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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

September 3, 2021

A Note from Father Chris

Jesus invites us to pick up the cross and follow him. The cross is the symbol of service, sacrifice, but also of love. The mystery of the more we give the more we receive.

Tuesday, September 7th and Tuesday, September 21st at 7pm we have Holy Hour in the church. Please come and live this mystery and invitation of Jesus Christ.

Many blessings on your holiday weekend.

Love,

Fr. Chris

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Upcoming Events

September 3 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church

September 4 - **No Confessions**

September 4 - 5pm Mass

September 5 - 9am & 11am Mass

September 6 - **No Daily Mass**

September 6 - Labor Day - Parish Office Closed

September 6 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

September 7 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church

September 8 - Daily Mass 9am
September 8 - Adult Confirmation Sessions Begin
September 9 - Daily Mass 9am
September 10 - Daily Mass 9am
September 11 - Confessions 10:30am
September 11 - 5pm Mass
September 12 - 9am & 11am Mass
September 12 - Youth Mass 6pm (First Youth Mass of the School Year)

The **Parish Offices** are located in the main **School building** (625 Magdala Place) and hours are 9-12 M-F. You can gain access to the parish offices by being buzzed in at those front doors. Deb Prewitt (Parish Secretary) and Julie Hoffman (Financial Coordinator) are located in the parish offices, and others are best accessed through their Stmm.net email address listed on website. www.stmm.church



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.

Mass This Weekend



Flowers were donated by Joy Vardis, in loving memory of Teresa Carruthers and Ernestine Eure on their birthday. With love from the Vardis Families.

Thanks to Lavender Lane Florist of Apex.

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: Table of Plenty	#311
Psalm 146: Praise the Lord, My soul. Bless the name of God. Praise the Lord, my soul. Bless the name of God.	
Preparation: Open My Eyes	#393
Communion: Spirit and Grace	#345
Communion: Psalm 42: As the Deer Longs	#497
Communion: I Received the Living God	#325
Sending Forth: Lead Me, Lord	#726

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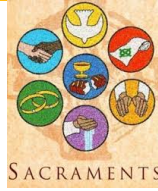
Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

2021 Annual Financial Report

The 2021 Annual Financial Report is now on the website. Click [here](#) to view.

Sacraments



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, info@stmm.net. First time parents must attend a baptism class. 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



Peyton Bage's Baptism on August 22nd



Isla Mae McAndrew's baptism on August 28th



Mr. & Mrs. Michael Yannielli were married on August 28th

Adult Confirmation Prep and Catholic Faith Refresher

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?

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.

Group sessions beginning Wednesday, Sept. 8 and running for six consecutive Wednesdays 6:30 pm-8:30 pm.

If interested, please contact Deacon Rick by phone at 908-910-0309 or by e-mail at Stevens@stmm.net.

Eucharistic Holy Hours First and Second Tuesdays

Beginning from September, there will be an additional Eucharistic Holy Hour. This will begin on Tuesday **September 7th from 7-8 p.m.** and continue the 1st Tuesday of each month. Please join Deacon Dev as we spend an hour with our Lord devoted to meditation in a spirit of Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication (ACTS). We will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and close with Benediction. Handouts will be available so everyone can participate fully.

Please join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for Eucharistic Holy Hour Tuesday **September 21st 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 this Tuesday!!

Extraordinary Ministers or Holy Communion Training



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Sacred Liturgy Training will be Wednesday, September 22nd from 7pm-9pm in Church Room 1. Please RSVP to Lisa Westberg at lbwestberg13@gmail.com.

Faith Formation



GATHER Gather & Rock Opening Night is Tuesday, September 28th, at 6:30 pm. Mass will be held in the church followed by a Social. We will be adhering to the school's policy of wearing facemasks while indoors on campus.

Gather & Rock Volunteers Needed - In order to keep the small group sizes small, we are in need of volunteers as Leaders & Assistants to help lead the small groups. Please prayerfully consider joining our team. The only requirements are that you become Safe Environment Certified and most importantly, have a heart for Jesus.

Questions: Please contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

StMM High School Youth Ministry

Upcoming One Day Retreats are coming up for teens in The Edge, The Way & Apostello

The Edge: Grades 7th and 8th, October 2nd, Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC. Bus leaves STMM at 7:30am and returns at 11pm

The Way & Apostello: Grades 9th-12th are all welcome to attend! September 11th, Camp Mundo Vista in Asheboro, NC. Bus leaves STMM at 7:30am and returns at 11pm

Link to register, calendar & retreat forms can be found at this link:

<http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm>

Youth Mass returns on Sunday September 12th at 6pm!!!!

Questions: Please contact Liz Sams at liz.sams@gmail.com or
Caitlin Clendenin at clendenin@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 September 27, 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"*.

Chrysalis' Childcare Team

Responsible teens and adults: looking for a great volunteer opportunity to work with kids and earn service hours? Join Chrysalis' childcare team, which cares for parish children while their parents are attending monthly Chrysalis marriage enrichment meetings.

Teens are encouraged to volunteer with a friend and get to know StMM families who might be looking for babysitters! Must be B-level Safe Environment Certified. Applications will be emailed to volunteers.

Adults: Love working with kids? Want to support couples in building stronger marriages? Looking to help fulfill Time & Talent expectations for StMM? Volunteer with Chrysalis Childcare team! A commitment of less than 2 hours per month, volunteers supervise and help an energetic team of teens care for children during our monthly couples marriage enrichment meetings. Adults must be C-level Safe Environment Certified.

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4AB4-chrysalis>

Chrysalis Ministry



Husbands, wives - do you sometimes feel like your marriage is a three-legged race? Learn how to run the race with grace by attending **The BEATITUDES: A Couple's Path to Greater Joy**. This **Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment Fellowship program** begins September 26 and continues until April 10. Join us for monthly sessions after the 11 am mass from 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm. Click on the sign up button to register. Thank you!

Dates of sessions are: Sep 26, 2021; Oct 24, 2021; Nov 21, 2021; Dec 12, 2021; Jan 23, 2022; Feb 20, 2022; Mar 20, 2022; Apr 10, 2022.

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4AB4-chrysalis1>

Daytime Bible Study



St. MM Tuesday Daytime Bible Study Group will be studying Ascension Press' **The Book of Romans: The Gospel of Salvation** for our fall 2021 study. Tuesdays from 1-3pm in the St. MM church building. We will be following the current Covid guidelines ; but we are planning to meet in person.

Dates: Sept. 14 through Nov. 2, 2021

Please contact Laurie Wendt at lauriewendt@gmail.com or cell # 919-669-9455 for more details. All are welcome and no experience is necessary.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy, changing world. Our local council #7186 will be holding a membership drive at all masses the weekend of September 11th. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/JoinUs and enter our council #7186 for local information.

Blood Drive at StMM on September 25th

The Knights of Columbus with the Blood Connection will be hosting a Blood Drive on Saturday, September 25th from 10am to 2pm. To make an appointment, click on the link:

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/176090

StMM Habitat Ministry

The StMM Habitat Ministry is in search of volunteers. We are back, after a year of not being able to build, volunteers are needed. No building experience is necessary. Best thing, we are in Apex this year, down on Kissena Lane. We are going to be supporting two weekends, September 18 and October 2nd. We will have another chance in the Spring if you are unable either of these days. Please join us, put your faith in action and make an impact in your community. We need volunteers for both weekends. Volunteers must be 16 or older. We are looking for 10 volunteers on September 18 and 15 volunteers on October 2nd. If you have any questions, please reach out to Becky Loding at becky.loding@gmail.com.

To signup please go to <https://habitatwake.volunteerhub.com/lp/southwestwake/>.

StMM School News

Considering a Catholic education for your child?

Admissions for the 2021-22 school year have been paused. The StMM Admissions department will open applications for the 2022-23 school year on October 1, 2021. School tours will also resume in October. Online applications and tour sign-ups will be available on our website,

Monarch Mondays

By popular demand, the StMM PSO is bringing back Monarch Mondays this school year to benefit Arts and Specials at our school. Monarch Mondays t-shirts and sweatshirts will go on sale in October. Our school children may wear them to school instead of their uniform every Monday from November to May. We would love to help our parishioners spread the word about their businesses to our school families! If you are interested in being a sponsor and having your family or business name on the back of the shirt, please fill out [our online](#) or **paper** sponsorship form. Monarch and Maroon level sponsors will receive a spotlight post on the school's social media feeds! All sponsors get free shirts! Contact PSO Co-President Molly Pryzwansky with questions (mollypryz@hotmail.com).

Harris Teeter Together In Education and AmazonSmile

We would love our parishioners to support our school by linking your Harris Teeter VIC card to St. Mary Magdalene. Our school code at HT is 3915 in their Together in Education (TIE) program. You may link your shopper's card in the store at the customer service desk, or online. AmazonSmile is another great way to benefit our school. Nothing about your Amazon shopping experience will change, but the school will receive a .5% donation from Amazon on eligible purchases. Please set up St. Mary Magdalene in Apex, NC (there are several; choose the Apex, NC option) as your AmazonSmile charity in the fall in advance of online Christmas shopping! Instructions for and more information about AmazonSmile can be found [here](#).

Cub Scout Pack 224

St. Mary Magdalene's Cub Scout Pack 224 is looking for grade school boy and girls to go camping, derby racing and enjoying Scouting! We meet Tuesdays at 7pm at StMM school, and would be excited to help your future Scouts! Contact the Cubmaster at cubmaster@apexpack224.org to see what you can do to start a year in Scouting!

Parishioner Assistance Ministry

"Jesus is in the Boat with us! And we are all in the same boat together!"

As Deacon Dev said so beautifully in his recent homily on the Gospel of Mark (4:34-40), "Jesus is in the Boat with us! And we are all in the same boat together!"

When violent squalls come up and waves are breaking over the boat, trust in God and reach out to your fellow parishioners in the boat with you for help!

The Parish Assistance Ministry now has 75+ parishioners signed up and more join every week! When we are informed of a parishioner in need, we work confidentially to manage assistance requests and to get the help needed.

We have Parishioners in need and the ministry has been actively helping in any way we can. Examples of assistance now being provided includes:

* STMM Family dealing with very difficult health issues.

3 hours of landscaping from a team of parishioners

Care packages for their teenage girls

Meals to ease the burden on the family (12+ meals in collaboration with Feed the Neighbor - still ongoing)

- * STMM Senior Parishioner dealing with loneliness in assisted living facility - Visitors arranged for companionship and prayer
- * STMM Family looking for advice for care for family member with dementia - Guidance provided
- * STMM Family looking for care for a elderly family member - Guidance provided / care established
- * STMM Family looking for legal advice regarding family matter - Some legal advice provided. Still in progress of gaining additional advice.

We are still actively looking for more 'helpers' to join our ministry. If you would like to share your time or talent, please reach out to us. In particular, we are seeing a greater need for those with experience in mental health and senior care / health related issues.

We also need your help to continue to spread the word to EVERYONE in the parish that if you are dealing with difficult times, please do not hesitate to reach out to us and to let your STMM family help you.

We are all in the same boat together.

God Bless.

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