
St. Mary Magdalene October 13, 2023

A Note from Father Chris

Jesus invites us to the feast of life. To live in the fullness of love which is to love God above all and to love others as ourselves.

Thank you for your hospitality of our friend Fr. Wally this weekend. The pilgrimage to the Holy Land was cancelled. So, I am spending a little time at the holy sand of the beach.

One more week and the Eucharistic Congress Mass will be at 5:00pm on Saturday, **October 21st** at the Raleigh Convention Center. There will not be a 5pm Mass at St. Mary Magdalene on that day.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

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Upcoming Events

October 14 - Confessions 10:30am
 October 14 - 5pm Mass
 October 14-15 - CPO "Feed a Family" Food Drive
 October 15 - 9am & 11am Mass
 October 15 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
 October 15 - Youth Mass 6pm
 October 16 - Daily Mass 9am
 October 16 - Catholic Senior Org 10:30am Room 3
 October 16 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 October 17 - Children's Choir 5:30pm Church
 October 17 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
 October 18 - Daily Mass 9am
 October 19 - Daily Mass 9am
 October 19 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
 October 19 - Children's Choir 5pm Church
 October 19 - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 5:30pm Church
 October 20 - Daily Mass 9am
 October 21 - No Confessions
 October 21 - No Saturday Mass
 October 22 - 9am & 11am Mass
 October 22 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
 October 22 - 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 the Weekend Masses

Gathering: Table of Plenty 311

Psalm 23: I Shall Live in the House

Preparation: Great Are You Lord

Communion 1: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Communion 2: Jesus I Surrender It All

Sending Forth: All the Ends of the Earth 564

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Pictures of the Week



The Baptism of Andie Plundo on October 7th



The Baptism of Peyton Ayers on October 7th

Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by the Tucker Family in honor of their wedding anniversary and

In honor of the wedding of Maria Annunziata and Jackson Weber

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](#). □

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For questions, please contact floralministry@stmm.net

CPO "Feed A Family" Food Drive

CPO "Feed A Family" Food Drive Collection will take place before and after all Masses this weekend **Oct. 14th & 15th**. Please bring your filled grocery bag or monetary donation (checks payable to: Catholic Parish Outreach) to the big truck near the main entrance to the church. Be sure to say Hello to the Knights of Columbus and our Columbiette's as you drop your donations off. Thank you to both groups for volunteering and supporting CPO.

All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance November 2nd 7pm

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

40 Days of Life

Our 40 Days for Life Fall campaign is under way through Sunday Nov. 5th. You are invited to join others in prayer to end abortion in our community and to offer hope and life for our struggling pregnant moms and their families. We offer real choices: love, life, forgiveness, hope and support for mothers, fathers, and children in need.

Sign up now at www.40daysforlife.com/en/raleigh to commit to at least one hour. Members of STMM Respect Life ministry are often there on Friday and Saturday mornings, so you can contact Paula Hils at pshils@bellsouth.net for details.

Prayers & Squares Ministry

The Prayer Quilt Ministry is founded on



All Souls Day

In Remembrance of our Beloved

Amount \$ _____

Name _____

If you would like your deceased loved ones to be remembered at all Masses throughout the entire month of November, please fill out the All Souls' envelopes (available in the Narthex) with their names and drop them in the collection baskets . Or [click here](#) to donate through our giving portal and include their names in the memo field by November 1st. These intention envelopes with remain on the altar throughout November.

New Member Luncheon



Calling All New Parishioners!

We are very excited to have you as new members of our community. If you registered as a member from April 2023 through now, we would love to have the opportunity to officially welcome you after 11am Mass, Sunday, November 12th. We will gather in the Activities Building for food, fellowship, and fun for the kids!

Please register [here](#) if you plan to attend.

Registration will be open through November 7th. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Petersen, l.a.petersen@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Pageant



Rehearsals for the big production numbers of Promises Promised begin on Thursday, October 19, at 5:30-6:30pm in the church.

We will also meet from 5:30 to 6:30

PM on November 2, November 16, November 30 dress rehearsal.



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

Gabriel Project Ministry



This time last year, we announced a new ministry at St. Mary Magdalene- Gabriel Project Ministry, which reaches out to expectant mothers in our community.

The Holy Spirit is blessing

many women in Wake County. Thank you for your generous support of baby items, handmade blankets and cash which has made this possible. In less than one year, Gabriel Project Ministry has been walking alongside 14 women and 6 of whom had their babies. Similar to Jesus sending out disciples two by two, we pair caring StMM volunteers to partner and walk alongside mothers and their families providing loving support and attention to the mom during her pregnancy and up to one year of the baby's birth. Additionally, we connect moms to other local organizations to meet their other physical needs (such as groceries, rent assistance, payment of utility bills). Currently we have 12 angels and need more!

If you are interested in learning more or helping, we invite all parishioners, men, women and youth, to join us in serving mothers in our community. After masses on Oct 22, visit Respect Life Table in Narthex after church to learn more and review our list of specific donation items needed for new baby welcome baskets. Contact information is also in this week's e-news.

Frassati Young Adult Group



The Frassati Young Adult Group has a lot of great upcoming events. If you're in your 20s or 30s, come out to join us. To be added

to our email list, email frassati@stmm.net

If you're interested in being involved, follow the link below and sign up, we are extending the opening until the second week of November. Please complete [this form](#)

Want to learn more? [Click here](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Witchger, awitchger@stmm.me.

Children's Choir

The next time Children's Choir sings at Mass is November 4-5th.

Children's choir will meet Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:10 before Gather on the alternating Tuesdays. We will meet from 5:30 to 6:30pm

On Thursdays the children's choir will meet from 5pm to 5:30 PM then the rehearsal for Promises Promised begin and you're welcome to stay as long as you can.

If you haven't done it yet, please sign up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3KqdeqHDmoAifVcUzMYS2ldL83DRUYUfT8Y8Z6zoWk4ionA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Remember, this is not a drop off event, so parents please stay with your children while we practice.

Respect Life

It's Respect Life Month! Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month. Information on a myriad of Human Life & Dignity issues, opportunities to walk with expectant moms in need and pro-life events will be available at the Respect Life table after Masses on October 22.

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Prayer for Radical Solidarity" (respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

Reflection on Radical Solidarity <https://www.usccb.org/resources/rlp-23-reflection.pdf> and Prayer <https://www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity>

Wed, Oct 18 at 7pm meet in Room 3
Pumpkin carving and evening prayer

Wed, Nov 1 All Saints Day
7pm Mass followed by Dessert Party

Wed, Nov 15 at 7pm in Room 3
Trivia lead by Seminarian Rob

Sat, Nov 18 8:30am-12:30pm
Volunteer with CPO--

email frassati@stmm.net for more details and to RSVP

Mon, Nov 27 at 7pm

Guided tour of St. MM led by Msgr Staib

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest



**Knights of Columbus 7186
Essay Contest – 8th.**

12th Graders (Due 10-23-23).
The K of C sponsors an annual essay challenge to encourage today's youth to be more connected to their community

and faith. [OVERVIEW IS HERE](#). There is a monetary prize given to the winning student. Parents should contact Joe Beira's for more information - jbeiras@hotmail.com

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.

This year we will be using 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. Never before has a marriage program been this flexible, and never before has it been designed to walk with couples through their entire life together. The program comes with a workbook and videos that we will follow.

Sessions dates are: October 22, November 19, December 10, January 21, February 25, March 17, April 14 and May 5, Regular meetings are on Sundays from 12:15- 2:00 in Room 3 of the church building after the 11:00 am mass.

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training

Answer the call to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion!

Extraordinary ministers assist the Presider with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. With the re-introduction of both species, **we need many more ministers** if Holy Communion is to be distributed in an efficient and reverent manner at StMM. All parishioners who are practicing confirmed Catholics may become Eucharistic Ministers.

Training has been scheduled in the Church for **Sunday, November 5th at 12.15pm** and **Monday, November 6th at 6pm**. Please choose one session and RSVP to Lisa Westberg at lbwestberg13@gmail.com.

Adult Faith Refresher

If you're like many Catholics, you went through your Catechism classes dutifully... If you're like many Catholics, you learned about faith, scripture, and the teachings of the Church. But maybe not about how it all fits together. Would you like to gain a life-changing perspective and enrich your faith? Would you like to apply your understanding of the faith to live a more joyful life?

Then come join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for a dynamic series that is designed to apply these concepts to everyday life. THIS SERIES ALSO SERVES AS FORMAL PREPARATION FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES. We meet 6 consecutive Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm.

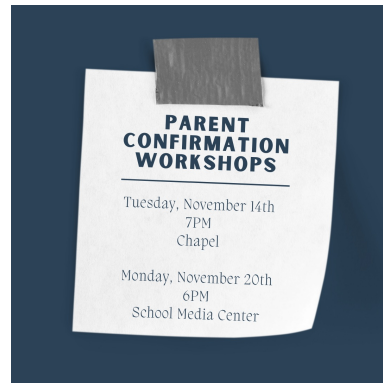
LOOK FOR ANOTHER SERIES TO BEGIN IN JANUARY. For more details or to sign up, contact Deacon Rick at 908-910-0309 or by e-mail at Stevens@stmm.me.

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please pray for Robbie, Susan, Whitney, Randal, Max, Jake, Tessa, and Paul, who will receive the Rites of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on November 19 at the 11 AM Mass.

Please pray for Perry and Daniel who are just starting their RCIA journey.

Parent Confirmation Workshops



Calling all parents! This Fall we are offering TWO parent Confirmation workshops, and 2 more in the Spring. This is where you will hear all of the details of Confirmation requirements and preparation from Niki Bordelon and Vicki Kristoff. Vicki runs the website which tracks all paperwork. You only need to attend 1 workshop over the course of your teen's Confirmation prep.

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 October 30, 2023. 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"*.

CSO Meeting

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, October 16, 2023, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room #3. For more information, please contact Joanne Martin, 919-244-5616, jmartin@kw.com

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, October 17th, from 7- 8pm

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **November 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.

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 StMMPPrayerTeam@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

Faith Formation



NEXT NIGHT OF GATHER & ROCK

10/24/23

6:15 pm



AUTISM INCLUSION IN CHURCHES presented by *Amy Langston*

Wednesday, October 18
7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Register using the QR code to receive the online link.



La presentación será interpretada en Español.

Amy is a Raleigh area native who is an autistic self-advocate diagnosed at the age of ten. An active scholar of world religions, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees in religious studies. She has been delivering training sessions on autism inclusion in churches since 2018. Her passions are writing and traveling, and she is always either researching the newest language trend or dreaming about where to go next. You can learn more about Amy at her website, www.amylangston.com.



Contact Katie Fortunato for more information
elemfaith@saintandrew.org

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

EDGE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

6:00 pm	Youth Mass begins in the Church
7:00pm	Teens transition to the school cafeteria for snacks
7:15pm	Teens find small groups in the school gym for announcements
8:30 pm	Parents park in the school lot and walk into the school building to pick up their teens from the gym

SAVE THE DATE

RETREAT 2023

NOVEMBER 11-12TH 2023

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REGISTER ON THE NEWSLETTER!

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/people/lo cateperson.aspx?url=/access/eventsadmin/register.aspx?EventId=227567>

THE WAY AND APOSTELLO SCHEDULE

4:30 pm	Apostello Meets in the Chapel
6:00 pm	Youth Mass begins in the Church
7:00pm	Teens make nametags and eat snacks in Church Narthex
7:15pm	Teens find small groups in Church for announcements
7:30 pm	Room Rotation Talks Begin
8:15pm	Closing Praise & Worship in Church
8:30 pm	Pick Up in Parking Lot

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



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JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NCSAA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEN:
October 18, 2023 6:30-7:30pm

WHERE:
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School
Media Center
625 Magdala Place, Apex, NC 27502



Interested in a Catholic education for the 24-25 school year? Schedule a campus tour by emailing portland@stmm.net or visiting <http://school.stmm.net/admissions/tours.cfm>

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School, along with a representative from Parents for Educational Freedom in NC, will hold a Parent Information Session regarding the Opportunity Scholarship, which is a financial resource that can help families attend a private school. Please [RSVP HERE](#) if you plan to attend. If you have any questions, please email Lisa Portland, portland@stmm.net.

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.

If you enjoy working with children and want to push their education further, join StMM's Aftercare Team! Support students' educational journey with weekly educational lessons and creativity periods, while building their relationships with others. Flexible hours, including full-time or part-time hours are available! Please email Ms. Jordan at jordan@stmm.net for more information or to apply!

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