

## St. Mary Magdalene E-News April 29, 2022

### A Note from Father Chris

***"Follow me."*** The last line of Gospel for this Sunday is so simple and it means so much. If someone were to follow us what kind of life would they experience?

To live in truth, goodness and love is to live a complex, layered, struggling but beautiful life. To be joined with something bigger than us and to celebrate our ability to help one another.

Thank you to the community to the wonderful celebration of Confirmation for our young people on Thursday. The Holy Spirit is alive and flourishing!

Many blessings!

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

### Upcoming Events

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 4 - Forward in Hope 7pm Church Room 1  
May 5 - Daily Mass 9am  
May 5 - 10am Forward in Hope Church Room 1  
May 5 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel  
May 6 - Daily Mass 9am  
May 6 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am -7pm Church  
May 6 - Confessions 7pm - 8pm  
May 7 - First Communion Masses 9am & 11am  
May 7 - No Confessions  
May 7 - 5pm Mass  
May 8 - 9am & 11am Mass  
May 9 - Daily Mass 9am  
May 9 - Family Rosary 6:30pm 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](mailto:floralministry@stmm.net)

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## Mass This Weekend



This weeks flower donation:

Flowers donated by Vanita Reeve in memory of Teresa D'Silva

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

### Music for this weekend's Mass

**Gathering:** Jesus is Risen 175

**Psalm: 30** I will praise you, Lord. You have rescued me. I will praise you, Lord, for your mercy.

**Preparation:** Come to the Water 617

**Communion 1:** Worthy is the Lamb 579

**Communion 2:** Pescador de Hombres 496

**Communion 3:** Two Were Bound for Emmaus 160

**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.

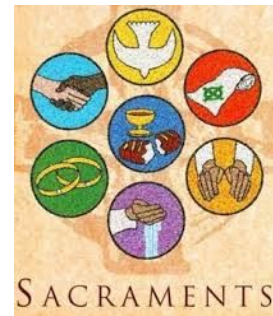
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## Sacraments

**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. 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](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)



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## Pictures of the Week



Alison and Nicholas Strednak married April 22nd at 4:22



Ryan Tolentino was baptized on April 23rd



Divine Mercy Sunday celebrated April 24th



High School Confirmation Mass April 28th





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## 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>

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## 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](mailto:stmmsoundministry@gmail.com)

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## April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



It is an adult's job to keep children safe as they grow in "wisdom and age and favor before God and man." (Lk 2:52 NABRE) Your relationship with your child is essential for their formation and protection. Intervene when you see a child mistreated. Correct a child if he/she is unkind to others. Children understand the concept of "rules". Let them know which behaviors are against the "rules" in your home/classroom/activity. Bullies are empowered when bystanders are passive. Help teach by your example that a person can act when someone's behavior is hurtful.

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## 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 still openings for the Wednesday evening 7:00 pm classes beginning May 5, 2022. Sessions will consist of prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. For more information, contact [stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net](mailto:stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net) or call the Parish Office at 919-657-4800 ext. 7280.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

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## Adult Confirmation Sessions Forming

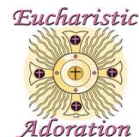
### Adult Confirmation and Catholic Faith Refresher Sessions Forming!!

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](mailto:Stevens@stmm.net).

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## 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**

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## 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?

Please contact Anita Becker at [ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM](mailto:ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM) or 919-280-8931 if interested.

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## Frassati Young Adults

This Wednesday, May 4, the Frassati young adults will meet at 6:30 PM for Eucharistic adoration in the side chapel, followed by dinner and fellowship in the youth room at 7 PM. Anyone in their 20s or 30s is welcome to join! Below is a signup genius so we have an idea of how much food to bring.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aafa72aa5f9c34-frassati9>

We will also be having a beach retreat! On May 21, we will have a group of young adults leave Apex to spend a day at the beach for fellowship and prayer. There is no cost to going! If you or someone you know in their 20s or 30s would be interested please fill out the below form. And for any questions please reach out to us at [frassati@stmm.net](mailto:frassati@stmm.net)

## 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](mailto:StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net)

Join the Prayer  
Team

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## 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 [lc Morris0707@gmail.com](mailto:lc Morris0707@gmail.com)

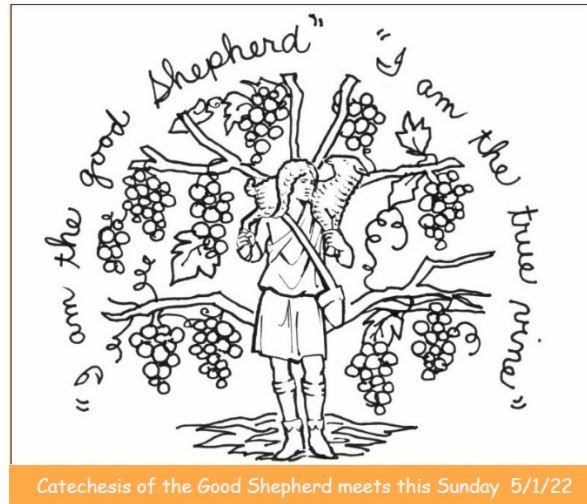
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## Faith Formation

Gather & Rock will be off May - August

CGS Continues through Pentecost Sunday, June 5th

First Communion Retreat date is tomorrow, April 30th



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd meets this Sunday 5/1/22



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







## CONGRATULATIONS

to the newly-  
confirmed members  
of the StMM Youth  
Ministry community!

## 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](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com)

## STMM HIGH SCHOOL BEACH RETREAT IS BACK!



the way

SIGN UP USING THE LINK BELOW!

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!

#### Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Liz Sams at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com)

For **Apostello, the Way, and Confirmation**, contact Caitlin Clendenin at [clendenin@stmm.net](mailto:clendenin@stmm.net)

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## "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](mailto:artklaum61@gmail.com)) or Maria Muratore ([mmuratore@ccsraleigh.org](mailto:mmuratore@ccsraleigh.org)).

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## Catholic Senior Organization



The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for women and men (60+) will hold the May meeting on Monday, May 16, 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM, in Church meeting rooms #3 and #4. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, [miriamdel79@yahoo.com](mailto:miriamdel79@yahoo.com), 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com).

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## Run for Life

**THANK YOU FROM THE RUN FOR LIFE!** – Thank you to everyone who helped make the 28th Annual Run for Life a huge success! A special thank you to all our runners, sponsors and volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you! The Run for Life raised \$5867 for Birthchoice with a total of 175 runners. A special thank you to the race teams from CGHS, STMA, St Mary Magdalene and OLL. Race results can be found at: [www.raleighrunforlife.org](http://www.raleighrunforlife.org) or [runnc.com](http://runnc.com). Hope to see you next year at the 29th Annual Run For Life in March 2023.

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## 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 July 25, 2022. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at [rcia@stmm.me](mailto: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".

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## 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](http://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](mailto:dudashsus@gmail.com), 919-612-8845.

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## StMM School News

### **Thank You! Thank You!**

Next week is Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week! Thank you to all our dedicated faculty and staff members here at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School. You are appreciated more than you will ever know!



### **Spring Festival Friday, May 13**

Join the StMM school community on Friday, May 13 from 3:00-7:00pm on the Upper Field. We'll have TONS of bounce houses, games, treats, food, fun! **Wristbands are on sale now for \$10/child** - each child needs a wristband; parents get free admission. Wristbands can also be purchased for \$12 cash at the gate. StMM Knights

of Columbus will be grilling food, and other treats will also be available for purchase, too!

### **StMM Lacrosse Pink Games**

This Friday, April 29th the StMM boys and girls lacrosse teams will take part in a "Pink Game" against Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School to bring awareness of breast cancer. Donations will be accepted with funds going to the Pretty in Pink Foundation. Come on out for a great evening of lacrosse for an awesome cause. The girls game begins at 4:15pm. Boys play at 5:30pm. Wear pink! Thank you for your support!



### **Congratulations, Teacher and Teaching Assistant of the Year!**

Each year, the Apex Chamber of Commerce honors one teacher and one teaching assistant from each school. StMM School is so pleased to announce our recipients of this year's Teacher of the Year is Mr. Tom Milmo and Teaching Assistant of the Year is Mrs. Kim Carr. Congratulations!

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:mastrogiovanni@stmm.net)

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## 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

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