

St. Mary Magdalene February 16, 2024

A Note from Father Chris

“Repent and believe in the gospel.” (Matthew 1:15) We received our ashes and the loving wish that we believe. We are a people with a spirit and mind. We have to believe in something. This time of Lent let us return always to believe in God. To believe in LOVE.

Please give generously to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. We still need each family to participate. (givetobaa.org)

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

BAA Message from Father Chris



Giving Portal

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Upcoming Events

February 16 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
 February 17 - No Confessions
 February 17 - 5pm Mass
 February 18 - 9am & 11am Mass
 February 18 - No Youth Mass
 February 19 - Daily Mass 9am
 February 19 - CSO Meeting 10:30am School Media Center
 February 19 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Church
 February 20 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm
 February 21 - Daily Mass 9am
 February 22 - Daily Mass 9am
 February 22 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
 February 22 - Lenten Penance Service 7pm Church
 February 23 - Daily Mass 9am
 February 23 - **KofC Fish Fry**
 February 23 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
 February 24 - Confessions 10:30am
 February 24 - 5pm Mass
 February 25 - 9am & 11am Mass
 February 25 - Apostello, the Way and the EDGE
 February 25 - Youth Mass 6pm

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Entrance Antiphon

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Responsorial Psalm 25: Teach Me Your Ways

Preparation: Return To The Lord

Holy 918

When We Eat This Bread 920

Amen 922

Lamb of God 923

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Communion 3: Come Alive (Dry Bones)

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Pictures of the Week



Father Chris Vacation Dinner



20 people gathered at the First Annual Gabriel Project celebration where we provided a “Year In Review”, heard from a mother who received support, and thanked volunteers & parish staff. In one year, 12 angel volunteers walked alongside 17 women and welcomed 9 babies. Interested in learning more or become involved in this ministry? Email us at gabrielproject@stmm.me

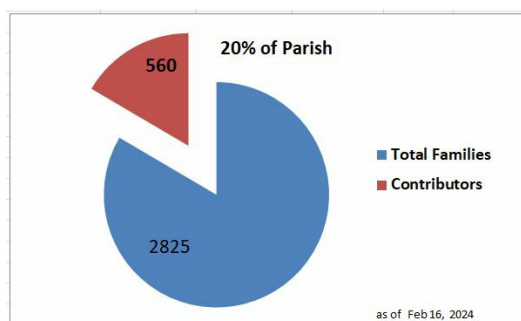
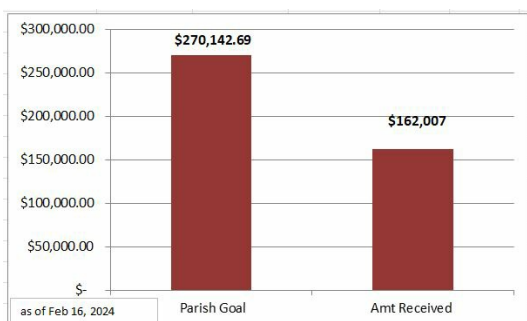


High School Retreat Camp Caraway February 9-11



The Baptism of Beatrice Ruth McBride on February 10th

Bishop's Annual Appeal



The link to contribute to the BAA [givetobaa.org](https://www.givetobaa.org)

Lenten Penance Services

Feb 22 11am St. Bernadette
Feb 22 7pm St. Mary Magdalene
Feb 27 10am St. Catherine of Siena
Feb 28 11am Our Lady of Lourdes
Feb 28 6pm St. Teresa of Calcutta
Feb 29 7pm St. Bernadette
Mar 1 11am St. Michael
Mar 6 7pm St. Michael
Mar 11 7pm St. Eugene
Mar 12 11am St. Luke
Mar 13 7pm St. Catherine of Siena
Mar 14 7pm St. Francis of Assisi
Mar 19 7pm Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
Mar 20 7pm St. Raphael

Sound Ministry - A/V Help Urgently Needed

Do you enjoy the music at our church? At every Mass, funeral, wedding and special event, the A?V ministry works behind the scenes to balance the sound, produce the LiveStream, and drive the slides during mass. As our church is growing, and more programs are added, we have an even greater need to provide a quality experience for these events. At this time, we are very much in need of additional people (teens or adults) to help run the sound system.

Full training is provided and you will be paired up with an experienced person when starting out. This is a flexible opportunity, the commitment level is up to you - once a month or every week, depending on what your schedule allows, we can use your help. Also, for teens, this is a fantastic way to log in service hours while attending Mass, which is important for those college applications! It is also a great opportunity to learn a new skill and to help fill an important need at our church.

Please prayerfully consider helping out. Contact stmm_soundministry@gmail.com for more information.

Catholic Senior Organization

The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for

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.

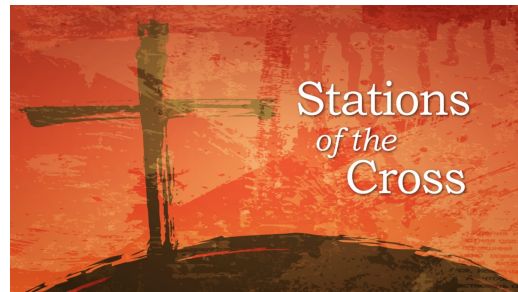
CONFESSIONS - Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church. See "Upcoming Events" section for schedule.

WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email weddings@stmm.net

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

Stations of the Cross



Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm in the church during Lent

For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with the season of Lent. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross", the "Via Crucis", and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion. Praying the "Stations of the Cross" has been one of the most popular devotions for Roman Catholics. Through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death, it is often performed in a spirit of spiritual pilgrimage.

Liturgical Choir for 4th-6th Grade

We would like to start a special liturgical choir for

women and men (60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, February 19, 2024, 10:30 AM until Noon, in the School Media Center. For more information, please contact Joanne Martin, 919-244-5616, jmartin@kw.com

Tax Statements for 2023 Are Ready

Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

https://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2023_3.pdf

Are you now donating online and do not want to receive church envelopes? If so, please email the parish office at info@stmm.net to stop the envelopes.

Easter Egg Hunt Mar 24th



EASTER EGG HUNT MAR 24 – MARK YOUR CALENDARS! DONATIONS needed The Columbiettes will host a fun-filled, family EASTER

EGG HUNT at StMM on March 24, Sunday after the 11 am Mass. Admission is free, but we will happily accept your donations of unopened bags of plastic eggs, individually wrapped candies (nut free), and miniature toys (to fit inside plastic eggs).

Collection bins marked 'Easter Egg Hunt' will be located in the StMM narthex each weekend from Feb 10 through Mar 10. For more details, or to make contributions, please contact Celeste Lafko at casma53@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Fish FRY



Lenten Fish Fry
FEBRUARY 23RD, MARCH 8TH, & MARCH 22ND
ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC SCHOOL CAFETERIA

The 2024 Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry is on February 23rd, March 8th & 22nd from 5:30 to 7:45 in the STMM cafeteria. This is a fun time to get together with fellow parishioners, friends, and

family to celebrate our Catholic community during the Lenten season. Our menu includes

4th-6th graders that would sing once a month at the 9 AM Mass starting on March 23rd, Palm Sunday.

The group would meet twice before singing on Sunday. Music will be sent out ahead of time. Please sign up on the google sheet if you are interested. Thank you!

[Click Here to sign up.](#)

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed

Our parish will be participating with other faith groups from SW Wake County at the Old Poole Road project on March 23 and April 20. NO construction experience is needed, with adults 18 and up welcomed. Please sign up at the volunteer hub: <http://vhub.at/SpringOPP>

Please be sure to fill in St Mary Magdalene as your affiliated group. If you have registered before with H4H, the system will remember you. If this is a new sign up, the system will prompt you for information and waivers. This weekend, you will also hear from our co-coordinators before Masses more on this exciting project.

Hallow App for Lent



PRAY EVERY DAY THIS

LENT

StMM has gifted Hallow access through Easter!
hallow.com/holyday

Dive deeper into prayer this Lent with **Hallow**

Commemorative Bricks



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS – Commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activities Building.

Commemorate a First Communion, a Graduation or remember a loved one with an engraved brick. StMM will be placing a Spring brick order, the **deadline is March 25th**. Engraved bricks are \$100 and order forms can be found [here](#).

Fried Cod, Bake Cod, Sauteed Shrimp and a Children's Mac and Cheese platter. Meals come with homemade coleslaw, cornbread, and a choice of side (red potatoes, french fries, or mac & cheese), a drink and dessert. [Online Pre-Ordering](#) is encouraged. Meals are available for dine-in and take out.

Forward in Hope



**Forward in Hope -
Grief Support Group
to Begin in February**
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 will be holding a daytime session beginning Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Church Building, Room One. The sessions will be weekly for six weeks, ending 3/28/24. They 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](#).

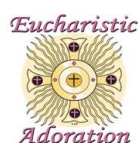
Knights Of Columbus Youth Free Throw Contest



The Knights of Columbus Council 7186 is holding their annual Youth Free Throw contest on Sunday, February 25. The contest for both boys and girls, ages 9 – 11, will start at 1 PM. The contest for both boys and girls, ages 12 –

14, will start at 2 PM. The winners can participate in the district contest on Friday, March 8. All contests will be held in the St Mary Magdalen's gymnasium. For questions, please send an email to communitykoc7186@hotmail.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

Contact: hoffman@stmm.net with any questions

Steubenville Conference Pine Straw and Mulch Fundraiser

This June, fifty StMM adults ages 18 to 80 are traveling to a weekend Catholic Conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville in eastern Ohio. They desire to deepen their relationship with Christ and the Holy Spirit while also growing in fellowship and community. Unfortunately, coach bus prices have skyrocketed since COVID which is why we are fundraising to offset the cost. We desire that **all** who want to come can afford to attend.

Please support our fundraiser by ordering your spring pine straw or triple-shredded mulch [HERE](#). It will be delivered to your home the week of March 11. **Order deadline is Sunday March 3.**

Frassati Young Adult Group



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:

Wed, Feb 21 at 7pm in Room 3: Msgr Staib talking about St. Mary Magdalene, the saint herself

Mon, March 4 at 7pm in Room 3: Andrew Witchger talking about the importance of music in the liturgy

Wed, March 6: NO meeting!

Sun, March 17 at 7pm: Volunteering with CPO to collect children's clothing

Wed, March 20 at 7pm in Room 3: Meeting, Topic TBD

Prayers & Squares Ministry

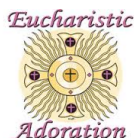


The Prayer Quilt Ministry is founded on the idea that there is power in prayer to comfort in times of need. The ministry makes quilts for anyone who is in need of this prayer and comfort. The quilt is blessed and prayed

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, February 20th, from 7- 8pm

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **March 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.

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 March 11, 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"*.

over by the parishioners. If you would like to request a prayer quilt for someone please contact Lorraine Morris at lcmmorris0707@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

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please pray for the following catechumens and candidates as they prepare for the following Rites:

Daniel, who will receive the Rite of Sending on March 18th at STMM at the 11 AM mass and the Rite of Election at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral at 4:30 PM .

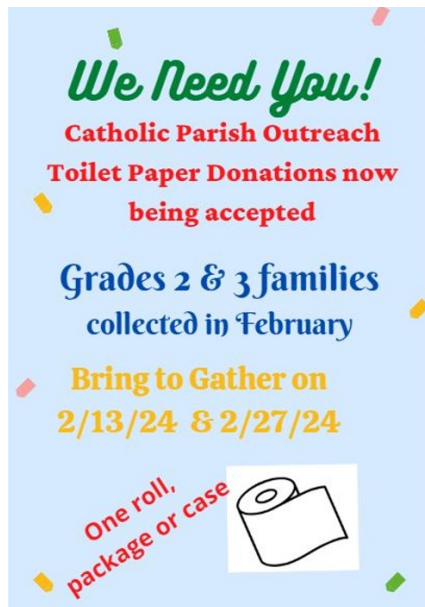
Daniel who will receive the Rites of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on Saturday, March 30th at the 7:00 PM Easter Vigil mass.

Perry who will receive the Rite of Full Communion (Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7 at the 9:00 AM mass.

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

Faith Formation



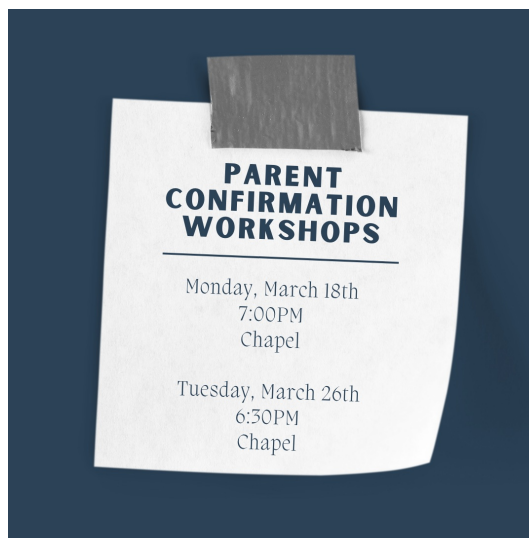


Questions:

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



Girls Retreat:

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Guys Retreat:

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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

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!

Parish Athletics

Apex-Cary Spring Soccer

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3-year-olds) thru 8th grade.
Dates: March 15 – May 18.
Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick.
Game Locations: Apex & Cary.
Cost: Pre-K - \$65; K - 1st grade - \$70; 2nd - 8th grade - \$75

Note: Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners thru 8th graders have one weekday practice per week and weekend games.

[REGISTER FOR SOCCER HERE](#)

Apex Spring Baseball

Grades: Coed. Pre-K (4-year-olds) thru 4th grade.
Dates: March 18 – May 18.
Practice/Game Location: Apex
Cost: Pre-K - \$65; K thru 4th grade - \$70

Note: PreK thru Kindergarten plays T-Ball; 1st thru 4th grade play machine pitch. Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners – 4th grade have one weekday practice per week and games on Saturdays.

[REGISTER FOR BASEBALL HERE](#)

Apex Summer Flex6 Lacrosse (Softcrosse)

Grades: Coed; 1st – 6th grade.
Dates: May 27 – July 20.
Practice/Game Locations: Apex.
Practice/Game Day: One day a week; Monday or Wednesday or Thursday; 6-7:30 PM
Cost: \$65

Note: Parish Athletics Lacrosse Flex6 League (formerly “Softcrosse”) is designed for beginners to intermediate players who want to learn the fundamentals of Lacrosse. We will be using USA Lacrosse’s exciting new format that emphasizes skill development without heavy contact. There is no hitting or stick checks, we use soft lax balls, and play with only eye protection helping to keep cost down. Each kid will have a combination practice & game night once a week for 6 weeks from 6:00-7:30pm. The season will end with a Saturday tournament.

[REGISTER FOR LACROSSE HERE](#)

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