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## St. Mary Magdalene February 23, 2024

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### A Note from Father Chris

In the Gospel, Jesus seems to be testing his disciples this weekend. It may seem true to us as well. Are we being tested? Can we stay true to God and ourselves?

The call to holiness is the call to be who we are. We are created good, true, and loving. During Lent let us openly work on being people created in God's plan and image. The test is to be our true blessed selves.

Thank you Fr. Wally for ministering with us this month.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

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## Upcoming Events

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  
 February 26 - Daily Mass 9am  
 February 26 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel  
 February 27 - Gather and the ROCK 6:15pm Church  
 February 28 - Daily Mass 9am  
 February 29 - Daily Mass 9am  
 February 29 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel  
 February 29 - Bible Study Acts 6:30pm Church  
 March 1 - Daily Mass 9am  
 March 1 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church  
 March 1 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church  
 March 2 - Confessions 10:30am  
 March 2 - 5pm Mass  
 March 3 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 March 3 - Apostello, the Way and the EDGE  
 March 3 - Youth Mass 6pm

## Mass This Weekend

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

### Music for Weekend Masses

**Gathering:** Entrance Antiphon

Kyrie #5 page 6

**Responsorial Psalm 116:** I Will Walk Before The Lord

**Preparation:** The Lord Is My Light 687

Holy 918

When We Eat This Bread 920

Amen 922

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**Communion 1:** Pange Lingua page 104-105

**Communion 2:** Be Thou My Vision 407

**Communion 3:** Come Alive (Dry Bones)

**Sending Forth:** Return To The Lord

## Pictures of the Week



Bishop Luis Zarama with the altar servers for the Deacons' Convocation Mass on February 17th

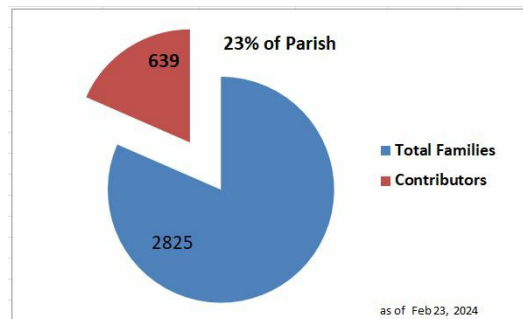


We Love Our Deacons!



Congratulations to the StMM Boys' Varsity Basketball Team for winning the Shamrock Tournament

## Bishop's Annual Appeal



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

## 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](mailto:floralministry@stmm.net)

## Sacraments



**BAPTISMS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email [sansone@stmm.net](mailto: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](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)



## Lenten Penance Services

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

## Knights of Columbus Fish FRY



The 2024 Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry is on February 23rd, March 8th & 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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.

## 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.**

## Dynamic Catholic Corner

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR BEST LENT EVER!!!

Each day of BEST LENT EVER, you'll receive a short, FREE video from Matthew Kelly full of profound spiritual insight and intensely practical ways to apply the consecration to your life. Consecration means to dedicate yourself to God and make yourself 100 percent available to Him. With three simple daily steps, you can prepare your heart, mind, and soul for this powerful surrender. **Sign Up For Free!** If you want a free copy of 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory, send an email to [stmm.dynamic.catholic@gmail.com](mailto:stmm.dynamic.catholic@gmail.com).

**BE BOLD. BE CATHOLIC.**

## Commemorative Bricks



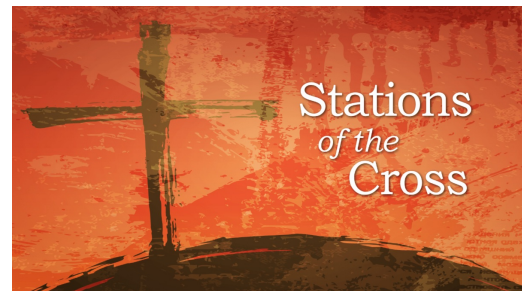
### COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS –

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](mailto:hoffman@stmm.net) with any questions

## 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

## 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](mailto:communitykoc7186@hotmail.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](mailto:prewitt@stmm.net), or 919-657-4800 x7281.

[https://www.stmm.church/Tax\\_statement\\_instructions\\_2023\\_3.pdf](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](mailto:info@stmm.net) to stop the envelopes.

## Easter Egg Hunt Mar 24th



We invite your family to join our St. Mary Magdalene Easter Egg Hunt on March 24, Palm Sunday - following the 11 am Mass on the athletic field! This will be a fun-filled, joyous event complete with a 'live' giant Easter Bunny, family photos, and prizes! Space is limited, so

register your children ages 1-9, NOW! There is more information within the link, or contact Celeste Lafko at [casma53@mac.com](mailto:casma53@mac.com) or 630-640-5441. We are so egg-cited to see you at this egg-xtraordinary event! Hosted by the Mulholland Columbiettes 7186.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090548A8AB2CA64-48039611-easter>

## Gabriel Project Car Seat Needed

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 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](http://hallow.com/holyday)

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

## Frassati Young Adult Group

Gabriel Project needs a used infant/toddler car seat that is convertible. One that goes from rear facing to forward facing. If you have one, which you'd like to donate please email

[gabrielproject@stmm.net](mailto:gabrielproject@stmm.net)



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](mailto:frassati@stmm.net) for more information and to be added to our email list. Our upcoming events are:

**Mon, March 4 at 7pm in Room 3:** Andrew Witchger talking on "Harmonizing Faith: Exploring the Power of Music in Catholic Worship"

**Wed, March 6:** NO meeting!

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

email [frassati@stmm.net](mailto:frassati@stmm.net) for more details

**Wed, March 20 at 7-9pm in Room 3:** Mini-retreat lead by Deacon Rick titled "Finding Repentance and Conversion through the Scrutinies"

## Bingo Night April 5th



SAVE THE DATE – BINGO NIGHT on Friday, April 5!

Come get your game on with family and friends at BINGO NIGHT, 7 pm Friday, April 5, at

StMM school. Fun for all ages! Prizes! Details will follow soon. Hosted by the Columbiettes. For more details, contact Kathy Lynch [kathy@kathylynchhomes.com](mailto:kathy@kathylynchhomes.com) or 919-210-2709.

## Monarch Masters April 29th

**MONARCH MASTERS - APRIL 29TH 10 AM, MacGREGOR DOWNS COUNTRY CLUB**

Join us for an exclusive StMM experience at the award-winning MacGregor Downs golf course! Gather your team of one, two, or four for 18 holes of golf, complete with breakfast, cart, and lunch. Whether you bring guests, colleagues, or family, don't wait to register before spots fill up. With a captain's choice format, everyone can enjoy, regardless of their golfing prowess! For more information, please visit [STMMgolf.com](http://STMMgolf.com), or register [HERE](#).

**MONARCH MASTERS - SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!!**

We welcome family and business sponsors and will thank you with a customized sign with your logo or family name. Sponsor [HERE](#) and a member of the PSO will reach out for your logo, if applicable. We also welcome prizes for golfers if your family or business can donate a gift certificate, tickets to an event, wine, golf products, etc. Contact [Brian Meljac](#) with sponsorship questions and donations.

## 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

## 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](mailto:lcmorris0707@gmail.com)

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

**Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, March 5th, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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"*.

## 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](mailto: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





**NEXT**

**GATHER**  
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

**Jesus**

Tues.  
Feb.  
27th

6:15 pm  
Church

**We Need You!**

**Catholic Parish Outreach**

**Toilet Paper Donations now  
being accepted**

**Grades 2 & 3 families  
collected in February**

**Bring to Gather on  
2/13/24 & 2/27/24**

One roll,  
package or case

**Questions:**

For **GATHER**, contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7280

For the **ROCK** contact Sarah Ritchie at [ritchie@stmm.net](mailto:ritchie@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7307

**StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry**

**GIRLS  
RETREAT**

speaking to SPARROWS

**THE FOURTH  
MAN**

Speakers:  
Joe Farris

Location:  
New London, NC

Dates:  
March 15-17

Speakers:  
Liz Sams & Janine  
McGann

Location:  
Sanford, NC

Dates:  
March 15-17

**GUYS  
RETREAT**

**PARENT  
CONFIRMATION  
WORKSHOPS**

Monday, March 18th  
7:00PM  
Chapel

Tuesday, March 26th  
6:50PM  
Chapel

Girls Retreat: Full

Guys Retreat:

[https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=bfLcxHgPj8P3elesEN+XMA==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz\\_people.aspx&ChurchID=1554&EventID=228994&sn=102397](https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=bfLcxHgPj8P3elesEN+XMA==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=1554&EventID=228994&sn=102397)

**Questions:**

For **EDGE**, contact Sarah Ritchie at [ritchie@stmm.net](mailto:ritchie@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7307

For **Apostello and the Way**, contact Niki Bordelon at [bordelon@stmm.net](mailto:bordelon@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7309

For **Confirmation**, contact [StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com](mailto:StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com)



## 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](mailto:lawson@stmm.net).

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is accepting applications for the 24-25 school year for grades 6th-8th. Applications are closed for PreK-5th grade. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your child(ren), apply [HERE](#) or contact Lisa Portland ([portland@stmm.net](mailto:portland@stmm.net)) to schedule a tour!

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## Parish Athletics

### Apex-Cary Spring Soccer

**Grades:** Coed, Pre-K (3-year-olds) thru 8<sup>th</sup> 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade - \$75

**Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners thru 8<sup>th</sup> 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; 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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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