

St. Mary Magdalene E-News April 22, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

The Lord is Risen!! We are celebrating the Easter season and being reminded of how much God loves us.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who supported the Holy Week services. The church looks great! A special thank you to our artist Jeanine Romeo and the beautiful painted sky scenes behind the Mary and Joseph statues.

This week's youth Mass at 6pm will be a great celebration to attend.

Many blessings!

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

Upcoming Events

April 23 - No Confessions
April 23 - 5pm Mass
April 24 - 9am & 11am Mass
April 24 - Divine Mercy Sunday 3pm
April 24 - 6pm Youth Mass (last Youth Mass of School Year)
April 24 - Apostello, The Way, and the EDGE
April 25 - Daily Mass 9am
April 25 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
April 26 - GATHER and the Rock 6:30pm
April 27 - Daily Mass 9am
April 28 - Daily Mass 9am
April 28 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
April 28 - Confirmation Mass 6:30pm
April 29 - Daily Mass 9am
April 30 - No Confessions
April 30 - First Communion Retreat Activity Building 8:30am
April 30 - 5pm Mass
May 1 - 9am & 11am Mass
May 2 - Daily Mass 9am
May 2 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
May 3 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
May 4 - Daily Mass 9am
May 4 - Frassati Young Adult Group 6:30pm Chapel
May 5 - Daily Mass 9am
May 5 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel

The Chapel is open from 7am - 6pm during the week. Please enter through the single metal door to the left.

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



This weeks altar flower donation is:

Happy Birthday Molly Hernandez! We love you!!! From your 5 grandkids
The Buchanan Family

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our 9am Sunday Mass

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: Alleluia! Alleluia! 169

Psalm: 118 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Preparation: I Know That My Redeemer Lives 683

Communion 1: I Am the Bread of Life 326

Communion 2: Roll Away the Stone 174

Communion 3: We Come Today

Communion 4: Worthy is the Lamb 579

Sending Forth: Alleluia, Love is Alive 162

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

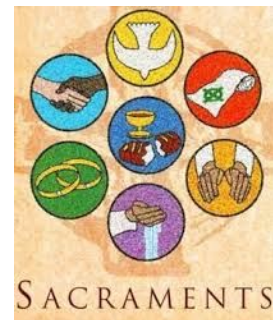
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

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



Picture of the Week



Isaac Vu was baptized on April 17th

Employment Opportunity Middle School Youth Minister

St. Mary Magdalene Church is seeking candidates to apply to manage our successful youth ministry middle school program Grades 5th through 8th. This is a Full time staff position including benefits. For more information please see our posting on the Diocese of Raleigh website:

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment>

Sound System Help Urgently Needed

Do you enjoy the music at our church? At almost every Mass, funeral, wedding and special event, the sound system ministry works behind the scenes to balance the sound and produce the LiveStream. As our church is growing, and more programs are added, we have an even greater need to provide quality balanced sound for these events. At this time, we are very much in need of additional people (teens or adults) to help run the sound system.

Full training is provided and you will be paired up with an experienced person when starting out. This is a flexible opportunity, the commitment level is up to you - once a month or every week, depending on what your schedule allows, we can use your help. Also, for teens, this is a fantastic way to log in service hours while attending Mass, which is important for those college applications! It is also a great opportunity to learn a new skill and to help fill an important need at our church.

Please prayerfully consider helping out. For more information, contact stmmsoundministry@gmail.com

Last Call to Register for New Member Lunch Registration

Calling all new parishioners!

Welcome to St. Mary Magdalene! We are very excited to have you as new members of our community. If you registered as a member from November 2021 through now, we would love to have the opportunity to officially welcome you after 11am Mass, Sunday, May 1. We will gather in the Activities Building for food, fellowship, and fun for the kids!

Please [register here](#) if you plan to attend

Registration will be open through April 25th.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Petersen at l.a.petersen@gmail.com.

We look forward to officially welcoming you to the St. Mary Magdalene family!

Divine Mercy Sunday



This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday! All are welcome, come to the church THIS Sunday at 3pm for Prayer, Homily, Adoration and Benediction. *There is a special Plenary Indulgence if you attend Sunday Mass; Venerate the Divine Mercy Image; Receive the Eucharist; Go to Reconciliation (within 20 days before or after) Join us to give thanks to Our Risen Lord and receive his Grace and Mercy in this special devotion.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Our diocese has a code of conduct adults must follow to create safe environments and protect children. Reading and following the code of conduct helps create a culture of protection and keeps our children safer. Access the Code of Conduct at

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/2019-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

If you need particular help responding to a report of abuse, you may call: The Diocese of Raleigh office of Child and Youth Protection at 1-866-535-7233 .

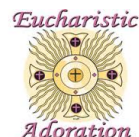
Adult Confirmation Sessions Forming

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, May 18th 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 Hour First and Third Tuesdays

The 1st Tuesday of each month, please join Deacon Dev from 7-8pm 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.



The 3rd Tuesday of each month, please join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for an Eucharistic Holy Hour from 7-8 pm. 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.

Next Holy Hour May 3rd 7-8pm

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday May 6th 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?

Forward In Hope - Bereavement Group to Begin



If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. We recommend participants join us approximately after the loss of a loved one. There are two classes participants can choose from either Wednesdays at 7:00 pm beginning May 4, 2022 or Thursdays at 10:00 am beginning

May 5, 2022. Sessions will consist of prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. For more information, contact stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net or call the Parish Office at 919-657-4800 ext. 7280.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

The StMM Prayer Team



Blessings to all this Triduum, as we approach Easter! For companionship in your trials and joys of life, our team of prayer warriors are here to walk with you.

Request
Prayers

All are welcome to join our team in lifting the prayers of our parish family, in whatever ways you like to pray best. Parish intentions are shared weekly, drop us a note if you would like to learn more about this ministry.

StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net

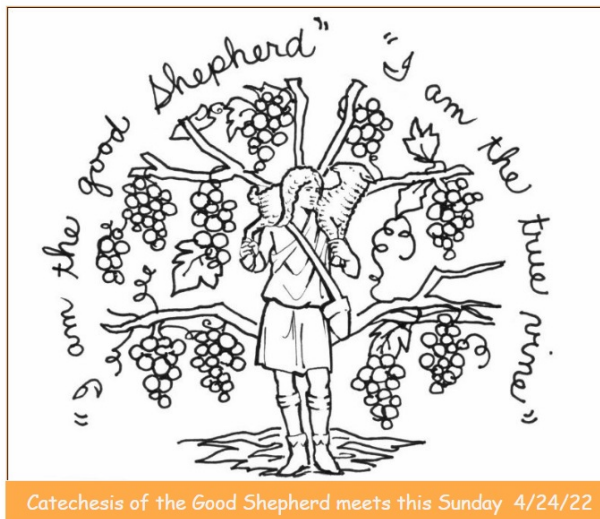
Join the Prayer
Team

Prayers and Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry



Do you know anyone who is in need of prayers? We make personalized lap sized prayer quilts for each recipient. To request a quilt for someone, please contact Lorraine Morris at lcmorris0707@gmail.com

Faith Formation



Retreat for First Communicants
Saturday, April 30, 2022
8:30 am
StMM Activities Building
Bring Family Time Poster

STMM GUYS HS RETREAT 2022

6/3/22-6/5/22

all guys in HS for 21'-22' welcome!



STMM GUYS HS RETREAT 2022 will be held 6/3-6/5 at a local home. This retreat is open to all guys who were in high school during the 2021-2022 school year. Use this [link](#) to register and pay online. Spots limited to 20 guys. Please contact Liz Sams with questions at liz.sams@gmail.com



Join us at Fort Caswell (in Oak Island, NC) this August 19-21!!! This retreat is open to rising 9-12 graders. Click [HERE](#) to sign up!

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Happy Easter!

Youth Ministry
will be OFF on
Palm Sunday and
Easter Sunday.
We'll see you
April 24th!



Questions:

"Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit" Workshop

"Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit" – Are you interested in experiencing more fully, the power of the Holy Spirit? A group of parishioners has come together to offer a one day workshop on living in the power of the Holy Spirit – **Saturday May 21, 2022 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. A continental breakfast will be available. Bring your own lunch.**

This day is about renewing our Christian faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is about seeking a new intimacy with Jesus and the fullness of the Holy Spirit, so that we can be and bring God's presence to the people and circumstances of our lives. If you have never said yes to Jesus' offer to have a relationship with you, this is an opportunity to do so, as well as seek to experience the fullness of his Holy Spirit. If you have said yes to Jesus' offer to have a relationship with him but that relationship has grown distant, this is an opportunity to renew that relationship and also seek to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Please register by May 14 using the following Signup Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BAAAF23A64-living>

Details will be sent out in advance to everyone who registers. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Art Klaum (artklaum61@gmail.com) or Maria Muratore (mmuratore@ccsrleigh.org).

RCIA

Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic? Are you wanting to participate fully in the sacraments instituted by Christ? Are you a baptized Christian and desiring to receive the Eucharist and Confirmation? The next module of the RCIA process at StMM is starting on May 9, 2022. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at rcia@stmm.me and let's have a conversation. 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"*.



Power and Purpose Conference 2022

Come and experience the Holy Spirit's power and healing at the **Power and Purpose Conference, June 3- 5, 2022** at the Franciscan University at Steubenville. Allow him to reveal the purpose of your life: to live in true freedom and joy of the Spirit. Be uplifted by the witness and fellowship of disciples like you. Join us for our most joyful conference season ever, as Franciscan University celebrates its 75th anniversary!

You are invited to join others from our parish as we explore the Holy Spirit's call.

Visit steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/ppc for information and an informational video and to register for this uplifting event! Registration is open and offers an Early Bird discount until April 19. Our area registration code is: **PPC22SDudNC** and the Early Bird Discount code is: **earlybird2022**. We plan to coordinate carpools if you are interested. Family and friends from other parishes are also welcome to join us!

For more information or questions, please contact Susanne Dudash, dudashsus@gmail.com, 919-612-8845.

StMM School News

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School will be closed for Easter break Friday, April 15th through Friday, 22nd. School will resume on Monday, April 25th. Have a blessed and joyous Easter!

STMM School Community Night at Lowes Foods

The StMM School PSO has partnered with Lowes Foods' Apex store (5400 Apex Peakway) to host a local social night to benefit StMM School! Do your shopping on Monday, April 25th between 3:00-7:00pm and Lowes Foods will generously donate 10% of your eligible grocery purchases to the PSO. Thank you for your support!



Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School has the following employment opportunities available for the 2022-23 school year: Physical Education Teacher, Preschool Teacher, and Teaching Assistant. [Please click here](#) to see the complete job postings. Interested candidates should send resume and letter of interest to principal@stmm.net.

2022 Summer Camps at StMM

2022 Summer Camps are open to rising kindergarten through 8th grade campers. For more information visit: <http://school.stmm.net/student-life/summercamp.cfm>

Employment Opportunity:

The After Care program is looking for an additional person to join their team. For more information please contact; Megan Mastrogiovanni mastrogiovanni@stmm.net

Parishioner Assistance Ministry

Parishioner Assistance Ministry continues to grow, welcoming new volunteers and supporting fellow parishioners who are experiencing difficult times. The team is currently providing rides to Mass for a senior member of our parish and meals to two families who are experiencing medical challenges. We invite any parishioners in need and those interested in supporting this growing ministry to contact us!

God Bless!

Dan Moskey
919-986-8613
Dmoskey12@gmail.com

Girl Scouts Recruiting Event

Camping! STEM! S'Mores! Cookies! Girl Scout Troop 1161 invites girls of the parish to see what Girl Scouts is all about. We meet at 2:30 on Sundays at StMM and are inviting girls that will be in grades K-8 (in the fall) to join our troop. We are a very active multi-level troop that has multiple outdoor trips and activities each year. On Sunday 4/24 we have an open meeting where we'll have age-appropriate activities for prospective girls while current leaders meet with the girls' parents. We are looking for volunteer leaders for the Daisy (K-1) and Junior (4-5) levels for next year. Come help us build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. A multi-level troop gives the adult leaders lots of support, and offers the girls many opportunities for leadership.

We'll have swag and patches for girls that register with the troop during the event, and we'll be joined by Shannon Quick, Membership Director for the GS NC Coastal Pines Council.

Please signup here so that we are prepared for the correct number of girls:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FACAE2FA0F85-girl2>

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