

St. Mary Magdalene August 25, 2023

A Note from Father Chris

Jesus builds his church on solid rock. The family is a foundation for the sharing in the kingdom of God. The family is growing in the unity of the Holy Spirit: which means our family is growing in many ways here at St. Mary Magdalene Church.

Please look for ways to share in the life of Jesus Christ by celebrating the sacraments. Our faith formation programs are available for all ages.

Many blessings!

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

Upcoming Events

August 26 - Blood Drive 9am - 2pm
August 26 - Confessions 10:30am
August 26 - 5pm Mass
August 27 - 9am & 11am Mass
August 27 - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training 4:30pm Church
August 28 - Daily Mass 9am
August 28 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
August 30 - Daily Mass 9am
August 31 - Daily Mass 9am
August 31 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
September 1 - Daily Mass 9am
September 1 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Chapel
September 2 - No Confessions
September 2 - 5pm Mass
September 3 - 9am & 11am Mass
September 4 - Parish Office Closed for Labor Day
September 4 - No Daily Mass
September 4 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

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

Mass This Weekend

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

New Mass Music Link Here: [New Music Link](#)

Many parishioners have asked for the notated music for the new mass we are singing at StMM. Follow this link on Google Drive and download a PDF to your phone.

Music for the Weekend Masses

Gathering: A Rightful Place 741

Psalm 138: In the Sight of Angels

Preparation: In Christ Alone

Communion 1: I Am the Bread of Life/Come and Follow Me 349

Communion 2: I Shall Not Want

Communion 3: Gratitude

Sending Forth: Go Make a Difference 499

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Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass

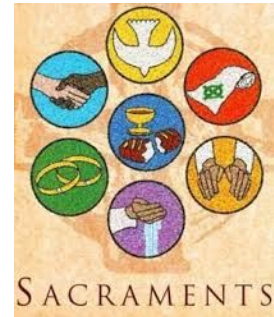
There will be two stations available outside in the drive thru at the portico for communion following the 9:00 am Mass for those at-risk and those receiving gluten free hosts.

Sacraments

BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email 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



Pictures of the Week





Baptism of Madison Fox on August 19th



Wedding of Janelle and Roberto Cruz- Valdez on August 19th



5pm Mass



9am Mass



11am Mass

Blood Drive August 26th

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: Saturday August 26th 9:00am to 2:00 pm in the school parking lot. The need is constant, the gratification is instant, give blood by reserving your donor time on the following link:

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/207299

All donors will receive a \$35.00 E-gift card.

Children's Choir

Hey kids, we're taking a break from singing for a bit. We'll be back on Thursday, September 7th at 4:30 in the church.

There will be two options a week for practice. Tuesdays at 5:30pm and Thursdays at 4:30pm. Pick the one that works best for you.

Don't worry if you can't make it to every practice. We'll send you the songs so you can practice at home. If you haven't done it yet, please sign up

here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3KqdeqHDmoAifVcUzMYS2ldL83DRUYUFT8Y8Z6zoWk4ionA/viewform?usp=sf_link

That way, we can add you to our Children's Choir email list.

Remember, this is not a drop off event, so parents please stay with your children while we practice.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training



Answer the call to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion!

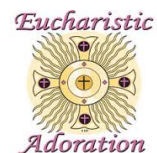
Extraordinary ministers assist the Presider with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. With the re-introduction of both species, **we need many more ministers** if Holy Communion is to be distributed in an efficient and reverent manner at StMM. All parishioners who are practicing confirmed Catholics may become Eucharistic Ministers.

Training has been scheduled in the Church for **Sunday, August 27th at 4.30pm**. Please RSVP to Lisa Westberg at lwestberg13@gmail.com.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Adoration will be in the chapel on Friday, September 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 or 919-280-8931 if interested.



Eucharistic Holy Hour First and Third Tuesdays



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, September 5th, from 7- 8pm

Tuesday Daytime Bible Study

Tuesdays from 1-3 pm in the St. MM Church Building Rooms 3-4. Reading and questions to do at home. Discussion and videos when we are together.

The first study will be **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass** with Ed Sri. This study will be 5 weeks starting on Sept. 5, 2023.

Our second study will be **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** with Ed Sri. This study will be 8 weeks starting on Oct. 17, 2023

Please contact Laurie Wendt about ordering the materials and more information. lauriewendt@gmail.com or cell #919-669-9455

StMM Book Club

The STMM Book Club is a group of parishioners that reads and discusses a selection of fiction and nonfiction books. We read a wide variety of books and share them with our Catholic faith as a basis of discussion. This summer we have been reading *Mere Christianity* by CS Lewis. We will be discussing this book on September 6 at 12:30, in the church meeting room. If you would like more information, or would like to be added to our email list, please send your name to amdudzinski@gmail.com

Mulholland Columbiettes

We invite you to join our Mulholland Columbiettes, IF you...

...are a Catholic woman 18 years of age or older, looking for a way to support your Parish, give back to our community and grow in faith, if you

...would like to meet and make friends with other Catholic women that you can play and pray together with

...would like to enrich your life spiritually, charitably and socially

If this describes you, then the Columbiettes is for you. We are a band of sisters, a network of women in communities throughout the United States dedicated to doing good, in the service of God and our neighbors. We also partner with the Knights of Columbus on selected activities and fundraisers.

We have a brand new auxiliary right here at St. Mary Magdalene church! Women from all local parishes are invited to join us. If you'd like more information, email us at fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com or contact Cathy Stevens at 908-910-0308. Additional information on the national organization can be found at www.columbiettes.com

Confirm, Refresh & Renew Your Catholic Faith!

If you're like many Catholics, you went through your Catechism classes dutifully... If you're like many Catholics, you learned about faith, scripture, and the teachings of the Church. But maybe not about how it all fits together. Would you like to gain a life-changing perspective and enrich your faith? Would you like to apply your understanding of the faith to live a more joyful life?

Then come join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for a dynamic series that is designed to apply these concepts to everyday life. THIS SERIES ALSO SERVES AS FORMAL PREPARATION FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES. We meet 6 consecutive Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm.

THE NEXT SERIES BEGINS AUGUST 30, 2023. Please note that this will be the last series for 2023. For more details or to sign up, contact Deacon Rick at 908-910-0309 or by e-mail at Stevens@stmm.me.

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please pray for Matt, Robbie, Susan, Whitney, Randal, Max, Jake, Tessa, and Paul.

Please pray for Heather, Cay Sea, Jonathon, Tania and Bill, who will receive the Rite of Acceptance/Rite of Welcoming on September 10th at the 9 AM Mass.

Also please pray for Karen and Julie who are continuing their journey.

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 October 9, 2023. 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 StMM 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 StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net.

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 and Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry

Do you know anyone who is in need of prayers? We make personalized lap sized prayer quilts for each recipient. To request a quilt for someone, please contact Lorraine Morris at lcmorris0707@gmail.com

Faith Formation



Gather Registration
Link

Rock Registration
Link

FIRST NIGHT OF GATHER & ROCK



9/26/23
6:15 pm

GATHER & ROCK

SUBSTITUTES & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare two nights a month to help pass along the faith? We need you!
email: will@stmm.net



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

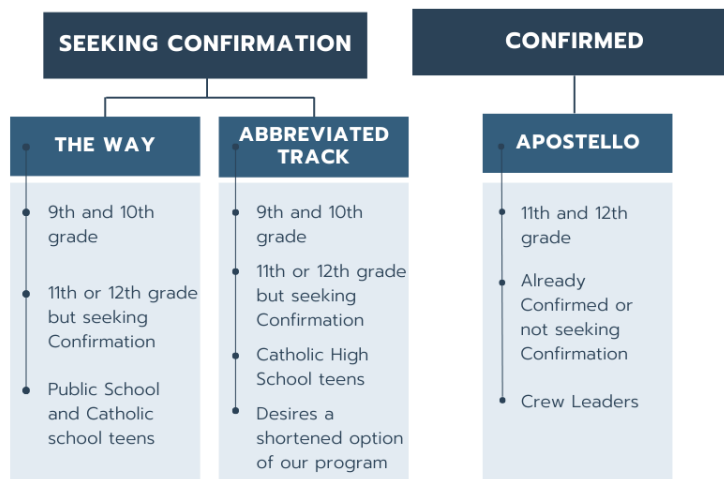
StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry

Edge Registration
Link



Want to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? Attn all Confirmed Catholics! Our parish has re-introduced the precious blood as part of the liturgy of the Eucharist! And that means that we need to train more Eucharistic ministers to serve at our youth Mass. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for Sunday, August 27th at 4:30pm for EM training in the Church! See you there!

STMM HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS WHICH IS RIGHT FOR ME?



[The Way Registration Link](#)

[Abbreviated Track Registration Link](#)

[Apostello Registration Link](#)

JOIN OUR CORE TEAM FOR EDGE AND THE WAY



APPLY TODAY!

It takes an army of adult volunteers to run our youth ministry! If you want to join, or you're Interested In learning more, please fill out the Interest form below

CoreTeam:

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SAVE THE DATES

AUGUST 18-20	HIGH SCHOOL BEACH RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 8-10	MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CORE TEAM RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 17	FIRST NIGHT OF EDGE AND THE WAY

*****REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 5TH

FOLLOW US!

STMM YM ON INSTAGRAM

@thewaystmm
@stmm.edge
@stmm.apostello

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



Thank you to the StMM Parish Ministry, the Knights of Columbus, for serving our StMM teachers at their Back to School Teacher Tailgate! We greatly appreciate the continued support from this ministry to our StMM Teachers & Events throughout the year!

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.

If you enjoy working with children and want to push their education further, join StMM's Aftercare Team! Support students' educational journey with weekly educational lessons and creativity periods, while building their relationships with others. Flexible hours, including full-time or part-time hours are available! Please email Ms. Jordan at jordan@stmm.net for more information or to apply!

Walking with Purpose

Walking with Purpose – An Opportunity for Women

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Would you like to connect with other women in our community? Do you feel that you are doing so much but none of it very well? We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose this fall at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church. We are offering both daytime and evening sessions. No previous experience is necessary. Just come as you are—with your questions, doubts, joys, and hopes. We have an empty chair and a cup of coffee waiting just for you. Learn more and register here: <https://www.saintandrew.org/walking-with-purpose/>.

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