
St. Mary Magdalene March 22, 2024

A Note from Father Chris

Hosanna in the highest! We celebrate Palm Sunday this weekend and our invited to walk and share our lives with Jesus Christ. The Lord awaits us to share our blessings and challenges. We walk humbly with God.

Our new associate that arrives from Uganda this summer is Fr. Francis Xavier Kayondo from the Diocese of Fort Portal. We are in plans to welcome him and our new pastor Fr. Mike Coveyou at the end of June. We are so fortunate to be receiving such good priests.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

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Upcoming Events

March 22 - **KofC Fish Fry**
 March 22 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
 March 23 - Confessions 10:30am
 March 23 - 5pm Mass
 March 24 - 9am & 11am Mass
 March 25 - Daily Mass 9am
 March 25 - Last Day for Brick Order
 March 26 - Parent Confirmation Meeting 6:30pm Chapel
 March 27 - Daily Mass 9am
 March 28 - No 9am Daily Mass
 March 28 - Holy Thursday Mass 7pm
 March 29 - Good Friday - Parish Office Closed
 March 29 - Stations of the Cross 12pm
 March 29 - Passion of the Lord 3pm
 March 30 - No Confessions
 March 30 - Easter Vigil Mass 7:30pm
 March 31 - Easter Sunday 9am & 11:15am Mass
 Outside **Parking Information**
 April 1 - Parish Office Closed
 April 1 - No Daily Mass
 April 2 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Adoramus te Christe/Hosanna In The Highest

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Responsorial Psalm 22: God My God

Preparation: O Sacred Head Surrounded 158 Holy 918

When We Eat This Bread 920

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Communion 4: O Come To The Altar

Sending Forth: This Is Amazing Grace

Pictures of the Week



Parish Staff at St. Julia's for our staff retreat



Pilgrimage to Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral led by Father Chris March 16th



Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry



Apex Mayor Jacques Gilbert was the guest speaker at the CSO Meeting this month

Easter Masses

We need your help on EASTER Sunday OUTDOOR Masses. Please see the sign up genius link and consider helping out so our services can run smoothly. Various roles and various timeslots are available. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and will make our Easter celebration go smoothly. In event of bad weather, we will NOT be OUTSIDE though.

[To volunteer, click here](#)

Easter Vigil Mass 7:30pm Church

Easter Sunday Outside Masses 9am & 11:15am

[Click Here for Easter Sunday Parking Information](#)

Mass Intentions Update

As our parish has grown, we have seen an increase in Mass intentions. This has created some challenges to accommodate these requests. At this time, we will be limiting Mass

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

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

Intentions to 1 per month per person to allow for sufficient opportunities for all that request these. We hope to be able to expand our Mass Intentions in the future and appreciate your understanding at this time.

or in memory of your loved one. Click [here](#). For questions, please contact floralministry@stmm.net

Divine Mercy Sunday



The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

Come celebrate the Feast of Mercy on **Sunday, April 7th at 3pm** in the church. All are welcome! Bring your family, friends and children. There will be music, prayers,

Adoration and Benediction.

Doors open at 2:40pm, we will begin promptly at 3pm

Questions: hoffman@stmm.net

Habitat for Humanity

Advocacy is part of the Habitat for Humanity mission, and towards that end, they have asked for our parish to help support a petition to the Town Council about affordable housing in our area. The link below will take you to a longer explanation and the on line petition. Please consider adding your voice to this worthy cause by reading and signing the petition. Any questions, please contact our H4H coordinators at stmmhabitat@stmm.net

Protect Apex Residents in Manufactured Housing Communities (office.com)

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.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry



The 2024 Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry is on March 22nd 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.

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

If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. We recommend participants

Easter Egg Hunt March 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

join us approximately six months after the loss of a loved one. Meetings begin April 16, 2024 Tuesday evening 7:00 pm and run six weeks. Sessions 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](#).

Seeking Sponsors for Ukraine Refugees

We are seeking parishioners that would consider being a sponsor for Ukrainian refugees to come to America under the Unity for Ukraine program.

<https://www.uscis.gov/ukraine>

Various other parishioners have sponsored refugees under this program and now another family of 5 have reached out to me seeking their own sponsors. This family was from the Kherson region of Ukraine and they fled the war and currently reside as refugees in the Baltic region. Under the U4U program, a sponsor has to enroll through the US custom and immigration service and agree to those stated responsibilities.

The Parish would also be involved in assisting any sponsors with relocation, housing, documents and such, plus they will have the benefit of joining up with their Ukrainian friends in the area that can also help them settle in under this program.

Interested in learning more: please reach out to Jim Galkowski Galkowski@stmm.net or 919 633 9104

Steubenville Conference



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ENDS APRIL 4!

Come away with us! Come experience the Holy Spirit's power and healing at the **Power and Purpose Conference** on **June 14-16** at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Hear talks from Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, Pete Burak, Bishop Joseph Espailat, Jackie Angel and more. Be uplifted by the witness and fellowship of hundreds of Catholics just like you.

Everyone should go on a spiritual retreat at least once a year, *so why not this one?* This weekend-long, Catholic conference is for adults 18 and over. Prices go up April 5th. There is discount pricing for young adults! Reserve your spot on our [coach bus here](#) or you can arrange your own transportation. Register for the conference at steubenvilleconferences.com/a

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 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>

Adult Faith Refresher/ Confirmation Prep

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 begins on April 17 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.

Join the Columbiettes



**Mulholland Columbiettes
Auxiliary at StMM: Join us
April 24!**

Are you a Catholic woman 18 years of age or older, looking for a way to give back to your community and grow in faith? Would you like to make new friends with other Catholic women, serve together and pray together? Then the Columbiettes is for you. We are a band of sisters, a network of women in communities throughout the US doing good works in service of God and our neighbors. We also have fun! You can meet many of us at our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and Game Night events. Our next Joining Ceremony is April 24. You can learn more about us at our website, or contact us at fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com or Cathy Stevens at 908-910-0308. Website: <https://frhcmulhollandcolu.wixsite.com/columbiettes7186>

[dult/ppc](#). using the group ambassador code 24LWERNER.

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

Bingo Night April 5th



Come get your game on with family and friends at BINGO NIGHT! Fun for all ages and many chances to win prizes!

Join us at StMM School Cafeteria, April 5 - Friday,

Doors Open at 630 pm, Games begin at 7 pm!

CASH or CHECKS only to purchase bingo cards, daubers, light refreshments. Children are welcome!

Space is limited, so reserve your spot NOW by signing up at this link. You don't want to miss this event, hosted by the Mulholland Columbiettes!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090548A8AB2CA64-48364695-bingo>

For information, contact Kathy Lynch kathy@kathylynchhomes.com or 919-210-2709.

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

Blood Drive

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive - Saturday April 6th from 8:30 am til 1:30 pm in the St Mary Magdalene School parking lot. Blood donations don't cost us anything but it can save someone's life. Donors received a \$25 gift card. Please reserve your time by clicking on the following link:

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/226329

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, 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.

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.

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

Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, April 2nd, from 7-8pm

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **April 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 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 May 6, 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"*.

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:

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.

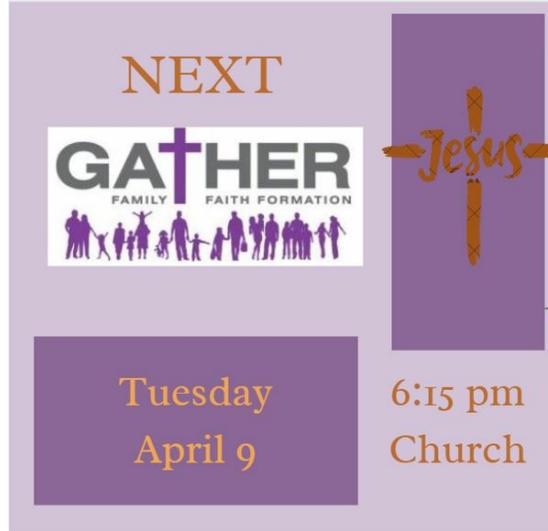
Ben and Daniel who will receive the Rite of Election on Sunday, April 21 at the 11:00 AM mass.

Oletha, Denise, Dominick, and Hailey who will receive the Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion on Sunday, April 21 at the 11:00 AM mass

Please pray for all of those who are thinking of starting the RCIA journey.

Faith Formation



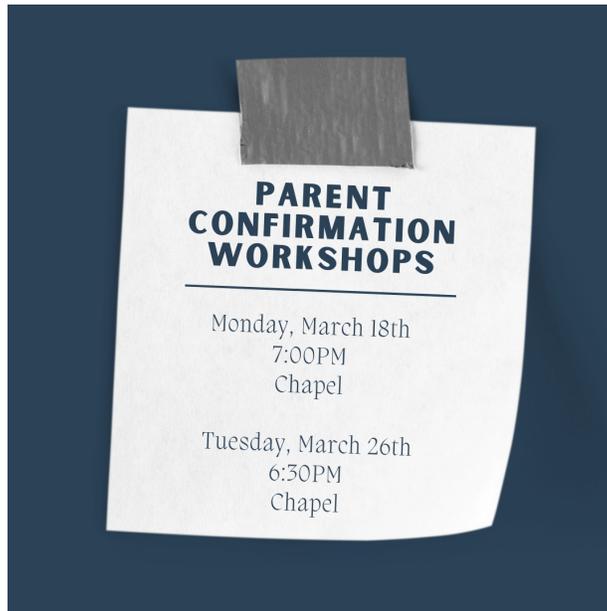


Questions:

For **GATHER**, contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net 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



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

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.



Aftercare Employment Opportunities

Hiring in Aftercare. Must be 18 years or older. Aftercare is looking for someone who enjoys children and who can commit to five days a week: Monday through Friday. We've got a great team and would welcome new people with open arms. Hours are 2:30pm to 6pm. Please email Kate Lawson at lawson@stmm.net if interested.

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) to schedule a tour!

Ignited by Truth Conference

27TH APRIL
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8AM - 5:30PM

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- See your friends & grow your children's faith
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You are invited to join Msgr. John Wall and Fr. John De Guzman on a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to Italy this Fall. We will spend three peace-filled nights in the medieval hillside town of Assisi, where St. Francis lived and prayed in the 13th century. Then, we turn our sites to the hilltop town of Orvieto, where the Feast of Corpus Christi began, before our final stop in Rome for five nights, where we'll immerse ourselves in the rich history of the Eternal City and plan to attend the General Papal Audience with our beloved Pope Francis.

To download the free color brochure and registration form, visit www.GoCatholicTravel.com/24059



Msgr. John Wall



Fr. John De Guzman

For more information, please contact your Group Coordinator, Ms. MJ Bettman via email at: 2024RomeTrip@gmail.com.
Space is limited so sign up soon!

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