

St. Mary Magdalene May 3, 2024

A Note from Father Chris

Congratulations to our First Communion recipients! The wonderful celebration of God's love for us as we receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Thank you to the **Gather** program for their great work with our young families.

The Gospel reminds us to share the importance of our being together as church and in church. Jesus Christ implores us to love one another, which requires us to be with one another, to see one another.

So, see you in church on Sunday!

With much love and gratitude,

Fr. Chris

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Upcoming Events

May 3 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church
 May 4 - No Confessions
 May 4 - First Communion Mass 10am
 May 4 - 5pm Mass
 May 5 - 9am & 11am Mass
 May 5 - Chrysalis 12:15pm Room 3
 May 6 - Daily Mass 9am
 May 6 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 May 7 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
 May 8 - Daily Mass 9am
 May 9 - Daily Mass 9am
 May 9 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
 May 10 - Daily Mass 9am
 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

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Alleluia Entrance Antiphon

Responsorial Psalm 98: The Lord Has Revealed

Preparation: God Whose Purpose is to Kindle

Communion 1: Ubi Caritas 328

Communion 2: Hold On To Love

Communion 3: Rest on Us

Sending Forth: Alleluia! Love is Alive 171

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Pictures of the Week



Marek and Cassidy Harabin celebrating their convalidation and the baptism of baby Hanna on April 27th



Raynee and Jacob McCraw married on April 27th



Father Chris blessed the new restaurant in Apex La Taberna



The School had May Crowning on May 2nd



May Crowning



The new painting of St. Mary Magdalene in the chapel

Distribution of Gluten Free Hosts During Mass

During the distribution of Holy Communion, gluten free hosts can be received from the priest or deacon. At StMM we like to rotate clergy through all EM stations so that they can see all parishioners over time. As such, the station from which the priest or deacon distributes Holy Communion changes every week. To find out which station the priest or deacon will be at for a specific Mass, please check beforehand in the Ministers' Sacristy or reach out to an Usher. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Dev at lobo@stmm.net or call (770) 828 6935.

Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers were donated by Jeanne Frost in honor of the First Communions

Take this opportunity to consider donating flowers to St. Mary Magdalene to beautify the

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

Volunteers for the Flower Ministry

We are in need of volunteers to water flowers in the church after the 5pm and 11am Masses. Want to learn how it

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



all happens? Join us on May 10th after Daily Mass about 10am. For questions, please contact Joan Ang at joanang2020@gmail.com.

New Member Lunch

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 Petersen at l.a.petersen@gmail.com.

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

Respect Life Ministry

May is the month of Mary and includes mothers' day. To honor Our Blessed Mother the Respect Life ministry invites each family to join us in offering prayers and flowers to Mary on **May 4th and 5th**. Before or after Mass you are invited to come to the table in the gathering space where there will be pens and paper to write down a prayer intention for thanksgiving for her motherly love and intercession. Also, pick up one flower per family to place in the vase beside Mary statue in the front of the church sanctuary.

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.

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 2-8pm: 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

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 join us approximately six months after the loss of a loved one. We have two new groups forming; one being held on Monday mornings at 10:00 am from May 6, - June 17, 2024 and another group meeting on Tuesday evenings 7:00 - 8:00 pm from April 16 - May 21, 2024. 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](#).

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

Chrysalis Marriage Enrichment



Our last regular meeting is this Sunday, May 5 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. This month's topic is **The Most Important Word**.

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

Eucharistic Adoration Times

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **May 3rd 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.



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 you participate in prayer and song.

Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, May 7th, from 7-8pm

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.

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

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



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

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

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".

receive Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Sunday, May 19 at the 9:00 AM Mass.

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

Faith Formation

The GATHER logo is on the left, and the ROCK logo is on the right. The ROCK logo includes the text "When the rock I will build my church" above it.

PROGRAMS OFF FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

**Registration Opens online
July 1st**

www.stmm.church/religious-ed/

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

GATHER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

An illustration of a church building with a green roof and a grey cross on top. In front of the church, five children of various ethnicities are standing and smiling. They are holding hands and appear to be in a joyful mood.

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

CREW LEADER APPLICATIONS OPEN



Crew is our student leadership team at St. Mary Magdalene! All Confirmed teens entering 1th or 12th grade are eligible to apply! Details and commitments/expectations are listed in the application link here. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciCY-oVrTkTWnjqUI6q2tLQyIB-6U0t9iWVUIqj2aviJ6_g/viewform?usp=sf_link

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 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!

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.

Career Network Ministry May 9th



CNM Presents: So...What's Next? Navigating Your Career Vision

Event by Career Network Ministry

 Thu, May 9, 2024, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (your local time) [Add to calendar](#) ▼

 802 High House Rd, Cary, North Carolina, US, 27513
St. Michael Catholic Church, Trinity Center

Career Network Ministry Meeting

Date: Thursday May 9th

Location: (Trinity Center) - St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church - Cary
802 High House Rd, Cary

Time: 8:30am - 10:30am

Register: <https://www.linkedin.com/events/cnmpresents-so-what-s-next-navig7191571571776327681/>

Catholic Charities Pitch in for Charity June 25th



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6:35 p.m.

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