

St. Mary Magdalene E-News March 18, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7pm.

Jesus shows in the Gospel that he knows us. This intimate friendship we are offered with God is a gift. This third week of Lent is a time to strengthen our friendship with God. More prayer and inclusion of God in our lives will strengthen our bonds of love.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

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March	18 -	Stations	of the	(`rnee	/nm	(`hurch

March 18 - Knights of Columbus Fish Frywww.lentfishfry.com

March 19 - Confessions 10:30am

March 19-20 - "Feed a Family" Food Drive

March 19 - 5pm Mass

March 20 - ASP Donut Sale Fundraiser

March 20 - 9am & 11am Mass

March 20 - 6pm Youth Mass

March 20 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way

March 21 - Communion Service 9am

March 21 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

March 22 - GATHER and the Rock 6:30pm

March 23 - Daily Mass 9am

March 24 - Daily Mass 9am

March 24 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel

March 25 - Daily Mass 9am

March 25 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church

March 25 - Confessions 7pm - 8pm

March 26 - Confessions 10:30am

March 26 - 5pm Mass

March 27 - 9am & 11am Mass

March 27 - 6pm Youth Mass

March 27 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way

March 28 - Daily Mass 9am

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

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

Music for this weekend's Mass Gathering: Come to the River 651

Psalm: 103 The Lord is kind. The Lord is kind and merciful. The Lord is kind and merciful, merciful is

the Lord.

Preparation: You Alone 663

Communion 1: Jesus, Meek and Humble 517

Communion 2: Led By the Spirit 121 Communion 3: In Christ Alone 417 Sending Forth: Enter the Journey 646

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

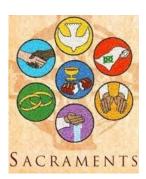
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

Sacraments

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



Lenten Penance Services

- 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

Picture of the Week



Trace and Jenna Linton's wedding on March 11th

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.

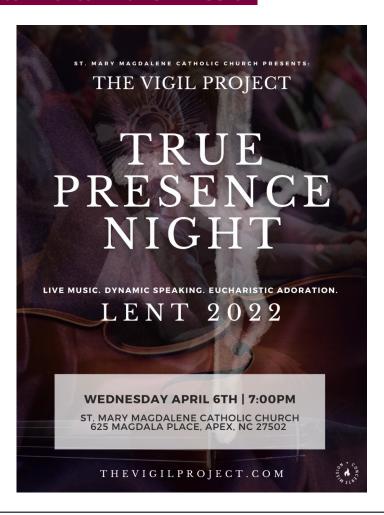
(Enter through single metal door to the left of wooden chapel doors)

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@stmm.net 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.

"Feed a Family" Food Drive

Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry distributed enough food to feed over 101,000 people since the pandemic began? Volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list or a donation of \$40 feeds a family for one week. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by taking a bag and **returning it on March 19th and 20th**. If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Darcy Hull at CPOvol.coordinator@ccharitiesdor.org or Kelly Rappl at krappl@nc.rr.com

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 atstmmasp@gmail.com



Chrysalis



<u>Husbands, wives - do something together with your spouse to strengthen your marriage</u>. Nothing else is more important than your marriage. Your relationship must be protected and cared for. Come learn how. This marriage enrichment program explores the Beatitudes as the path to holiness - the source of joy in Christian marriage. Books are provided for all participants.

Our next session of The BEATITUDES: A Couple's Path to Greater Joy will be this Sunday,

March 20, 2022, 12:15 - 1:30 pm in Room 3. This session Your Marriage is a Celebration of Life explores: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." The video encourages spouses to share their lives and make time for each other. Purity of heart in marriage means being the gift to each other that God created husband and wife to be. Join us as we watch the video and participate in small group discussion.

Our remaining session this year will be social celebrating our study and fellowship on April 10, 2022. For more information or to sign up email us at <a href="mailto:strength

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 April 5th 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 <a href="mailto:dennis:

(919) 449-6198 or Jim Schultz at jbschultz@bellsouth.com or (954) 649-0194.

KofC Annual Lent Fish Fry



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 March 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, <a href="mailto:gmail

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 <u>ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM</u> or 919-280-8931 if interested.



The StMM Prayer Team

Thirsting for the presence and love of God in our daily lives is a common journey, especially during the season of Lent. To help give you a true sense of hope, the kind that does not disappoint, we can connect our hearts and prayers to the Holy Spirit who has been given to us (cf Rom 5:5).



For companionship in your trials and joys of life, our team of prayer warriors are here to walk with you.

Request Prayers

If you would like to learn more about the Prayer Team, email us at stmm.ret. emailto:stmm.ret. emailto:stmm.ret.

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 lcmmris0707@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









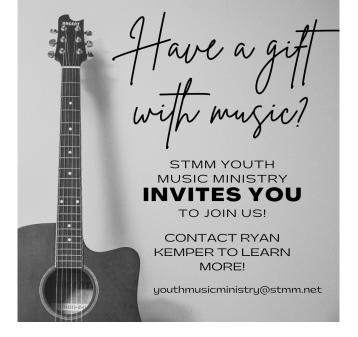




Join us at Fort Caswell (in Oak Island, NC) this August 19-21!!! This retreat is open to rising 9-12 graders. Click **HERE** to sign up!



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



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



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ALL GIRLS IN 9-12 GRADES WELCOME
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YOUR STORY MATTERS

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 <u>steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/ppc</u> 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 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

Our 6th grade Monarchs will be embarking on their Sound to Sea overnight field trip this coming week. Please keep them in your prayers, that they may have a safe journey and a joyous experience.

Monarch Masters - May 16, 2022

The Monarch Masters Golf Tournament scheduled for Monday, May 16th is sold out! Thank you to all our golfers!

Still interested in supporting the tournament with a sponsorship or donation? 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

Treasures of the Church Relic Exposition





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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