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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News December 3, 2021

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### A Note from Father Chris

St. John the Baptist says, "*One mightier than I is coming after me.*" This is great news. Someone mighty is coming! We are invited to know that our dreams are reachable and our hopes of even greater love attainable. Emmanuel, God is with us

Please consider giving the parish a Christmas present. Donations to help us pay off our new church are now being accepted.

Thank you for a great Penance Service at St. Andrews this past week. There are more area Advent Penance Services listed in this E News.

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

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### Upcoming Events

December 3 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church

December 4 - Confessions 10:30am

December 4 - 5pm Mass

December 5 - 9am & 11am Mass

December 5 - Youth Mass 6pm

December 5 - Apostello, EDGE and the Way

December 6 - Daily Mass 9am

December 6 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

December 7 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church

December 8 - Parish Office Closed

December 8 - Immaculate Conception 9am & 7pm Mass

December 9 - 9am Daily Mass

December 9 - Thursday Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel

December 10 - 9am Daily Mass

December 11 - Confessions 10:30am

December 11 - 5pm Mass

December 12 - 9am & 11am Mass

December 12 - Youth Mass 6pm

December 12 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way

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](mailto:floralministry@stmm.net)

## Mass This Weekend

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

### Music for this week's Mass

**Gathering:** Emmanuel 57

**Psalm: 126** The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with gladness and joy! We are filled with gladness and joy!

**Preparation:** Christ Be Our Light 598

**Communion 1:** There is a Longing 405

**Communion 2:** Anthem 494

**Communion 3:** God of Mercy 527

**Sending Forth:** Soon and Very Soon 581

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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.

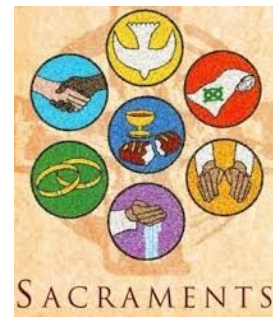
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## Sacraments

**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. 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.

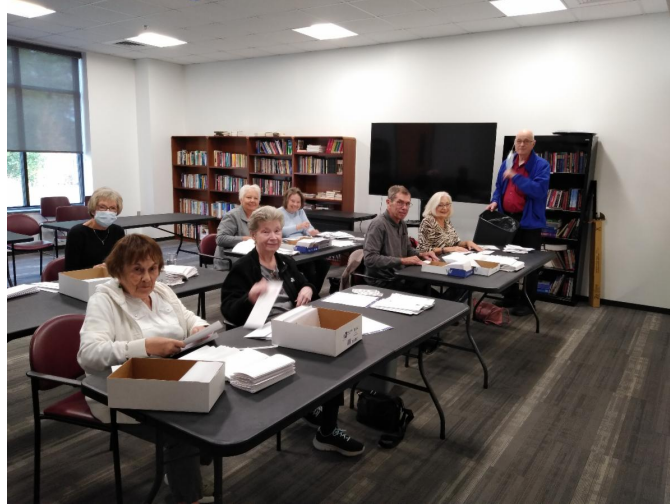
**WEDDINGS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email [weddings@stmm.net](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)



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## Pictures of the Week





Thank you to the Catholic Senior Organization for helping with the Christmas letter mailing



And the stockings were hung ...

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## Advent Penance Services

Dec 7th 11am Our Lady of Lourdes  
 Dec 9th 11am St. Michael  
 Dec 9th 7pm St. Francis  
 Dec 10th 11am St. Francis  
 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

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## 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

## First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday December 3rd 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](mailto:ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM) or 919-280-8931 if interested.



## The StMM Prayer Team



### Keep Watch this Advent with the StMM Prayer Team!

The Advent season is a time for us all to open our hearts and make loving room for Jesus to be the priority in our lives. This ministry aims to cultivate StMM as a parish of prayer. 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](mailto:StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net)

## Faith Formation





[Click Here for Gift Giving Registry](#)



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*



### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Continues this Sunday, December 5, 2021

No Classes December 19 & 26 for Christmas Break

Level One: Sundays 8:45 am - 10:00 am  
with Ms. Andree & Ms. Ellen

Level One: Sundays 10:45 am - 12:00 pm  
with Ms. Shana & Ms. Lynn

Level Two: Sunday 12:15 - 1:30 pm  
with Ms. Shana & Ms. Andree

Parents drop off at the  
Atrium located in the Activities Building.

Face masks are required in the Atrium

Questions: Please contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7820

**StMM High School Youth Ministry**



ST. MARY MAGDALENE PRESENTS:

# A NIGHT OF HEALING & HOPE

*Andrew Laubacher, Catholic Musician*

**HOW TO WALK THROUGH THE  
TRIALS OF LIFE WITH HOPE**

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

## *Catholic School Confirmation Registration Opening!*

ARE YOU...

- ☐ ATTENDING CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL?
- ☐ IN YEAR 2 OF  
CONFIRMATION PREP?
- ☐ NOT ATTENDING THE  
WAY?

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO  
REGISTER!

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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](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com)

For **Apostello, the Way, and Confirmation**, contact Caitlin Clendenin at [clendenin@stmm.net](mailto:clendenin@stmm.net)

## Hospitality Volunteers

*"When I was a stranger, you welcomed me."* (Mt. 25:35).

Saint Mary Magdalene is a vibrant, growing parish! At the same time, it can sometimes feel overwhelming for new and existing members alike to find their place in our busy faith community. We are seeking volunteers to help us build up our vital Hospitality Ministries - JOIN US in making SMM a place where it's easy to make new friends, where people of ALL AGES and at ALL STAGES in their faith journey can TASTE AND SEE all that we have to offer at StMM.

We need volunteers to staff the Welcome and Connect desk (our beautiful new table in narthex), to serve as Greeters at each Mass, and to host our Newcomer Welcome Socials.

If you can smile, offer assistance, provide information, and extend invitations, you have all that we need! No matter whether you are shy or outgoing, young or a senior, a single or a large family, we have a hospitality ministry that is just right for YOU!

For more information, contact us as follows OR come see us at the Welcome and Connect desk before Mass.

Welcome/Connect desk - Barbara Jones (661-305-4422; [barbara.b.jones@att.net](mailto:barbara.b.jones@att.net))

Welcome Socials - Laura Petersen (919-428-3392; [l.a.petersen@gmail.com](mailto:l.a.petersen@gmail.com))

Greeters - Cathy Stevens (908-910-0308; [cathy.h.stevens@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.h.stevens@gmail.com))

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## 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 7th 7-8pm**

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## Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards This Weekend



It's that time of year again for Christmas cards! Please support your local Knights of Columbus Council 7186, as we will be selling Christmas cards at Mass on the weekends of November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go to supporting the Church, school, and our local charities.

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## 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!

## Angel Tree



The **Angel Tree** will be in the Church lobby filled with paper ornaments for needy children and families from several non-profit organizations beginning this Saturday, November 27th. Please attach the ornament to the gift/food/contribution to help us track all donations. **All contributions should be placed under the tree no later than 5:45pm on Sunday, December 12th.**

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## 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.**

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## 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](mailto:Stevens@stmm.net).

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## RCIA

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](mailto: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"*.



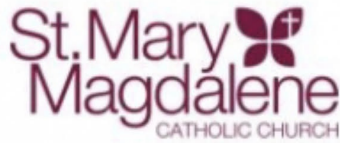
## StMM Night with the Carolina Hurricanes!

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](mailto: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

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## StMM School News

StMM School Accepting Applications for 2022-23 School Year

# Apply Today!



2022-2023  
Applications  
Now Open!



Applications now open for the 2022-23 school year! Use this link to apply:  
<https://stmm-nc.client.renweb.com/oa/index.cfm?memberid=130>

Sign up for a Tour here:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/selfsched?sstoken=UUFUOU80THF5d09rGRIZmF1bHR8OTQ5YTJmMjdmNWVmMGE4MDIyNjQzZTEwY2RmN2ZkODM>

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## 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  
919 986 8613  
[Dmoskey12@gmail.com](mailto:Dmoskey12@gmail.com)

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## Parish Athletics

Parish Athletics ([ParishAthleticsNC.org](http://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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