

## St. Mary Magdalene E-News October 1, 2021

### A Note from Father Chris

"Jesus embraced them and blessed them", the Gospel proclaims this weekend. The 'them' referred to in the Gospel is thankfully us. The followers and disciples of Christ.

Through Christ we can remain young at heart; embraced and blessed by God. This gift of life we have received has available to us salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ. We are renewed in each sacrament. Our duty is to live in virtue, to accept love and to love.

Good news for life and for us!

Fr. Chris

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### Upcoming Events

October 1 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church (3:30-5:30 Chapel)  
October 2 - Confessions 10:30am  
October 2 - 5pm Mass  
October 3 - 9am & 11am Mass  
October 3 - 3pm Blessing of the Animals  
October 3 - Youth Mass 6pm  
October 3 - Apostello, EDGE, and the Way  
October 4 - Daily Mass 9am  
October 4 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel  
October 5 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church  
October 6 - Daily Mass 9am  
October 7 - Daily Mass 9am  
October 8 - Daily Mass 9am  
October 9 - Campus Landscape Ministry Work Day - Azalea Planting 10am  
October 9 - Confessions 10:30am  
October 9 - 5pm Mass  
October 10 - 9am & 11am Mass  
October 10 - Youth Mass 6pm  
October 10 - Apostello, EDGE, 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



Flowers donated by Alan Meyerl in memory of Kathleen Meyerl who passed away on March 16, 2021 and would be celebrating her 60th wedding anniversary on 9/30/21.

Flowers donated by Kim Wright in memory of Norma Annunziata with love from the Wright Family.

Thank you to Lavender Lane Florist of Apex.

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

### Music for this week's Mass

**Gathering:** In This Place 309

**Psalm:** 128 O blessed are those that fear the Lord and walk in his ways. O blessed are those that fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

**Preparation:** You Are The Light 588

**Communion 1:** God of Mercy 521

**Communion 2:** I Am the Bread of Life 327

**Communion 3:** Taste and See 339

**Sending Forth:** How Can I Keep From Singing 442

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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.

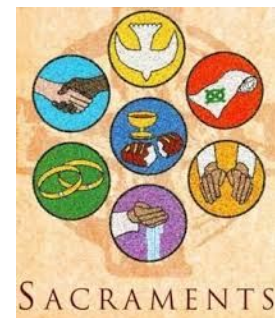
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## Sacraments

**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



Kian Edwards received First Communion on September 26th



Gather & Rock Opening Night Mass

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## StMM Finance Committee

The 2021 Annual Financial Report is now on the website. Click [here](#) to view.

The StMM Finance Committee is accepting applications for new members. The committee meets once a quarter and provides financial oversight for both the school and parish. If you have a background in financial oversight, budgeting, and/or accounting and are interested in volunteering on this committee, please contact Sue Hannan at [susan.hannan16@gmail.com](mailto:susan.hannan16@gmail.com).

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## First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday October 1st 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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## "Feed a Family" Food Drive

### "Feed-A-Family" Food Drive Comes to Mary Magdalene

Did you know that Catholic Parish Outreach food pantry distributed enough food to feed more than 80,000 people since the pandemic began? Volunteers will be handing out grocery bags with an attached shopping list or a donation of \$40 feeds a family for one week. Please help CPO serve the less fortunate in our community by **taking a bag and returning it on October 2nd and Sunday October 3rd.**

If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Kelly Rappl at [krappl@nc.rr.com](mailto:krappl@nc.rr.com) or Kathy Barnack at [kbarnack957@gmail.com](mailto:kbarnack957@gmail.com)

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## Blessing of the Animals Sunday 3pm

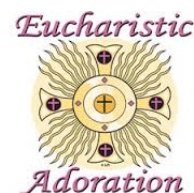


In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, please bring your pet to be blessed on Sunday, October 3rd at 3pm on the piazza near the Jonah Statue.

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## Eucharistic Holy Hour First and Third Tuesday

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, October 5th 7-8pm

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## 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](mailto:Galkowski@stmm.net) for further information and or to volunteer.

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## Campus Landscape Ministry Work Day - Azalea Planting



On Saturday October 9th at 10:00 AM we will be planning 40 encore azaleas granted to Saint Mary Magdalene Church & School by WRAL. Azaleas will be planted in several locations on campus so there will be plenty room for social distancing. If you have a shovel or pick please bring them.

This is our second Azalea Celebration grant from WRAL and we are very grateful for the beautiful plants. Visit the columbarium area to see the azaleas we received in 2019.

For more information contact Karen Clemmer at [kclemmer4@gmail.com](mailto:kclemmer4@gmail.com)

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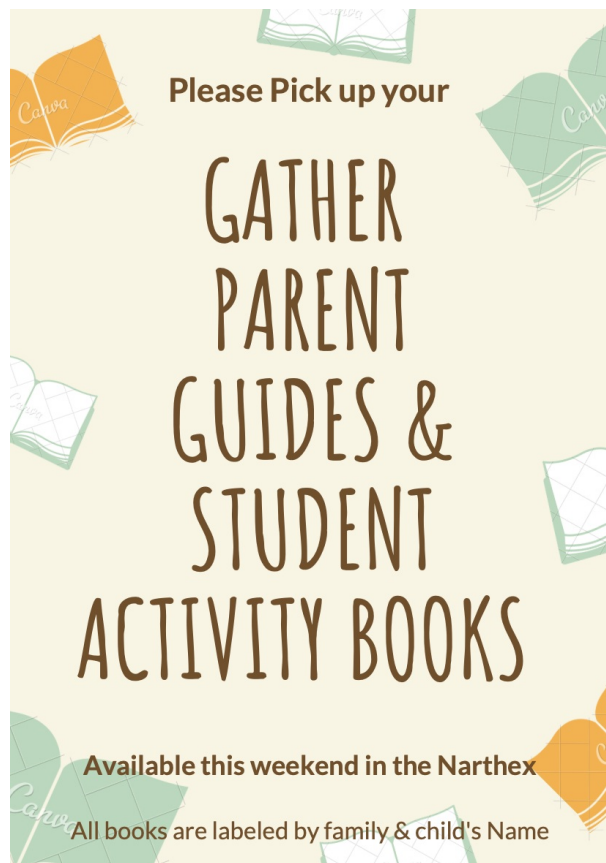


Thanks to all the families who attended our opening night Mass with Fr. Chris. What a blessing to be back worshipping together!

Families who were unable to attend can pick up their Parent Guide and Gather Activity Book this weekend during all the Masses. Parent guides are labeled with your family name and Activity books have your child's name and are sorted by grade; both can be found on a table in the Narthex.

Our next Gather & Rock meetings are Tuesday, October 12, 2021 from 6:30 - 7:45 pm and we begin with opening prayer and announcements 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.

We recognize the need for a more efficient dismissal procedure and will announce that in next week's newsletter. Thank you for your patience while we work out an improved plan.



#### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Continues this Sunday, October 3, 2021

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

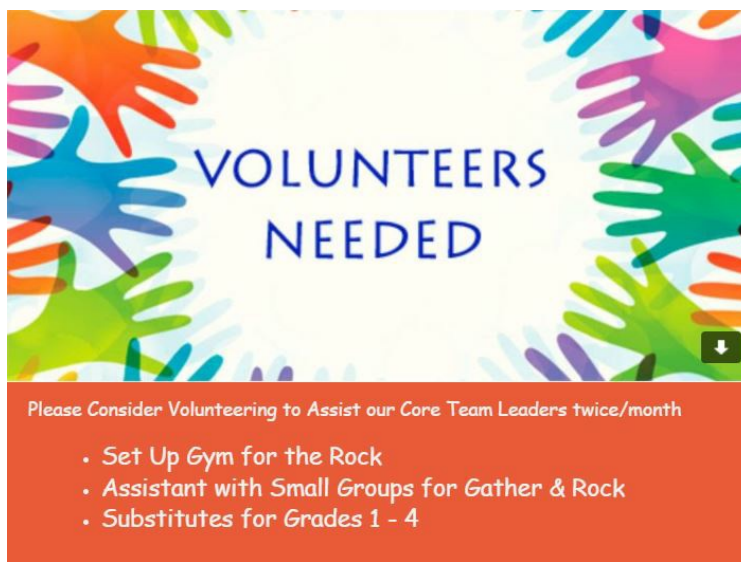
Level One: Sundays 10:45 am - 12:00 pm  
with Ms. Shana & Ms. Lynn

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

There are still a few openings in Level One 10:45 am class  
interested families email: [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net)

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**





Email [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com) to let us know you are signing up for Miracle League, then click this link to volunteer to be a buddy!! <https://www.mltriangle.com/volunteer/>

**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)

## 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](mailto: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](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"*.







## 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*

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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.

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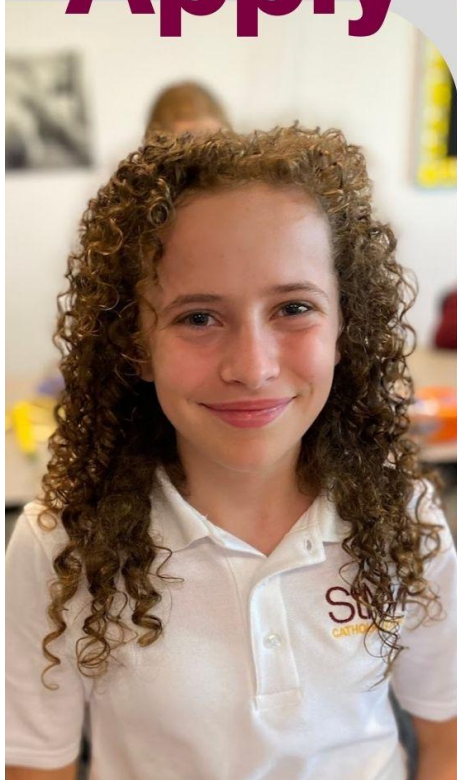
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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BAAAF23A64-arevelation>

## **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>

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First available tour is in November. If you'd like to visit sooner, RSVP to attend our Open House Sunday, October 17th after 11am Mass:

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### SUBSTITUTES NEEDED! APPLY TODAY!

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is in need of more substitute teachers for the 2021-22 school year. If you would like to be considered for our Substitute List, please email [Kate Lawson](mailto:kate.lawson@stmm-nc.org), Assistant Principal or [Nancy McElroy](mailto:nancy.mcelroy@stmm-nc.org), Assistant Principal.

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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.

Dan Moskey (919) 986-8613 [dmoskey12@gmail.com](mailto:dmoskey12@gmail.com)

Kathy Lynch (919) 210-2709 [kcclynch@yahoo.com](mailto:kcclynch@yahoo.com)

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## Family Honor Raleigh

St. Michael, Cary, will be hosting a truly unique chastity program for families on Friday, October 22 from 6:30 to 9 pm and Saturday, October 23, from 9:30 am to noon. This program is presented by Family Honor, Inc., and is called **Changes & Challenges**. Parents, this program is designed for you and your 6th grader. You and your child will have the opportunity to connect and communicate about God's gift of sexuality, chastity, fertility appreciation, true worth and lots more. A recent participating parent shared, *"It's a straightforward approach to sexuality, involving the whole person."* Deadline for registering is October 15. Space is limited so register early online at [www.familyhonor.org](http://www.familyhonor.org). Click on Programs/Program Schedule and Registration and scroll down to find this program. Cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. For more information contact Mary Beth Phillips at 919-274-9362 or [FHraleigh@gmail.com](mailto:FHraleigh@gmail.com)

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## St. Thomas More/UNC Newman Spiritual Direction Ministry

The St. Thomas More/UNC Newman Spiritual Direction Ministry is offering the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius this Fall. Called a retreat in everyday life, the 30-week program is an excellent alternative for people unable to do a traditional 30-day retreat.

The Exercises will be offered on Wednesdays from 5:30 pm to 7 pm in person on St. Thomas More's South Campus and via Zoom at the same time. The program begins October 13, 2021 and finishes May 25, 2022. The program will enroll 20 people (four groups of five people) and does not meet during Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays.

Through this prayer journey using biblical meditation and other Ignatian spiritual practices, you will deepen your relationship with Jesus and prayerfully discern his call to you at this time in your life. You will be asked to pray and reflect 30-60 minutes a day and to share reflections each week in your small group.

Past participants have found the Exercises to be a powerful journey into spiritual growth and a closer relationship with God. The cost of the program is \$450--a \$50 registration payment and the balance in one or two payments.

For questions or more information, please contact Cindy Neely ([neelycynthia@gmail.com](mailto:neelycynthia@gmail.com)).

To register, <https://stmchapelhill.org/ignatian-exercises>. YOU can also find additional information about the Spiritual Exercises at this url.

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