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## St. Mary Magdalene February 9, 2024

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### A Note from Father Chris

The Gospel this weekend ends with the narration, “**and people kept coming to him from everywhere.**” This exclamation is true of our church today. People come to Jesus Christ from everywhere. Jesus is as needed now as in time of the past.

Here at St. Mary Magdalene Church we welcome new families each week. We pray that we can lead each other to the love and peace of Jesus Christ. We ask our new families to please make a donation to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. ([givetobaa.org](http://givetobaa.org))

This weekend I will be visiting the holy sand of Carolina Beach and Fr. Wally Keymont from the Archdiocese of Boston will celebrate the Masses.

With welcoming love,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

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## Upcoming Events

February 10 - 10:30am Confessions  
 February 10 - 5pm Mass  
 February 11 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 February 11 - No Youth Mass  
 February 12 - Daily Mass 9am  
 February 12 - 6:30pm Family Rosary Chapel  
 February 12 - 7pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting Chapel  
 February 13 - 10:30am First Eucharist Parent Meeting Chapel  
 February 13 - Gather/the ROCK 6:15pm Church  
 February 13 - 6:30pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting Chapel  
 February 14 - Ash Wednesday 9am & 7pm Mass  
 February 15 - Daily Mass 9am  
 February 15 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel  
 February 15 - Bible Study of Acts 6:30pm  
 February 16 - Daily Mass 9am  
 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

## 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:** Alleluia Alleluia 175

**Responsorial Psalm 32:** I Turn To You Lord

**Preparation:** This Is Amazing Grace

**Communion 1:** God So Loved The World

**Communion 2:** Gratitude

**Sending Forth:** Alleluia! Love Is Alive 171

## Pictures of the Week

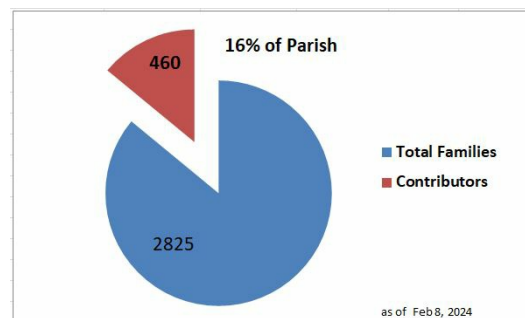


The Baptism of Lila Mae Gerges on February 3rd



The Baptism of Dominique Marie Pacchioli on February 3rd

## 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)

## 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.

All food will be collected this weekend 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!

## 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.

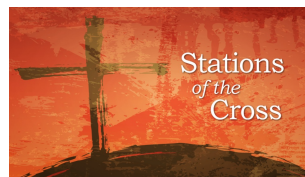
Full training is provided and you will be paired up with an experienced person when starting out. This is a flexible opportunity, the commitment level is up to you - once a month or every week, depending on what your schedule allows, we can use your help. Also, for teens, this is a fantastic way to log 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](mailto:stmm_soundministry@gmail.com) for more information.

## Tax Statements for 2023 Are Ready

Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For 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 sufferings and death, it is often performed in a spirit of spiritual pilgrimage.

## CRS Rice Bowls

**CRS Rice Bowls** will be distributed to parishioners at Ash Wednesday Masses and include a Lenten calendar. **CRS, Catholic Relief Services, is the global arm of the Catholic Church and its humanitarian efforts.** As you go through Lent adding cash and coins to your bowl, please also **pray** for those around the world who do not have enough to eat, especially during these times of war. Your final donation will be made through the STMM giving portal as Easter approaches and your almsgiving and Lenten sacrifices come to a close. Online at [stmm.church](http://stmm.church), Giving, Giving Portal, Select a Fund drop down, and choose "Rice Bowls"

A check with Memo: "Rice Bowls" is another way to donate. 75% of donations go to our impoverished brothers and sisters globally and 25% stays right here to feed people in need in the Diocese of Raleigh. **\*For parish families with children in StMM School, "Gather," "Rock" and "Edge," please follow the directions given by your leaders.** Thank you for your sacrifice for others this Lenten Season.

## Habitat for Humanity StMM Work Days

In partnership with other faith communities in our area we are seeking parishioners to help build the next Habitat houses. March 23 and

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



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](mailto:casma53@gmail.com).

## 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.

## 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

April 20th are our assigned days. All adults (18 and up) are welcome and no special experience needed. Watch for more information to come meanwhile Save those dates. ! Contact Jim at [galkowski@stmm.net](mailto:galkowski@stmm.net) to get on our list

## Hallow App for Lent



## 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

## 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 the School Media Center. For more information, please contact Joanne Martin, 919-244-

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](mailto:stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net), call 919-657-4800 ext. 7280 or sign up by completing [this registration form](#).

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## 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).

## 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](mailto:frassati@stmm.net) for


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

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

## St. Jude Relic

The Arm of  
**ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE**  
is visiting the United States

Known as the *Apostle of the Impossible*, Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering dedication and steadfast faith. Millions have experienced his intercession in times of adversity and need.

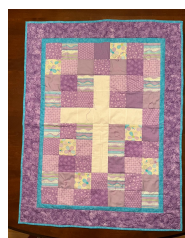


<b>MONDAY   FEBRUARY 12, 2024</b> Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 2718 Overbrook Dr. Raleigh, NC 27608 Veneration of Relic   2 pm - 10 pm Mass Honoring St. Jude   7 pm	<b>TUESDAY   FEBRUARY 13, 2024</b> St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church 804 High House Rd. Cary, NC 27513 Veneration of Relic   1 pm - 10 pm Mass Honoring St. Jude   7 pm
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Please note: Veneration of the relic will be suspended during Mass.

For more information visit: [www.apostleoftheimpossible.com](http://www.apostleoftheimpossible.com)

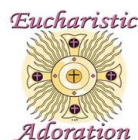
## Prayers & Squares Ministry



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)

## 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, February 20th,**

## 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

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"*.

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:

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



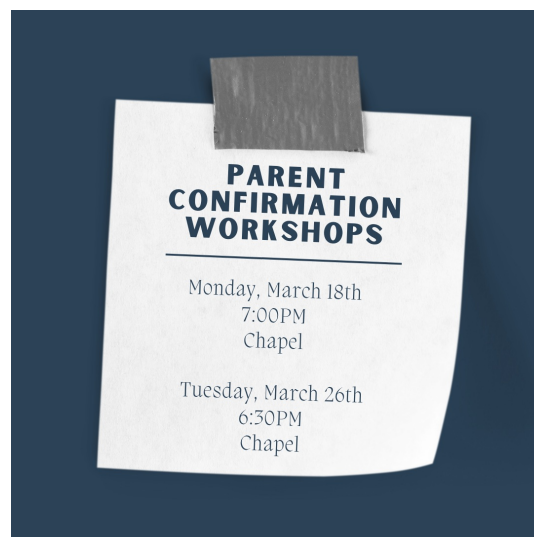


**Questions:**

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:

[https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=Yu52G9AqMoWowYLeK0IV6Q==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz\\_people.aspx&ChurchID=1554&EventID=228992&sn=102397](https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=Yu52G9AqMoWowYLeK0IV6Q==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=1554&EventID=228992&sn=102397)

Guys Retreat:

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**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 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](mailto: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

### 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).

## 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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