

St. Mary Magdalene E-News March 11, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

God's voice from heaven tells us, ***"This is my chosen Son: listen to him."*** We have a Savior in Jesus Christ. Following Jesus Christ to his cross this Lenten Season is our way of preparation. Our renewal in all things of love. Renewal of our very selves.

Thank you for a wonderful gathering for the Penance Service this past week.

Reminder: Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7pm in the Church.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

March 11 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
March 12 - Confessions 10:30am
March 12 - 5pm Mass
March 13 - 9am & 6pm Mass
March 13 - 6pm Youth Mass
March 13 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
March 14 - Daily Mass 9am
March 14 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
March 15 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
March 16 - Daily Mass 9am
March 16 - Frassati Young Adult Ministry 6:30pm Chapel
March 17 - Daily Mass 9am
March 17 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
March 18 - Daily Mass 9am
March 18 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
March 18 - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry www.lentfishfry.com
March 19 - Confessions 10:30am
March 19 - 5pm Mass
March 20 - 9am & 11am Mass
March 20 - 6pm Youth Mass
March 20 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way

Take this opportunity to consider donating flowers to St. Mary Magdalene to beautify the altar and church for

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: In These Days of Lenten Journey 124

Psalm: 27 The Lord is my light. The Lord is my light. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Preparation: Transfigure Us, O Lord 500

Communion 1: Transfiguration 131

Communion 2: The Lord is My Light 691

Communion 3: How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place 680

Sending Forth: Ashes 117

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

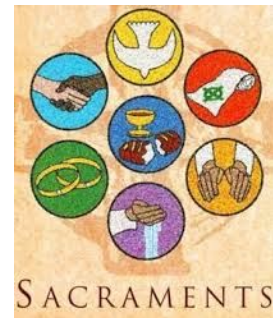
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

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 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



Olivia Mayer was baptized on March 5th

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>

Updated Chapel Hours



The Chapel will now be open from 7am - 6pm for prayer.
(Enter through single metal door to the left of wooden chapel doors)

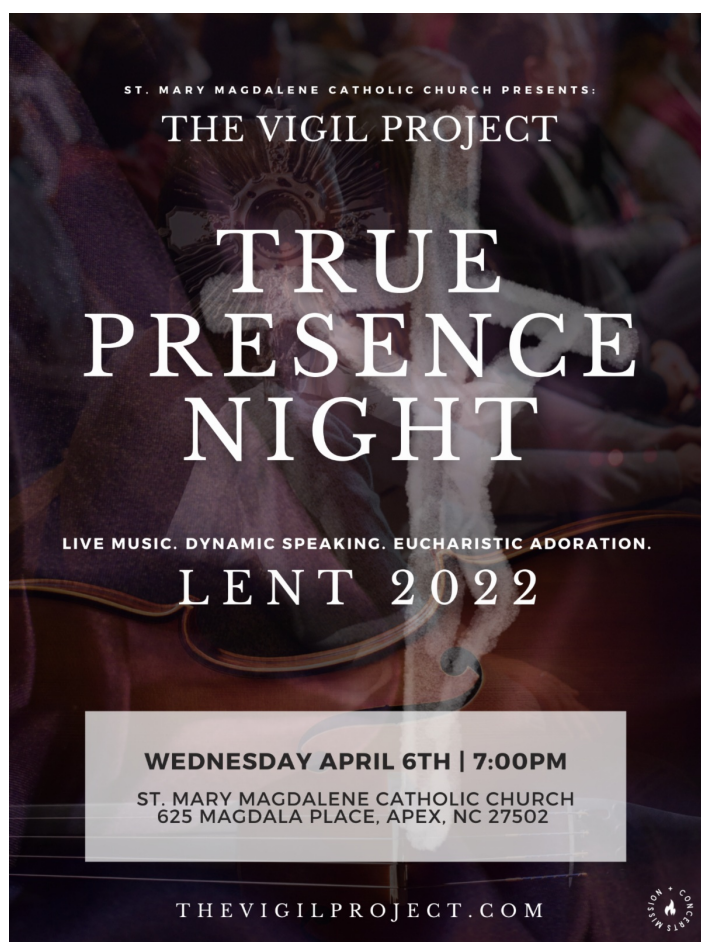
In order to be fully immersed in the Lenten experience, the Church gives us three extraordinary ways to draw closer into this mystery: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. These are called the "pillars of Lent".

What exactly is prayer? Prayer is conversation with God. It is essential to the other two pillars, fasting and almsgiving, because prayer gives us the strength to fast. Pope Francis said, "Lent is a privileged time for prayer." In prayer, we draw closer in relationship with God. Relationship with God makes us grateful for the blessings we have received. Prayer is the cornerstone of our Lenten journey and is vital to all of our actions in life. Your StMM parish wants to support your Lenten prayer journey. Our hope is that you will visit our beautiful chapel for an opportunity to draw closer to the heart of the Father through prayer and reflection. In addition, our StMM prayer ministry team is also available to pray with you. Please reach out to

stmmprayerteam@gmail.com for more information.

Scripture References for Prayer: Zephaniah 3: 17; Joel 2: 1-2
John 16: 33; Philippians 3: 10-11

Save the date - Lenten Parish Mission



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.

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 Free Throw Contest

Free Throw Shooting contest for boys & girls, ages 9 to 14 The Knights of Columbus is holding their annual Free Throw contest in the school gymnasium from noon to 3 PM on Saturday, March 12. Winners can participate in the North Carolina State contest the next weekend in Burlington, NC. No fee.

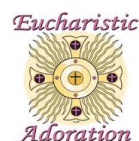
Appalachia Service Project Fundraiser

Come support the STMM Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Mission Trip group! We will be selling boxes of Krispy Kreme donuts after each Mass on March 13 & 20! These funds go directly to materials used to make homes warmer, safer, and dryer on the mountain. Show your support and help us make a difference on this mission trip! Questions or just want to make a donation online? Contact Taylor at stmmasp@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 March 15th 7-8pm

Ministry to the Sick



One of the most rewarding ministries in any parish community is to take the Blessed Sacrament to those who are homebound, in nursing homes, and senior living facilities. With Covid restrictions being reduced, the StMM Ministry to the Sick is looking for additional volunteers. There will be a simple training to be a Eucharistic Minister. Additionally, you will also need to do a Safe Environment training and a background check, the cost of which will be covered by the parish. You will then be provided your own Pyx and prayer book. If you would like to join or know more about this special ministry, please contact Dennis and Diane Zazem at denniszazem@yahoo.com or (919) 449-6198 or Jim Schultz at jbschultz@bellsouth.com or (954) 649-0194.

KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry

Fish Fry Alert!



KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry- Pre-order/Takeout Only- Fri, 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.

Catholic Senior Organization



The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for women and men (60+) will hold the February meeting on Monday, March 21, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room #3. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, miriamdel79@yahoo.com, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com.

Frassati Young Adult Ministry

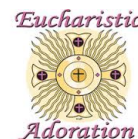
If you are looking for community and in your 20s and 30s come and join us this Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 PM. We will have time in prayer and fellowship with dinner included! If you are interested please sign up using the link below!"

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aafa72aa5f9c34-frassati7>

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday April 1st 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 or 919-280-8931 if interested.



The StMM Prayer Team

Lenten prayer can often guide us to the places of our hearts where we need God's healing love the most. Let us know if we can help you lift your prayers of trial or praises of joy during this Lenten season.

In a special way, we are praying for the people of Ukraine. Please share any intentions you may have through our prayer link below.



Request
Prayers

If you would like to learn more about the Prayer Team, email us at StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net.

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 lcmmorris0707@gmail.com

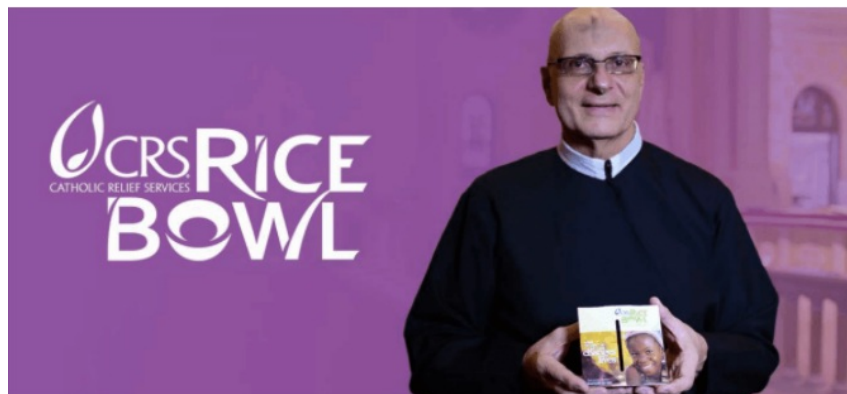
Brick Orders



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

Faith Formation





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 or 919-657-4800 x7280

StMM High School Youth Ministry



the way EDGE

Sign up for
Miracle League

Who: anyone 12+ years old
When: Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 2:15–5:15pm
Where: 805 Cary Towne Blvd. in Cary, next to Adams Elementary
How: click the link below!

Let us know you are interested in volunteering by [filling out this form](#), then click this link to register with Miracle League! <https://www.mltriangle.com/volunteer/>



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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

Blood Drive April 2nd

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Saturday April 2nd 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the schools parking lot. Sign up link https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/182717 Sign up and reserve a time. Give the gift of life. One unit of your blood can save 3 lives.

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.

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 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"*.

StMM School News

Please keep our 8th grade class in your prayers as they travel to Washington DC for their class trip next week. Monarchs, enjoy your travels to our nation's capital!

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

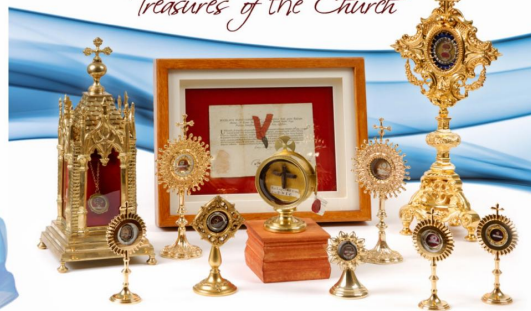
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Treasures of the Church Relic Exposition

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A Teaching and Exposition of Sacred Relics

Father Carlos Martins, a Vatican-appointed expert on relics will be presenting an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a fragment of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Through out history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and thousands have occurred through this ministry.

List of Participating Churches

March 14th, 2022 at 6:30 pm St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
804 High House Rd, Cary, NC 27513

March 15th, 2022 at 6:30 pm St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church
12333 Bayleaf Church Rd, Raleigh, NC 27614

March 16th, 2022 at 6:30 pm St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
520 W Holding Ave, Wake Forest, NC 27587

March 17th, 2022 at 6:30 pm St. Joseph Catholic Church
2811 Poole Rd, Raleigh, North Carolina 27610

March 19th, 2022 at 1:00 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
2718 Overbrook Dr, Raleigh, NC 27608

See www.TreasuresOfTheChurch.com for more information.

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