

St. Mary Magdalene April 19, 2024

A Note from Father Chris

Many blessings on the newly confirmed this week! Recipients of the Holy Spirit our young people now live in the fullness of Christ and in his church. A special thank you for parents and the wonderful Core Team volunteers.

Jesus is the shepherd that helps us in family life and in the blessed life of service. A reminder to mark our summer calendars on Monday, July 22nd the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. There is Mass, games, and celebrations on that day: 11am till 2pm.

Many blessings!

Fr. Chris

Giving Portal

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Upcoming Events

April 20 - First Communion Retreat 8:30am Activity Building

April 20 - Confessions 10:30am

April 20 - 5pm Mass

April 20 - Altar Server Training 6pm Church

April 21 - 9am & 11am Mass

April 21 - Apostello, The Way, & The EDGE

April 21 - Youth Mass 6pm

April 22 - Communion Service 9am

April 22 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

April 23 - Gather and the Rock 6:15pm Church

April 24 - Communion Service 9am

April 25 - Communion Service 9am

April 25 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel

April 26 - Daily Mass 9am

April 27 - Confessions 10:30am

April 27 - 5pm Mass

April 27 - Altar Server Training 6pm Church

April 28 - 9am & 11am Mass

April 29 - Daily Mass 9am

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Alleluia Entrance Antiphon Responsorial Psalm 118: This is The Day

Preparation: Morning by Morning

Communion 1: O God My Soul is Thirsting

Communion 2: Holy Spirit

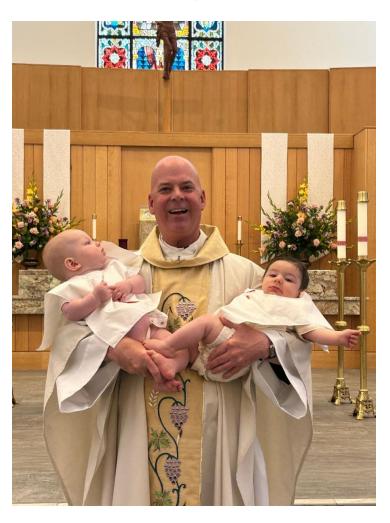
Communion 3: I'm The Good Shepherd Sending Forth: Your Love Defends Me

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Pictures of the Week



The Baptisms of Hayes Weston Ginsburg and Parker Thomas Finley on April 14th



Father Chris with Hayes Weston Ginsburg and Parker Thomas Finley



Coffee and Doughnuts after Mass



Our area deacons were able to get together for Mass and dinner on Tuesday



Congratulations to our high school students who were confirmed last night



The Baptism of Ray Mathew on April 19th

Distribution of Gluten Free Hosts During Mass

During the distribution of Holy Communion, gluten free hosts can be received from the priest or deacon. At StMM we like to rotate clergy through all EM stations so that they can see all parishioners over time. As such, the station from which the priest or deacon distributes Holy Communion changes every week. To find out which station the priest or deacon will be at for a specific Mass, please check beforehand in the Ministers' Sacristy or reach out to an Usher. If

Sacraments



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email sansone@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.

you have any questions, please contact Deacon Dev at lobo@stmm.net or call (770) 828 6935.

Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by Johnathan Tucker in honor of Eleanor Tucker's 1st Birthday.

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. For questions, please contact floralministry@stmm.net

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

Volunteers for the Flower Ministry



We are in need of volunteers to water flowers in the church after the 5pm and 11am Masses. Want to learn how it all happens? Join us on April 26th or May 10th after Daily Mass about 10am. For

questions, please contact Joan Ang at **joanang2020@gmail.com**.

Forward In Hope



Forward in Hope - Grief Support Group to Begin If you're in need of

If you're in need of consolation after losing a

loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. We recommend participants join us approximately six months after the loss of a loved one. We have two new groups forming; one being held on Monday mornings at 10:00 am from May 6, - June 17, 2024 and another group meeting on Tuesday evenings 7:00 - 8:00 pm from April 16 - May 21, 2024. Sessions will consist of prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. For more information, please feel free to email stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net call 919-657-4800 ext. 7280 or sign up by completing this registration form.

New Member Lunch

Calling All New Parishioners!

We are very excited to have you as new members of our community! If you registered as a member from November 2023 through now, we would love to have the opportunity to officially welcome you after 11am Mass, Sunday, May 19th. We will gather in the Activities Building for food, fellowship, and fun for the kids!

Please register here to attend Register Here

Registration will be open through May 14th.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Petersen at la.petersen@gmail.com.

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

Altar Server Training



"Serving at the Altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus" – Pope Francis

Altar serving is a great way to learn more about the Mass and to take an active role in the Church family. All who are 3rd grade and up and have received their First Sacraments are welcome to join the altar server ministry! Training sessions for new servers will be held on Saturday, April 20th at 6pm and Saturday, April 27th at 6pm in the Church. If any existing servers need a "refresher," they are also welcome to join. Please choose one session and RSVP to Andree Genez at stmmaltarservers@gmail.com. Parents are encouraged to attend!

Monarch Masters April 29th

Limited foursomes and sponsorship opportunities available!

MONARCH MASTERS - APRIL 29TH 10 AM, MacGREGOR DOWNS COUNTRY CLUB

Join us for an exclusive StMM experience at the award-winning MacGregor Downs golf course! Gather your team of one, two, or four for 18 holes of golf, complete with breakfast, cart, and lunch. Whether you bring guests, colleagues, or family, don't wait to register before spots fill up. With a captain's choice format, everyone can enjoy, regardless of their golfing prowess! For more information, please visit STMMgolf.com, or register HERE.

MONARCH MASTERS - SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!!

We welcome family and business sponsors and will thank you with a customized sign with your logo or family name. Sponsor <u>HERE</u> and a

CRS Rice Bowls Collection

CRS RICE BOWLS: Completing Our Lenten Almsgiving:

As we draw our Lenten sacrifices to a close, please do not forget to submit your donation to CRS Rice Bowls. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas.

Please submit your Rice Bowl donation through the StMM Giving Portal.

Go online to <u>stmm.church</u> and choose "Giving Portal" at the top. Fill in the "Give" box with your donation amount. The "To" box says Offertory, click there for a drop down menu, and scroll down and click on "Rice Bowls." Add your email address in the box provided.

It may ask you to sign in or complete as guest, simply follow the prompts from there to complete.

If your child attends StMM School or a faith formation program, please follow the collection plan for your child's program.

Frassati Young Adult

The Frassati Young Adult group is a community of 20 and 30 year olds. We meet for prayer, fellowship, and service activities. Email frassati@stmm.net for more information and to be added to our email list. Our upcoming events are:

May 1: Adoration 7pm-7:30pm in Chapel; Meeting at 7:30pm in Room 3

Saturday, May 11: Spring Celebration at Harris Lake County Park, email <u>frassati@stmm.net</u> for more details

May 15 at 7pm in Room 3 Topic TBD June 5 at 7pm in Room 3 Topic TBD

Adult Faith Refresher/ Confirmation Prep

Do you wish you had a better understanding of your faith so you can lead a more joyful life? Do you feel like you aren't able to connect the dots with all you've learned?

Then come join me and your fellow parishioners for a dynamic six-week series that will enhance your daily spiritual life.

We typically get a small group of participants together for what is more discussion and less lecture.

member of the PSO will reach out for your logo, if applicable. We also welcome prizes for golfers if your family or business can donate a gift certificate, tickets to an event, wine, golf products, etc. Contact <u>Brian Meljac</u> with sponsorship questions and donations.

Shrimp Boil April 27th

Shrimp Boil April 27th! - Knights of Columbus Council 7186 is proud to host our 6th Annual Shrimp Boil at St. Mary Magdalene on Saturday, April 27, 2024. All proceeds go to supporting individuals in our community with intellectual disabilities. Great Food, Live Music, Great Beer, and a Great Cause.

Go to www.kofcseafoodboil.com and place your order today! Supplies are limited at the

Prayers & Squares Ministry



The Prayer Quilt Ministry is founded on the idea that there is power in prayer to comfort in times of need. The ministry makes quilts for anyone who is in need of this prayer and comfort. The quilt is

blessed and prayed over by the parishioners. If you would like to request a prayer quilt for someone please contact Lorraine Morris at lemorris0707@gmail.com

Join the Columbiettes



Mulholland Columbiettes Auxiliary at StMM: Join us April 24!

Are you a Catholic woman 18 years of age or older, looking for a way to give back to your

community and grow in faith? Would you like to make new friends with other Catholic women, serve together and pray together? Then the Columbiettes is for you. We are a band of sisters, a network of women in communities throughout the US doing good works in service

The next series begins on April 17 and runs five more consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Please contact me if you wish to join! stevens@stmm.me or 908-910-0309 NOTE: THIS SERIES ALSO SERVES AS CONFIRMATION PREP FOR ADULTS WISHING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT.

Eucharistic Adoration Times

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, May 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.



Pope Francis encourages us to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration and allow our encounter with Jesus to transform us. If you are willing to spend an hour

communing with our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament, please join Deacon Dev and your fellow parishioners the 1st Tuesday of each month in a spirit of Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication followed by Benediction. Handouts will be available to help you participate in prayer and song.

Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, May 7th, from 7-8pm

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 May 6, 2024. 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".

of God and our neighbors. We also have fun! You can meet many of us at our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and Game Night events. Our next Joining Ceremony is April 24. You can learn more about us at our website, or contact

fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com or Cathy Stevens at 908-910-0308. Website: https://frhcmulhollandcolu.wixsite.com/columbiettes7186

Prayer Team



For companionship in your trials and joys of life, our team of prayer warriors are here to walk with you. It is a sincere privilege to help lift our parish family through

intercessory prayer. As we pray for one another's needs, it helps us all to hear how loved ones are continuing on their journeys.

Please feel encouraged to share updates of your prayer intentions via email to <u>StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net</u>.

Request Prayers

All are welcome to join our team in lifting the prayers of our parish family, in whatever ways you like to pray best. Parish intentions are shared weekly, drop us a note if you would like to learn more about this ministry. * Share Prayer Updates via email. *

Join the Prayer Team

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please pray for the following catechumens and candidates as they prepare for the following Rites:

Ben will receive the Rite of Election on Sunday, April 21 at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Oletha, Denise, Dominick, and Hailey will receive the Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion on Sunday, April 21 at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Ben will receive Full Communion (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on Sunday, May 19 at the 9:00 AM Mass.

Oletha, Denise, Dominick, and Hailey will receive Confirmation and Holy Eucarist on Sunday, May 19 at the 9:00 AM Mass.

Please pray for all of those who are thinking of

starting the RCIA journey.

Faith Formation







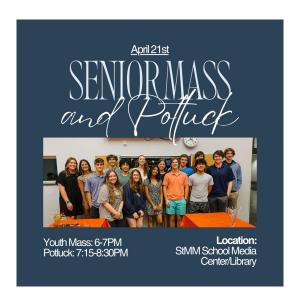


Questions:

For GATHER, contact Suzanne Will atwill@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

For the ROCK contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net.or 919-657-4800 x7307

StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry



On Sunday April 21St, our graduating High School Seniors will be honored at the final Youth Mass of the year! After Mass, all Seniors and their families are welcome to join us in the School Media Center for a potluck celebration!



Crew is our student leadership team at St. Mary Magdalene! All Confirmed teens entering 11th or 12th grade are eligible to apply! Details and commitments/expectations are listed in the application link

here. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlp QLScICY-oVrTkTWnjqUI6q2tLQyIB-6U0t9iWVUIqnj2aviJ6_g/viewform? usp=sf_link

Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Sarah Ritchie at <u>ritchie@stmm.net</u> or 919-657-4800 x7307

For Apostello and the Way, contact Niki Bordelon at bordelon@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7309

For Confirmation, contact StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com

School News



St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is accepting applications for the 24-25 school year in PreK4 and grades 6th-8th. Applications are closed for K-5th grade. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your chid(ren), apply HERE or contact Lisa Portland (portland@stmm.net) to schedule a tour!

School Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School invites you to join our school community as a substitute teacher. We offer competitive compensation, a great work environment, and a flexible work schedule to fit your life. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Kate Lawson at the school at lawson@stmm.net.

Aftercare Employment Opportunities

Hiring in Aftercare. Must be 18 years or older. Aftercare is looking for someone who enjoys children and who can commit to five days a week: Monday through Friday. We've got a great team and would welcome new people with open arms. Hours are 2:30pm to 6pm. Please email Kate Lawson at lawson@stmm.net if interested.

Town of Apex Housing Fair

HOUSING FAIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

TOWN HALL CAMPUS



Are you interested in buying a home, repairing an existing home, learning about affordable living options, or understanding your rights as a tenant? **THE HOUSING FAIR IS FOR YOU!**

Learn more: www.apexnc.org/housingfair or scan the QR code!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

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Home resource providers

Food trucks



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