

St. Mary Magdalene E-News December 17, 2021

A Note from Father Chris

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth to comfort her in motherhood even as she carries Jesus Christ in her womb. We, too, can comfort others if we carry Jesus Christ with us.

This example of living our life with Jesus Christ within us, strengthens our friendships and families. This mission is alive in life of the parish. Those considering serving on parish council are invited to email your contact details to the parish office.

Following the example of Mary, let's always carry Jesus Christ with us!

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

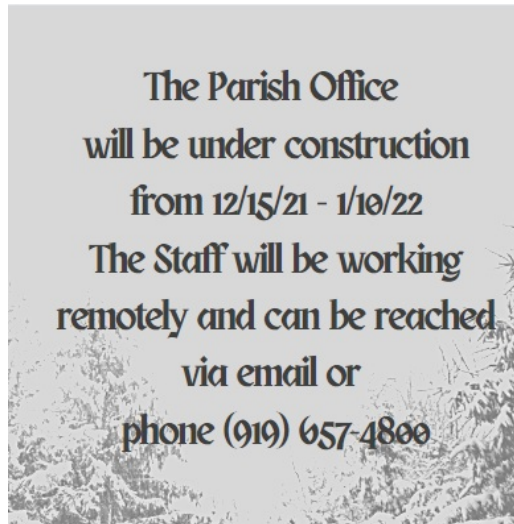
[Giving Portal](#)

Upcoming Events

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
December 22 - Daily Mass 9am
December 23 - Daily Mass 9am
December 24 - January 3 - Parish Office closed for holidays
December 24 - No Daily Mass
December 24 - Christmas Eve 4pm, 7pm, 9pm Mass
December 25 - Christmas Day 10am Mass
December 25 - No 5pm Mass
December 26 - 9am & 11am Mass
December 27 - 30 - No Daily Mass
December 31 - Daily Mass 9am
January 1 - Solemnity of Mary - 10am Mass
January 1 - 5pm Mass
January 2 - 9am & 11am Mass
January 3 - Daily Mass 9am

- 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



Parish Council Nominations

Parishioners considering serving on the parish council are invited to email their contact information to the parish office at info@stmm.net through January 3rd. The parish council meets monthly and members serve for a term of 3 years.

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for this week's Mass

Gathering: Emmanuel 57

Psalm: 80 Lord make us turn to You, show your face we shall be saved. Lord make us turn to You ,show your face we shall be saved.

Preparation: Waiting in Silence 50

Communion 1: Hail Mary, Gentle Woman 704

Communion 2: O Come, O Come Emmanuel 38

Communion 3: Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming 78

Sending Forth: People Look East 42

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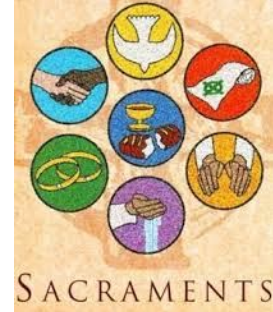
Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

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.



Picture of the Week



Baptism of Hannah Josephine Midgley, daughter of Katie and Stephen Midgley.
Big sister is Leah, grandparents Deacon Rick and Cathy Stevens.

Advent Penance Services

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

Allowing PEACE a place in our hearts

StMM Prayer Team

Moving from the week of JOY to now allowing PEACE a place in our hearts, helps us all make the final preparations for Christmas this year. We are encouraged to be a gift to others. Allow yourself time to pray and reflect each day, it helps make the world shine brightly!



Join the Prayer
Team

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!

Request
Prayers

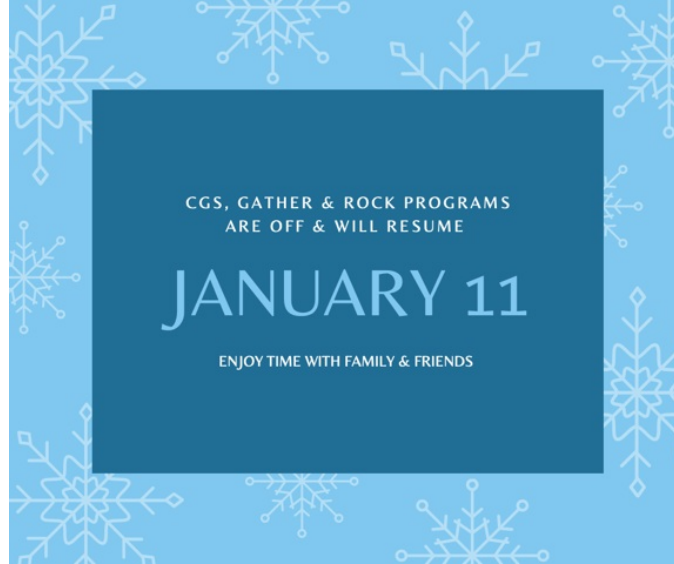
We would be delighted to lift your prayers in great faith, however big or small!

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.

StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net

Faith Formation





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

StMM High School Youth Ministry



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



Link to register: https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=HMcq3BzSb96rqf+MLQNDnA==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=1554&EventID=214380&sn=102397

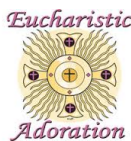
For more information about Confirmation, click here: <http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/way.cfm>

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 franciscanathome.com. 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? We have a particular need from 4-5pm. 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.

Dynamic Catholic: Best Advent Ever

Dynamic Catholic Corner: [Best Advent Ever](#)



What draws you to the light? There are things that draw you toward the light. And there are things that draw you into the darkness. So much of the world wants to draw you into the darkness of worry, fear, procrastination, negative self-talk, toxic relationships...the list goes on.

This Advent, discover and choose the things that draw you to the light! Get inspiring daily video reflections sent straight to your inbox—for free. Taken from Matthew Kelly's life-changing new book, *Life Is Messy*, each reflection will help you infuse your life with prayer, reading, authentic love of self, genuine friendship, beautiful kindness and so much more!

And when Christmas arrives, you'll be ready to share the light you've gathered along the way!

Be Bold. Be Catholic.

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

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 at mcgann@stmm.net

Can't wait to see you there!



St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Night
Friday, February 25th 2022 @ 7PM | Canes vs. Blue Jackets

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

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!

Wrapping Paper Tubes Needed

Finished with your Christmas wrapping? Please be sure to save the cardboard gift wrap tubes for the Cultural Arts Committee at StMM School. They are coordinating a didgeridoo presentation later this spring and need 80 tubes for a student workshop. Tube donations can be dropped off in the container in the school lobby. Thank you for your help!

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 - We 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
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Parish Athletics

Parish Athletics (ParishAthleticsNC.org) has opened registration for the Spring 2022 Soccer and Baseball Season. [Register Here](#)

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.
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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 at www.t316apex.org or contact:

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

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committeechair@t316apex.org
 919-812-4329

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