

## St. Mary Magdalene E-News April 8, 2022

### A Note from Father Chris

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ is proclaimed this weekend. The reality of the immense love God has for us brings us hope in our sufferings.

Thank you to *The Vigil Project* and the Youth Formation Team for a spectacular Lenten Mission this past Wednesday night.

Easter is one week away. Let's get those lawn chairs ready. Easter Sunday Services will be outside, weather permitting, directly behind the church. Allowing us all to be together. Handicap drop off location beside the church.

We look forward celebrating these Holy Days together.

Holy Thursday 7pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12 Noon

Good Friday Service 3pm

Easter Vigil in the Church 7:45pm

Easter Sunday 9am and 11am

Many, many blessings!

Fr. Chris

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### Upcoming Events

April 8 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church  
April 9 - Confessions 10:30am  
April 9 - 5pm Mass  
April 10 - 9am & 11am Mass Palm Sunday  
April 10 - No Youth Mass  
April 11 - Daily Mass 9am  
April 11 - Catholic Senior Org 10:30am Room 3  
April 11 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Church  
April 13 - Daily Mass 9am

April 14 - No Daily Mass  
 April 14 - Holy Thursday 7pm Mass [Live Stream](#)  
 April 15 - Parish Office Closed  
 April 15 - Good Friday No Daily Mass  
 April 15 - Stations of the Cross 12pm Church  
 April 15 - Good Friday Service 3pm [Live Stream](#)  
 April 16 - No Confessions  
 April 16 - Easter Vigil 7:45pm [Live Stream](#)  
 April 17 - Easter 9am & 11am Mass Outside [Click Here for Parking Information](#)  
 April 17 - No Youth Mass  
 April 18 - Parish Office Closed  
 April 18 - No Daily Mass  
 April 19 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church  
 April 20 - No Daily Mass  
 April 21 - Daily Mass 9am  
 April 22 - Daily Mass 9am  
 April 23 - No Confessions  
 April 23 - 5pm Mass  
 April 24 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 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

**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

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

### Music for this weekend's Mass

**Gathering:** Hosanna to the Son of David 137

**Psalm:** 22 My God, My God why have you abandoned me?

**Preparation:** O Sacred Head Surrounded 150

**Communion 1:** Create in Me 781

**Communion 2:** You Alone 663

**Communion 3:** Bread of Life 362

**Sending Forth:** Were You There 146

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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)



## Pictures of the Week



Check out the wonderful new murals at Church



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## Employment Opportunity

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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## 2021 Tax Statements are Ready



Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email [prewitt@stmm.net](mailto:prewitt@stmm.net), or 919-657-4800 x7281.

[http://www.stmm.church/Tax\\_statement\\_instructions\\_2021.pdf](http://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2021.pdf)

Are you now donating online and do not want to receive church envelopes? If so, please email the parish office at [info@stmm.net](mailto:info@stmm.net) to stop the envelopes.

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## Stations of the Cross

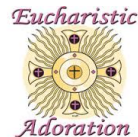
Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm in the church during Lent.

For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with the season of Lent. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross", the "Via Crucis", and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion. Praying the "Stations of the Cross" has always been one of the most popular devotions for Roman Catholics. By meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death, it is often performed in a spirit of spiritual pilgrimage.

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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 April 19th 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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## April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

DID YOU KNOW that the Diocese of Raleigh requires that all people who work or volunteer with children and youth in our parishes and schools attend a training in how to recognize and report child abuse. The training details five steps to help prevent child sexual abuse:

1. Knowing the warning signs of abuse.



2. Reporting suspected abuse to appropriate authorities.
3. Controlling access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth.
4. Monitoring all programs for the safety of children and youth.
5. Awareness of and sensitive to the lives of children.

Please know that we are diligently working to provide safe environments for children

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## Catholic Senior Organization

The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for women and men (60+) will hold the April meeting on Monday, April 11, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room #3. 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).



## The StMM Prayer Team



"God is with us!" -- what a blessing these words are for us, especially during the season of Lent, when we are tested by temptation. For companionship in your trials and joys of life, our team of prayer warriors are also here to walk with you.

We are always happy to have more people join us in lifting the prayers of our parish, drop us a note if you would like to learn more about the StMM Prayer Team, [StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net](mailto:StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net).

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Prayers

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](mailto:lcmorris0707@gmail.com)

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## Faith Formation



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4/26/22**



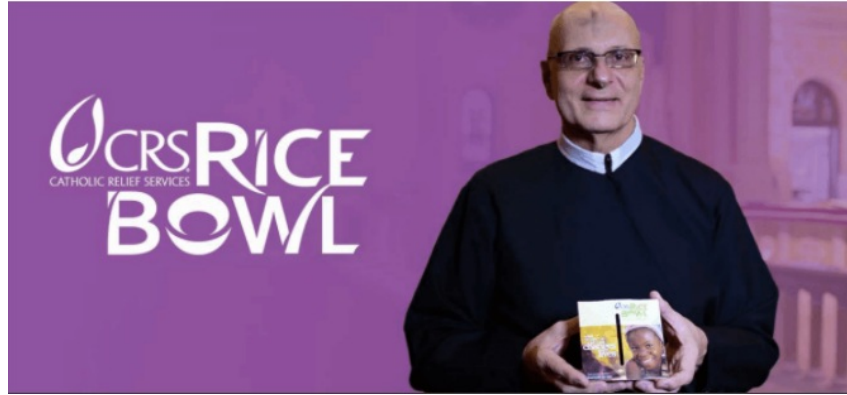
*Families Preparing for First Communion in May*

## Reminders

- Begin Countdown Calendars on either 4/7/22 or 4/15/22
- Retreat Volunteers still needed. Click on Sign up genius below:
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0945A4A922A3F94-first5>
- Retreat on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 8:30 - 12:00 noon
- Communion Banners due in May
- Rehearsal Thursday night before liturgy



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be held in April on Sunday 4/3 & 4/24



[https://support.crs.org/donate/change-life-lent-0?ms=orbric0221rbl00soh00&\\_ga=2.237499459.277061931.1646409360-423627050.1646409360](https://support.crs.org/donate/change-life-lent-0?ms=orbric0221rbl00soh00&_ga=2.237499459.277061931.1646409360-423627050.1646409360)

Questions: Please contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7280

**StMM High School Youth Ministry**



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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## New Member Lunch

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](mailto:l.a.petersen@gmail.com).

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

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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 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](mailto:stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net) or call the Parish Office at 919-657-4800 ext. 7280.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

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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@ccsrleigh.org](mailto:mmuratore@ccsrleigh.org)).

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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 May 9, 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".



Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults

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## 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](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  
919-986-8613  
[Dmoskey12@gmail.com](mailto:Dmoskey12@gmail.com)

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## Catholic Estate Planning

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