
St. Mary Magdalene E-News October 15, 2021

A Note from Father Chris

Jesus tells us that he is with us in the Gospel this weekend. Then unfolds how being with us also means we are with him. Jesus in the person of God is with us, meaning that we are also with God. We share in God's work and in family life we share in God's creation. We are helped by God and we are to help God through our true purpose; to love.

The Church throughout the world this weekend will pray for the Holy Spirit to bless the opening of the global synod. The synod will be a two-year process of communication, participation and mission for the universal Roman Catholic Church. Thank you for your support.

Many blessings!

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

Upcoming Events

October 16 - Confessions 10:30am
October 16 - 5pm Mass
October 17 - 9am & 11am Mass
October 17 - Youth Mass 6pm
October 17 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
October 18 - Daily Mass 9am
October 18 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
October 19 - Guest Speaker, Paul & Beth Zucarelli 7pm Church
October 20 - Daily Mass 9am
October 21 - Communion Service 9am
October 22 - Daily Mass 9am
October 23 - No Confessions
October 23 - 5pm Mass
October 24 - 9am & 11am Mass
October 24 - Youth Mass 6pm
October 24 - 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

The floral ministry is currently looking for a volunteer for Altar Flower Coordinator Role. If you are interested in this ministry please contact Peggi Smith at smithpeggi@yahoo.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Mass This Weekend



Flowers donated from the Heggen Family in honor of Maria Heggen on her baptism.

Flowers also donated by Becky Melton in honor of Rebecca Melton.

Thank you to Lavender Lane Florist in Apex.

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

Music for this week's Mass

Gathering: Gather Us In 303

Psalm: 33 Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

Preparation: I Will Choose Christ 512

Communion 1: God of Mercy 527

Communion 2: I Am the Bread of Life 326

Communion 3: Spirit and Grace 344

Sending Forth: A Rightful Place 741

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass only

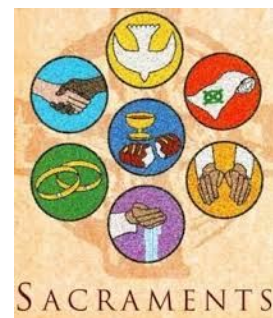
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

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.

WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email weddings@stmm.net



Pictures of the Week



Maria Leigh Heggen baptized October 10th



Patrick John Ward baptized October 9th

Volunteers Needed Nightly at StMM

We are seeking volunteers who would help to ensure that our campus structures are locked and secured each night. This can be accomplished by one person, or a rotation of people. Basically around 8pm each night, arrive on campus, walk through buildings to be sure doors are closed and windows are closed and move from building to building. Bob Reardon did this for the parish for nearly 20 years but with his retirement, we are seeking new helpers. Please email Jim Galkowski Galkowski@stmm.net for further information and or to volunteer.

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.

Faith Formation



Our next Gather & Rock meeting is Tuesday, October 26, 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.

Upon Arrival to the Church, please pick up your name tag and be seated with your YOUNGEST CHILD in the sections outlined in the diagram below. This will help us move the groups more efficiently to the school.

For dismissal, the Core Team Leaders will bring the children back from the School to the CHURCH to meet up with their parents. Gather children (grades 1 - 4) will arrive first followed by Rock children (grades 5 - 6). Please remain in the church for your child so that no one is outside in the dark unattended.



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

StMM High School Youth Ministry

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

- APOSTELLO 4:30-7PM
- THE WAY 6-8:30PM
- EDGE 6-8:30PM
- YOUTH MASS 6-7PM

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=HMcg3BzSb96rqf+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>

STMM YM

You're invited to an evening for the

PARENTS

DO YOU KNOW YOUR STORY?
STMM YM TEACHES OUR YOUTH
ABOUT THE KERYGMA.

THE WHAT?!?! HEARD OF IT?

COME & SEE

10/17/21 ~ 7:30 - 8:30 PM

IN THE CHAPEL

AN INVITATION TO PARENTS TO
EXPLORE THE KERYGMA.

LEARN OUR STORY, YOUR STORY
SO YOU CAN PASS IT ALONG AND
SHARE IT WITH YOUR FAMILY

Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Liz Sams at liz.sams@gmail.com

For **Apostello, the Way, and Confirmation**, contact Caitlin Clendenin at clendenin@stmm.net

Calling All New Parishioners!

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We are excited to bring back our new member welcome dinners! We have taken a break from these events during the pandemic, and we have a lot of catching up to do! We have welcomed so many new members since our last event 2 years ago!

If you joined St. Mary Magdalene after October 2019, we have a special event planned for you and your family! Join us Saturday November 6th after the 5pm Mass and Sunday November 7th after the 11am Mass in the Activities Building for fellowship, food and fun for the kids. Given the current situation, we will continue to implement COVID safe protocols for food and attendance. Therefore, we will be limiting the number of families for each welcome social. Please make sure to reserve your family's spot by November 1st. Unfortunately, we won't be able to accommodate you without a reserved spot. [Click here to reserve a spot.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Petersen, l.a.petersen@gmail.com.

We look forward to officially welcoming you to the St. Mary Magdalene family!

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 steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/. 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: [Discipleship Quad Interest Form](#).

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, Sept. 8 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"*.



Guest Speaker Paul Zucarelli October 19th 7pm at StMM



A REVELATION OF THE *Kingdom of Heaven*

with Paul & Beth Zucarelli

*"I shall not die but live and proclaim the
deeds of the Lord." Psalm 118:17*

Do you wonder if Jesus is alive in you? Do you wish to know God can raise the dead?

Paul Zucarelli suffered 9 Cardiac Arrests after surgery at the Mayo Clinic. He was dead for 2 hours and was graced to witness Heaven. In the midst of a culture that is wrought with fear and questioning God's existence, please join us to hear Paul's miraculous testimony of healing which occurred on Pentecost Sunday 2017.

His witness will reinvigorate your soul with faith and hope. It is a witness of God's love and saving grace. The reality of Jesus' Divine Mercy working through prayer and Scripture will captivate you to know God's unfathomable love for us in Christ.

Let your own faith arise as you hear the story of God at work to transform lives and draw all souls to His Kingdom. Please feel free to invite guests especially those who need the Grace of Faith in Christ in their lives. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 7:00 PM

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Please RSVP at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BAAAF23A64-arevelation>



Respect Life Committee

The KofC Life council and the STMM Respect life committee will be joining with the 40 Days for Life organization and we'll be holding a vigil each Saturday morning from 9-10 at the Drake Circle clinic in Raleigh during the 40 days from 9/22 thru 10/31. Please join us in this vigil. Here is an optional signup link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BADA62BA13-40days1>

Every October, we celebrate Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting

Read the full version at respectlife.org/support-her

As a mom who had my first baby in college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame, and doubt. Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. I encourage you to support her in her new journey of being a mother. It's okay if you don't know the perfect words to say. Let her know you are there for her, and ask how you can support her. Assist her in lining up practical help. She may not feel she "deserves" to show happiness; reassure her it's okay (and good) to be happy. Your support might be the only support she receives. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?

"Feed A Family" Food Drive Results

On behalf of the people we serve at Catholic Parish Outreach, we want to thank you for your generous donation during the Fall St. Mary Magdalene "Feed A Family" food drive with **a donation of 4,205 pounds of groceries and \$4,060 from the church and 580 lbs. of groceries from the school** to help families in need! Your support really makes a difference in our ministry during this time of great need.

Reminder the next food drive is March 18 (School)/19/20

StMM School News

StMM School Open House

Join us this Sunday, October 17th for an Open House of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School following 11:00am Mass. RSVP here:

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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?>

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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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