school and improve our outdoor spaces and recess options.

### **St. Nick Shoe and Sock Drive December 1st-8th**

The 2nd grade class at StMM School is once again sponsoring a shoe and sock drive. There are so many families in need this year due to the pandemic. If you can, please consider donating any of the

following items: new shoes/sneakers, new socks, and new men's work boots. Gently used shoes will also be acceptable. Put each pair of shoes inside a plastic bag and tie it. Donations bins will be located outside our Church's side and back entrances. There will also be bins outside the school's main entrance during school hours. Brown Bag Ministry distributes all of our donations. Thank you for supporting this important service project!

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## 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 partnering with WWCM. Reminder all items should 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.

## 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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