
St. Mary Magdalene December 8, 2023

A Note from Father Chris

Advent proclaims baptism and the forgiveness of sins. We are invited to prepare for the second coming of the Lord. Our preparation includes the resolution of conflicts. Conflicts within us and within our circle of life need to be tended so we can participate in God's kingdom with new energy.

Please help our young people know the happiness of giving. Encourage them with our own example to thank caregivers, teachers, and siblings during this season of love.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

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Upcoming Events

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 9-10 - Second Collection for Retired Religious
 December 9 - 5pm Mass
 December 10 - 9am & 11am Mass
 December 10 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
 December 10 - Youth Mass 6pm
 December 11 - Daily Mass 9am
 December 11 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 December 12 - Gather and the Rock 6:15pm Church
 December 13 - Daily Mass 9am
 December 13 - Frassati Young Adult Group 7pm Chapel
 December 14 - Daily Mass 9am
 December 14 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
 December 15 - Daily Mass 9am
 December 16 - Confessions 10:30am
 December 16 - 5pm Mass
 December 17 - 9am & 11am Mass

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 36

Responsorial Psalm: 85 Lord Let Us See

Preparation: The Lion and The Lamb

Eucharistic Acclamations: 879-884

Communion 1: O Come O Come Emmanuel 39

Communion 2: I Have Loved You 618

Communion 3: Canvas and Clay

Sending Forth: Emmanuel 58

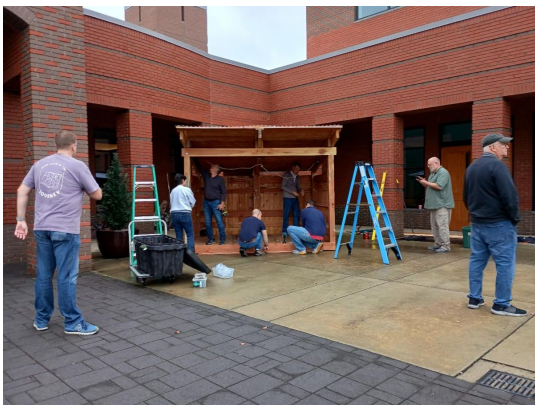
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Pictures of the Week





The Baptism of William Nicholas Miller on December 2nd



The Knights of Columbus setup the nativity on the piazza.



Thank you to the CSO for helping with the Christmas mailing

Christmas Flowers

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 signup.

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

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

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

Advent Penance Services

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 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.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com



StMM Christmas Magnets

"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 9/10. 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.

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)

Dynamic Catholic Corner

For those Parishioners who were not able to collect their StMM Christmas Magnet from the Parish Council or would like one for a second vehicle, the magnets will be in a box at the Welcome desk in Narthex. Please help yourself.

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.

Marriage Enrichment Chrysalis

Married couples join us in a series of Marriage Enrichment skills and for mutual support in married life. These sessions are for all married or engaged couples.

This week we are having a potluck Christmas social at a member couple's house. The whole family is invited. If you would like to attend please contact Russell and Vanita Reeve at the email below for details.

For our next regular meeting in January, 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.

Future session dates are: January 21, February 25, March 17, April 14 and May 5.

If you have any questions or need more information please email Russeil and Vanita

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.

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Respect Life Ministry

In the spirit of the season, the Respect Life ministry is once again creating Christmas cards for seniors who reside in assisted living centers across Apex. All parish youth are invited to participate. Please drop off hand-made Christmas cards in the marked gift bags in the church gathering space after weekend Masses **no later than 12 noon on Sunday, December 17**. The ministry will be delivering the cards that afternoon. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Catholic Senior Organization

The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for women and men (60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our annual Christmas Party will take place on Tuesday, December 19, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM at the Apex Senior Center, 63 Hunter St, Apex. For additional information, please contact Fran Hughes gmomfran@gmail.com

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, December 19th, 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 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.

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 lc Morris0707@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.

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 13 at 7pm-Adoration in Chapel (7-7:30pm) followed by Advent Study in Room 3 (starting at 7:30pm)

December 30 8:30am-11:30am Volunteer at

Oak City Cares; limited space,
email frassati@stmm.net by Dec 18 to reserve
your spot

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

Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project Ministry volunteers are walking alongside 17 mothers. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make the Giving Tree a success. We will be receiving 130 donations and are able to give each member of the families we are serving a clothing item as well as a special gift. This is a friendly reminder, if you picked up any tags from the Giving Tree, please bring your donation to St. Mary Magdalene by Sunday, December 17th.

Adult Faith Refresher

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.

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



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



Christmas Project Collection TUESDAY

Thank you all for your generosity with this year's Christmas Project.

Please be reminded that drop off is 5:45 - 6:15 pm this Tuesday, 12/12/23 in the **Youth Room located in the Activities Building**.



STMM YOUTH MINISTRIES
Christmas Project

In partnership with Friends of Wake County Courthouse at Liberty Program serving children in Wake County

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 1:30pm and 7pm
- Gather @ The Rock: Tuesday Dec. 10th from 5:45-6:15PM



NEXT night of Gather

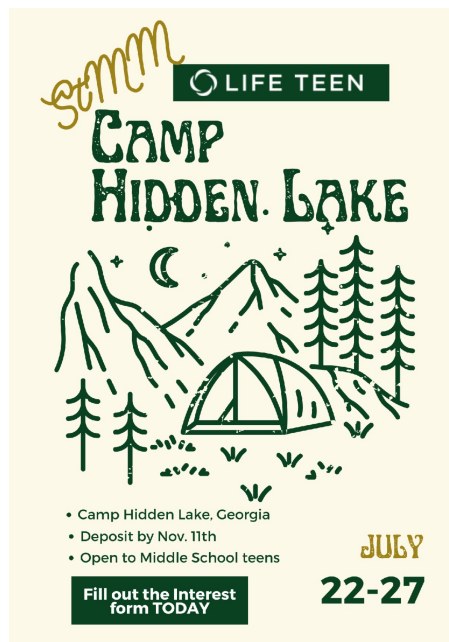
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Questions:

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



STMM LIFE TEEN

CAMP HIDDEN LAKE

• Camp Hidden Lake, Georgia
• Deposit by Nov. 11th
• Open to Middle School teens

JULY 22-27

Fill out the Interest form TODAY

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!

Career Network Ministry



CNM Presents: Job Search from a Recruiter's Perspective

Event by Career Network Ministry

📅 Thu, Dec 14, 2023, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (your local time)

📍 St Andrew's Catholic Church, 3008 Old Raleigh Rd, Apex, NC, US, 27502
Room 8 (next to Parish Center)

Date: Thursday December 14th
Where: St. Andrews the Apostle in Apex (RM 8 in Main Bldg.)
Time: 8:30am - 10:30am
Topic: Job Search from a Recruiter's Perspective

Advertisement

Check these ads at www.STMM.church/welcome/bulletins.cfm

<p>10% OFF SERVICE</p> <p>SPECIAL OFFERS ON PURCHASE OF A NEW OR PRE-OWNED VEHICLE</p>  <p>WE WILL DONATE \$100 FOR EVERY SALE TO STMM</p> <p><small>www.HendrickSouthpoint.com (919) 324-7787</small></p> <p><small>ACURA HONDA INFINITI SUBARU</small></p> <p><small>GERALD RAMOIN MAVP</small></p> <p><small>*Open Until Through 1st Jan 2024 *Offer valid on new vehicle purchases only *Offer subject to availability</small></p>	<p>Life is short, get moving!</p> <p>Nancy Grace, Realtor®</p> <p>Voted THE BEST Real Estate Agent in Western Wake by Cary Living Magazine</p> <p>Your local Real Estate expert helping Cary, Apex, Morrisville & Holly Springs residents since 2007!</p> <p>"I love what I do!"</p> <p>919.616.4139</p> <p>www.NancyGraceHomes.com</p> <p><i>StMM Parishioner, StMM & CGHS Parent & Volunteer</i></p>	
 <p>919-210-2709</p> <p>Kathy Lynch —Homes—</p> <p>Kathy@KathyLynchHomes.com kathylynchhomes.com</p>  <p>Kathy Lynch StMM Parishioner</p> <p>KW CARY KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY <small>Each office is independently owned and operated</small></p> <p><i>Mention this ad & I will donate **10%**^{**} of my earned fee to your favorite StMM ministry in your name!</i></p>	<p>PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE (919) 460-7676</p>  <p>Children - Teens - Adults WELCOMING NEW PATIENTS</p> <p>Dr. Mary Mackenzie StMM Parishioner</p> <p>270 Cornerstone Dr. #105 Cary, NC 27519 (off Davis by High House Rd.) www.PrimaryMedCare.com</p>	<p>919-361-0993</p>  <p>HEATING · COOLING PLUMBING · ELECTRIC</p> <p>info@maynorservices.com www.MaynorServices.com</p>
<p>Your Local Dignity Providers</p>  <p>Apex Funeral Home 550 W Williams St, Apex, NC 919-362-8233 www.apexfuneral.net</p> <p>Brown-Wynne Funeral Homes and Crematory 200 SE Maynard Rd, Cary, NC 919-467-8109 300 Saint Mary's St., Raleigh, NC 919-828-4311 1701 E Millbrook Rd., Raleigh, NC 919-876-6900 www.brownwynne.com</p> <p>Mitchell Funeral Home at Raleigh Memorial Park 7209 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, NC 919-783-7128 www.mitchellatmp.com</p> <p>Raleigh Memorial Park and Mausoleums 7501 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, NC 919-787-2766 www.raleighmemorialpark.com</p>		

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