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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

October 23, 2020

A Note From Father Chris

Jesus Christ answers the Pharisees with a direct simpler approach to keeping the commandments this weekend in the Gospel. Making life simpler is a struggle because life is not simple. Yet, Jesus reminds us that the underlying purpose is grounded forever in love. Love of God and love of others.

We are invited always to return from the complications of life to this home base message. To love God above all things and to love others as yourself.

Thank you for your continued support of the parish and our unchanged commitment of bringing us all into a closer relationship with God

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)

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

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| Gathering: Gather Us In | #303 |
| Psalm 18: I love you Lord my strength, I love you Lord my strength. | |
| Preparation: Ubi Caritas | #479 |
| Communion: In Christ Alone | #405 |
| Communion: We Have Been Told | #507 |
| Communion: Lord, I Need You | |
| Sending Forth: Go Make a Difference | #498 |

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Outdoor Communion Procedures after 9am Sunday Mass only

1. There will be three stations available outside for communion following the 9:00 am Mass; two 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.

Sacraments



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Church Office, 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 24th.

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

Elementary Faith Formation



GATHER Virtual Packet Pick up - November packets will be available the first week of the month beneath the drive thru on the side entrance of the church.

First Reconciliation Materials for STMM School Students will be sent home this week, for GATHER students, including virtual, pick up is available in the Parish Office.

Gather Calendar for the 2020 ~ First Semester:

http://www.stmm.church/Youth_Ministry_Calendar_2020-21.pdf

Contact Suzanne - will@stmm.net with your questions

Youth Ministry News



EDGE News

8th grade parents -

I know you are probably not thinking about high school just yet - or maybe you are. I need to share with you some super important information about your teen's next sacrament: Confirmation. Here at STMM we confirm at the end of 10th grade, usually. It is a TWO YEAR preparation program required by the diocese. The two years can be completed any time in their high school (or college/adult) career. Most folks do it freshmen/sophomore year. Because, who doesn't want the Holy Spirit renewed in their life asap?? Sign me up!

It is a parish requirement that you must attend ONE of the Confirmation Prep informational meetings in order to start the process. The meetings are for parents only. If your teen would like to be Confirmed at the end of their sophomore year, then you (parent) must attend one of these meetings while they are in 8th grade.

Please see Liz's information below, in the Way section, regarding these meetings.

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

STMM Youth Ministry this Sunday, October 25th 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

Confirmation

IMPORTANT: PARENT CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS ARE REQUIRED FOR A TEEN PREPPING FOR CONFIRMATION AT STMM:

If you have a teen who is currently in 8th/9th/10th/11th grade who is currently in year 1 or year 2 of Confirmation prep or a teen who will be entering either year 1 or year 2 of Confirmation preparation at STMM in the 2021-2022 school year (meaning they would receive the sacrament in Spring 2022), please be aware that it is required by our parish that you attend a Parent Confirmation Workshop.

We offer 3 of them every year and it is required that 1 parent attend 1 of the 3 sessions offered.

Usually we offer them in the Spring and these have been moved due to us not being able to hold them last semester.

To see the complete list of Diocesan Guidelines for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please go to: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm>

The dates for the 2020 Parent Confirmation Workshops are as follows:

November 11th, November 17th, & December 1st

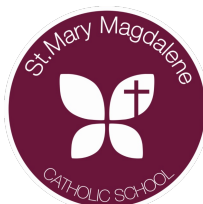
All the workshops will be held at 7:00pm in the STMM School Gym

Masks required & we'll space out on the bleachers

IMPORTANT: Whether or not you attended a workshop in the past 2 years, you need to attend. New pastor + COVID = new ball game.

Please make plans to attend 1 of the 3 sessions.

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, 919-657-4800 x7296.

Follow us on social media! Every day we publish pictures from our classrooms and campus, highlight the great work our teachers are doing, share information about saints, pray for seminarians and much more!



Knights of Columbus Shrimp Boil

Knights of Columbus 7186 Shrimp Boil

We're proud to partner with Blueprint Brewing Company to host our first low country shrimp boil at St. Mary Magdalene. All proceeds go to supporting individuals in our community with intellectual disabilities.

Serving Times available between 5:30PM & 7:30PM

This is a Pre Order Only event - order deadline is Monday October 26th.

Curbside Pickup Only - see details below

<https://kofc7186shrimpboil.square.site/>

First Friday Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be in the chapel 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 or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Please wear a mask and socially distance.

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). 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.

<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.

Blood Drive at StMM

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a blood drive with the Blood Connection on Saturday, November 7th from 10am - 3pm. Please see the link to signup for a slot.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0548adab2ca46-november>

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

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.

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 begin, but it is not too late to join. Will you join us? Please contact Scott and Kathy Strednak at 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. **Contact:** 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

Thursday Night Book Club

We are starting an evening book club. For November we are reading "The Shadow of His Wings". We will be meeting virtually on Thursday, November 19th at 7pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Paula Hils at pshils@bellsouth.net.

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: [Ministry Contacts](#)

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