
St. Mary Magdalene May 10, 2024

A Note from Father Chris

Congratulations to our 1st Communion families and all who participate in our faith formation program **Gather**. A partnership of family and church.

The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated this weekend and we rejoice in the healing power of the risen Christ. The celebrations of Easter turn into the rewards we have in the life of Jesus Christ right now. Our life today is linked with our life in heaven. We are invited to be holy, and to live a life of loving service to God, and to others.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

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Upcoming Events

May 11 - No Confessions
May 11 - First Communion Masses 9am & 11am
May 11 - 5pm Mass
May 12 - 9am & 11am Mass
May 13 - Daily Mass 9am
May 13 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
May 15 - Daily Mass 9am
May 16 - Daily Mass 9am
May 16 - Morning Rosary 9:30am
May 17 - Daily Mass 9am
May 18 - Confessions 10:30am
May 18 - 5pm Mass
May 19 - 9am & 11am Mass
May 20 - Daily Mass 9am
May 20 - Catholic Senior Org (CSO) 10:30am Room 3
May 20 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
May 21 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Alleluia Entrance Antiphon

Responsorial Psalm 47: God Mounts His Throne

Preparation: God Whose Purpose is to Kindle

Communion 1: Worthy is The Lamb 581

Communion 2: Holy Spirit

Communion 3: Rest on Us

Sending Forth: Go Make a Difference 502

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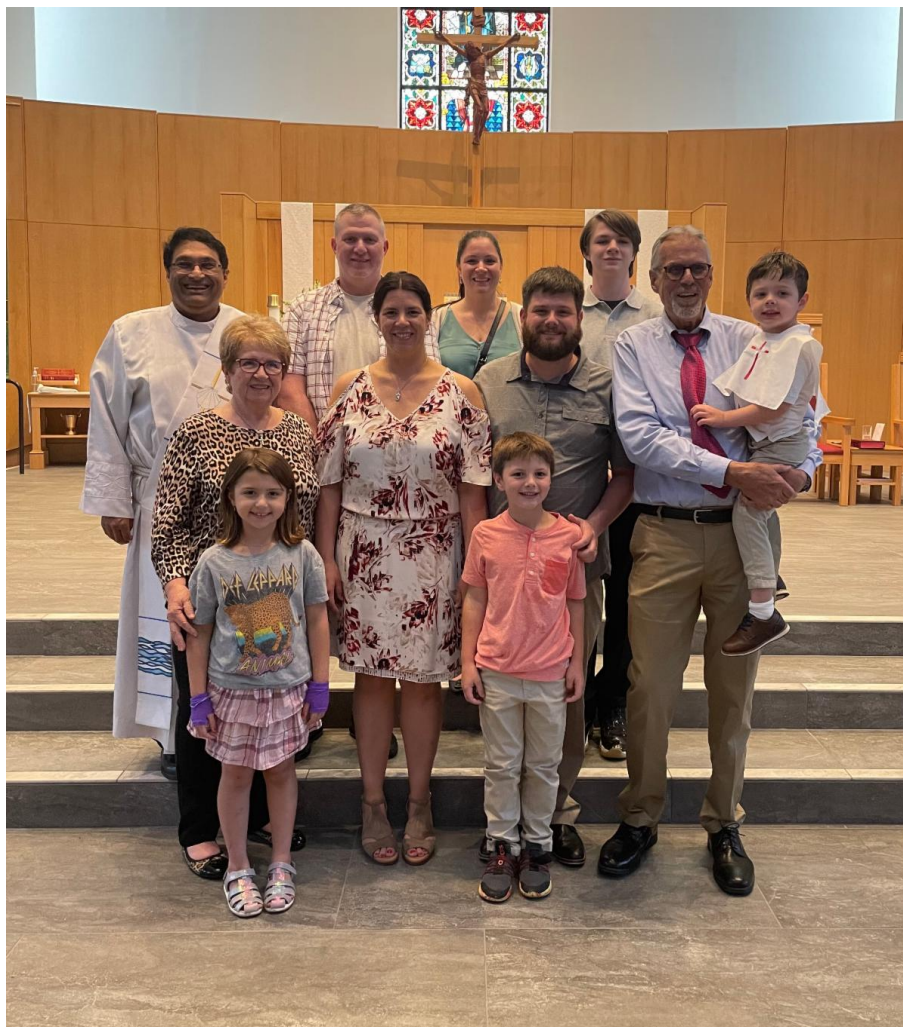
Pictures of the Week



English Breakfast courtesy of David Watson



Congratulations to all the First Communicants on May 4th



The Baptism of Slate Greyson Rillo on May 4th



First Communion on May 5th



The Baptism of Hope Lynn Willis on May 5th



Father Chris' homily 11am Mass May 5th

Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by:

Karen Kovacs in loving memory of our mother and nana Helen Lukesh

Suzanne Will for First Communion

Jeanne Frost for First Communion

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

New Member Lunch - Last Call for Registration

Calling All New Parishioners!

We are very excited to have you as new members of our community! If you registered as a member from November 2023 through now, we would love to have the opportunity to officially welcome you after 11am Mass, Sunday, May 19th. We will gather in the Activities Building for food, fellowship, and fun for the kids!

Please register here to attend [Register Here](#)

Registration will be open through May 14th.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura

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

Respect Life Ministry

On Mother's Day weekend (**May 11th and 12th**) to celebrate the beautiful vocation of motherhood and the cherished gift of life, the Respect Life ministry is offering each mother a flower. Please come by the table after Mass to pick up your flower.

We look forward to officially welcoming you to the St. Mary Magdalene family!

Frassati Young Adult

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

Saturday, May 11 3:30pm-8pm: Spring Picnic at Harris Lake County Park, email frassati@stmm.net for more details

May 18: Hike and strawberry picking, email frassati@stmm.net for more details

June 5 at 7pm in Room 3 Topic TBD

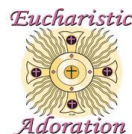
Rosary Makers



Our Lady of Fatima wanted devout Catholics to pray the Rosary daily. To honor her request, we can help to provide as many people as possible with rosaries to pray. Our Lady's Rosary Makers helps connect those who

can make the rosaries with those in need. The STMM Rosary Makers are dedicated to making and distributing rosaries. If you wish to help, please contact me at diana_ivins@yahoo.com or join us on Thursday May 23, 2024, at 5:30 pm in room 1 at StMM. No creativity or experience is required. All training and resources are provided. Please RSVP.

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, May 21st, from 7-8pm

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, May 20, 2024, 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM, in Church meeting rooms #3 and #4. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfran@gmail.com

Safe Environment New Annual Process

NEW ANNUAL LEVEL C VOLUNTEER CLEARANCE PROCESS

Attention All Volunteers – Watch for an email **THIS SUMMER** to renew your Safe Environment Training. Please note there is a new annual process to keep your Level C Volunteer clearance current. For information, see [StMM Level C Renewal](#). Level C clearance is required for many of our volunteer opportunities. Contact Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) with questions.

Prayer Team



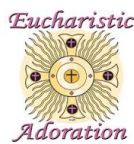
For companionship in your trials and joys of life, our team of prayer warriors are here to walk with you. It is a sincere privilege to help lift our parish family through intercessory prayer. As we pray for one another's needs, it helps us all to hear how loved ones are continuing on their journeys.

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

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **June 7th 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 August 5, 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"*.

to learn more about this ministry. * [Share Prayer Updates via email](#). *

Join the Prayer Team

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

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please pray for the following catechumens and candidates as they prepare for the following Rites:

Ben will receive Full Communion (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on Sunday, May 19 at the 9:00 AM Mass.

Oletha, Denise, Dominick, and Hailey will receive Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Sunday, May 19 at the 9:00 AM Mass.

Please pray for Stephen, Stephany and Elaine who have started their RCIA journey.



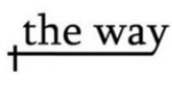

Please pray for all of those who are considering starting the RCIA journey.

Faith Formation



Religious Education

2024-25

 <p>GATHER FAMILY FAITH FORMATION</p>	 <p>ROCK Reaching out for Christ</p>	 <p>EDGE Catholic Middle School Ministry</p>	 <p>the way</p>	 <p>APOSTELLO</p>
Grades K – 4 & Parents	Grades 5 & 6	Middle School – Grades 7 & 8	High School – Grades 9 & 10 Pre-Confirmation	High School – Grades 11 & 12 Post Confirmation
Parent Enrichment	Parent Enrichment	Sunday Evenings	Sunday Evenings	Sunday Evenings
Tuesdays	Tuesdays	7:15 – 8:30 pm	7:15 – 8:30 pm	Time & location determined by small group
6:15 – 7:30 pm	6:15 – 7:30 pm	StMM Gym	StMM Church	
StMM Church & School	StMM Gym	Youth Mass 6:00pm on Sundays when the Middle School and High School Faith Formation Programs Meet (Refer to the Faith Formation Calendar)		

Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation
Calendar

GATHER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Gather meets Tuesdays
from 6:15 - 7:30 pm
. Please consider
joining our Core Team
email: will@stmm.net



We are looking for Teachers, Substitutes, Hall Monitors & AV Assistants




PROGRAMS OFF FOR SUMMER BREAK

**Registration Opens online
July 1st**

www.stmm.church/religious-ed/

**Questions: will@stmm.net
(919) 657-4800 x 7280**

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

JOIN OUR CORE TEAM FOR EDGE AND THE WAY



APPLY TODAY!

It takes an army of adult volunteers to run our youth ministry! If you want to join, or you're Interested In learning more, please fill out the Interest form below

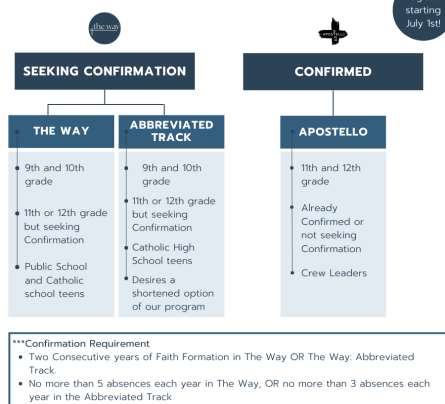
CREW LEADER APPLICATIONS OPEN



Core Team Interest Form for EDGE, The Way, Abbreviated Track, and Apostello: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdny1wY2eZ8-YrIVCG2iTGPhA6gidrt_hoRxA52orhGk4Y8DQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Crew Leadership Program Application for 11th and 12th Graders: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScICY-oVrTkTWnjqUI6q2tLQyIB-6U0t9iWVUljnj2aviJ6_g/viewform?usp=sf_link

STMM HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION WHICH IS RIGHT FOR ME?



SAVE THE DATE



BEACH RETREAT
AUGUST 16-18



MOUNTAIN RETREAT
FEBRUARY 7-9



Registration Opens July 1st! Which High School Program is Right for Me?

Save the Date for our High School Retreats! Registration link will be available on the E-News July 1st!

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.



Limited Seats available in **PreK4** for the 24-25 school year!

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is accepting applications for the 24-25 school year in PreK4 and grades 6th-8th. Applications are closed for K-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!

Catholic Charities Durham Bulls June 25th



6:35 p.m.

Durham Bulls Athletic Park | 409 Blackwell Street, Durham, NC 27701

For information and to purchase tickets visit:
www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/BullsPitch4Charity

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Questions? Please contact Malcolm Nicol, Catholic Charities Communications Specialist, at (984) 900 - 3116 or by email at Malcolm.Nicol@ccharitiesdor.org

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