
St. Mary Magdalene December 1, 2023

A Note from Father Chris

Advent begins! We are invited to prepare for our Messiah. This special time of family and togetherness is strengthened by our practice of our faith.

This **Thursday, December 7th** we will celebrate a community Penance Service at **7:00pm at St. Andrews Church in Apex**. Multiple priests will be on hand to help us celebrate reconciliation and prepare for the coming of Christmas.

We are reducing the mortgage and planning for the future. Please consider giving a Christmas donation to St. Mary Magdalene Church this year.

Many blessings to your family,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

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Upcoming Events

December 1 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 5pm Chapel
 December 1 - Christmas Pageant Promises Promised 5:30pm Church
 December 2 - Confessions 10:30am
 December 2 - 5pm Mass
 December 3 - 9am & 11am Mass
 December 3 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
 December 3 - Youth Mass 6pm
 December 4 - Daily Mass 9am
 December 4 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 December 5 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
 December 6 - Daily Mass 9am
 December 6 - Frassati Young Adult Group 7pm Chapel
 December 7 - Daily Mass 9am
 December 7 - Luke-Acts Bible Study for everyone (contact Deacon Dev at lobo@stmm.net)
 December 8 - Parish Office Closed
 December 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass 9am & 7pm
 December 9 - Confessions 10:30am
 December 9-10 - Columbiette Bake Sale & Gift Bazaar Narthex
 December 9 - 5pm Mass
 December 10 - 9am & 11am Mass
 December 10 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
 December 10 - Youth Mass 6pm

Mass This Weekend

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

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

Follow this link on Google Drive and download a PDF to your phone.

Music for the Weekend Masses

Gathering: Advent Entrance Antiphon pg 31

Psalm 80: Lord Make Us Turn To You

Preparation: Canvas and The Clay

Communion 1: O Come O Come Emmanuel 39

Communion 2: Christ Be Our Light 599

Communion 3: Restless

Sending Forth: Emmanuel 58

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Pictures of the Week



Monsignor Staib shared the history of St. MM Church with the Frassati Young Adult group and told us about the unique features of the church. To learn more about the Frassati Young Adult Group, email frassati@stmm.net



The winner of the Knights of Columbus Council; #7186 Catholic Essay contest is Claire Curliss / 11th Grader at Cardinal Gibbons / Graduate of St Mary Magdalene Catholic School.



Geraldine and Art Klaum celebrated their 40th Anniversary



Happy Birthday to Sarah Ritchie, our middle school youth minister



Erlinda and Devin McCollom celebrated their 29th Wedding Anniversary



Altar Flowers

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

Advent Penance Services

Dec 5th - St. Bernadette 7pm
Dec 6th - St. Catherine of Siena 10am
Dec 6th - St. Francis of Assisi 7pm
Dec 7th - St. Bernadette 11am
Dec 7th - St. Andrew 7pm
Dec 13th - Our Lady of Lourdes 11am
Dec 13th - St. Michael 7pm
Dec 15th - St. Michael 11am
Dec 15th - St. Catherine of Siena 7pm
Dec 19th - St. Luke 11am
Dec 19th - Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral 7pm
Dec 20th - St. Raphael 7pm

Mulholland Columbiettes Advent Bake Sale & Gift Bazaar Dec 9-10



Check out our EARLY BIRD sale and the chance to purchase our premiere bestseller gifts and baked goods - begins at 2 pm Saturday (12/9) in the StMM PIAZZA!

Get your holiday baking and shopping done right here at StMM, while enjoying fellowship with your parish family!

- Delicious, home-baked cookies, cakes, pies, breads, pastries and candies (nut-free)
 - Beautifully crafted, one-of-a-kind [rosary bracelets blessed by Father Chris](#) -perfect gifts for men, women and children
 - Quality RADA cutlery and kitchen goods (USA-made for 75 years) for the cooks on your gift list – buy at sale or order online at www.RADAFundraising.com – enter 'Columbiettes 7186'
 - Handmade collectible Christmas ornaments
 - Gift basket raffle
- Event hours: Saturday, 12/9 from 2 pm – 7 pm

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

Helping Hands Angel Tree

Ornaments for the Angel Tree will be available in the narthex at all Masses on December 2/3. All gifts/donations are due back no later than the weekend of December 16/17. Members of the Helping Hands Ministry will be available for any questions you might have.

This year, we will serve the following groups through this effort:
Catholic Parish Outreach
St. Julia's parish in Siler City
St. Bernadette' Parish Migrant Ministry
The Gabriel Project
Women that Care and
Western Wake Crisis Ministry.

Pastoral Council Nominations

The Pastoral Council (Parish Council) is seeking four new members for the 2024 through 2026 term. The Pastoral Council is responsible for reviewing and evaluating key details pertaining to Pastoral activities at St. Mary Magdalene. In addition, the Council shall provide support for the efforts of the Pastor, the parish staff, the parish ministries and the parish community.

To be eligible for the Pastoral Council, one must be:

- in full communion with the Catholic Church,
- at least 18 years old,
- a registered parishioner in good standing of St. Mary Magdalene Parish for a minimum of one year.

Individuals serving in leadership roles in other parish committees, boards, commissions, or ministries are not eligible to serve on the Pastoral Council.

Persons related to individuals currently serving on the Council or serving as ministry heads are

and Sunday, 12/10 before and after all Masses
Location: StMM narthex and outdoor piazza
Prices: Ranging from \$1 to \$20; cash or check only
Proceeds will benefit StMM church, chapel and school improvement projects. For more information, visit our [website](#) or email us at fr.hcmullhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com



Christmas Choir

Sing in the Choir for Christmas!

Come and sing in the Choir for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day! Have you wanted to be in choir but never had the time? Everyone knows Christmas carols, so join the choir for this joyful day! Come to 1 or 2 Wednesday rehearsals: December 13th or 20th at 7pm in the Church.

Christmas Flower Donations

Please consider donating flowers to St. Mary Magdalene to beautify the altar and church during the Advent and Christmas season.

You can donate flowers either "in memory of" or "in honor of" your loved ones. Please note this in the comments on the sign up.

For sign up link, click [here](#).

To donate, click [here](#). Choose "Flowers (Christmas)".

Eucharistic Adoration Times



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

not eligible

The Council meets monthly on the second Monday of the month at 7pm, in Church meeting room #1. It is important that any selected member be willing and able to attend these meetings in person. Each member selected shall serve a 3 year term, starting in February 2024.

Interested parishioners should submit their name, address, email, and phone number to our Parish Secretary, Deb Prewitt, by January 1, 2024. Deb's email is prewitt@stmm.net.

For more information, please contact Carol Marino (carolmarino@usa.net), or Deb Prewitt (prewitt@stmm.net)

Dynamic Catholic Corner

DISCOVER JESUS' RADICAL INVITATION FOR YOU THIS ADVENT!

Jesus was a radical. His life was radical. His death was radical. His teachings were radical. And he has a radical invitation for you. Discover what the radical and relevant wisdom of Jesus can mean for your Christmas...and the rest of your life.

Sign up for [BEST ADVENT EVER](#) and make the radical choice to slow down and spend just a few minutes each day immersed in God's word.

BE BOLD. BE CATHOLIC.

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

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.

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, December 5th, from 7- 8pm

First Friday Adoration will be in the chapel on Friday, **December 1 from 9:30am - 5pm..** All are encouraged to pay a visit to the chapel 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.

Children's Choir

From now on, Children's Choir will only meet on Tuesdays on the weeks there is Gather. We'll meet from 5:30pm-6:10pm and we will have pizza before Gather. at 6:15pm

- Children's Choir will also meet on Thursdays from 5pm -6pm
- Children's Choir will sing at the Christmas Eve Mass at 4pm in the Church.

St. Nick Shoe & Sock Drive Dec 4-8

During this season of giving, StMM's second grade students are asking you to help families in need by donating new or gently used shoes/sneakers, new socks, and men's new work boots. Donations will be accepted from Dec. 4-8 in boxes located in the school lobby. Please tie shoelaces together or put them in a plastic bag. Brown Bag Ministry distributes all of our donations. Thank you for supporting this important second grade service project!

Adult Faith Refresher

Please feel encouraged to share updates of your prayer intentions via email to StMMPayerTeam@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

Frassati Young Adult Group



Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join the Frassati Young Adult Group.

December 6: Adoration in Chapel at 7pm; Assemble kits to give to homeless starting at 7:30pm in Room 3

December 9 at 3pm: Advent Party, email frassati@stmm.net for location

December 13 at 7pm in Room 3: Advent reflection

December 16 8:30am-11:30am: Volunteer at Oak City Cares; limited space, email frassati@stmm.net to reserve your spot

December 30 8:30am-11:30am Volunteer at Oak City Cares; limited space, email frassati@stmm.net to reserve your spot

To learn more about Frassati or to join our email list, email frassati@stmm.net

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please pray for Daniel and Perry who will receive the Rite of Welcoming/Rite of Acceptance on December 10th at the 11 AM Mass.

Please pray for Heather, Cay Sea, Jonathon and Bill who will receive the Rites of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on January 20 at the 5 PM Mass.

Please pray for all of those who are thinking of starting the RCIA journey.

RCIA

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.

LOOK FOR ANOTHER SERIES TO BEGIN IN JANUARY. For more details or to sign up, contact Deacon Rick at 908-910-0309 or by e-mail at Stevens@stmm.me.



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 January 8, 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".

Faith Formation



Guidelines

1. Sign up for an item in the sign up genius
2. Please wrap any small items in larger boxes to keep from getting lost
3. Wrap all gifts and label with the gift label code
4. Include gift receipts
5. Check-in all presents in the Youth Room



Drop Off

- **The Way & EDGE:**
Sunday Dec. 3rd at 5:30pm and 7pm
- **Gather & The Rock:**
Tuesday Dec. 12th from 5:45-6:15PM



Click [here](#) to donate an item.

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



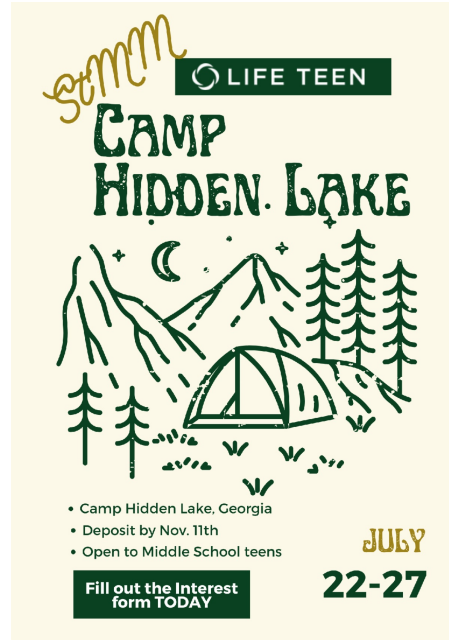
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Click [here](#) to complete interest form

Click [here](#) to sign up for an item.



February Retreat is FULL!



Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

Applications for St Mary Magdalene's annual summer service trip with Appalachia Service Project (ASP) are OPEN NOW! Appalachia Service Project is a non-profit focused on making homes warmer, safer, and drier through home repair, and community building through relational ministry. The service trip is open to any current high schoolers involved in youth ministry at StMM, as well as any StMM adults willing to serve and work with high schoolers. Applications are due by January 5th at 11:59pm. Apply [here](#)! For questions or more information, please reach out to Meredith McElroy, StMM ASP Trip Coordinator, at asp@stmm.me. To stay the most up to date, follow our Instagram [@stmmas](#)

ASP Applications are NOW OPEN: [StMM ASP 2024 Application \(google.com\)](#)

Questions:

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

School News



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.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is accepting applications for the 24-25 school year in grades PreK3-8th. 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!

Western Wake Crisis Ministry Volunteers

Western Wake Crisis Ministry (1600 Olive Chapel Road) needs volunteers to help clients with Financial Assistance. Shifts (3-hour) are available mornings and afternoons, Monday through Thursday. No experience necessary as all volunteers are trained on-site. Please contact Melinda Race: melinda.race@wwcm.org

CPO "Honor" Cards



Give gifts that reflect the true meaning of Christmas! Purchase a Christmas "Honor" Card in the name of a loved one for a \$10

donation or more (\$40 feeds a family of 4 for 1 week). Honor the special people on your holiday gift list by donating to CPO and we will send a beautiful Christmas card designed by CPO Volunteer/StMM parishioner, Natalia Barnack in their name. Information on how to order cards can be found at www.cporaleigh.org or call Catholic Parish Outreach at 919-873-0245 x2300. Forms may be available in the narthex. Catholic Parish Outreach 2013 Raleigh Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27604

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