
St. Mary Magdalene October 6, 2023

A Note from Father Chris

Jesus speaks of taking and giving in relation to the Kingdom of God. We often find new value in things that are taken away. Contemplating what we would truly miss is an important guide to our life of faith. What is important to us and do we know why? The life the Lord invites us to share is one of goodness, truth, and love. Knowing what the most valuable parts of our life are can truly lead us to the blessed life, the good life, and the life of love.

Many blessings,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

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Upcoming Events

October 6 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church
 October 7 - Confessions 10:30am
 October 7 - 5pm Mass
 October 8 - 9am & 11am Mass
 October 8 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
 October 8 - Youth Mass 6pm
 October 9 - Daily Mass 9am
 October 9 - Renew Praise and Worship 7:30pm Chapel
 October 10 - Children's Choir 5:30pm Church
 October 10 - Gather and the Rock 6:15pm Church
 October 11 - Daily Mass 9am
 October 12 - Daily Mass 9am
 October 12 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
 October 12 - Children's Choir 4:30pm Church
 October 13 - Daily Mass 9am
 October 14 - Confessions 10:30am
 October 14 - 5pm Mass
 October 15 - 9am & 11am Mass
 October 15 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
 October 15 - 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: Sing to the Mountains 544

Psalm 80: The Vineyard of the Lord

Preparation: Jesus I Surrender It All

Communion 1: Pan De Vida 336

Communion 2: Great is The Lord

Sending Forth: Take the Word of God With You 382

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Pictures of the Week



Congratulation to Sarah, our middle school youth minister, and Dave on their engagement!



Children's Choir at last weekend's Masses





Blessing of the Animals



The Mulholland Columbiettes welcomed 9 new members into their auxiliary on Sep. 27! The Columbiettes are a national organization dedicated to faith, sisterhood and charity. If you'd like to learn more about us, contact fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes.com or contact Cathy Stevens at 908-910-0308.

Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by Monty and Janelle Buchanan in memory of Arthur Hernandez.

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

CPO "Feed A Family" Food Drive

Happy Fall Y'all – Time for our Fall CPO "Feed A Family" Food Drive. Grocery bags with item lists will be handed out before & after all Masses on Oct.

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

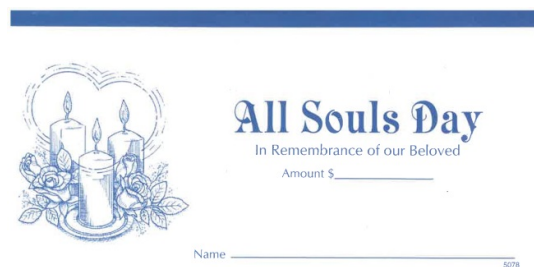
40 Days of Life

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

7th & 8th .

Donation collection will take place at all Masses on Oct. 14th & 15th. Thank you to Helping Hands Ministry who has again volunteered to pass out the bags in support of CPO's mission. Did you know that CPO has been around for 46 years? It is the largest food pantry in the Triangle & supports 3 counties. Every parish (**Catholic PARISH** Outreach) hosts 2 food drives/year to help support CPO. CPO has seen a 25% increase in need in the last 6 months. 70% of CPO food supply comes from donations like yours. Did you know that CPO Director, Kelly Rappl & Volunteer Coordinator, Darcy Hull, are proud to call STMM their home parish? They are especially grateful for the continued generosity & support from STMM as they see first hand the relief your donations bring to those living on the margins. Hundreds of volunteers and 4 staff members make up the CPO work force. Contact Darcy if you'd like to volunteer weekday or Saturday mornings 919-847-1466 or email CPOvol.coordinator@ccharitiesdor.org
*Please continue to recycle your paper & plastic bags in the bins under the covered drive thru.
Thank you!

All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance November 2nd 7pm



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.

Christmas Pageant

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 Hills at pshils@bellsouth.net for details.

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

Eucharistic Congress October 21st



St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church & School are thrilled about the return of our Christmas Pageant! A variety of parts will be needed for the program including singers, actors, musicians, and artists. Children, teens, and adults are all encouraged to participate! To express your interest, please fill out [this form](#)

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

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

Children's Choir

Children's choir sings at Mass this weekend.

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

Practices? you have two options a week: Tuesdays at 5:30pm and Thursdays at 4:30pm. Pick the one that works best for you.

We will send you the songs so you can practice at home.

If you haven't done it yet, please sign up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3KqdeqHDmoAifVcUzMYs2ldL83DRUYUFT8Y8Z6zoWk4ionA/viewform?usp=sf_link

That way, we can add you to our Children's Choir email list.

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



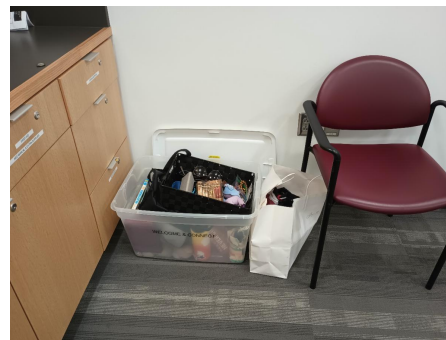
Registration is now open for the Diocese of Raleigh's Eucharistic Congress, to be held Saturday, October 21, 2023, at the Raleigh Convention Center. There is no charge to attend the Eucharistic Congress, but pre-registration is required.

For adult registration, please download the 2023 DOR Eucharistic Congress app from the App Store or Google Play Store. By signing up and logging into the mobile app, you are automatically registered for general event admission and can choose individual sessions to attend.

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/event/diocese-raleigh-eucharistic-congress>

Let us know if you're going to the upcoming diocesan Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, Oct. 21. Connect with your St. Mary Magdalene family attending the congress. We'll be in touch via email with plans to gather and meet fellow parishioners at the congress. Contact Nicole Šebik, nicolesebik@yahoo.com, for more information

Church Lost & Found



Are you missing a water bottle? reading glasses? children's book?

Church has a lost & found bin in the ministers' sign in room off the Narthex. Please ask an usher if you need help finding it.

Renew Praise & Worship Night



Come join us for a Renew Praise & Worship Night on Monday, October 9th from 7:30-8:30pm in the Chapel! The night will consist of a short talk followed by Holy Spirit-led charismatic worship through song, led by Courtney & Nick Blaskovich. People of all ages, backgrounds, and singing ability are welcome, and all are free to come-and-go throughout the hour! Bring your family or a friend!

Respect Life

1.--Since 1973, the Catholic Church in the United States has observed October as "Respect Life Month." This year, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities invites Catholics to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Respect Life Month by embracing "radical solidarity" with women facing difficult or challenging pregnancies. Read Bishop Burbidge's full statement, "Living Radical Solidarity" [here](#).

2. During Respect Life Month. Join Catholics nationwide praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death October 13-21. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>

3. **Cherished: A Retreat for Those in a Season of Infertility** *Saturday, October 21* St. Gabriel Catholic Church (**3016 Providence Rd, Charlotte, NC**) and Springs in the Desert are partnering to offer Cherished, a day-long retreat on Saturday, October 21, for those carrying the cross of infertility. You are not alone. Wherever you are on the path of infertility, we invite you to join the Springs in the Desert team as they reflect on the emotional, relational, and spiritual aspects of the infertility experience and offer practical suggestions for strengthening your relationship with God and your spouse. Come with your spouse or on your own for a time of prayer, healing, and friendship with others on this same path. The day includes Mass, time for prayer in Adoration, and the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Find details and register by October 7 at www.stgabrielchurch.org/cherished.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training

Join the Youth Band

Come join the Youth Band!! If you play an instrument or sing and are in 7th grade or above, we would love for you to come use your talent at Mass! Practices are most Thursdays from 7-8:30pm, and we meet on Sundays at 4:30pm to play for the 6pm Mass. Please send an email to Courtney & Nick Blaskovich at youthmusicministry@stmm.me for more details!

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

Rosary Makers

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 Heather, Cay Sea, Jonathon, and Bill, who will receive the Rite of Election/Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion October 7th at the 5 PM Mass.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration Times

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday,



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. The

STMM Rosary Makers are dedicated to making and

distributing rosaries. If you wish to help further our cause, please contact me at diana_ivins@yahoo.com. No creativity nor prior skill or experience is required to join. All training and resources are provided. Meeting times are TBD based on the availability of our Rosary Makers. We need all the help we can get. Our Blessed Mother is counting on you.

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 9, 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

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



October 6th 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.

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 19th, from 7- 8pm



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

10/10/23 6:15 pm

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

ALL PARENTS WHOSE CHILD WILL BE MAKING THEIR FIRST RECONCILIATION IN FEBRUARY, PLEASE ATTEND ONE MEETING:

10/10/23 6:30 pm during Gather in the Chapel

10/11/23 10:30 am - 11:30 am Chapel

10/11/23 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Chapel



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

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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24-25 School Year



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**OPPORTUNITY
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**



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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