

# St. Mary Magdalene E-News November 26, 2021

# A Note from Father Chris

Advent is here! We are ready for the adventure of Christmas! We hope to help you celebrate all your family traditions of Christmas within the larger family of the Church. Our family and Church traditions are one!

Please see the donation portal for Giving Tuesday.

Our Advent Penance Service with six priests in on<u>Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm</u> at <u>St. Andrews Church</u>, 3008 Old Raleigh Road, Apex, NC.

Many blessings on this special season!

Love,

Fr. Chris

**Giving Portal** 

# **Upcoming Events**

November 27 - No Confessions
November 27 - 5pm Mass
November 28 - 9am & 11am Mass
November 28 - No Youth 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 2 - Thursday Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
December 3 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Chuch
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 - Immaculate Conception 9am & 7pm Mass
December 8 - Parish Office Closed
December 9 - 9am Daily Mass
December 9 - Thursday Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel

December 10 - 9am Daily Mass

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 <u>here</u> 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 <u>floralministry@stmm.net</u>

# Mass This Weekend

Click HERE to Live Stream our 9am Mass

#### Music for this week's Mass

Gathering: The King of Glory 728 Psalm: 25 To You, O Lord, I lift up, I lift up my soul, my God. 762 Preparation: Waiting in Silence 50 Communion 1: Maranatha Communion 2: Only in God 449 Communion 3: Taste and See 338 Sending Forth: City of God 388

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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, <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



Joseph and Alyssa Boschetti were married on November 13th

### 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 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 No daily Mass 12/26 - 12/30 December 31 - Daily Mass 9am January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, 10am Mass

### #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 <u>www.FoundationDOR.org</u> and choose St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School. Questions: Contact Julie Hoffman at <u>hoffman@stmm.net</u>

### 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 <u>ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM</u> or 919-280-8931 if interested.



### Frassati Young Adult Ministry

Looking for community with other young adults in the parish? Saint Mary Magdalene's Frassati Young Adult Group will be meeting on Wednesday December 1. We will meet in the side chapel at 6:30 PM where we will begin in prayer. Following this time we will move to the youth room and courtyard to enjoy time in community and listen to a talk. Dinner will be provided and for those interested please sign up here

### https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aafa72aa5f9c34-frassati1

We look forward to getting to know you better, and building a community of young adults after Christ's heart!

If you have any questions please email frassati@stmm.net.

# The StMM Prayer Team



### Connect and Join the StMM Prayer Team!

For the month of November, we continue praying for our Veterans and any other intentions sent to our ministry. Please take a moment to send us the names of your Veterans and prayer intentions as we begin the Advent season, so we may include them and lift them with you.



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

StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net





And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17



Next Meeting Tuesday 11/30/21



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

### StMM High School Youth Ministry



# Catholic School Confirmation Registration Opening!



Link to register: <u>https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?</u> id=HMcq3BzSb96rqf+MLQNDnA==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz\_people.aspx&ChurchID=155 <u>4&EventID=214380&sn=102397</u> 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 7th 7-8pm

### Welcome and Connect

Please make sure to stop by the welcome and connect desk after Mass this Advent season to pick up your Advent family prayer and other Advent resources. What a gift for us to accompany you on your journey to the nativity. Don't forget to bless your Advent wreath!



The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice Lord our God, which has found its place in the Church as well as in we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, before the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated let your blessing come upon us in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a as we light the candles of this wreath. parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord. Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9:( lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63( lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64( lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come guickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/ Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind: bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

 Catholic Bessing of the Advent Wreath taken from Catholic Household Blessings and Proyers. Revised Edition | Weathington, DC: USCCB, 2007), 73-75
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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.

### 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

### 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.

### Annual St. Nicholas Shoe Drive

As December rolls around we rememberSaint Nicholas who was known forhis 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 <u>rcia@stmm.me</u> 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".



### 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! <u>m.brinkley@hotmail.com</u>

### 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: <u>http://canesgroups.com/magdelene</u>

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

Can't wait to see you there!



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

## StMM School News

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic School will be closed for Thanksgiving break through Monday November 29th. Classes will resume for our Monarchs on Tuesday, November 30th. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

StMM School Accepting Applications for 2022-23 School Year





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

Sign up for a Tour here: <u>https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/selfsched?</u> <u>sstoken=UUFUOU80THF5d09rfGRIZmF1bHR8OTQ5YTJmMjdmNWVmMGE4MDlyNjQzZTEwY2RmN2Zk</u> ODM

### 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!

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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.

# **Bulletin Advertisement**



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