
St. Mary Magdalene January 19, 2024

A Note from Father Chris

This is a great season of preparing ourselves to walk with Jesus Christ. The regular work of the family of faith is ongoing. Formation for sacraments and formation in knowledge allow us to work on our transformation in love. There are always many ministries to participate in that will bring blessings to life.

Please be generous and answer the Bishop's Annual Appeal this week. (givetobaa.org)

With love,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

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Upcoming Events

January 20 - Blood Drive 8:30am-1:30pm
 January 20 - Confessions 10:30am
 January 20 - 5pm Mass
 January 21 - 9am & 11am Mass
 January 21 - Chrysalis 12:15pm Room 3
 January 21 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
 January 21 - Youth Mass 6pm
 January 22 - Daily Mass 9am
 January 22 - Morning Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 January 23 - Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Church
 January 23 - Gather and the ROCK 6:15pm Church
 January 24 - Daily Mass 9am
 January 25 - Daily Mass 9am
 January 25 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
 January 25 - Children's Choir Rehearsal 5pm Church
 January 26 - Daily Mass 9am
 January 27 - No Confessions
 January 27 - 5pm Mass
 January 28 - 9am & 11am Mass
 January 28 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
 January 28 - Youth Mass 6pm

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: Our God Is Here 301

Responsorial Psalm 40: Here I Am Lord

Preparation: The Summons 470

Communion 1: The King of Love My Shepherd is 470

Communion 2: O Come To The Altar

Sending Forth: Lead Me Guide Me 401

Pictures of the Week





The baptism of Saylor Homell on January 13th



The Frassati Young Adult group assembled 226 soup kits which have been donated to CPO, WWCM, and other local food banks. We would like to thank the Knights and Columbiettes for their generous support in providing the supplies and money needed to make these soup kits.

Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by Kathy Cole in honor of our dearly departed SuperGrandpa - Mark A. Mathison - Love Always, Trae, Kathy, Maryn and Wilson Cole

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

48 Hours of Adoration
7pm Jan 29th - 7pm Jan 31st

Sacraments



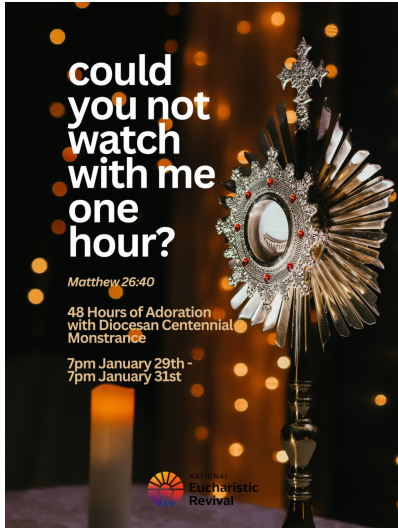
BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email sansone@stmm.net. First time parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

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

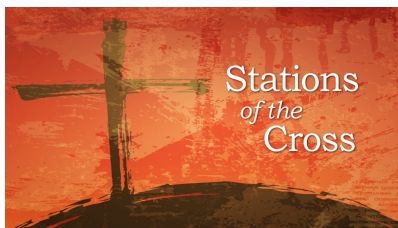
Blood Drive Jan 20th

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: No one has ever become poor by giving. Help save lives. Donate blood.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA-EA62FA3FCC52-47165907-stmm>

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.

Saturday January 20th 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in the StMM school parking lot.

Reserve your time by clicking on the following link: https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/226276

Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment

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.

Last month we met at Brian and Meg Haebig's house for a potluck Christmas social. We had a great time!



Our next regular meeting is this Sunday, January 21 at 12:15 pm in Room 3. 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: February 25, March 17, April 14 and May 5.

If you have any questions or need more information please email Russell and Vanita Reeve stmmchrysalis@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive



I would like to thank everyone who showed interest in the Knights of Columbus this past weekend. The Knights of Columbus is a great way to get involved with the St. Mary Magdalene, school, church and community. If you are interested in joining, please sign up at our website <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html> or contact Steve Fitzhenry at stevefitzhenry@outlook.com.

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. The KofC will also hold its annual Basketball Free Throw competition during our March 8th dinner.

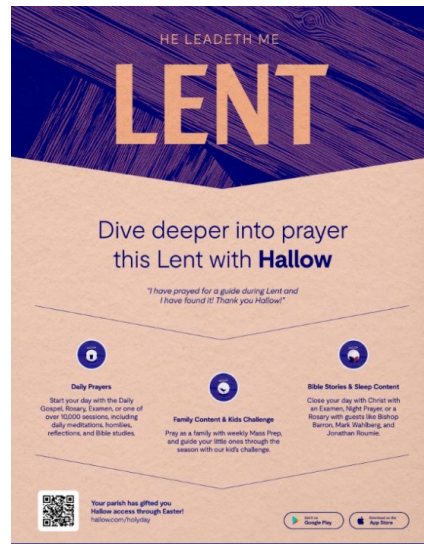
Forward in Hope



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](#).

Hallow App for Lent



HALLOW HOLY DAY PACKAGE

Great news - we at St. Mary Magdalene are excited to announce that we are partnering with Hallow! All parishioners are invited to take part in the Holy Day Package, which gives unlimited, free access to all app content beginning now through Easter Sunday. We'll have a specific Lenten prayer challenge starting Ash Wednesday, but you don't have to wait. You can begin praying with Hallow today!

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. Users are able to pray alongside Fr. Mike, Imaculee, Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, Bishop Barron, Harrison Butker of the Kansas City Chiefs, and many more.

To join Hallow as part of our parish's Lenten program, scan the QR code or visit hallow.com/holyday. Type in St. Mary Magdalene in the parish finder, follow the instructions, and enjoy! And don't forget to join the waitlist for Pray40, Hallow's 40-day prayer challenge from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

We look forward to praying with you!

Weekday Study on Acts



Weekday Study on Acts for Everyone
Join
Deacon
Dev and

many of your fellow parishioners on **Thursday evenings** for an in-depth study of the Acts of the Apostles. The book of Acts provides a detailed, orderly, eyewitness account of the birth and growth of the early church and the spread of the gospel immediately after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This promises to be a richly rewarding study and we hope you will join us! Meetings will be in the STMM Chapel on Thursday evenings, beginning from **February 1st at 6.30pm**. There is no homework, no videos, and no workbook. Just come! If you would like to join this Study, or if you have any questions, or need more information, please email Deacon Dev at lobo@stmm.net.

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 Benediction. Handouts will be available to help

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.

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 4, 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 Heather, Cay Sea, Jonathon, Max 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 Daniel and Perry who will receive the Rite of Election and Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversions on February 18, 2024.

Please pray for Olethea, Denise, Hailey and Ben who are starting the RCIA process.

Lastly, please pray for all of those who are thinking of starting the RCIA process.

Faith Formation





Next
GATHER
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Jesus



Tues.
Jan.
23rd

6:15 pm
Church

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

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

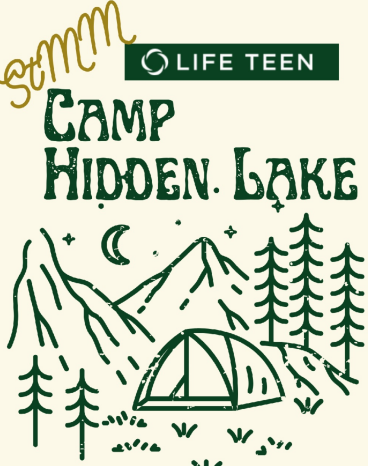
2/12/24 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Chapel
2/13/24 10:30 am - 11:30 am Chapel
2/13/24 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Chapel

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



stmm LIFE TEEN

CAMP HIDDEN LAKE

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

Fill out the Interest form TODAY

JULY 22-27



Save the date

MARCH 15-17

Speaking to Sparrows
Girls Retreat

Fourth Man 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

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 at lawson@stmm.net.

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