

St. Mary Magdalene E-News February 4, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

"And they left everything and followed him.," This phrase may seem sacrificial to us, as we normally dislike leaving things. We are better at keeping things, many things. Our houses are full. However, another way to look at the phrase of leaving everything and following him, is with the knowledge that our happiness and fulfillment is at stake. We will have to completely follow him to find our true destiny of union with God. The sacrificial is beneficial.

Thank you for support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. See the link here if you still need to participate.

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

Many blessings!

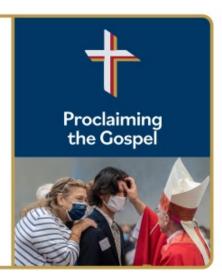
Love,

Fr. Chris

The 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal funds many ministries that allow us to proclaim the Gospel and reach even the most remote areas of Eastern NC. Your support plays a critical role in funding ministries in the areas of evangelization, discipleship, worship, liturgy, sacramental preparation and a slew of programs that pour forth God's grace, love and mercy.



SCAN HERE TO MAKE A GIFT



Giving Portal

Exciting News!

We are excited to share with the St MM Parish Family that through the tremendous generosity of many, both in response to the 'white envelope' (Debt reduction) and Fr. Chris' Christmas Gift appeal; the parish took two big steps these past weeks. First, we fully paid off the debt (\$104K) on the loan we have had outstanding with the Diocese for purchasing the land, on which our Church sits. Secondly, we made a 'principal only' payment of \$200K towards the Church Construction Loan.

Your collective dedication to the Parish and your strong financial support is greatly appreciated. The generosity is amazing and will help the Parish to continue to grow and support the needs of our parishioners.

Upcoming Events

February 4 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 3:30pm Church 3:30pm - 7pm Chapel

February 5 - No Confessions

February 5 - Eucharistic Minister Training 3:30pm Church Click here to sign up

February 5 - 5pm Mass

February 6 - 9am & 11am Mass

February 6 - 6pm Youth Mass

February 6 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way

February 7 - Daily Mass 9am

February 7 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

February 8 - GATHER and the ROCK 6:30pm

February 9 - Daily Mass 9am

February 10 - Communion Service 9am

February 10 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel

February 11 - Daily Mass

February 12 - Confessions 10:30am

February 12 - 5pm Mass

February 13 - 9am & 11am Mass

February 13 - No Youth Mass or Youth Programs

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: Maria Prinz in loving memory of Juanita and Celia

Click **HERE** to Live Stream our 9am Sunday Mass

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: Gather Your People 313

Psalm: 138 Lord on the day I called for help, you answered me, you answered me.

Preparation: Pescador de Hombres 496 Communion 1: Here I Am, Lord 394 Communion 2: The Summons 385 Communion 3: Tend the Ground 626 Sending Forth: Canticle of the Turning 631

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

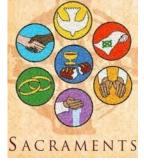
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, <u>info@stmm.net</u>. 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.

 $\textbf{WEDDINGS -} See the Guidelines on the Website - then email ~~ \underline{\textbf{weddings@stmm.net}}$



Pictures of the Week



Ashton Dover and Matthew Hagar received First Communion and Confirmation on Sunday, January 30th



Olivia Baker was baptized on January 30th.



Lorraine Escobar was baptized on January 30th



Fu Zhao was baptized at daily Mass on February 3rd

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.

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 23^{Cd}. 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*

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/magdelene

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

Can't wait to see you there!



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

Our goal is to help cultivate StMM as a parish of prayer, and whether you are new to prayer or have been devout for decades -- you are most welcome here! Want to learn more? Drop us a note at StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net.



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 lcmmriso707@gmail.com

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday February 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. At 3:30pm Adoration will move to the chapel until 7pm.

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

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

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
5 SPOTS LEFT!

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!



Link to register: https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?

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

Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Liz Sams at <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u>

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

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!

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.

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 willnot serve refreshments afterwards.

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 atStevens@stmm.net.

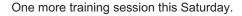
RCIA



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".

Eucharistic Minister Training

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.



Saturday, February 5 3:30pm

All training sessions will be held in the Sanctuary of the church. An online sign up has been created to RSVP: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E45ACA7229-stmmeucharistic1

Contact Lisa Westberg with any questions at lbwestberg13@gmail.com





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

Discipleship Quads



Would you like to feel more comfortable and confident sharing our Catholic faith with others? Are you interested in learning how be sent out on mission for Christ and His Church? If you said yes to either of those, then **Discipleship Quads** is for you!! Each week, the group of four people journey together as disciples through weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversion, and learning. This 10-month path of accompaniment

fosters growth through prayer, accountability and authentic relationships. The Quad's small size allows for authenticity and vulnerability that simply does not happen in larger groups. You can meet anywhere and at anytime. No prior knowledge needed. You will grow deeper in your faith, build lasting friendships, and develop the skills and confidence to share your faith with others. And it's free! NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME! New Quads forming in February. Read more at Franciscan University of Steubenville's website: steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/. Then contact Joe or Laura Werner with questions or to sign up - steubenvillemissionNC@gmail.com or 919-889-9904. Come disciple with us!

StMM Adult Softball Team



Come join the STMM adult softball team! We are seeking parishioners age 17+ to play. Games start in late March/early April and are played on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

If interested, please contact Bobby Rowe (<u>stmmapexsoftball@gmail.com</u>). Cost to play will be based on the number of teammates but should be approximately \$50.

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



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 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).

StMM 2022 Summer Camps

Camps run from June 13th - July 1st.

Click here to learn more

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

PARISHIONER ASSISTANCE MINISTRY



In December, volunteers planted trees for a parish family who experienced a fire that destroyed their home and business.

Parish Athletics

Parish Athletics (<u>ParishAthleticsNC.org</u>) has opened registration for the Spring 2022 Soccer and Baseball Season. <u>Register Here</u>

Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary)

- Grades: Coed; Pre-K (3-year-olds) to 8th.
- Dates: March to May.
- · Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick.
- Game Locations: Apex & Cary.
- Cost: Pre-K \$60; K 8th Grade \$65; (includes medal, shirt, and picnic).
- **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners to 8th graders have one weekday practice per week.

Spring T-ball & Machine-pitch (Apex)

- Grades: Coed. Pre-K (4-year-olds) to 4th grade.
- Dates: April to May.
- Cost: \$65 (includes medal, shirt, hat, and picnic).
- · Practice & Game Location: Apex
- **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners to 4th grade have one weekday practice per week.
- Format: Pre-k & Kindergarteners play T-ball and 1st to 4th graders play Machine-pitch.

Catholic Parish Outreach

CPO is in need of both Boys and Girls Children's **WINTER** clothing Sizes **2T to 6T**. Please no other sizes, thank you! Donations may be left in the CPO bins under covered drive thru. We are always in need of your grocery bags as well.

Thank you for your continued support.

Career Network Ministry

CNM Presents:Digging Out. Rising Up. Moving Forward.
Thu, Feb 10, 2022
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Featuring Peter Agiovlassitis, Media Specialist at Ketchum

RSVP at: https://tinyurl.com/mu7tnvwu



Bulletin Advertisement



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