

St. Mary Magdalene E-News March 25, 2022

A Note from Father Chris

Jesus says, "...**he was lost and has been found**" A family member has returned. Many of us wish for things to be found for a return to something dear to us. Important ways of life that we should return to. Have we been able to capture some knowledge about the past few years to help us to find important things for our family?

We will have a second collection for Catholic Relief Services this weekend for support of refugees and others in Ukraine and other world hot spots.

Thank you for all the pilgrims on the pilgrimage this past week to Emmitsburg, Maryland. It was a grace filled time.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

March 25 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
March 25 - Confessions 7pm - 8pm
March 26 - Confessions 10:30am
March 26 - 5pm Mass
March 26/27 - Second Collection Catholic Relief Services
March 27 - 9am & 11am Mass
March 27 - 6pm Youth Mass
March 27 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
March 28 - Daily Mass 9am
March 28 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
March 30 - Daily Mass 9am
March 30 - Parent Confirmation Workshop 8pm Gym
March 31 - Daily Mass 9am
March 31 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
April 1 - Daily Mass 9am
April 1 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church
April 1 - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry www.lentfishfry.com
April 1 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
April 1 - Confessions 7-8pm
April 2 - No Confessions
April 2 - Blood Drive 9am-2pm in front of school building
April 2 - 5pm Mass
April 3 - 9am & 11am Mass

April 3 - 6pm Youth Mass
April 3 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
April 4 - Daily Mass 9am
April 4 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
April 4 - Respect Life Ministry 7pm Room 1
April 5 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
April 5 - Last Day to Order Bricks
April 6 - Daily Mass 9am
April 6 - Parish Lenten Mission - The Vigil Project 7pm Church
April 7 - Parent Confirmation Workshop 8pm Gym

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

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

Music for this weekend's Mass

Gathering: Table of Plenty 310

Psalm: 34 O taste, taste and see the goodness of God, the blessings of God.

Preparation: Hosea 665

Communion 1: Amazing Grace 446

Communion 2: Save Your People 126

Communion 3: Be Thou My Vision 398

Sending Forth: Beyond the Days 122

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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 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



Josephine Kirschner was baptized on March 13th



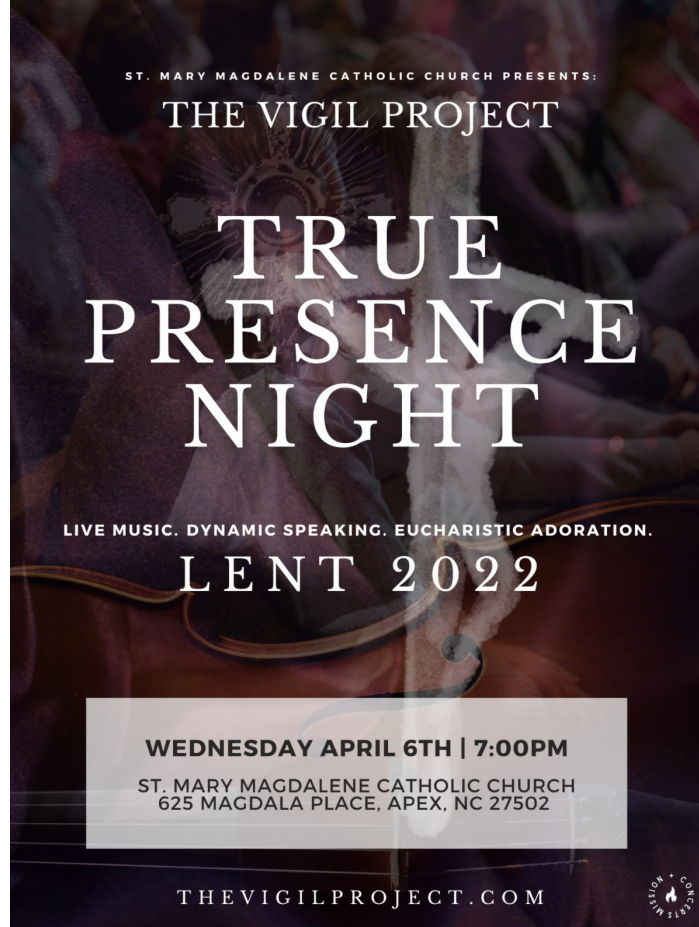
Philip Taylor was baptized on March 13th

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>

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



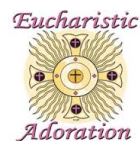
Record breaking CPO Feed the Family Food Drive
\$4,000 and 6500 lbs of food.
Thank You StMM!

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 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 denniszazem@yahoo.com or (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 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.



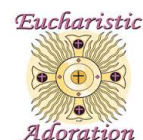
Blood Drive April 2nd

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.

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

"God is with us!" -- what a blessing these words are for us, especially during the season of Lent, when we are tested by temptation. For companionship in your trials and joys of life, our team of prayer warriors are also here to walk with you.

We are always happy to have more people join us in lifting the prayers of our parish, drop us a note if you would like to learn more about the StMM Prayer Team, StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net.



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Prayers

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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

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

Respect Life Ministry

Respect Life ministry will have our spring meeting on Monday April 4th 7-8pm in room 1.

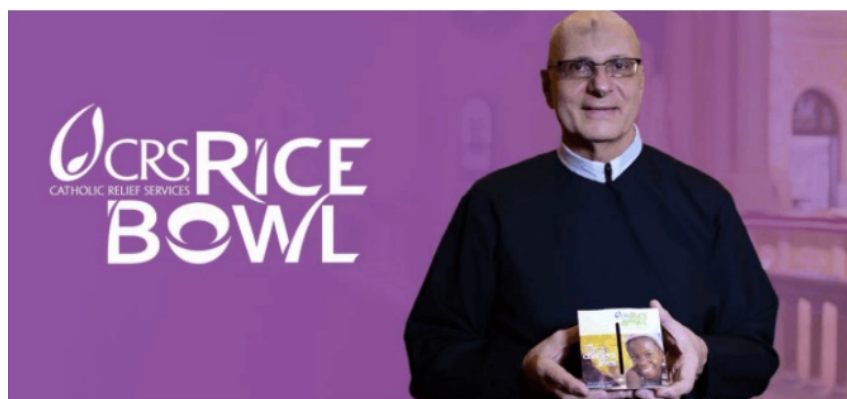
Please join us to learn about the Gabriel from an organizer for this ministry at St Mary Catholic Church in Garner. Gabriel Project provides assistance to expectant mothers and their unborn children.

Faith Formation





Catechesis of the Good Shepherd meets every Sunday in March 2022



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



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!



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](https://www.mltriangle.com/volunteer/), then click this link to register with Miracle League! <https://www.mltriangle.com/volunteer/>



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!

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

New Member Lunch

Calling all new parishioners!

Welcome to St. Mary Magdalene! We are very excited to have you as new members of our community. If you registered as a member from November 2021 through now, we would love to have the opportunity to officially welcome you after 11am Mass, Sunday, May 1. We will gather in the Activities Building for food, fellowship, and fun for the kids!

Please [register here](#) if you plan to attend

Registration will be open through April 25th.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Petersen at l.a.petersen@gmail.com.

We look forward to officially welcoming you to the St. Mary Magdalene family!

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

Our 7th grade Monarchs will be traveling to Washington DC next week for their class trip. Please keep them and their chaperones in your prayers, that they may have a safe journey and a joyous experience.

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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