

St. Mary Magdalene E-News January 21, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

We celebrate life and our ability to start over. Let's us pray this weekend for ways to say yes to life! For sustaining ways to support life and one another.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal letters are in mailboxes now. To accomplish the work of the Catholic Church in Eastern North Carolina we will need to respond with generosity. We need to average \$200 per family to meet the need. If you can be above average. :)

With much gratitude,

Fr. Chris



Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

January 22 - Confessions 10:30am January 22 - 5pm Mass January 23 - 9am & 11am Mass January 23 - Chrysalis 12:15pm Room 3 at Church January 23 - 6pm Youth Mass January 23 - Apostello, EDGE, and the WAY January 24 - Daily Mass 9am January 24 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel January 25 - GATHER and the ROCK 6:30pm

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- January 26 Daily Mass 9am
- January 26 Eucharistic Minister Training 5:30pm Church Click here to sign up
- January 27 Daily Mass 9am
- January 27 Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
- January 28 Daily Mass 9am
- January 29 Confessions 10:30am
- January 29 5pm Mass
- January 30 9am & 11am Mass
- January 30 Eucharistic Minister Training 3:30pm Church Click here to sign up
- January 30 6pm Youth Mass
- January 30 Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
- January 31 Eucharistic Minister Training 7pm Church Click here to sign up

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 <u>here</u> 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 <u>floralministry@stmm.net</u>

Mass This Weekend



This week's altar flowers (1/21/22) are being donated by: The family of Tony and Susan Rogers in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary

The altar flowers on 12/31/21 were donated: In memory of Scott Ray Garrett, loving husband of Charlene Garrett and father of Henry and Grace Garrett

Click HERE to Live Stream our 9am Sunday Mass

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: Come to the Feast/Ven al Banquete 307 Psalm: 19 Lord you have the words of everlasting life. Preparation: We Are Many Parts 586 Communion 1: Our God is Here 305 Communion 2: Your Words Are Spirit and Life 605 Communion 3: You Are the Light 599 Sending Forth: We Are the Light of the World 601 * Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-602944 . All rights reserved.

Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

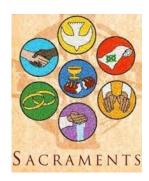
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

Sacraments

BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, <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.

WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email weddings@stmm.net





Families streaming Mass during icy weather







Visayan Community celebrates Sinulog Festival at St. Mary Magdalene Fr. Marcos Leon-Angulo , Fr. Chris, and Msgr. Staib concelebrated Mass

Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene is seeking candidates to apply to manage our successful youth ministry program "The Rock and The Edge". This is a Full time staff position including benefits. For more information please see our posting on the Diocese of Raleigh website. <u>https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment</u>

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: *<u>Pilgrimage Info and Registration</u>*

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: <u>http://canesgroups.com/magdelene</u>

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

Chrysalis



<u>Married couples: do you know that your marriage is your treasure?</u>Nothing else is more important than your marriage. Treasures must be protected and cared for. Come learn how. Books are provided for all participants. We had our social session in December, and we enjoyed a dance lesson at Fred Astaire of Apex!

Our next session of **The BEATITUDES: A Couple's Path to Greater Joy** will be this Sunday Jan 23, 2022, 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm in Room 3. Join us--watch a short video and participate in small groups discussion. Dates of remaining sessions are: Feb 20, 2022; Mar 20, 2022; Apr 10, 2022. For more information or to sign up, email us at <u>stmmchrysalis@gmail.com</u>.

The StMM Prayer Team

StMM Prayer Team

The New Year welcomes us all to take up better practices that renew our mind, body, and spirit. If you've not found a prayer routine that best fits your current season of life, let us know! We are happy to connect, walk with you, and share experiences of success and failures along the way. No one way is perfect when it comes to prayer, but we can strive for "prayer permanence" when we practice praying a little bit each day. Drop us a note at <u>StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net</u>.





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!

Request Prayers

We would be delighted to lift your prayers in great faith, however big or small!

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.

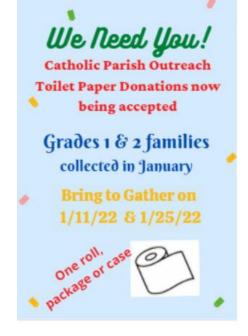
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Faith Formation









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

StMM High School Youth Ministry



YOUR STORY MATTERS

Registration is now open for our Winter High School Retreat!: This retreat is open to guys and girls in 9th-12th grade and will be held Saturday, February 12th, 2022 to Sunday, February 13th, 2022. We'll be going to Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC with our guest retreat host Joe Farris & worship leader Rita West! High School teens from any church/denomination may attend this retreat. Our retreats include time for fun, prayer, games, discussions in large and small groups, awesome worship time led by Rita West, & time for teens to forge new friendships. We are so excited to bring back our weekend retreats & strongly encourage as many teens to come as possible! Spots on the bus are limited to 54 teens and are filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Please make sure you review the COVID protocols on the retreat registration form. You can download a retreat form at this link: <u>http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm</u> Hard copies are also available in the church lobby on Sundays. Please contact Caitlin Clendenin at <u>clendenin@stmm.net</u> with any questions about this retreat.

Catholic School Confirmation Registration Opening!



Link to register: <u>https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?</u> id=HMcq3BzSb96rqf+MLQNDnA==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=155 <u>4&EventID=214380&sn=102397</u> 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

Tuesday Daytime Bible Study



Please consider joining us for Ascension Press' Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life for our study this winter/spring.

Meeting dates and times: Tuesday from 1-3 pm; Feb. 1 - April 5, 2022 in the church building.

The study consists of reading and questions to do at home. We meet for discussion and a video.

To sign up and for more information contact: Laurie Wendt:lauriewendt@gmail.com

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 1 7-8pm

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.

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.





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 January 31, 2022. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at <u>rcia@stmm.me</u> 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.

Several sessions have been scheduled (only one session is required):

Wednesday, January 26	5:30pm
Sunday, January 30	3:30pm
Monday, January 31	7:00pm
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: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E45ACA7229-stmmeucharistic1</u>

Contact Lisa Westberg with any questions at www.ubestberg13@gmail.com

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

The STMM adult softball team is back this spring and we would like to invite parishioners through the bulletin. Would you be able to include the below in the next 3 bulletins?

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

Hoops for Hunger Basketball Games - Postponed

Due to the threat of inclement weather, the Hoops for Hunger basketball games scheduled for Friday evening have been postponed.

Interested in StMM School? Come tour with us! Click here to schedule your tour.



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 <u>sign up early to</u> <u>secure your spot and receive early bird pricing</u>. 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. <u>Click here to learn more</u> <u>about the event</u>, or contact Kevin Machos with questions <u>(kevin.machos@yahoo.com)</u>.

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. <u>Click here to learn more</u>, or <u>click here to</u> <u>sponsor</u>. If you have a prize donation to offer, please contact Kevin Machos (<u>kevin.machos@yahoo.com</u>).



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 (**ParishAthleticsNC.org**) has opened registration for the Spring 2022 Soccer and Baseball Season. **Register Here**

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.

Food for the Poor Update

To the StMM Community,

On the weekend of November 6th and 7th I made an appeal at all the Masses for a project that, in concert with Food for the Poor, will help fund 40 new homes for the impoverished families in El Tablon, Guatemala. I had been told that St. Mary Magdalene was a generous, faithful Catholic community. Given that description, I had high hopes that we would get a good level of support. Despite these lofty expectations, I was absolutely blown away by the response. The StMM parish stepped up to a degree that exceeded even my most optimistic projections. I want to express my extreme gratitude to all who contributed and I am inspired by your demonstration of how to truly live out our Catholic faith.

Due in large part to the StMM response, this 40 home project is fully funded and construction will commence within the next several weeks. The lives of these families and the entire El Tablon community has been immeasurably improved by your compassion and caring. You are all blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family.

Lastly, there may be some overfunding of this project. If so, remaining funds will be allocated to a project to bring potable water to this community three times per week. Currently, the mothers and children must walk long distances to carry back water for drinking, cooking, washing dishes, etc. Please let me know if you have any questions about this particular project. Again, thank you for such inspirational, heart-warming generosity. God bless you.

Paul Neville paul.neville10@gmail.com 919-332-3365

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