

## St. Mary Magdalene E-News November 19, 2021

### A Note from Father Chris

***"You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world,"*** Our Gospel reading (John 18:37) proclaims this weekend.

These words the condemned Jesus Christ says about his birth into the world are inviting us to know the reason we came into the world too. We came into this world for the purpose of love. To give of ourselves, to keep our promises and to pursue a holy life, to lift one another.

From a thankful church and staff here at St. Mary Magdalene, may you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

### Upcoming Events

November 20 - Confessions 10:30am  
November 20 - 5pm Mass  
November 20-21 - Second Collection Campaign for Human Development  
November 21 - 9am & 11am Mass  
November 21 - Chrysalis 12:15pm Room 3 Church  
November 21 - 6pm Youth Mass  
November 21 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way  
November 22 - 9am Daily Mass  
November 22 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel  
November 24 - 9am Daily Mass  
November 25 - Thanksgiving Day 10am Mass  
November 26 - No Daily Mass  
November 27 - No Confessions  
November 27 - 5pm Mass  
November 28 - 9am & 11am Mass  
November 29 - 9am Daily Mass  
November 29 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel  
November 30 - GATHER and the ROCK 6:30pm  
December 1 - Frassati Young Adult Group 6:30pm Chapel  
December 3 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church

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



Flowers were donated by the Kelly family in loving memory of Robert Tesar, husband, father and grandfather.

Thank you to Lavender Lane Florist of Apex.

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

### Music for this week's Mass

**Gathering:** The King of Glory 728

**Psalm: 93** The Lord is King. He is robed in majesty.

**Preparation:** Worthy is the Lamb 579

**Communion 1:** In Christ Alone 417

**Communion 2:** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus 732

**Communion 3:** I Will Choose Christ 512

**Sending Forth:** In the Day of the Lord 580

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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.

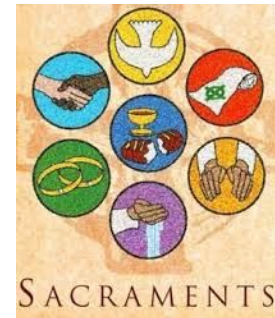
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## Sacraments

**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



Baptism of Ronan Lillard on October 24th



Baptism of Henry Canning on November 17th

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## Advent Penance Services

Nov 30th 7pm Our Lady of La Vang  
 Dec 2nd 7pm St. Andrew  
 Dec 3rd 7pm St. Catherine of Siena  
 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 21st 11am St. Bernadette

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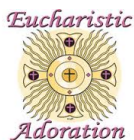
## Employment Opportunity at St. Mary Magdalene School

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School has an opening for a full time 8th Grade ELA teacher. Please [click here](#) for the job description.

Send resumes and letter of interest to [principal@stmm.net](mailto:principal@stmm.net).

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## 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.

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## The StMM Prayer Team



### Connect and Join the StMM Prayer Team!

As we all make plans for Thanksgiving, let us know if we can help echo your prayers of gratitude or help you lift your prayers of need. We are here for all seasons of life together!

For the month of November, we will be especially praying for our Veterans. Send us the names of your Veterans so we may include them in the ministry's weekly prayer intentions.

Request  
Prayers

Hand-written prayer intentions can also be placed in the Prayer Collection Bowl located at the Welcome & Connect kiosk in the StMM Church Narthex.

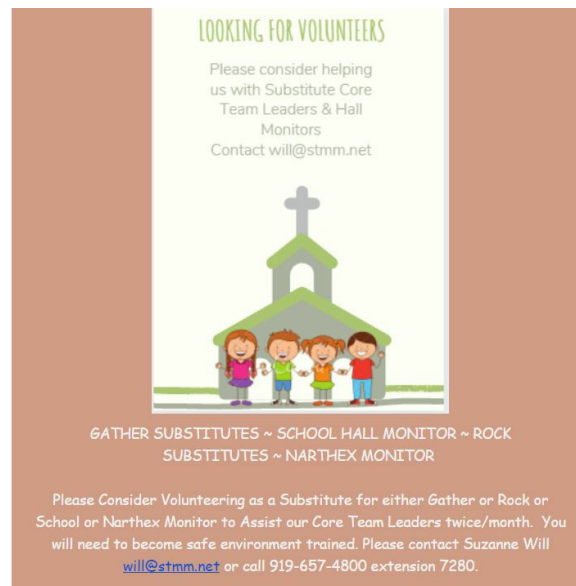
The StMM Prayer Team is a collaborative and diverse group of prayer warriors working together to help lift the spiritual needs of our St. Mary Magdalene parish family. The ministry aims to cultivate StMM as a parish of prayer. Whether you are new to prayer or have been devout for decades -- you are most welcome here!

Join the Prayer  
Team

[StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net](mailto:StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net)

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## Faith Formation



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

**StMM High School Youth Ministry**





## ***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!

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

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

## **#iGivetoCatholicEndowments**



Join us for  
*The Foundation's Inaugural Day of Giving!*  
**#iGivetoCatholicEndowments**  
**Tuesday November 30, 2021**

#iGivetoCatholicEndowments will benefit the St. Mary Magdalene Community by growing our already established *St. Mary Magdalene School Endowment*.

This Endowment was established in 2005 to help maintain financial stability for future generations. Disbursements from this fund aid in defraying the cost of tuition for students in need of financial assistance and for general school needs. Participation is easy. For more information, simply visit [www.FoundationDOR.org](http://www.FoundationDOR.org) and choose St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School. Questions: Contact Julie Hoffman at [hoffman@stmm.net](mailto:hoffman@stmm.net)

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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**

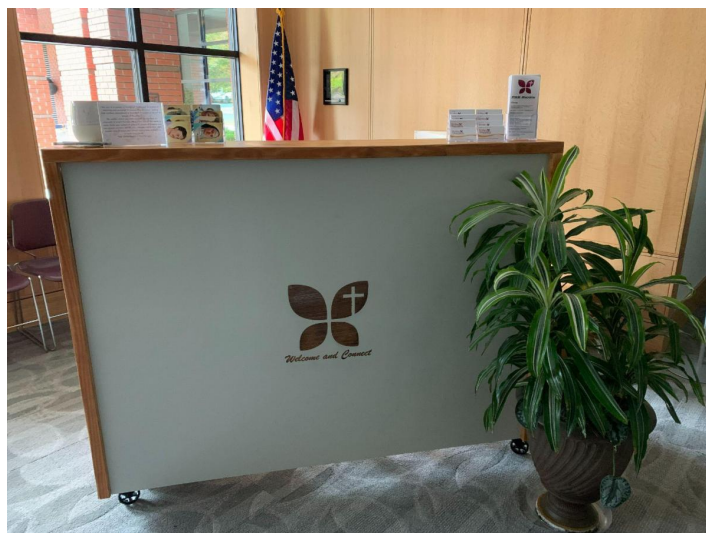
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## Western Wake Crisis Ministry Food Pantry Collection

Thank you, St. Mary Magdalene parishioners, for your support of the Western Wake Crisis Ministry Thanksgiving Baskets. We donated 708 pounds of food - 474 pounds from the youth groups. In addition, 29 Walmart/Food Lion gift cards and \$1,975 was donated. Thank you for your prayers and generosity to help families in our area!

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## "Welcome and Connect" Desk



Have you noticed the big beautiful desk in the corner of the narthex? Our new welcome and connect desk is an interactive station you can go to with all of your questions, find out what's going on in the parish, pick up some great resource needs and submit your prayer intentions. Thank you to Mike McGann and Tom Steinbach for using their woodworking talents and building this beautiful piece for us. We're always looking for folks to help out behind the desk. If you can smile, offer assistance, provide information, and extend invitations, you have all that we need! For more information on volunteering please email Barbara Jones at [barbara.b.jones@att.net](mailto:barbara.b.jones@att.net)

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## Catholic Parish Outreach

CPO, Catholic Parish Outreach, food pantry is in great need of grocery bags for packing items for our neighbors in need for Thanksgiving.

Please drop off any you have available in the baskets under the drive-thru at church.

Thank you so very much! Happy Thanksgiving!

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## Chrysalis



Married couples: do you know that your marriage is your treasure? Nothing else is more important than your marriage. Treasures must be protected and cared for. Come learn how. Books are provided for all participants. We had our second session in October, and we discussed how our marriage is a dance. We were blessed to have met both in-person and by audio for those who were unable to attend in person.

Our next session of **The BEATITUDES: A Couple's Path to Greater Joy** will be Nov 21, 2021, 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm in Room 3. Join us--watch a short video and participate in small groups discussion. Dates of remaining sessions are: Nov 21, 2021; Dec 12, 2021; Jan 23, 2022; Feb 20, 2022; Mar 20, 2022; Apr 10, 2022. For more information, contact us at [stmmchrysalis@gmail.com](mailto:stmmchrysalis@gmail.com).

Please RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4AB4-chrysalis3>

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## Prayers and Squares Ministry



Quilt donated by Prayers and Squares Ministry in honor of the unborn of our parish.

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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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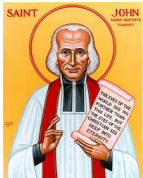
## RCIA

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"*.



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## The Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry



The Traveling St John Vianney Ministry is a wonderful and easy way for families to get involved in parish ministry. Families take turn hosting our St John statue in their home for one month each year. During your month, the statue in your home helps serve as a reminder for you to pray for our priests and an increase in vocations. Please contact Megan Brinkley for more information or to join! [m.brinkley@hotmail.com](mailto:m.brinkley@hotmail.com)

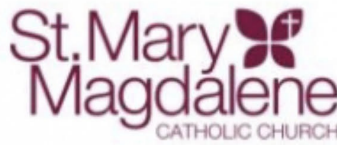
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## StMM Night with the Carolina Hurricanes!

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**

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### StMM School News

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School will be closed for Thanksgiving break Wednesday, November 24th - Monday November 29th. Classes will resume for our Monarchs on Tuesday, November 30th. Wishing you a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

**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! Please note, our preschool is filling up fast! 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  
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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.

## 2022 Journey to Italy

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Group Coordinator: Ms. Mary Jane Bettman

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#### PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ **Siena** - birthplace of St. Catherine
  - Siena Cathedral
  - Tuscan vineyard - wine tasting & castle
- ❖ **Florence** - The Duomo
  - Galleria dell' Accademia - home of Michelangelo's *David*
  - Ponte Vecchio - famous for gold jewelry
- ❖ **Assisi** - home of Ss. Francis and Clare
  - Basilicas of St. Francis & St. Clare
  - Chiesa Nuova
  - Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels
- ❖ **Orvieto** - stunning gothic Cathedral & home to Orvieto Classico wine
- ❖ **Rome** - the Eternal City
  - General Papal Audience with Pope Francis (subj. to Pope's schedule)
  - Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls
  - Castelli Romani region wine tasting & cooking class
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