
St. Mary Magdalene December 29, 2023

A Note from Father Chris

Happy New Year! We celebrate the Holy Family as we enter into the newness of life with Jesus Christ. We have received the gift of the child Jesus and are ready to start our year with love and hopefulness.

Every family needs a kind, compassionate, and loving member of the family. We can all be that person in our circle of life.

Many thanks for the wonderful Christmas celebrations at the church this year. Your participation at church is a life giving present that promotes goodness, truth and love. Many blessings for 2024!

Love,

Fr. Chris

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Upcoming Events

December 29 - Jan 1 Parish Office Closed
December 30 - No Confessions
December 30 - 5pm Mass
December 31 - 9am & 11am Mass
January 1 - Solemnity of Mary Mass 10am
January 2 - No Holy Hour
January 3 - Daily Mass 9am
January 4 - Daily Mass 9am
January 4 - Morning Rosary 9:30am
January 5 - Daily Mass 9am
January 5 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church
January 6 - First Reconciliation Retreat 8:30am Activity Building
January 6 - Confessions 10:30am
January 6 - 5pm Mass
January 7 - 9am & 11am Mass
January 7 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
January 7 - Youth Mass 6pm
January 8 - Daily Mass 9am
January 8 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
January 9 - Gather and the ROCK 6:15pm Church

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 Weekend Masses

Gathering: Angels We Have Heard On High 87

Responsorial Psalm 105: The Lord Remembers His Covenant

Preparation: Child of The Poor/What Child Is This 96

Communion 1: Hark The Herald Angels Sing 102

Communion 2: Away In A Manger 76

Sending Forth: Go Tell It On The Mountain 82

Picture of the Week



Alisa and Craig Wilson's convalidation on December 22nd

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

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.

memory of your loved one. Click [here](#).
For questions, please contact
floralministry@stmm.net

Adult Faith Refresher

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.

The next series runs begins on January 3 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.

Frassati Young Adult Group



The Frassati Young Adult group has the following activities planned:

Friday, Jan 5 at 7pm: Game Night in Youth Room at St. MM

Wednesday, Jan 17 at 7pm in Room 3:

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

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 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)

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

Assemble soup kits that will be distributed to people in need of food in our area.

at icmorris0707@gmail.com

Saturday, Jan 20 afternoon: Bonfire

For more information about Frassati or to join our email list, email frassati@stmm.net.

Eucharistic Adoration Times



The 3rd Tuesday of each month, please join Deacon Rick for Eucharistic Holy Hour and Evening Prayer.

This sacred time is an opportunity for a deep, personal encounter with Christ: Pope Francis recommends Eucharistic Adoration as a foundational spiritual practice. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by evening prayer (Vespers) in the Liturgy of The Hours which represents the official prayers of the Church. We give thanks for the day and praise God. Adoration continues followed by Benediction.

Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, January 16th, from 7- 8pm

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **January 5th 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.

Blood Drive Jan 20th

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: No one has ever become poor by giving. Help save lives. Donate blood.

Saturday January 20th 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in the StMM school parking lot.

Reserve your time by clicking on the following link: https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/226276

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.

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



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".

RCIA Prayer Corner

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 Daniel and Perry who will receive the Rite of Election and Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversions on February 18, 2024

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

Faith Formation

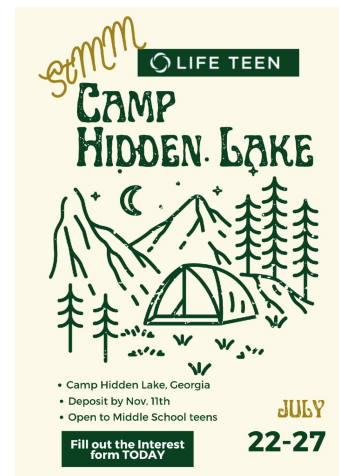


Questions:

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



Open to all current 6th graders, 7th and 8th graders. We will spend a week at Camp Hidden lake with Life teen ministries doing fun activities throughout the day such as a climbing wall, swimming with water trampolines, and ropes course! At night we have an awesome speaker,

praise and worship with a live band and prayer time.

Only 7 spots left!

Click [here](#) to complete interest form



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

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

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

Boy Scout Troop 316

Did you know that STMM is the home of Boy Scout Troop 316? Some of our recent adventures include caving, white water rafting, canoeing and we are preparing to go Skiing in January. Scouts offers a wide range of opportunities to our youth in leadership, teamwork, self-reliance, citizenship, service and a wide range of fun activities. We meet on Monday nights at 7:00 in the StMM cafeteria and are open to boys 6th grade and up. To find out more visit a meeting or contact Chris Patterson, Scoutmaster – 919-389-4338

/ chris@pattersonplace.org or Rod Gunter, Committee Chair – 919-812-4329

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