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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News November 27, 2020

### A Note From Father Chris

This first week of Advent we begin our preparations for the birth of Christ! Even in pandemics Jesus Christ comes. The 11:00am Mass joins the weekend schedule starting this weekend.

This Tuesday is National Giving Tuesday. Please see the link in this edition of the E News to give to the Feed thy Neighbor Program here at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Our Knights of Columbus Council has been feeding those in need right here in Apex since the pandemic began in the Spring. Please support them with a donation if you can.

Just the words, "For unto us is born...." is enough to begin this hopeful season of Christmas.

With thanks,

Fr. Chris



# **Upcoming Events**

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 4 Confession 6pm 7pm 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
- December 8 Eucharistic Holy Hour 8pm Church
- December 9 Daily Mass 9:15am
- December 10 Daily Mass 9:15am
- December 10 EDGE 6:30pm
- December 11 Daily Mass 9:15am
- December 11 Confession 6pm 7pm December 12 - Confession 10:30am
- December 12 5pm Mass
- December 13 9am & 11am Mass, 6pm Youth Mass
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- December 14 Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

Moved recently? Please update your address by email  $\underline{info@stmm.net}$  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
- 4. 11:00am 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 80: Lord make us turn to you, show your face, we shall be saved. Lord make us turn to you,

show your face, we shall be saved.

Preparation: There is a Longing #402
Communion: Eye Has Not Seen #462
Communion: To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul #400

Communion: Find Us Ready

Sending Forth: Soon and Very Soon

#577

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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, <u>info@stmm.net</u>. 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

## Picture of the Week



Fr. Chris at last Sunday's Youth Mass



#GivingTuesday

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! <u>Click here to donate now</u>

## 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 <a href="mailto:info@stmm.net">info@stmm.net</a>.

### **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 <a href="mailto:rcia@stmm.me">rcia@stmm.me</a> 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 <u>ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM</u> or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Please wear a mask and socially distance.

# **Eucharistic Holy Hour**

Please join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for Eucharistic Holy Hour December 8 from 8-9 p.m. following the 7pm Mass. 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 8th!!

## **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 - December packets will be available the first week of the month beneath the drive thru on the side entrance of the church. A few November packets are still remaining.

**Thanksgiving Basket Donations** - Thank you for the overwhelming response to our donation request to benefit the Western Wake Crisis Ministry. St. Mary Magdalene Parishioners are extremely generous.

**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

Contact Suzanne - will@stmm.net with your questions

### 2020 Christmas Wish List



St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Virtual Angel Tree GATHER



STMM Angel Tree will look a little different this year due to the Coronavirus. 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 I will have to manually update the google documents. If anyone has questions, they can email me at j\_overberg@bellsouth.net

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## 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 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.

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

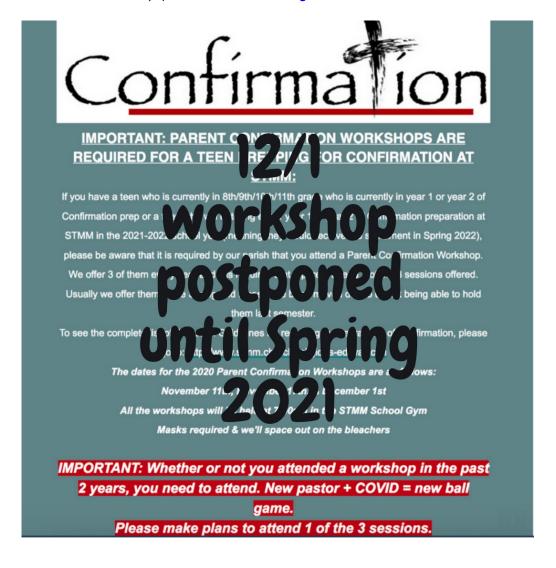
### STMM EDGE WAY & APOSTELLO Angel Tree

### THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

If you have any questions regarding faith formation for grades 4 -6 please contact Janine McGann at <u>janine.mcgann@gmail.com</u>

# All STMM YM programs on 11/29 are off for the Thanksgiving Break. We'll resume on 12/6. 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 <a href="www.stmm.net">www.stmm.net</a>. The link to register is located on the right side at this link: <a href="http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm">http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm</a>. 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 <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u>





# STMM ANGEL TREE 2020

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Link for the Edge, The Way & Apostello Angel Tree items can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wu6t-SsGCSbAQQ1IRGYcMXGahOaqkc8T/view

## 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.

### 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!

## **Dynamic Catholic Corner**



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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 <a href="http://dioceseofraleighorg/event.annual-homeschool-mass">http://dioceseofraleighorg/event.annual-homeschool-mass</a>

For questions you can contact Megan Brinkley m.brinkley@hotmail.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 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.

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 <u>floralministry@stmm.net</u>.

# **Helping Hands Ministry**

### The Angel Tree

The Angel Tree will be in the lobby filled with ornaments for needy children and families from several Wake County non-profit organizations beginning this Saturday, November 28th. Please attach the ornament to the gift/food



contribution to help us track all donations. No gifts should be wrapped. All contributions should be placed under the tree no later than 11:00am on Dec. 13th.

Pack the Pantry for Western Wake Crisis Ministry was a huge success! Thanks to all Saint

Mary Magdalene parishioners who participated in this holiday effort. We collected :2,140 lbs of food/household items, \$725 in Walmart/Food Lion gift cards, and \$510 in cash donations. The youth groups brought in an additional 1,144 lbs. This is a tremendous effort in caring for our neighbors in Jesus' name! Thank you for your generosity.

# 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 <u>clicking here.</u>

For more information and for the point of contact for each ministry, please see the website: Ministry Contacts

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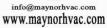
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