

#### St. Mary Magdalene January 5, 2024

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### **Upcoming Events**

Mass This Weekend

January 6 - First Reconciliation Retreat 8:30am Activity Building

January 6 - Confessions 10:30am

January 6 - 5pm Mass

January 7 - 9am & 11am Mass

January 7 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE

January 7 - Youth Mass 6pm January 8 - Daily Mass 9am

January 8 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

January 9 - Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Church

January 9 - Gather and the ROCK 6:15pm Church

January 10 - Daily Mass 9am

January 11 - Daily Mass 9am

January 11 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel

January 11 - Children's Choir Rehearsal 5pm Church

January 12 - Daily Mass 9am

January 13 - Confessions 10:30am

January 13 - 5pm Mass

January 14 - 9am & 11am Mass

January 14 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE

January 14 - Youth Mass 6pm

**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: We Three Kings 107

Responsorial Psalm 72: Lord Every Nation On

Preparation: The First Nowell 112

Communion 1: O Little Town Of Bethlehem 89 Communion 2: Child Of The Poor/What Child Is

This 96

Sending Forth: Go Tell It On The Mountain 82

### Pictures of the Week



The Baptism of Vincent Robert Hicks on December 23rd



#### Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by Julie Ibrahim in honor of Mary Theodora.

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 <a href="here">here</a>. For questions, please contact floralministry@stmm.net

#### Lost & Found Items

We have collected a large amount of 'left in church' items over the past month and Christmas Masses. If you are missing something of yours, please check in the minister's sacristy (off the main lobby of church) for these items. Unclaimed items will be donated on January 15, 2024.

#### Blood Drive January 20th

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

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

## Frassati Young Adult Group



The Frassati Young Adult group has the following activities planned:

**Friday, Jan 5 at 7pm**: Game Night in Youth Room at St. MM

Wednesday, Jan 17 at 7pm in Room 3: Assemble soup kits that will be distributed to people in need of food in our area.

Saturday, Jan 20 afternoon: Bonfire

#### **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 <a href="weddings@stmm.net">weddings@stmm.net</a>

#### **Books Available**

Due to Msgr. Staib and Deacon John Hubisz gift to the Parish, we have many books in our church meeting rooms that are available to any parishioner interested in adding to their home library. Feel free to 'wander through the stacks' and enjoy their collection of wide ranging topics.

#### **Church Outside Lighting**

Since Christmas Eve, we have lighting outside church and on the church grounds that is 'out' and making the parking lot and areas around the church quite dark.

An electrician was able to fix the parking log lights. We are still working on repairing the lights in the Columbarium.

Thank you for understanding as we work to solve this situation.

### **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 <a href="mailto:lemorris0707@gmail.com">lemorris0707@gmail.com</a>

For more information about Frassati or to join our email list, email <a href="mailto:frassati@stmm.net">frassati@stmm.net</a>.

# 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, January 15, 2024, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room #3. For more information, please contact Joanne Martin, 919-244-5616, <a href="martin@kw.com">martin@kw.com</a>

# 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, January 16th, from 7-8pm

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, January 5th 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 <u>ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM</u> 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

### **Children Choir Resumes**

Children's choir rehearsal will resume next week:

Tuesday, 1-9-24 at 5:30pm (before Gather), (we will only meet on Tuesdays when Gather meets)

and

Thursday, 1-11-24 at 5-6pm in the Church

#### 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.

#### 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



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 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.

Strednak at <a href="reia@stmm.me">reia@stmm.me</a> 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**









#### Questions:

For GATHER, contact Suzanne Will atwill@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

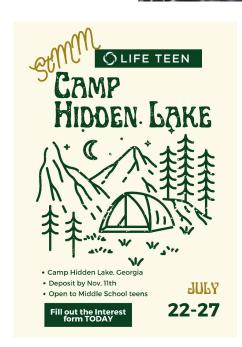
For the ROCK contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net.or 919-657-4800 x7307

**StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry** 









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.



#### Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

Applications for St Mary Magdalene's annual summer service trip with Appalachia Service Project (ASP) are OPEN NOW! Appalachia Service Project is a non-profit focused on making homes warmer, safer, and drier through home repair, and community building through relational ministry. The service trip is open to any current high schoolers involved in youth ministry at StMM, as well as any StMM adults willing to serve and work with high schoolers. Applications are due by January 5th at 11:59pm. Apply <a href="here">here</a>! For questions

#### Only 7 spots left!

Click **here** to complete interest form

or more information, please reach out to Meredith McElroy, StMM ASP Trip Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:asp@stmm.me">asp@stmm.me</a>. To stay the most up to date, follow our Instagram <a href="mailto:asp">aspmmasp</a>

ASP Applications are NOW OPEN: <u>StMM ASP</u> 2024 Application (google.com)

#### 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 <u>StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com</u>

# 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 chid(ren), apply <a href="https://example.com/HERE">HERE</a> or contact Lisa Portland (portland@stmm.net) to schedule a tour!

#### **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.

#### March for Life Jan 19th

#### Career Network Ministry





CNM Presents: The Future of Work: How AI is Transforming Knowledge Work

vent by Career Network Ministry

Thu, Jan 11, 2024, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (your local time)

 3008 Old Raleigh Rd, Apex, North Carolina, US, 27502 St. Andrew Catholic Church. Room 8 next to Parish Offi

Date: January 11th Time: 8:30am - 10:30am

Location: St. Andrews The Apostle Apex 3008 Old Raleigh Rd, Apex, NC 27502

Room 8 - Parish Main Bldg



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