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## St. Mary Magdalene October 20, 2023

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### A Note from Father Chris

The followers of Jesus proclaim his teachings as truth and as coming from God. That is great news! The teachings of Jesus Christ are truth directly from God, and yet we are still challenged. Jesus wants us to live as he lived. Always loving. For this we will need each other's and God's help.

A reminder that there will be no Saturday, 5pm Mass this weekend as the Diocese celebrates the Eucharistic Congress at the Raleigh Convention Center.

With much love,

Fr. Chris

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## Upcoming Events

October 21 - No Confessions  
 October 21 - No Saturday Mass  
 October 22 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 October 22 - Chrysalis 12:15pm Room 3  
 October 22 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE  
 October 22 - Youth Mass 6pm  
 October 23 - Daily Mass 9am  
 October 23 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel  
 October 24 - Gather and the ROCK 6:15pm Church  
 October 25 - Daily Mass 9am  
 October 26 - Daily Mass 9am  
 October 26 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel  
 October 26 - Luke-Acts Bible Study for everyone (contact Deacon Dev at [lobo@stmm.net](mailto:lobo@stmm.net))  
 6:30pm Chapel  
 October 27 - Daily Mass 9am  
 October 28 - No Confessions  
 October 28 - 5pm Mass  
 October 29 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 October 29 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE  
 October 29 - 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:** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee 555

**Psalm 96:** Give to the Lord Glory and Honor

**Preparation:** How Great is Our God

**Communion 1:** The Supper of the Lord 337

**Communion 2:** Great are You Lord

**Sending Forth:** With One Voice 385

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## Pictures of the Week



The Baptisms of Madeline, Walter and Charles Schworer on October 14th



The Baptism of William Francis Duffney on October 7th at St. Mary's Church in Rochester, New York



The Frassati Young Adult group celebrated fall with a pumpkin carving contest. To learn more about Frassati, email us at [frassati@stmm.net](mailto:frassati@stmm.net)



25th Wedding Anniversary Blessing for Liz and Matt Sams with their children, Lindsay and Patrick



This week's altar flowers are donated by Lerissa Heggen in honor of Gabriela Joan Heggen on her baptism

and

by Cristina Williamson in honor of John and Shirley Wichtrich celebrating 60 years of marriage

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](mailto:floralministry@stmm.net)

## CPO "Feed A Family" Food Drive

**CPO Feed A Family Food Drive Results: Thank you to our beloved StMM Parishioners!** Your generosity yielded **4,064 pounds of food and \$2819** in monetary donations.

We are so very grateful for your continued support of our neighbors in need. **Great Job and Thank You!**

\*Please continue to recycle your **paper & plastic grocery bags** with CPO by placing them in the bins under the covered drive thru on your way into Mass or as convenient. We use these bags to pack food items for distribution. \*\*Also, please think of CPO when your young children outgrow their clothing. Donated **clothes, socks and undies (sizes 0 – 6T only), children's books and little kids shoes** can also be left in the bins to support our littlest neighbors through CPO's Children's Clothing Corner. Tell your friends & neighbors too!

Did you miss out on giving to CPO last week?

Please donate directly to them via this link: <https://www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org/cpo/>

CPO is a separate entity from StMM and operates under Catholic Charities. Donations should go directly to them or checks should be made out to CPO.

Questions: [hoffman@stmm.net](mailto:hoffman@stmm.net)

## Parishioner Assistance Ministry

Parishioner Assistance Ministry is growing! Over the past few years, generous volunteers have provided meals, transportation, landscaping and other support to fellow parishioners who have needed help. As we continue these types of services, we are looking to expand how we can



**BAPTISMS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email [sansone@stmm.net](mailto: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](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)

## All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance November 2nd 7pm



### 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.

## 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



serve the StMM family. **We are looking for volunteers to join our leadership team.** If you are interested in helping to lead this ministry, please contact Dan Moskey at [dmoskey12@gmail.com](mailto:dmoskey12@gmail.com). Thank you!



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](mailto:lcmorris0707@gmail.com)

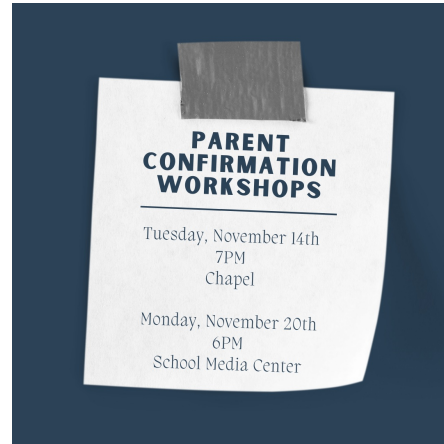
## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training

**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 5<sup>th</sup> at 12.15pm** and **Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. Please choose one session and RSVP to Lisa Westberg at [lbwestberg13@gmail.com](mailto:lbwestberg13@gmail.com).

## 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.

## 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](mailto:l.a.petersen@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

## Gabriel Project Ministry



This month Gabriel's Project will be collecting baby items to help provide support for expectant and new mothers in need. If you are feeling called to help support this ministry and you were not

able to pick up a donation card at the Respect Life table, some of the items needed include diapers (sizes newborn, 1 and 2), sleepers (sizes preemie through 6 months old), bath time sets for babies (hair and skin care), hooded baby towels and laundry baskets, however, any and all baby items are welcome. Please bring these items for drop off after any of the Masses. Any items for donation can be left in the pink bin labeled Gabriel's Project in the church narthex to the right of the entrance. Thank you!

## Christmas Pageant

## Frassati Young Adult



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.

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](mailto: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](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.

The fall 40 Days for Life campaign is nearly over. On November 3rd please join STMM parishioners, Fr. Chris and Deacon Dev in prayer in front of A Woman's Choice between 10am and 1pm.

Visit [www.40daysforlife.com/en/raleigh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/raleigh) for details and to sign up. If you have any questions contact Paula Hills at [pshils@bellsouth.net](mailto:pshils@bellsouth.net).

## 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](mailto:frassati@stmm.net)

**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](mailto: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 – 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:stmmchrysalis@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?

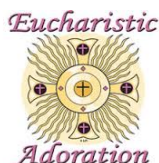
Then come join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for a dynamic series that is designed to apply these concepts to everyday life. THIS SERIES ALSO SERVES AS FORMAL PREPARATION FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES. We meet 6 consecutive Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm.

**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](mailto:Stevens@stmm.me).

## Eucharistic Adoration Times

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](mailto: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



## RCIA



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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](mailto: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"*.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](#). \*

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.

Join the Prayer Team

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

## Faith Formation



### Questions:

For **GATHER**, contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7280

For the **ROCK** contact Sarah Ritchie at [ritchie@stmm.net](mailto:ritchie@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7307

### StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry



<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](mailto:ritchie@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7307

For **Apostello and the Way**, contact Niki Bordelon at [bordelon@stmm.net](mailto:bordelon@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7309

For **Confirmation**, contact [StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com](mailto:StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com)

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jordan@stmm.net) for more information or to apply!

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