

St. Mary Magdalene E-News November 5, 2021

A Note from Father Chris

"Blessed is the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The God that lends aid to the poor connects us to the poor as well. The Gospel this weekend promotes our humble approach to God. That God sees our efforts to love those in need as our connection to the work of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

This weekend we will connect with Food for the Poor and ways we can help. Another humble way for our participation with God.

With gratitude and love,

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

November 5 - Adoration 9:30am - 7pm

November 6 - No Confessions

November 6 - 5pm Mass

November 7 - 9am & 11am Mass

November 7 - 6pm Youth Mass

November 7 - Apostello, EDGE, and the WAY

November 8 - Daily Mass 9am

November 8 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

November 9 - GATHER/Rock 6:30pm

November 10 - Daily Mass 9am

November 11 - Daily Mass 9am

November 12 - Daily Mass 9am

November 13 - Confessions 10:30am

November 13 - 5pm Mass

November 14 - 9am & 11am Mass

November 14 - 6pm Youth Mass

November 14 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way

November 15 - Daily Mass 9am

November 15 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

November 16 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 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 <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



Flowers were donated by Rich and April Dombkowski in loving memory of our son, Noah, who would turn 23 this week.

Flowers were donated by Laura and Gene Tomczak in loving memory of our daughter, Mia, who would have turned 17 this week.

Thank you to Lavender Lane Florist of Apex.

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

Music for this week's Mass

Gathering: Table of Plenty 310

Psalm: 146 Praise the Lord my soul, bless the name of God. Praise the Lord my soul. Bless the name of God.

Preparation: Our God is Here 305 Communion 1: Miracle of Grace 356 Communion 2: Come to the Lord

Communion 3: I Am the Bread of Life 345

Sending Forth: Rain Down 614

Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

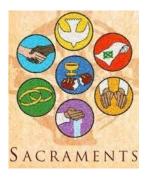
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

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 <u>weddings@stmm.net</u>



Employment Opportunities at St. Mary Magdalene School

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School has an opening for a full time preschool teaching assistant. We are looking for a person with experience and enthusiasm to join us in creating an exceptional early learning environment for our PK4 students.

If you are interested in applying for this position, or would like additional information, please contact Barbara Senn (senn@stmm.net).

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.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

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begin in the chapel at 9:30am and move to the church at 12:30pm until 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.

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, November 16th 7-8pm

The StMM Prayer Team

Join and Connect with the StMM Prayer Team!

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 by connecting prayer intentions to our dedicated and growing prayer team, providing instruction on a variety of prayer methods and resources, and encouraging all parishioners to embrace prayer daily. Prayer looks different for everyone and we all need different types of prayer during the different seasons of our lives. As St. Teresa of Avila teaches us, "At the root of prayer is a relationship of love." Whether you are new to prayer or have been devout for decades -- you are most welcome here!

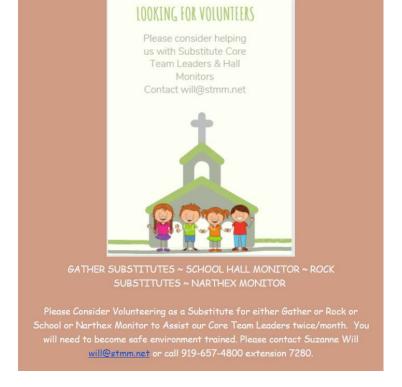
To learn more about the ministry or share a prayer request, please email us at stmm.net or simply handwrite your intentions and place them in the Prayer Collection Bowl located at the Welcome & Connect desk in the StMM Church Narthex.

For the month of November, we will be especially praying for our Veterans. Please share the names of your family members and friends with us at StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net.





Our next Gather & Rock meeting is Tuesday, November 9, 2021 from 6:30 – 7:45 pm and we begin in the Church. Everyone is asked to please wear a face mask. Parents are expected to attend with their children. Kindly email your child's Core Team Leader if your child is unable to attend.



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

StMM High School Youth Ministry

All Sunday evening youth programs (Apostello, Edge, The Way) and Youth Mass return this Sunday night, 11/7! See you there!



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



To see what item your small group has been assigned, click here

Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Liz Sams at <u>liz.sams@gmail.com</u>

For Apostello, the Way, and Confirmation, contact Caitlin Clendenin at 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 and choose St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School. Questions: Contact Julie Hoffman at hoffman@stmm.net

Discipleship Quads



At the very end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says to his apostles" Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Mt 28:19-20). In other words, we are all called to be disciples and share the love of Christ with others.

But how equipped do we feel for this mission? Contact Laura Werner at 919-889-9904 to learn more about being a part of a Discipleship Quad, a ministry where you will grow a deeper understanding of our faith and feel

empowered to pour forth His love to grow the Church. The Quad curriculum is free, ongoing, you can meet anywhere. No prior knowledge needed. It is available online at <u>steubenvilleconferences.com/disciplehip-quads/</u>. The greatest fruits from your participation are: deep, authentic friendships with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, practice discipling one another, and a rich knowledge in the Catholic faith. There is a commitment to participate. Sign up here by Nov 15: <u>Discipleship Quad Interest Form</u>.

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.

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 November 15, 2021. 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".



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

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!



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

StMM School News

Happy Veterans Day!

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School honors, thanks, and celebrates all of the dedicated men and women in our armed forces. On Thursday, November 11th our 5th-8th grade students will have a special Veterans Day guest speaker in Church immediately following 9:00am Mass. Those attending Mass that day are welcome to stay for the presentation.

StMM School Accepting Applications for 2022-23 School Year



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?stoken=UUFUOU80THF5d09rfGRIZmF1bHR8OTQ5YTJmMjdmNWVmMGE4MDlyNjQzZTEwY2RmN2ZkODM

Parish Assistance Ministry

The Parishioner Assistance Ministry, which we re-established back in February, is now fully up and running and ready to meet the needs of our STMM parish family. There is certainly more work ahead, but we now have more than 90 parish assistance helpers - or angels, as Father Chris calls them - ready to help in your time of need. We will always need more "angels," especially some more people in the professional fields associated with elder care, medical, and legal-related questions. But now, we are shifting our focus to reach out to those of you who may be in need of some help, but haven't yet reached out to us.

In particular, we want to ask the senior members of our parish family, how can we help you? You have done so much for others in your life, it's time that others can help you. Is the drive to Mass on the weekend getting too difficult for you? We can provide transportation. Are those smoke alarms beeping and you've realized that you shouldn't climb that ladder to change them anymore? We can help you. Have you or a loved one been dealing with an illness and are struggling...in any way? Let's talk. Please consider giving us a call or send us an email and we can talk through your challenge - big or small - and see if we can find a STMM family member or two or three... who can help.

We are one, big STMM family. And your STMM family is here for you in your time of need.

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Kathy Lynch (919) 210-2709 kcclynch@yahoo.com

Cardinal Gibbons High School Open House

Cardinal Gibbons High School is hosting its annual Admissions Open House from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. Families are invited to campus to take a school tour, learn more about the curriculum, and connect with school leaders, teachers, coaches, and current students. Visit **cghsnc.org/openhouse** to learn more and register to attend.



St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Holiday Craft Fair

St. Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church in Apex is holding their Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 6, from 9am to 3pm. Our crafters have had 2 years of crafting interesting designs! So come and see what they have been up to!!! And, get your FREE ticket for our Reindeer Raffle!

St. Michael E-Waste Collection Event



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