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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

September 4, 2020

A Note From Father Chris

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."*

The Gospel this weekend reminds us that the church continues in life and work, even when we are not all gathered, but where two or three are gathered. We are thankful this weekend for your support to continue the work of the church. All the sacraments of life continue to be safely administered. We pray this weekend that your family may enjoy the blessings of your labor with some prayer and fellowship.

There will be **Mass on Labor Day at 9:15am in the church**. Please wear your mask and maintain social distancing.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

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Chapel Hours

The Chapel will be open from 9am until Noon on weekdays.
Please wear a mask, hand sanitize, and remember to social distance.

Our 9am Mass is Live Streamed!

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 9/6/20

Gathering: Hear at This Table	#313
Psalm 95: If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.	
Preparation: Come to the Water	#603
Communion: Christ Be Our Light	#587
Sending Forth: Let There Be Peace on Earth	#528

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If you would like a copy of the Breaking Bread hymnal to use at home, there is a box in the covered drive at church.

Please see the link for outside [Distribution of Communion Instructions](#)

Altar Flowers

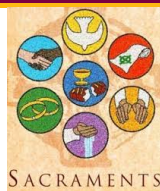
The altar flowers were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Tuck in honor of their wedding.

First Friday Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be in the chapel today Friday September 4th from 10am - 3pm. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the chapel 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.

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. There will be Confessions this Saturday, September 5th at 10:30am.

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

Financial Matters

OUR NEW CHURCH - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 13 years for the construction of the church. In addition we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors in all our parish programs. We are grateful to those who help us in the weekly Offertory for regular expenses and in the monthly white envelope for debt payments for the church.

DONATE NOW TO OUR NEW CHURCH

(Click on the above link to Donate)

Bereavement Ministry Program

The Bereavement Ministry Program initiated in our parish in July assists the bereaved family at a critical time immediately following the death of a loved one. Volunteers will be asked to reach out to the family to arrange for a meal to be delivered to their home. If you are interested in assisting your fellow parishioners in this new ministry, or have questions, kindly email Theresa Parish at bereavementministry@stmm.net.

Elementary Faith Formation



<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/memberlogin.aspx?sn=102397>

Registration Open until 9/15/20 (Late Fees apply after 9/15/20)
Registration Closes 9/30/20

Youth Ministry News

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Online registration is open. We cannot wait to come back together, on campus, and continue our faith journey together with each of you. You can find details on all of the programs at these links:

[EDGE \(7th-8th grade\)](#)

[The Way \(9th-10th grade\)](#)

[Apostello \(11th-12th grade\)](#)

Online Registration for all youth groups runs until September 15th.

A late registration fee of \$50 will be applied to everyone who registers after September 15th.

Registration closes September 30th.

Registration is a one year commitment. Regardless of what changes may occur throughout the year you may not change your registration.

For further questions please reach out to janine.mcgann@gmail.com or liz.sams@gmail.com

StMM School News

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday!

SCHOOL MASS LIVE STREAM

Our Thursday school masses are now being live streamed on the church YouTube channel. Watch mass live on Thursdays beginning at 9:15am. StMM school children will watch the mass in their classrooms. Mass can be viewed at, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7wpkWA5NgzXgQgmIxtNRZA?view_as=subscriber.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR THURSDAY SCHOOL MASS

Adult volunteers are needed to sing at the Thursday school masses at 9:15am. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth McSweeney at elizabeth@brookwoodcp.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for the StMM PSO fundraising event at City BBQ in Cary on Monday, September 28th from 11:00am-8:00pm. Take a night off from cooking! The PSO will receive 20% of the proceeds. Online and take out orders are included. More details to come!



TIPS AND TRICKS FOR MASK WEARING

Check out this fun video showing tips and tricks for kids wearing masks. It stars one of our StMM parish families!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6O9K81L-So>

New Cohort for Diaconate Formation

The Diocesan Office of the Permanent Diaconate is preparing to start the next cohort for the Formation of Permanent Deacons. Practicing Catholic men that are discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate should send an email to Amy.breindel@raldioc.org by Sunday, September 13.

Appointments will be made for those who express an interest to learn more about the Diaconate in the Diocese of Raleigh and have the opportunity to ask questions about the formation process. This is the first step for candidates who are interested in forming the next group of Aspirants to the Diaconate.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a blood drive this Saturday, September 5th from 10am - 3pm. Please see the link to signup for a slot. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4baaaf23a64-kofc12>

Chrysalis - Marriage Enrichment Ministry

Calling all married couples! The Chrysalis marriage enrichment ministry is looking forward to beginning our 2020-2021 calendar on September 27th! All activities in 2020 are anticipated to be virtual. This year we will be doing a book study of Pope Francis' book The Joy of Love. Hard Copy and Audiobook versions will be available for you to use! Please visit our website sites.google.com/view/stmmchrysalis for

more information, or complete our registration form to notify us of your interest in participating this year: tinyurl.com/STMMchrysalis20202021

Tuesday Daytime Bible Study

We will study the book of Revelation using Ascension Press' The Kingdom Yet to Come.

There is a virtual and in person option.

Tuesday afternoons starting Sept. 8 - Nov. 17, 2020.

Please contact Laurie Wendt for details.

lauriewendt@gmail.com or 919-669-9455

Sunday Night Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study, consisting of men from St. Andrews & St. Mary Magdalene, is starting a Catholic Scripture Study on First Samuel. The group meets Sunday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in Room #4 of STMM's Church building. The first lesson is on Sunday October 18th. TBD if it will be virtual or face to face. All men are welcome. The deadline for signup is September 13th and the cost of materials is estimated to be about \$40. If you are interested, please contact Mike Barnack at 919-637-4446 or ski4mike@gmail.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 @ joeysebik@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 first twenty weekends, we have served almost 11,000 dinners 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! The **RCIA** process at StMM assisted 10 adults in completing their sacraments of initiation this spring. Soon, we will begin another faith-filled journey. Will you join us? Let's have a conversation. Please contact Scott and Kathy Strednak at rcia@stmm.me with any questions.

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](#)

Adult Faith Formation Survey Results

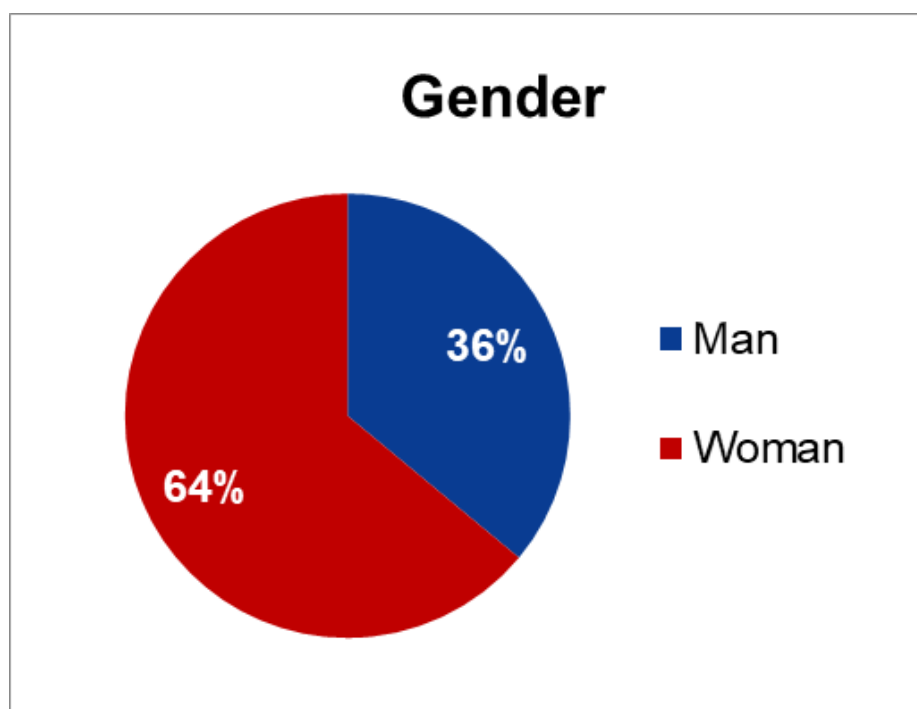
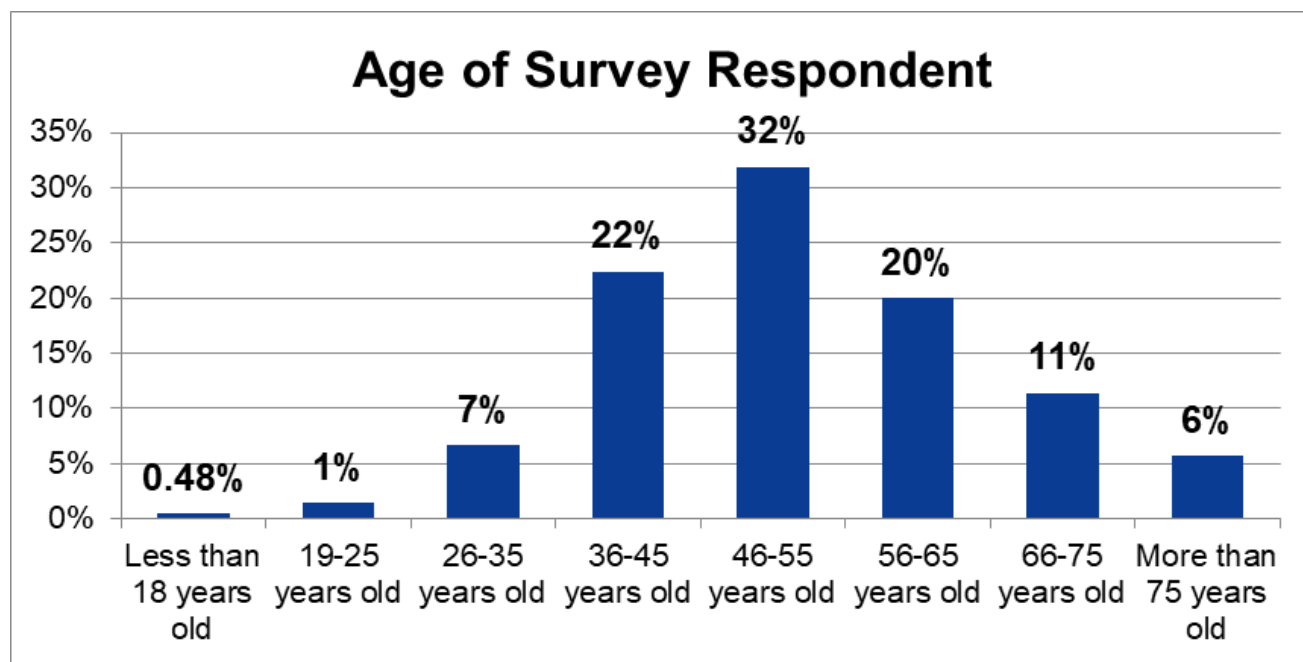
2020 Parish Survey Results - Installment 1 of 4

Thank you to everyone who participated in or assisted with the 2020 Parish Survey which was conducted in the spring of this year. We received a fantastic response from **211 members of the Parish!** We'd like to share some of the results with you over the course of the month of September, and tell you more about what we'll be doing with this data. Please note that the data collected and presented here is only a sample of the parish.

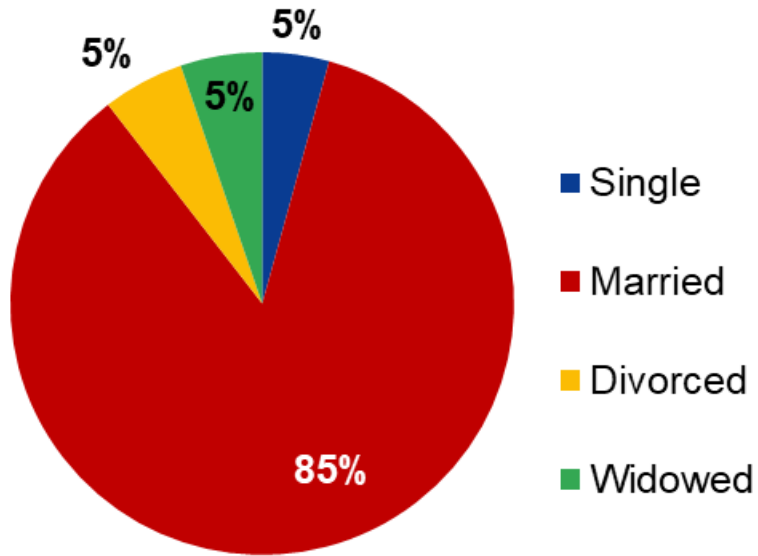
- Respondents who provided their contact information and expressed interest in a particular adult ministry have been contacted by the respective leaders of that ministry.

- A summary of the data specific to current members and parishioners interested in each existing adult ministry has been shared with the ministry leaders.
- The survey data has been shared with Father Chris and the Parish Council.
- During the fall, please keep your eyes out for excerpts in the weekly ENews and brief presentations during mass highlighting individual adult ministries and how you can stay involved during the pandemic.
- Once we're able to gather in person again, we'll be looking at starting new adult ministries based on suggestions provided by the survey respondents. If you have an idea for a ministry but did not have a chance to share it with us last spring, it is not too late. We are still accepting ideas. Please email your idea or how you'd like to support ministries to stmm-adult-ministry-group@googlegroups.com.

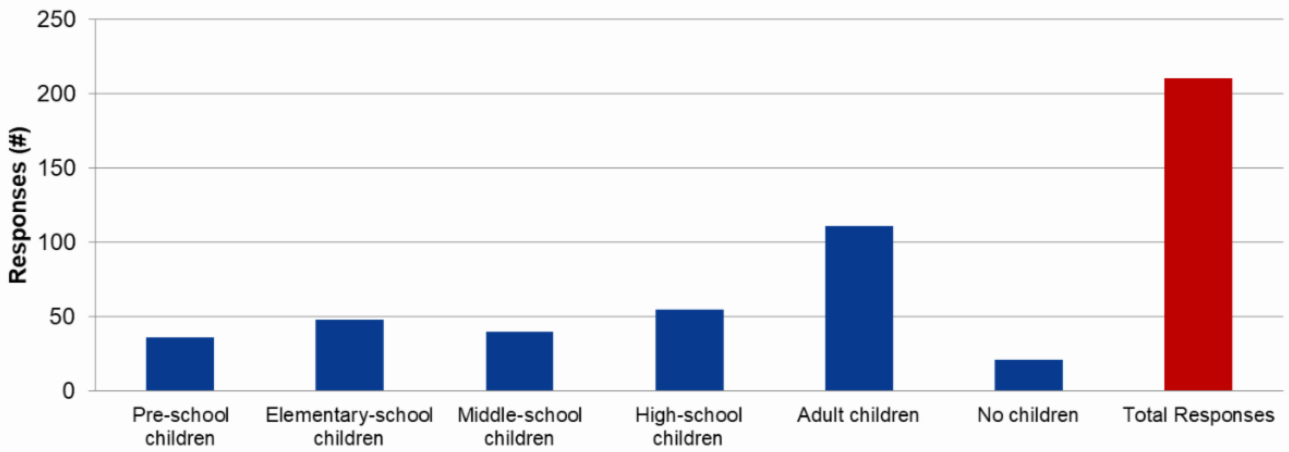
Please see below for installment **1 of 4** of the survey data summary which focuses on demographics of the survey's respondents:



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