

St. Mary Magdalene E-News December 10, 2021

A Note from Father Chris

The Gospel this weekend proclaims the benefits of sharing. We are to be a people of generosity. This message is so alive for us at Christmas. We decorate and obtain gifts for our family and friends as an expression of who we are. The act of giving bringing us joy.

The church is always concerned with truth. The *truth* is that we are blessed people and if our generosity is true, then we are living! Not just getting by, but LIVING!

May the light of truth lead us to express our love for one another this Christmas!

Peace,

Fr. Chris



Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

December 11 - Confessions 10:30am - 12:30pm

December 11 - 5pm Mass

December 12 - 9am & 11am Mass

December 12 - Youth Mass 6pm December 12 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way December 13 - Daily Mass 9am

December 13 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

December 13 - Respect Life Ministry 7pm Room 3 Church

December 14 - GATHER and the ROCK 6:30pm

December 15 - Daily Mass 9am

December 15 - Frassati Young Adult Christmas Party 7pm

December 16 - Daily Mass 9am

December 16 - Thursday Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel

December 17 - Daily Mass 9am

December 18 - Confessions 10:30am

December 18 - 5pm Mass

December 19 - 9am & 11am Mass

December 19 - No Youth Mass

December 20 - Daily Mass 9am

December 20 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

December 21 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church

• The Parish Office will be closed due to construction from December 15 - January 10. Please contact staff by email or phone.

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

The Parish Office
will be under construction
from 12/15/21 - 1/10/22
The Staff will be working
remotely and can be reached
via email or
phone (919) 657-4860

Mass This Weekend



This week the alter flowers are in memory of Michael Walczak, husband, father and grandfather.

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

Music for this week's Mass

Gathering: O Come, O Come Emmanuel 38

Psalm: Isaiah 12: We shall draw water joyfully, singing joyfully, singing joyfully. We shall draw water joyfully,

from the wellsprings of salvation.

Preparation: People Look East 42

Communion 1: All That is Hidden 495

Communion 2: Baptized in Water 649

Communion 3: Find Us Ready

Sending Forth: With One Voice 383

Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

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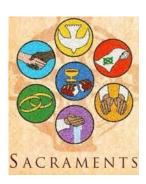
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

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



Picture of the Week



Emma Orr's Baptism on November 28th

Advent Penance Services

Dec 14th 7pm Holy Name of Jesus Dec 15th 10am St Catherine of Siena Dec 15th 7pm St. Bernadette Dec 17th 7pm St. Michael Dec 21nd 11am St. Bernadette

Christmas Week Schedule



Christmas Eve - No daily Mass

Christmas Eve Masses 4pm (Children's Mass), 7pm, and 9pm

Christmas Day Mass 10am, no 5pm Mass

December 26 - 9am and 11am Mass

No daily Mass 12/27 - 12/30

December 31 - Daily Mass 9am

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, 10am Mass

January 1 - 5pm Mass

January 2 - 9am and 11am Mass

The StMM Prayer Team

StMM Prayer Team Social 12 pm on Dec 12 Room 1 - Church Building

Fellow Prayer Warriors and their families are invited to a simple social of light refreshments. With our team lifting prayers together, it would be so nice for us to meet and greet the folks behind these JOY-filled efforts. If you've been considering joining the Prayer Team; please stop by, say hello, and let us know what questions you might have about the ministry. Our goal is to help cultivate StMM as a parish of prayer, and whether you are new to prayer or have been devout for decades --you are most welcome here!

Join the Prayer Team

Prayer intentions can be sent to our team at any time via the Request Prayers link, by email, or hand-written prayers are gathered each week from the Prayer Collection Bowl located at the Welcome & Connect kiosk in the StMM Church Narthex.

We would be delighted to lift your prayers in great faith, however big or small!

Request Prayers

StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net

Angel Tree



All Angel Tree contributions should be placed under the tree no later than 5:45pm on Sunday, December 12th. The donations for St. Julia's parish can be gift wrapped or put in a gift bag. All other donations should be unwrapped. Please attach the ornament to the gift/food/contribution to help us track all donations.

Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life ministry will meet on Monday Dec. 13th 7-8pm in room 3 of Church building. Agenda to include preparing Christmas cards for seniors in our community and parishioners who are homebound and ideas for 2022.

Frassati Young Adult Group

Frassati Young Adult Christmas Party

Our Christmas party will be next week December 15 at 7 PM and there will be much merriment to be had! A proper dinner meal will not be provided, but there will be snacks and drinks. We would appreciate anyone bringing additional snacks or hors d'oeuvres if a calling is heard (just make sure to leave a comment saying so).

We will have gift card prizes for those who bring in the tastiest cookie, the most creative cookie, and the best Christmas outfit. If you have any questions let us know at frassati@stmm.net

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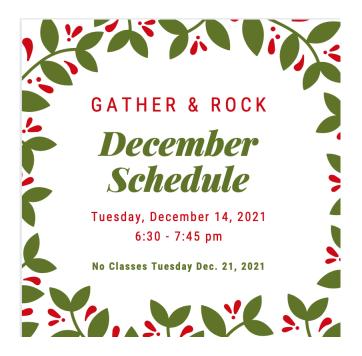
ST. MARY MAGDALENE PRESENTS:

A NIGHT OF HEALING & HOPE

Andrew Laubacher, Catholic Musician

HOW TO WALK THROUGH THE TRIALS OF LIFE WITH HOPE

Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 pm Held during Gather & the Rock



Questions: Please contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7820



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Sunday, December 12 starting with Youth Mass at 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm

Registration is now open for our girls high school retreat! This retreat is open to girls in 9th-12th grade and will be held Friday, January 14th, 2022 to Sunday, January 16th, 2022 in New Hill, NC at Trinity Tree Farm (Janine McGann's home). Cost is \$75.00 per girl. It is an amazing opportunity for girls to create community, build up sisterhood, spend the weekend in their pajamas/soft clothes and get away from the everyday stresses of high school life. Girls from any church/denomination may attend this retreat!! Spots are limited to 20 girls. The retreat includes watching & discussing the documentary film created by Project Light Ministries titled "Speaking to Sparrows." You can watch the trailer at this link:

https://vimeo.com/ondemand/285613/375004355?autoplay=1

Please make sure you review the COVID protocols on the retreat registration form.
You can download a retreat form at this link: http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm. Hard copies are also available in the church lobby on Sundays. Please contact Liz Sams

at liz.sams@gmail.com with any questions about this retreat.

Registration is now open for our Winter High School Retreat!: This retreat is open to guys and girls in 9th-12th grade and will be held Saturday, February 12th, 2022 to Sunday, February 13th, 2022. We'll be going to Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC with our guest retreat host Joe Farris & worship leader Rita West! High School teens from any church/denomination may attend this retreat. Our retreats include time for fun, prayer, games, discussions in large and small groups, awesome worship time led by Rita West, & time for teens to forge new friendships. We are so excited to bring back our weekend retreats & strongly encourage as many teens to come as possible! Spots on the bus are limited to 54 teens and are filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Please make sure you review the COVID protocols on the retreat registration form.

You can download a retreat form at this link: http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/highschool.cfm Hard copies are also available in the church lobby on Sundays. Please contact Caitlin Clendenin at clendenin@stmm.net with any questions about this retreat.



Link to register: https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?

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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

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 Tuesday, December 21st 7-8pm

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Formed.org is an online platform that can be accessed via your mobile, tablet, computer or even TV Device. It has the most and quite frankly I find to be the best offerings of Catholic Movies, Children's programming, audio dramas, videos, and books. There are thousands to choose from all from the comforts of your own home. You can access them by going to **formed.org** and typing in our StMM code FF3F1.

Franciscan at Home/Catechetical Institute is a Catechetics Program offered through Franciscan University in Steubenville OH. It is also free and online. Classes are taught by university professors and self-paced. You can take just one or start working on a certificate of study. This online resource has been provided as a tool to facilitate spiritual growth and provides teachings to many on Theology, Catechesis Studies (youth and adults)

as well as studies on Forming faith at home and evangelization. To register, go to <u>franciscanathome.com</u>. Choose Raleigh Diocese and then StMM parish.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday January 7th 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.



Knights of Columbus Blood Drive



Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Saturday January 8th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. in the school parking lot. Sign up link

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/182199

Sign up and reserve a time.

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https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html

Annual St. Nicholas Shoe Drive

As December rolls around we remember Saint Nicholas who was known for his generosity and kindness, which gave rise to legends of miracles he performed for the poor and unhappy. As is traditional at St. Mary Magdalene School, our 2nd grade team will be collecting shoes for their annual St. Nicholas Shoe Drive. If you would like to donate to this drive please drop off all sizes of new shoes/sneakers and new men's work boots. Gently used shoes will also be acceptable. Put each pair of shoes inside a plastic bag, tie it, and the children can deposit them into the bins located inside our school's main entrance. We are also accepting new socks. Thank you for your generosity! Our shoe drive will run from December 6th (St. Nicholas Day) through December 15th.

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 January 31, 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 Night with the Carolina Hurricanes!

Come hang out with your StMM parish family for a night filled with fellowship and fun as we cheer on our Carolina Hurricanes. For GREAT prices on tickets and more details click here: http://canesgroups.com/magdelene

If you have any questions email Janine McGann atmcgann@stmm.net

Can't wait to see you there!



Join everyone from St. Mary's Magdalene at PNC Arena on Friday, February 25th at 7PM as the Canes take on the Columbus Blue Jackets!

All school and church members, as well as their family and friends are invited to join and take advantage of this exclusive ticket discount for the game!

For any questions or group seating of 10 or more, please contact:

Mack Stewart

Group Event & Suite Sales – Carolina Hurricanes MackS@CarolinaHurricanes.com | (919) 861-5458

StMM School News

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School will be closed for Christmas break Monday, December 20th - Monday, January 3rd. We will welcome students back on campus on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and happiness in the New Year!

Parish Assistance Ministry

Our ministry is continuing to grow to better serve the needs of our STMM Family. Thank you to all the new angels who have signed up to help.

Over the last couple months, we have continued to help our fellow parishioners in their time of need.

We've provided rides to church for some senior members of our parish, rides to dance class for some young girls whose mom was recovering from a surgery and unable to drive, and meals for multiple families dealing with difficult issues. We've helped a parishioner prepare and cook meals for her family while she is dealing with some medical issues. We've even stained a deck for a senior parishioner who was having hip replacement surgery and not able to do the deck himself.

The message for everyone in the Parish to remember - Were are here for you in your time of need.

If we can help you in any way, please reach out to me and we can talk about how your STMM family can help.

In closing, I want to thank Kathy Lynch for all that she has done for this Ministry over the last 12 months. Kathy has decided to step away from her leadership position and instead, join our great team of angel helpers. We

would not be where we are today in this ministry without Kathy. Thank you Kathy!

God Bless!

Dan Moskey 919 986 8613 Dmoskey12@gmail.com

Parish Athletics

Parish Athletics (<u>ParishAthleticsNC.org</u>) has opened registration for the Spring 2022 Soccer and Baseball Season. <u>Register Here</u>

Spring Soccer (Apex-Cary)

- Grades: Coed; Pre-K (3-year-olds) to 8th.
- Dates: March to May.
- · Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick.
- Game Locations: Apex & Cary.
- Cost: Pre-K \$60; K 8th Grade \$65; (includes medal, shirt, and picnic).
- Note: Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners to 8th graders have one weekday practice per week.

Spring T-ball & Machine-pitch (Apex)

- Grades: Coed. Pre-K (4-year-olds) to 4th grade.
- Dates: April to May.
- Cost: \$65 (includes medal, shirt, hat, and picnic).
- Practice & Game Location: Apex
- **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners to 4th grade have one weekday practice per week.
- Format: Pre-k & Kindergarteners play T-ball and 1st to 4th graders play Machine-pitch.

Boy Scout Troop 316

Join Boy Scout Troop 316

Troop 316 was chartered on March 31, 1996 and meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the St. Andrew's the Apostle Catholic Church, 3008 Old Raleigh Road in Apex. Troop 316 would like to invite all boys between the ages of 11 and 17 to consider joining our troop. Our troop is inter-denominational and welcomes boys from every faith, race and background. In addition to our weekly meetings, we participate in monthly activities such as camping, hiking, skiing, canoeing, rafting, biking, climbing and community service projects.

For more information please visit our website atwww.t316apex.org or contact:

Chris Patterson, Scoutmaster scoutmaster@t316apex.org 919-389-4338

Rod Gunter, Committee Chair committeechair@t316apex.org 919-812-4329

Surviving Divorce Program

New session of Surviving Divorce Program. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at 2718 Overbrook Drive, Raleigh, NC, 27608 is pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting DVD ministry to men and women who have suffered from divorce: Surviving Divorce Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family. The 12-week program features 30-minute DVD segments each week with discussions to follow. Whether you are separated, divorced ten days ago, or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone. Beginning on January 10th at 7 pm through April 4th, we will meet from 7-9 pm in the Fallon Center lounge. Cost is \$25 per person and payable at the first meeting. This Catholic program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity before or after a divorce. We will limit the number of participants to ten vaccinated individuals in the interest of safety/social distancing due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Contact Debbie Locke at debbie7yankees7@gmail.com or Dulce Rodriguez at dulcemrodriguezmartin@gmail.com for a registration form.

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