

St. Mary Magdalene E-News February 11, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

Jesus proclaims that we will have blessings and woes! The Gospel tells us much of what we know. Blessings and struggles will be present on this wondrous journey of life. Jesus also highlights what is new for us. HEAVEN !

This journey of life has an out of this world component. The power of love can celebrate our blessings and lift us in our struggles. Most importantly, keep trying!

Consider signing up this week for the March 21-23 pilgrimage to Emmitsburg, so we can finalize the number of buses. [Link to registration for pilgrimage](#)

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris



<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/bishops-annual-appeal/bishops-annual-appeal-donate-online>

The 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal funds many ministries that allow us to serve our communities, not just our parish community, but our larger catholic family. Half of Catholic Charities operating budget comes directly from the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Last year alone, Catholic Charities provided food to over 62,402 individuals. And that's only a sliver of the many ministries and programs provided by the Bishop's Annual Appeal that reach the underserved and disadvantaged in our own backyard.



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Upcoming Events

February 12 - Confessions 10:30am
February 12 - 5pm Mass
February 12/13 - Souper Bowl of Caring
February 13 - 9am & 11am Mass
February 13 - No Youth Mass or Youth Programs
February 14 - Daily Mass 9am
February 14 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
February 15 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
February 16 - Daily Mass 9am
February 16 - Frassati Young Adult Night 6:30pm Chapel
February 17 - Daily Mass 9am
February 17 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
February 18 - Daily Mass 9am
February 19 - Confessions 10:30am
February 19 - 5pm Mass
February 20 - 9am & 11am Mass
February 20 - Scout Sunday 11am Mass
February 20 - 6pm Youth Mass
February 20 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
February 21 - Daily Mass 9am
February 21 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
February 21 - EM Training Session 7pm 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



This week's altar flowers are donated by two families:

In celebration of Tom & Carol Pelnik's 60th wedding anniversary

In loving memory of Mitzi Squire

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

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: Gather Us In 303

Psalm: 1 Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Preparation: Christ Be Our Light 598

Communion 1: Prayer of St. Francis 528

Communion 2: Whatsoever You Do 624

Communion 3: Make Your Home in Me 621

Sending Forth: We Are the Light 601

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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



Pictures of the Week



Madeline Blount was baptized at the Youth Mass on Sunday, February 6th



Msgr. Staib, Fr. Oswald, and Fr. Chris posed for photographs after being honored by investiture into the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem on Saturday Feb 5, 2022. Msgr. Staib was given the title of Senior Chaplain, while Fr. Dan and Fr. Chris were honored as Chaplains in the Order. The Parish was privileged to host many members of the Order from around the US, including a representative of the Royal House of France, under whose patronage the Order operates.

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>

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, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

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 to stop the envelopes.

Souper Bowl of Caring

What if everyone watching a football game this year gave just one dollar or one can of food to local food charities? For the past dozen plus years, St. Mary Magdalene has sponsored the Souper Bowl of Caring to collect food and raise money for Western Wake Crisis Ministry and Catholic Parish Outreach. Super Bowl weekend - February 12 and 13 - bring a can of hearty soup or a can of tomato sauce or tomato paste with you to Mass. Members of the Helping Hands Ministry will be in the narthex to collect all donations. Thank you for helping us address hunger in our community!

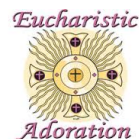
Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg

Shrine Pilgrimage in March: The Knights of Columbus are excited to sponsor an adult pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Seton and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, MD from March 21st to March 23rd. Father Chris will celebrate Mass at each location. *Questions: contact Joe Sebik at jsebik@icloud.com*

Registrations are limited, so please access the following link for more information:
[Pilgrimage Info and Registration](#)

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 Tuesday, February 15 7-8pm

Frassati Young Adult Group

This coming Wednesday, February 16, we will be having our Frassati Young Adult Night. We will meet in the side chapel for prayer at 6:30 followed by dinner and time in small groups. If you are in your 20s and 30s and want to find a community in Christ stop by and let us know you're coming with the sign up genius below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aafa72aa5f9c34-frassati6>

KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry

Fish Fry Alert!



KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry- Pre-order/Takeout Only- Fri, March 4th, March 18th, and April 1st at St. Mary Magdalene. Pre-order online at www.lentfishfry.com. Although we will not be able to gather together, the Knights will continue our great tradition this Lent with a Pre-order/Takeout only event. Enjoy a great meal while supporting many worthy community causes championed by the Knights of Columbus.

StMM Night at the Carolina Hurricanes!



Come hang out with your StMM parish family for a night filled with fellowship and fun as we cheer on our Carolina Hurricanes. For GREAT prices on tickets and more details click

here: <http://canesgroups.com/magdalene>

If you have any questions email Janine McGann at mcgann@stmm.net

Can't wait to see you there!



St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Night
Friday, February 25th 2022 @ 7PM | Canes vs. Blue Jackets

Join everyone from St. Mary's Magdalene at PNC Arena on Friday, February 25th at 7PM as the Canes take on the Columbus Blue Jackets!

All school and church members, as well as their family and friends are invited to join and take advantage of this exclusive ticket discount for the game!

For any questions or group seating of 10 or more, please contact:

Mack Stewart

Group Event & Suite Sales – Carolina Hurricanes
MackS@CarolinaHurricanes.com | (919) 861-5458

The StMM Prayer Team

StMM Prayer Team

Helping to build StMM as a parish of prayer, our team of more than 50 Prayer Warriors are here to help support + celebrate the trials and joys of life. Want to learn more? Drop us a note at StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net.



Request
Prayers

Prayer intentions can be sent to our team at any time via the Request Prayers link, by email, or hand-written prayers are gathered each week from the Prayer Collection Bowl located at the Welcome & Connect kiosk in the StMM Church Narthex.

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





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

StMM High School Youth Ministry

Due to the high school retreat weekend, we will be OFF from Youth Mass/programs on Sunday, February 13 and will resume on February 20!

STMM HS GIRLS RETREAT
DATE MOVED TO 3/25-3/27



3/25-3/27
ALL GIRLS IN 9-12 GRADES WELCOME
FORM AVAILABLE AT WWW.STMM.NET
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YOUR STORY MATTERS

ATTN!

PARENT CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS

SESSIONS WILL BE OFFERED
MARCH 8, MARCH 30, AND
APRIL 7 AT 8PM IN THE GYM.

AT LEAST ONE SESSION IS REQUIRED FOR
PARENTS OF TEENS PREPARING FOR
CONFIRMATION!

For more information about Confirmation, click here: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm>

Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Liz Sams at liz.sams@gmail.com

For **Apostello, the Way, and Confirmation**, contact Caitlin Clendenin at clendenin@stmm.net

Scout Sunday February 20th

Scout Sunday – February 20th. The annual Scout Sunday event to recognize and celebrate our parish's Scouts (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and their leaders) will be held at the **11 AM Mass on Sunday, February 20th**. There will be a special handout at the Mass listing the Scouts participating in the event. To be included in the handout, **please provide the following information** to stmm.scoutsunday@gmail.com **by February 15th** : *name, unit type/troop level, unit/troop number, rank or position and any religious award/emblem received in the past year*. Scouts are asked to attend the event in uniform. Information submissions should receive a confirmation of receipt email within 72 hours. If not, please contact Ben Ryan at 919-363-5252. **NOTE:** Due to pandemic concerns, the Knights of Columbus will **not** serve refreshments afterwards.

Respect Life Committee Valentine Cards



To bring friendship, kindness, and thoughtful words to the seniors in Apex and our parish community, the Respect Life committee invites you to write Valentine's Day notes/cards. They can be store bought or handmade with a simple message (e.g. Wishing you all the love in the world this Valentine's Day or Happy Valentine's card to someone sweeter than a box of chocolates). You can drop off the cards in a collection box at STMM church during masses weekend of Feb. 6th and 13th or anytime in bin under covered drive on side of the church office If you need more information contact Paula at pshils@bellsouth.net .

Eucharistic Minister Training Make Up Session

Eucharistic Minister Training make up session! **Monday, February 21 at 7pm** in the Church Please RSVP to Lisa Westberg at lbwestberg13@gmail.com

All current and prospective EMs are required to attend training in order to begin or continue to serve in 2022. This includes EMs for all Masses, including the 6pm Youth Mass.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday March 4th 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? We have a particular need from 4-5pm.

Please contact Anita Becker at ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-8931 if interested.

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, January 5th 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.

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 March 7, 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"*.

Brick Orders



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS line the walkway to our Activities Building. Commemorate a First Communion, a Graduation or remember a loved one with an engraved brick. The deadline for the Spring brick order is April 5th. The cost is \$100 per brick. Link for order forms http://www.stmm.church/Brick_Order_Form.pdf

StMM School News

StMM School Tours

Want to know how #wepray, #welearn and #wecare at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School? Schedule your visit today to learn all about our Culture, Curriculum & Community. <https://bit.ly/37qaqCo>



Saint Mary Magdalene,
Pray for us!

Monarch Masters - May 16, 2022

The Monarch Masters returns to MacGregor Downs Country Club on Monday, May 16, 2022. We are limited to 32 foursomes and we sold out last year, so **sign up early to secure your spot and receive early bird pricing**. Registration is open for foursomes and singles. Early bird registration runs until May 1, or when we sell out. Regular registration runs from May 2-8, if spaces are still available. **Click here to learn more about the event**, or contact Kevin Machos with questions (kevin.machos@yahoo.com).



We have a range of sponsorship and donation opportunities open to families and businesses, including sponsoring the beverage carts, a tee box, breakfast or a contest, or donating items for prizes or the auction. **Click here to learn more**, or **click here to sponsor**. If you have a prize donation to offer, please contact Kevin Machos (kevin.machos@yahoo.com).

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

Catholic Parish Outreach

Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) is in immediate need of children's winter and spring clothing sizes **2T to 6T**. Donations may be dropped off at CPO 2013 Raleigh Blvd. Raleigh, NC 27604 M-F 8AM – 1PM.

Also, Spanish speaking volunteers are needed to help interview clients on weekdays 9:30 AM – 1 PM. Please text or call the Volunteer Coordinator at 919-847-1466 to help. Thank you for your continued support.

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