

St. Mary Magdalene E-News February 25, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

It is preparation time! Time for the inward planning of Easter. Inward meaning, within us. Our prayer for you is that this Lent will be a time of deepening the bonds of LOVE in your life; with God, family and friends. The magnificence of Easter is brighter with a committed Lent. We invite you to enter into this time of penance and grace with all your efforts and being.

With gratefulness for each of you and God's abundant love,

Fr. Chris

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

In recent weeks, you have hopefully received information at home and here in church about the Bishop's Annual Appeal. You've learned about some of the vital ministries funded through the BAA that provide hope and love to those that need it most. The BAA is purely Christ's arm, reaching all corners of eastern NC with his unwavering love and glory.

Through your generosity, you: Support the formation of our seminarians studying for the priesthood; Strengthen our Catholic education programs; Form and mold the next generation of Catholics; Provide hope and warm meals through our various food pantries & counseling services; Foster a faithful catholic life via our many ministries and; Provide direct financial support to rural parishes, ultimately allowing us to spread the Gospel to every corner in NC.

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Upcoming Events

February 26 - Confessions 10:30am
February 26 - 5pm Mass
February 27 - 9am & 11am Mass
February 27 - 6pm Youth Mass
February 27 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
February 28 - Communion Service 9am
February 28 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Church
March 1 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
March 2 - Ash Wednesday 9am and 7pm Mass
March 3 - Daily Mass 9am
March 3 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
March 4 - Daily Mass 9am
March 4 - Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church
March 4 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
March 4 - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry www.lentfishfry.com
March 5 - Confessions 10:30am
March 5 - 5pm Mass
March 6 - 9am & 11am Mass
March 6 - 6pm Youth Mass
March 6 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way

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 flowers are donated by Aimee Bachman.

In Memory of Abigail Bachman

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

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus 732

Psalm: 92 It is good to give thanks to You, to give thanks to you, our God, it is good. It is good.

Preparation: I Have Loved You 616

Communion 1: One Bread, One Body 337

Communion 2: Taste and See 341

Communion 3: Open My Eyes 404

Sending Forth: With One Voice 383

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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.

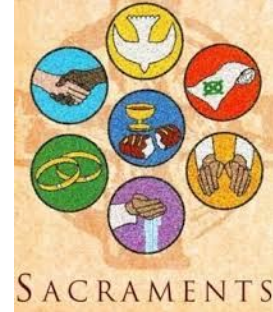
Sacraments

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



Lenten Penance Services

- March 9th 7pm St. Michael's
- March 10th 7pm St. Mary Magdalene
- March 16th 11am St. Francis of Assisi
- March 18th 11am St. Michael's
- March 18th 7pm St. Eugene
- March 22nd 7pm St. Raphael
- March 23rd 7pm St. Luke's
- March 24th 11am St. Bernadette
- March 29th 7pm St. Francis of Assisi
- March 30th 7pm St. Bernadette
- March 31st 11am Our Lady of Lourdes
- April 5th 7pm Holy Name of Jesus
- April 6th 10am St. Catherine of Sienna
- April 7th 7pm St. Catherine of Sienna

Pictures of the Week



Tomas Arguello was baptized on February 19th



Callum Carnahan was baptized on February 20th

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



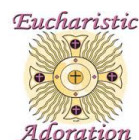
Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

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.

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 March 1st 7-8pm

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.

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.

KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry



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.

CRS Rice Bowls

CRS RICE BOWLS are back - As a child many of us collected cash and coins in our "rice bowls," small cardboard containers distributed by Catholic Relief Services for almsgiving during Lent. The money then and now goes to relieve hunger in impoverished areas around the world with a percentage staying here in our own Diocese to support hunger locally. We have a limited supply of rice bowls that will be distributed after Ash Wednesday Masses, but you can also create your own at home. We are still fighting COVID and ask that you please submit your Rice Bowl donations in the weeks surrounding Easter in the following ways: Add up your collection and go to the [Giving Portal](#) on our website stmm.church and choose Rice Bowl, or write a check to StMM with memo line Rice Bowl, and drop it in the wooden collection box near the front doors in the center of the narthex. Thank you so much for participating!

The StMM Prayer Team

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Sometimes going outside our norm of go-to prayer allows us to hear the voice of God in a new or more profound way. If you find yourself stuck spiritually, keep your gaze on Him and be expectant in humble trust. He often shows up in bigger and more beautiful ways than we could ever plan. Want to learn more? Drop us a note at StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net.



Join the Prayer
Team

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.

Request
Prayers

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





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YOUR STORY MATTERS

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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

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 area as we explore the Holy Spirit's call.

Visit steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/ppc for information and to register for this uplifting event! Registration opens February 16 and offers an Early Bird discount through March. Our parish registration code is: PPC22SDudNC and the Early Bird Discount code is: earlybird2022. We are considering reserving a bus this year if there is interest. Family and friends from other parishes are also welcome to join us!

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

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.



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

Congrats!

Congratulations to our Monarch cheer squad for winning 1st place at the Shamrock tournament in Charlotte last weekend! We are so proud of you! Congrats also go out to the boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams for representing StMM well in the tournament! Great job, Monarchs!

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!

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2022 Birthchoice Run for Life

The 28th ANNUAL BIRTHCHOICE RUN FOR LIFE- Last call for runners and volunteers for the annual 5k Run and 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, March 12 at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary. Visit www.raleighrunforlife.org or www.runnc.com for more info. If you have any questions, please contact Janelle Buchanan at (214) 497-0756 or Kathy Klein 919-815-1369.



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 left in the CPO bins under the covered drive at church or brought to CPO at 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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