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### St. Mary Magdalene E-News October 16, 2020

#### A Note From Father Chris

Jesus Christ reframes a question in the Gospel this weekend. His response brings us to highlight what we are for, not what we are against. Old simple truths, if we seek goodness than be good.



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We learn very early in life the differences between good and bad and between giving and selfishness. We are called to help each other in this life of goodness, of seeking and being good.

I am so thankful for being in this supportive community where Jesus Christ is very much alive and leading us to share God's goodness.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

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### 2020-2021 National Collections

Jan - Latin America

Ash Wed Church - in Central & Eastern Europe

Feb - Black & Native American Mission

Mar - Catholic Relief Services

Feb-Apr - Rice Bowl  
Good Fri - Holy Land  
Apr - Home Missions  
May - Catholic Communications  
June - Peter's Pence  
July - Mission Cooperative (Summer)  
Aug - Priest Retirement  
Sept - Catholic University  
Oct - World Missions  
Nov - Campaign for Human Development  
Dec - Religious Retirement (Nuns & Friars)

## First Friday Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be in the church Friday November 6th from 10am - 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](mailto:ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM) or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Please wear a mask and socially distance.

## Mass Schedule This Weekend

There are four options for attending Mass this weekend.

1. 5:00 pm Saturday, Inside the Church, socially distanced, wearing face masks and hand sanitizing
2. 9:00 am Sunday, Inside the Church, socially distanced, wearing face masks and hand sanitizing
3. 9:00 am Sunday, Virtual online with Outdoor Communion Service in Parking Lot
4. 6:00 pm Sunday, Inside the Church, socially distanced, wearing face masks and hand sanitizing

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

Please remember to subscribe to our channel STMM Church Live to receive reminders when events are added and go live.

### Music for this week's Mass

Gathering: Sing a New Song	#545
Psalm 96: Proclaim God's marvelous deeds, proclaim God's marvelous deeds, oh, Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations	
Preparation: Hold On To Love	#486
Communion: Turn to Me	#650
Communion: Blest Are They	#725
Communion: Spirit and Grace	#345
Sending Forth: We Are Called	#616

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### Outdoor Communion Procedures after 9am Sunday Mass only.

1. There will be two stations available outside for communion following the 9:00 am Mass; one on the piazza in front of the church and the second station is the drive thru at the

- portico for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.
2. Ushers will be available with hand sanitizer and face masks are required.

## Pictures of the Week



Rosette of original stained glass windows given to Fr. Chris on behalf of the parish to thank him for taking over at StMM.



Wedding of Alzebeth Roman and Anthony Scialabba on October 10th.

## Sacraments



**BAPTISMS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, [info@stmm.net](mailto:info@stmm.net). First time parents must attend a baptism class [a good time is during the 9 months prior to birth.] Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

**CONFESSIONS** - Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church. Confessions this Saturday, October 10th.

**WEDDINGS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email [weddings@stmm.net](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)

## Elementary Faith Formation



**Gather Openings Nights** begin this month. Please arrive by 6:30 pm in the Narthex of the church wearing a face mask. Temperature checks will occur and Hand sanitizer offered upon arrival.

Third Wednesday of the month - 10/21/20

**Virtual Packet Pick up** is NOW available outdoors on the side entrance of the church. Please take the envelope with your family name on it. A training video will be emailed home to parents the second week of every month. Please pick up your packet this week.

**First Reconciliation Materials** for STMM School Students will be sent home this week, for GATHER students, pick up is available beneath the portico on the side entrance of the church.

Gather Calendar for the 2020 ~ First Semester:

[http://www.stmm.church/Youth\\_Ministry\\_Calendar\\_2020-21.pdf](http://www.stmm.church/Youth_Ministry_Calendar_2020-21.pdf)

Contact Suzanne - [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) with your questions

## Youth Ministry News



### EDGE News

Edge registration has officially ended. **ALL small groups**, both in person and virtual, **are currently at maximum capacity**, except 7th grade boys. There are currently 9 openings for 7th grade boys. If you have a 7th grade boy interested in joining the EDGE you can print out a [form here](#).

If you have any questions regarding faith formation for grades 4 -6 please contact Janine McGann at [janine.mcgann@gmail.com](mailto:janine.mcgann@gmail.com)

### STMM Youth Ministry this Sunday, October 18th with the following schedule:

Apostello meets from 4:30pm-5:45pm. Each Apostello group has been assigned a point of entry/exit and will receive a temperature check at that door upon entry. Each teen must also wear a mask. Teens should check with their Apostello leader for their entry/exit door & room location.

The Way will be held from 7:15pm-8:30pm. Each small group has been assigned a point of entry/exit and will receive a temperature check at that door upon entry. Each teen must also wear a mask. This means that after youth mass, everyone must exit the church building before we can allow anyone to enter if their small group is assigned a room in the church building.

Teens should check with their small group leader(s) for their entry/exit door & room location.



Please contact Liz Sams with any questions at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com)

## StMM School News



### NOW ACCEPTING 2021-22 APPLICATIONS

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is now accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year. Apply online by clicking [here](#).

Prospective three year old preschool parents, please note that our full day spots tend to fill up quickly. If you are interested in our program, you are encouraged to apply early. Children must be three years old by August 30, 2021 and potty trained to enter preschool.

Interested in a tour of our school? Schedule a virtual tour by clicking [here](#). Questions? Please contact Lydia Binanay, [binanay@stmm.me](mailto:binanay@stmm.me), 919-657-4800 x7296.

## Friday Morning Men's Faith Group

In the past two decades, more than 14 million Catholics have left the faith. We are facing a spiritual battle, and Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. Join the **Friday Morning Men's Faith Group** from 6:45-8AM (virtual via Zoom) as we embark on a ten week program, **Into the Breach**, to discuss topics like masculinity, brotherhood, leadership, prayer, and evangelization. To step into the breach requires every man to have faith and take action. The **Into the Breach** series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage. If any men in the parish are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Paul Mastropolo ([pmastropolo@gmail.com](mailto:pmastropolo@gmail.com)). Additionally, here's is a [link](#) to Into the Breach - An Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men.

## Altar Flower Donations



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 on the sign up genius link 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. All instructions are in the sign up genius description. For questions, please contact [floralministry@stmm.net](mailto:floralministry@stmm.net).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CABA82D6-stmary>

We are looking for parishioners gifted in the care of plants and flowers to volunteer to assist in keeping our church beautified. Please contact [floralministry@stmm.net](mailto:floralministry@stmm.net).

## Respect Life News

**October** is Respect Life Month

### **A Prayer for Life**

Father and maker of all,  
you adorn all creation  
with splendor and beauty,  
and fashion human lives  
in your image and likeness.

Awaken in every heart  
reverence for the work of your hands,  
and renew among your people  
a readiness to nurture and sustain  
your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God forever and ever.

Amen

### **The Fall 40 Days For Life Campaign in Raleigh Begins**

40 Days for life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's Power through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach to end abortion. Its' mission is to bring together the Body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach with the purpose of repentance. To seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

Dates: Wednesday September 23 through Sunday November 1st.  
Location: "A Women's Choice" 3305 Drake Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607  
Times: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Please Do Not Park In Any of the Parking Lots/Garage Near the site - you will be towed. Park on Harden Street which is around the corner from the clinic (see map)

For further information or to sign up go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/raleigh>  
If you have never signed up you will need to Register: For questions go to: [fortydfllraleigh@aol.com](mailto:fortydfllraleigh@aol.com)

## **Rosary Thursday Nights**

"The Rosary is .. the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints... it is a prayer from my heart." - Pope Francis Join the members of our parish praying the Rosary every Thursday at 7 p.m. Find STMM Rosary On FaceBook <https://www.facebook.com/STMM-Rosary-115180550121735/> and Instagram <https://instagram.com/stmmrosary?igshid=dk6zl88nql4t> . No experience necessary! Online guides are available from the Knights of Columbus. <http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/devotionals/4772.pdf> you may leave prayer requests on the Rosary page even if you are unable to join us online. For more information or to leave a prayer request contact Joe Sebik @ [joeyselik@gmail.com](mailto:joeyselik@gmail.com).

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## Knights of Columbus Operation Feed Thy Neighbor

The Knights of Columbus Council #7186 (based at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church) is partnering with St. Mary Magdalene, Wake County Human Services and several other local churches in the area to serve desperately needed meals to children, as well as the unemployed & underemployed in the Apex area during the COVID-19 crisis.

We will continue to operate an emergency food distribution site on Saturday and Sunday evenings located here in Apex. In the twenty six weekends, we have served more than 13,660 meals to Apex residents who are in need, and have distributed several hundred bags of non-perishable goods. A sincere **THANK YOU** to all who have supported our efforts through prayer, financial donations, or contributing to our non-perishable goods collection.

We are called by Jesus to be His hands and feet on Earth in feeding the hungry. Your support will enable us to continue to provide healthy meals to our most vulnerable neighbors during this crisis.

Please join (or partner with) us in performing a corporal work of mercy!

[Donate by clicking here](#)

The KofC are putting together bags with a list of food items in them. There will be tubs located under the drive through portico on the chapel side of the church starting Monday until Thursday of each week. One tub will be labeled "Completed bags" and the other will be labeled "Bag items". If you cannot fill an entire bag, please just give what you can and we'll put bags together out of whatever we collect. This allows for a 'no contact' way to help out during this difficult time.

Here are the items for one completed bag:

- 1 Rice or dried beans
- 1 Pasta & 1 Small Canned Sauce
- 1 Boxed Meal (hamburger helper or Mac-N-Cheese)
- 1 Canned Vegetable
- 1 Canned Fruit
- 6 Snack Items (individually wrapped)
- 1 Breakfast Items
- 1 Hygiene Item
- 1 Roll of Toilet Paper

Please bag these items at home and only include "like" items from above. We are not able to date check the donations, so please fill these bags with in-date items we can hand directly to folks in need. Please make sure everything fits into ONE bag which can be double knotted!

## RCIA



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but not confirmed? We can help! Classes have begun, but it is not too late to join. Will you join us? Please contact Scott and Kathy Strednak at [rcia@stmm.me](mailto:rcia@stmm.me) with any questions.



## Discipleship Quads



**Join a Discipleship Quad:** Although many of us need to socially distance ourselves at the moment, we are made by God to be a people in community. A Discipleship Quad is a group of four people of the same gender who journey together for a year, learning about their Catholic faith and how to become a true disciple of Jesus. Being a disciple is both following Jesus and sharing Jesus (making other disciples). Quad members will build lasting friendships, acquire a comprehensive understanding of the Catholic faith, and gain the skills necessary to go forth and make new disciples. Pick the date, time, and fellow quad members that work best for you. Free and ongoing. For more information on quads as well as all the free resources needed to get started, go to [steubenvilleconferences.com](http://steubenvilleconferences.com). **Contact:** [jackie.centamore@yahoo.com](mailto:jackie.centamore@yahoo.com).

## Catholic Parish Outreach

Dear Friends,

CPO, Catholic Parish Outreach, is in great need of your empty paper and plastic grocery bags. If you could please bring them to daily and Sunday masses now through the holidays we would be most grateful. Please place them in the bin outside under the covered drive. Thank you for your continued support!

Your Friends at CPO

## Prayers & Squares



### **"Prayers & Squares"**

#### *A prayer quilt group*

We are literally covering people in prayer. A prayer quilt is a lap blanket with ties. A prayer is said with each knot that is tied. All quilts are blessed by Fr. Chris. To request a prayer quilt to be made for someone or if you are interested in sewing for this group or donating fabric or would like to make contributions to this group, please contact Lorraine Morris at [lcmorrris0707@gmail.com](mailto:lcmorrris0707@gmail.com)

**Wedding Anniversary Mass**

To honor those celebrating wedding anniversaries this year,  
the Diocese of Raleigh through the Department of Married Life  
invites you to receive an

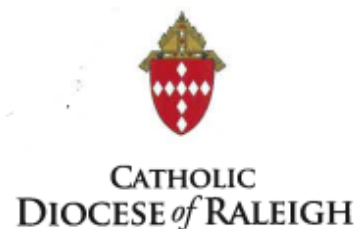


For couples interested in receiving a certificate:  
please register by November 1, 2020  
<https://raldioc.configio.com/go/wam2020>

For questions, call 919-821-9753

Out of concern for the health and well-being  
of the people in our diocese, the  
2020 Wedding Anniversary Mass will not take place.

The Most Reverend Luis Rafael Zarama will offer a  
special Mass intention for the anniversary couples, and  
the strengthening of the sacramentality of marriage.



## Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPTIONS:** STMM offers a wide variety of adult faith formation options, and some are continuing to meet virtually during the pandemic. Prayerfully consider how you can grow deeper in your faith and download our brochure of options by [clicking here](#).



For more information and for the point of contact for each ministry, please see the website:  
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