
St. Mary Magdalene April 26, 2024

A Note from Father Chris

Good news for disciples this weekend in the Gospel. Disciples will have a blessed life. Are we disciples of Jesus Christ? Our answer usually can have a notion of being better disciples. We are believers, but can be better believers. The truth is that we can love better.

Living closer to Jesus Christ and understanding him can help us all. These beautiful Spring days of Easter can be a wonderful time of renewal. We encourage all to attend a daily Mass during this season. Spring into the blessings of offering grace before each meal. Be connected throughout the day to the power and love that Jesus can give us.

With much love and gratitude,

Fr. Chris

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Upcoming Events

April 27 - Confessions 10:30am
 April 27 - 5pm Mass
 April 27 - Altar Server Training 6pm Church
 April 28 - 9am & 11am Mass
 April 29 - Communion Service 9am
 April 29 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 May 1 - Daily Mass 9am
 May 1 - Frassati Young Adult 7pm Chapel
 May 2 - Daily Mass 9am
 May 2 - First Communion Rehearsal 6pm
 May 2 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
 May 3 - Daily Mass 9am
 May 3 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 7pm
 Church
 May 4 - No Confessions
 May 4 - First Communion Mass 10am
 May 4 - 5pm Mass
 May 5 - 9am & 11am Mass
 May 6 - Daily Mass 9am

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Alleluia Entrance Antiphon
Responsorial Psalm 22: I Will Praise You Lord
Preparation: Hold On To Love 496
Communion 1: Holy Spirit
Communion 2: Make Your Home In Me 622
Communion 3: Rest on Us
Sending Forth: Lead Me Lord 739

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Pictures of the Week



The Baptism of Chase Patrick Johnson on April 20th



The Baptism of Addison Faye Mayefskie on April 20th



The Baptism of Davis Michael Watzich of April 20th



The Baptism of Elias Peter Wall on April 20th



Father Chris with Elias Wall



The Baptism of Alicia Pike on April 21st



Mackenzie and Chris Morong's Convalidation and the Baptism of their son Casey on April 20th



Rebecca and Patrick Melton's Convalidation on April 19th



Last Edge Night of 2023-2024 School Year



The Mulholland Columbiettes welcomed 11 new sisters into the auxiliary on April 24. We are now nearly 100 members strong, doing good works, serving those in need, making new friends, and having fun! We welcome Catholic women 18 and over at any stage of life. No matter how busy you are - you CAN make a difference as a Columbiette. If you'd like to join us or just learn more about who we are, contact fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com, call Cathy Stevens at 908-910-0308, or visit our website <https://frhcmulhollandcolu.wixsite.com/columbiettes7186>

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

Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers were donated in honor of the Wombacher/McCraw wedding this weekend.

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

Mass Intentions

April 27– 5pm – In memory of George Stephen Dolak

April 28 – 9am – Parishioners of StMM

April 28 – 11am – Randy Awrey

April 29 – Keira Muller

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.

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.

Brick Order Is In!

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS ARE IN!!!

The 2024 brick order has been installed, take a stroll outside the

May 1 – In memory of Lyla Gabler
 May 2 – In memory of Margaret Chase
 May 3 – In memory of Eileen Fenton
 May 4 – 5pm – In memory of Anna and Peter Mastropolo
 May 5 – 9am – Parishioners of StMM
 May 5 – 11am – In Memory of Tatyana Nicole Taura
 May 6 – In memory of Charles Roba
 May 8 – In memory of Daniel Cukauskas
 May 9 – Tiffany Peck for Birthday
 May 10 – In memory of Barbara Cukauskas



Activity building to find yours. The next order will begin Spring 2025. The order form will be made available on the website in February.

Contact hoffman@stmm.net with any questions.

Columbiettes



Mulholland Columbiettes will be selling RADA products at the KofC Shrimp Boil on April 27 between 4 and 7 pm, Come see and buy gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Bridal Showers, Weddings, New

Home Gifts. If you can't make it to the Shrimp Boil you can browse our Catalog at <http://www.RadaFundraising.com> Enter Columbiettes 7186 -- profits will benefit StMM School and Parish. Made in the USA for 75 years with a Lifetime Guarantee.

We are also selling rosary bracelets for men, women and children!

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 l.a.petersen@gmail.com.

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

Forward In Hope



Forward in Hope - Grief Support Group to Begin
 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

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 door.

Monarch Masters April 29th Only One Foursome Left

ONLY ONE FOURSOME LEFT! Contact [Brian Meljac](#) by Sunday if interested.

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!

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

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](#).

Respect Life Ministry

May is the month of Mary and includes mothers' day. To honor Our Blessed Mother the Respect Life ministry invites each family to join us in offering prayers and flowers to Mary on **May 4th and 5th**. Before or after Mass you are invited to come to the table in the gathering space where there will be pens and paper to write down a prayer intention for thanksgiving for her motherly love and intercession. Also, pick up one flower per family to place in the vase beside Mary statue in the front of the church sanctuary.

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 2-8pm: Spring Picnic at Harris Lake County Park,
email frassati@stmm.net for more details

May 18: Hike and strawberry picking,
email frassati@stmm.net for more details

June 5 at 7pm in Room 3 Topic TBD

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 ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-

ministry! A training session for new servers will be held on **Saturday, April 27th at 6pm** in the Church. If any existing servers need a "refresher," they are also welcome to join. Please RSVP to Andree Genez at stmmaltarservers@gmail.com. Parents are encouraged to attend!

Catholic Senior Organization

The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for women and men (60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, May 20, 2024, 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM, in Church meeting rooms #3 and #4. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com

Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment



Our last regular meeting is next Sunday, May 5 at 12:15 pm in Room 3. We will continue with the BETTER TOGETHER program from Dynamic Catholic. This program meets couples where they are and equips them with the tools they need to build lasting, happy, and faith-filled marriages. It was created to resonate with couples at every stage of their relationship—whether they just got engaged or have been married for years. The program comes with a workbook and videos that we follow. Each video session includes group discussions. The sessions are independent and you can join us at any time. This month's topic is **The Most Important Word**.

If you have any questions or need more information please email Russeil and Vanita Reeve stmmchrysalis@gmail.com

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 StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net.

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"*.

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

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 lcmorris0707@gmail.com

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 Eucharist 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





PROGRAMS OFF FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

**Registration Opens online
July 1st**

www.stmm.church/religious-ed/

Questions: will@stmm.net
(919) 657-4800 x 7280



THANK YOU

To All our Parent
Volunteers & Core
Team Leaders for
serving at the First
Communion Retreat

Fr. Chris blessed bread
for our retreat participants
to share with their families

Questions:


For **GATHER**, contact Suzanne Will at will@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

April 21st

SENIOR MASS and Potluck



Youth Mass: 6-7PM
Potluck: 7:15-8:30PM

Location:
StMM School Media
Center/Library

CREW LEADER APPLICATIONS OPEN



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/1FAIpQLScICY-oVrTkTWnjqUI6q2tLQyIB-6U0t9iWVUlnj2aviJ6_g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net 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

School Employment Opportunities



Limited Seats available
in **PreK4** for the
24-25 school year!



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 child(ren), apply [HERE](#) or contact Lisa Portland (portland@stmm.net) to schedule a tour!

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.

Cardinal Gibbons Play May 3rd

Labor of Love

—The Story of the Nazareth Orphanage—



Written by Drama III Honors and Drama IV Honors

STUDIO THEATER - FREE ADMISSION

MAY 3RD AT 4:30 PM
RECEPTION IN LOBBY TO FOLLOW

For more information, contact Susan Leigh at susanleigh@cghsnc.org
or Emily Sartori at emilysartori@cghsnc.org

Students and teachers at Cardinal Gibbons High School worked with individuals who lived at the Nazareth Orphanage, also known as the Catholic Orphanage, to create a short play telling the story of this very special place in parish history. Most of the Nazareth Orphanage residents who shared their story for this play are also alumni of Cathedral Latin/Cardinal Gibbons High School.

Cardinal Gibbons invites you to an original play featuring the story of Nazareth Orphanage, founded by Father Thomas Price in 1899 on Western Boulevard, the current site of Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. Admission is free and open to all.

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