
St. Mary Magdalene February 2, 2024

A Note from Father Chris

Jesus Christ blesses family life. We can bring the Son of Man into our families and have the companionship of God. The blessed life of Church.

The celebration of Saint Blaise is February 3rd. This weekend we offer Saint Blaise's blessing of the throats at all the Masses. We will also speak about our goal of everyone participating in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. (givetobaa.org)

God is with us!

Love,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

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Upcoming Events

February 2 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church
 February 3 - 10:30am Confessions
 February 3 - 5pm Mass
 February 4 - 9am & 11am Mass
 February 4 - 11am Mass - Scout Sunday
 February 4 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
 February 4 - Youth Mass 6pm
 February 5 - Daily Mass 9am February 5 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Church
 February 5 - Parent Meeting for Camp Hidden Lake 6pm Chapel
 February 6 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
 February 7 - Daily Mass 9am
 February 8 - Daily Mass
 February 8 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
 February 8 - Bible Study of Acts 6:30pm Chapel
 February 9 - Daily Mass 9am
 February 10 - 10:30am Confessions
 February 10 - 5pm Mass
 February 11 - 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 Weekend Masses

Gathering: Your Love Defends Me

Responsorial Psalm 147: Praise The Lord Who Heals

Preparation: Gratitude

Communion 1: Taste And See 348

Communion 2: O Come To The Altar

Communion 3: Goodness of God

Sending Forth: Your Grace Is Enough

Pictures of the Week



Catholic Schools Week- Celebrate Vocations Day



Children's Choir at 48 hour Adoration



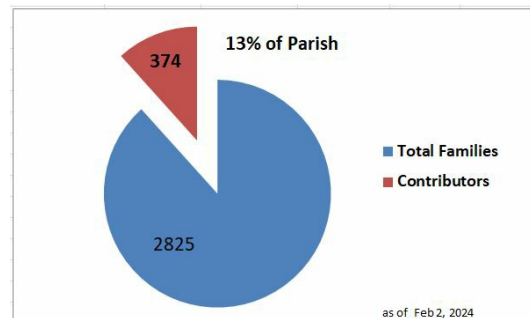
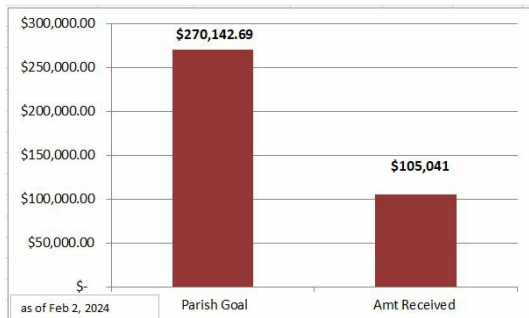
As a parish we had 48 hours of Adoration January 29 - 31 with the Traveling Monstrance





The Mulholland Columbiettes welcomed eight new sisters into the auxiliary last week: from L to R front row: Kristina Whately, Marilyn Iasiello, Jenny Meljac, Susan Williams, Jana Gelm, Kathy Taura, Billie Schnorr and Karen Garback. For more information or to join us, contact fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com.

Bishop's Annual Appeal



The link to contribute to the BAA givetobaa.org

Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by DeLise Falls in memory of Ranita Peterson by the Falls Family.

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

StMM School Gala

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

Stations of the Cross

Monarch Masquerade



MONARCH MASQUERADE
Saturday, February 3, 2024



SILENT AUCTION
Bidding starts February 2nd at 8:00am
Bidding ends February 3rd at 9:00pm

This silent auction is open to ALL StMM families, friends, & community members, near and far! Thank you for your support of StMM!

StMM GALA- SILENT AUCTION IS OPEN TO ALL, BID FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME!

The StMM PSO is honored to host the Monarch Masquerade Gala on Saturday evening! If you are unable to attend, there are still opportunities to win fantastic prizes! The silent auction is open to ALL StMM families & Parishioners, including grandparents, friends and family far away! Bidding begins this Friday, 2/2 at 8:00 am and closes on Saturday, 2/3 at 9:00 pm.

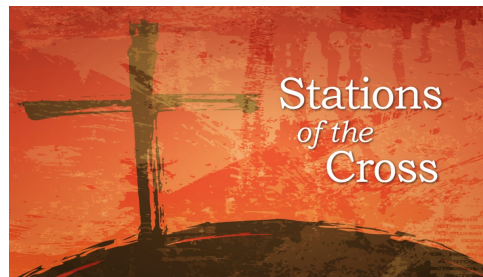
Click [HERE](#) to access the silent auction, and be sure to share this link with anyone in your network who may want to bid and support our school!

Sound Ministry - A/V Help Needed

Sound and Video System Help Urgently Needed. Ladies and Gentlemen, can you hear me now?

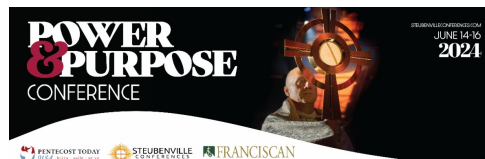
Do you enjoy the music at our church? At every Mass, funeral, wedding and special event, the A?V ministry works behind the scenes to balance the sound, produce the LiveStream, and drive the slides during mass. As our church is growing, and more programs are added, we have an even greater need to provide 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 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.

Power and Purpose Conference



Come and experience the Holy Spirit's power and healing at the **Power and Purpose Adult Conference** on **June 14-16**. Allow Him to reveal the purpose of your life: to live in true freedom and joy of the Spirit. Be uplifted by the witness and fellowship of disciples like you. This weekend-long, Catholic conference is held on the beautiful campus of Franciscan University of Steubenville in eastern Ohio. You can arrange your own transportation or travel with us via coach bus. Reserve your spot on the [coach bus here](#).

This year's ministry team includes:

- Pete Burak
- Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR
- Bishop Joseph Espailat II
- Jackie Angel
- John Beaulieu
- Paco Gavilidres

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

Scout Sunday 11am Mass

Scout Sunday, February 4th at 11am Mass
Please join the Knights of Columbus and all our Scouts as we celebrate Scouting!
Refreshments will be provided from 9:45am to 11am by the Knights, followed by Mass celebrating the Scouts and their families!

Pack 224

Owen Barnhart
Ben French earned Parvuli Dei
Brogan DePauw
Bruce Krieger
Jack Thorp
Joseph Cappola
Christian Willis

Troop 316

Brandon Daniels
Matthew Daniels
Jack Frigo
Ethan Mimnaugh

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.

- Nathan Crankfield

This is our parish's fourth annual trip to the conference. It is INCREDIBLE and we want to experience it with you this summer! Register for the conference and learn more at steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/ppc. Be sure to enter our group code **24LWERNER**. Registration opens Jan. 29th!

Questions? Contact Joe or Laura Werner at wernerjoe@aol.com or wernerLhome@gmail.com.

Souper Bowl of Caring

The Souper Bowl of Caring/Tackle Hunger campaign will take place on Super Bowl Weekend. This is St. Magdalene's 14th year of participating in the collection of food and other needed items for Western Wake Crisis Ministry and Catholic Parish Outreach.

Members of the Helping Hands Ministry will be in the Narthex on February 3 -4 with shopping suggestions which include the following:
peanut butter and jelly oatmeal
cereal chicken noodle soup crackers
pasta sauce pancake mix and syrup diced tomatoes tomato sauce canned tuna and chicken

All food will be collected on February 10/11 before or after the Masses.

If you would rather make a monetary donation, look for the children holding soup pots in the Narthex to collect those donations. Checks should be made out to St. Mary Magdalene.

Let's make this a SUPER WEEKEND for our neighbors who rely on food donations!

Seeking Habitat for Humanity Coordinators

SEEKING- Habitat for Humanity Coordinator(s)

Our parish has long been involved with Habitat for Humanity both in assisting in construction projects, restoration projects, and financial support. The current coordinators for our parish have expressed desire to step down from their involvement so we are seeking individual(s) that would be interested in taking over this role. NO construction experience is required. This role focuses on coordination of the volunteers from our parish, participates with the Habitat leaders in supporting these projects, and various events (ground breaking, dedications, advocacy meetings). Please reach out to Jim Galkowski 919 633 9104 or galkowski@stmm.net for more information

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.

Hallow App for Lent

A vertical promotional graphic for the Hallow app. The top half features a sunset over a dark horizon with the text 'Find Peace in God' in large white font, followed by 'WITH THE #1 CATHOLIC APP' and 'on Hallow'. The bottom half is a dark grey box with white text: 'Free Hallow Subscription', 'Great news - we at St. Mary Magdalene are excited to announce that we now have a parish subscription to Hallow!', 'All parishioners are invited to take part in the Holy Day Package, which gives unlimited access to all app content beginning now through Easter Sunday.', 'Hallow is the #1 prayer app in the world.', 'Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace.', 'To join Hallow as part of our parish's Lenten program, scan the QR code below or visit hallow.com/holyday.', and 'Type in St. Mary Magdalene in the parish finder, follow the instructions, and enjoy!'.

Knights of Columbus Fish FRY



Knights of Columbus FISH FRY – The Knights of Columbus will hold its Annual Lent Fish Fry February 23rd,

March 8th and March 22nd. This is a great opportunity to join fellow parishioners at the STMM School Activities building for a great meal and community gathering.

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](#).

Contact: hoffman@stmm.net with any questions

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 15, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Church Building, Room One. The sessions will be weekly for six weeks, ending 3/21/24. 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](#).

Catholic Senior Organization

The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization 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 Church meeting room #3. For more information, please contact Joanne Martin, 919-244-5616, jmartin@kw.com

Saturday Morning Women's Group

Please join a wonderful group of women on **Saturday mornings. 8:00am – 9:30am** in Church Building Room 4.

- Our "official" new year kick off is **Sat Jan 20** with a special "Pick your word of the year" activity and social
- In the following weeks we have lots of great plans:
 - o The "I Am" statements of Jesus found in the Gospels
 - o "My Father's Father" video sessions from Fr. Dave Pivonka and Wild Goose media.
 - o Reading and reflecting on the upcoming Sunday's gospel

· Most importantly, we come together in fellowship – to learn, laugh, pray, and grow with each other as we navigate the circumstances of our individual lives, searching for God's will in the ups and downs of family, jobs, health and life.

· We keep it simple. No homework, no prep work. Come as you are. Come when you can. Yes, it's early so our group is minimal or NO MAKEUP zone. Wear your sweats, throw your hair up, whatever!! We all pledge to be judgment-free and God loves us just the way we are!

· *Have a few questions?* Please reach out to Kathy Vitiello, kathybv@yahoo.com

StMM Daytime Bible Study

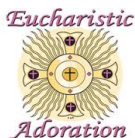
We will be using Ascension Press' Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John.

Tuesday 1-3 pm starting on Feb. 6 and continuing until March 26.

Please contact Laurie Wendt for more information and how to order the materials.

lauriewendt@gmail.com or cell # 919-669-9455

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

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

Frassati Young Adult Group



The Frassati Young Adult group provides a community for those in their 20s and 30s. Email us at frassati@stmm.net for

more details and to be added to our email list. Our upcoming events are:

Wed, Feb 7 Adoration from 7-7:30pm in Chapel, then Discussion about Lent in Room 3

Wed, Feb 21 at 7pm Talk about St. Mary Magdalene, the saint herself

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.

Please feel encouraged to share updates of your prayer intentions via email to StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net.

Benediction. Handouts will be available to help you participate in prayer and song.

Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, February 6th, from 7- 8pm

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **February 2nd 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.

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.

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



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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"*.

RCIA Prayer Corner

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

Oletha, Dominick, Hailey, Denise, and Ben, who will receive the Rite of Welcoming/Rite of Acceptance on February 4th at the 9 AM mass.

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



NEXT

GATHER
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Jesus

Tues.
Feb.
13th

6:15 pm
Church

*First Eucharist
Parent Meeting*

ALL PARENTS WHOSE CHILD WILL
BE MAKING THEIR FIRST
COMMUNION IN MAY,
PLEASE ATTEND ONE MEETING:

2/12/24 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Chapel
2/13/24 10:30 am - 11:30 am Chapel
2/13/24 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Chapel

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

SUMMER
CAMP-
INTEREST
MEETING

February 5th @6:00-6:30pm (chapel)

Calling all guardians of middle schoolers, 6th-8th graders!! Learn about the life teen camp in Hidden Lake Georgia this July 22nd-27th with StMM

**GIRLS
RETREAT**

Speakers:
Joe Farris

Location:
New London, NC

Dates:
March 15-17

*speaking to
SPARROWS*

**THE FOURTH
MAN**

Speakers:
Liz Sams & Janine
McGann

Location:
Sanford, NC

Dates:
March 15-17

**GUYS
RETREAT**

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!

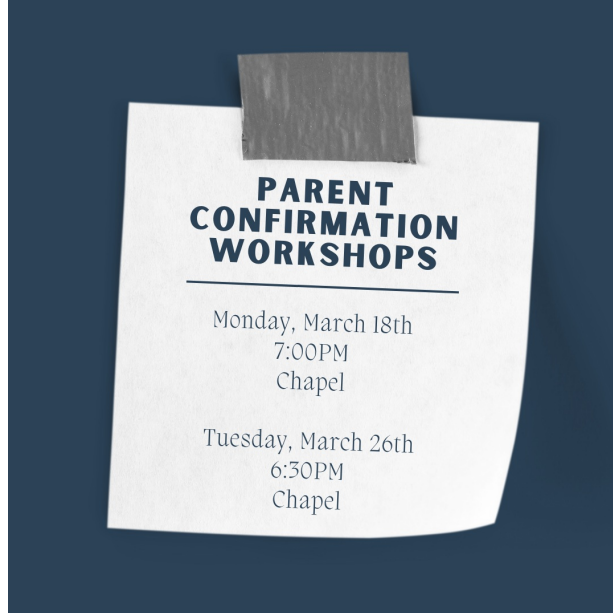
Click [here](#) to complete interest form

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

For **Confirmation**, contact StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com

School News



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!

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP
Applications open Feb. 1st

Representatives from Partners for Educational Freedom NC will be on campus to assist with the application process.

WHEN:
February 7, 2024 6:30-7:30pm

WHERE:
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School
Media Center
625 Magdala Place, Apex, NC 27502

Questions about applying to StMM and how the NCSEAA Opportunity Scholarship can help with tuition? Need help submitting your Opportunity Scholarship application? Meet us on February 7th in the Media Center where a representative from Parents for Educational Freedom NC will be available to help! Contact Lisa Portland (portland@stmm.net) for more information.

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

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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