
St. Mary Magdalene September 22, 2023

A Note from Father Chris

Jesus teaches us that the love we give is not limited to the love we receive. Love is given not earned. Love is best given in generosity.

The Eucharistic Congress on **Saturday, October 21st** at the Raleigh Convention Center is an invitation to follow Jesus Christ in a special way. Please register on the **Diocese of Raleigh Eucharistic Congress** app at 2023 DOR Eucharistic Congress. There will not be a Saturday 5pm Mass here at the parish on October 21st. Please join us at the Raleigh Convention Center for the Mass on that day.

Free admission for all those that register.

Many blessings and love,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

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Upcoming Events

September 23 - Confessions 10:30am
 September 23 - 5pm Mass
 September 23 - Altar Server Training 6pm Church
 September 24 - 9am & 11am Mass
 September 24 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
 September 24 - Youth Mass 6pm
 September 25 - Daily Mass 9am
 September 25 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 September 25 - Children's Choir 5:30pm Church
 September 26 - First Night GATHER/ROCK 6:15pm Church
 September 27 - Daily Mass 9am
 September 28 - Daily Mass 9am
 September 28 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
 September 28 - Children's Choir 4:30pm Church
 September 28 - Bible Study on Luke-Acts 6:30pm (contact Deacon Dev at lobo@stmm.net)
 September 29 - Daily Mass 9am
 September 30 - No Confessions
 September 30 - 5pm Mass
 October 1 - 9am & 11am Mass
 October 1 - Apostello, the Way, and the EDGE
 October 1 - 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: Canticle of the Sun 429

Psalm 145: The Lord is Near

Preparation: All That is Hidden 501

Communion 1: Shepherd Me O God 461

Communion 2: Restless

Sending Forth: With One Voice 385

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Last Weekend for Outdoor Communion after 9am Sunday Mass

If you would like to be added to the Outbound Communion list, please contact Daphne Lobo at darlobo@att.net

Pictures of the Week



Check out the New Gym Floor



The Mulholland Columbiettes recruited for new members after Masses last weekend. If you're interested in joining us, contact us at fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com.



Baptism of Avery and Lilyen Tascione on September 16th



Catholic Senior Organization (CSO) Meeting

Altar Flowers

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](#). □

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.



For questions, please contact
floralministry@stmm.net

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

Christmas Pageant



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](#) by September 30th.

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

<https://forms.gle/cGiwoiuHrCis57c5A>

Eucharistic Congress October 21st



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. For youth in grades 6-12, please contact your parish to register.

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

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!

Jambalaya Dinner September 30th

Jambalaya Dinner September 30th! - Knights of Columbus Council 7186 is proud to host our Fall Jambalaya Dinner at St. Mary Magdalene on Saturday, September 30, 2023. All proceeds go to supporting individuals in our community with intellectual disabilities. Both dine-in and carryout options are available. Great Food, Great Value, and a Wonderful Cause. Go to <https://jambalaya.kofc7186.org> and place your order today! Supplies are limited.

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.

Mulholland Columbiettes

Join our Columbiettes Auxiliary!

Are you a Catholic woman 18 years of age or older, looking for a way to support your Parish, give back to our community and grow in faith? Would you like to make new friends among Catholic women that you can pray, serve and have fun with? Then the Columbiettes is for you. We are a band of sisters, a national network of women dedicated to doing good works in the service of God and our neighbors. Members enjoy spiritual, charitable and social benefits. We meet at St. Mary Magdalene church in Apex, and welcome women from all parishes. Our next joining ceremony is at 5 pm, Sep 27.

For more information, contact Cathy Stevens at 908-910-0308, email us at fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com, or visit our new website: <https://frhcmulhollandcolu.wixsite.com/columbiettes7186>

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!

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 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"*.

Children's Choir

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

Don't worry if you can't make it to every practice. We'll 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.

Altar Server Training



"Serving at the Altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus" – Pope Francis

Altar serving is a great way to learn more about the Mass and to take an active role in the Church family. All who are 3rd grade and up and have received their First Sacraments are welcome to join the altar server ministry! Training session for new servers will be held on **Saturday, September 23rd at 6pm** in the Church. If any existing servers need a "refresher," they are also welcome to join. Please RSVP to Andree Genez at stmmaltarservers@gmail.com. Parents are encouraged to attend!

Chrysalis

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 would follow.

We typically meet once a month, starting in late September and ending in May, for a social gathering, book study, video series, or family event. Regular meetings are on Sundays from 12:15- 2:00 in Room 3 of the church building after the 11:00 am mass.

For our kick-off social this month we are having a meetup at Totopos in Cary at 12:30 this Sunday, September 24). Let us know if you can join us so that we can make reservations. Totopos has family style meals available as well as more traditional individual servings. The whole family is invited!
Email: Russell and Vanita Reeve
stmmchrysalis@gmail.com

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. You can choose from the Tuesday evening group 7:00 - 8:00 pm beginning October 3, 2023 or the Friday morning group at 10:00 - 11:00 am through mid-November. 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](#)

Our Lady's 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

Saturday Morning Women's Group

Please join a wonderful group of women on Saturday mornings. 8:00am – 9:30am in Church Building Room 4.

We keep it simple. No homework, no prep work. Come as you are. Come when you can.

We read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday gospel or watch short videos and discuss.

Most importantly, we come together in fellowship – to learn, laugh, pray, and grow with each other as we navigate the circumstances of our individual lives, searching for God's will in the ups and downs of family, jobs, health and life.

Yes, it's early so our group is a minimal or NO MAKEUP zone. Wear your sweats, throw your hair up, whatever!! We all pledge to be judgment-free and God loves us just the way we are!

We are starting back up for the year on Saturday Sept 16. New faces show up each week so please join us!

Have a few questions? Please reach out to Wendy Sechler at wsechler@gmail.com or Kathy Vitiello at kathybv@yahoo.com

Friday Morning Men's Faith Formation Group

The Friday morning Men's Faith Formation group will be focused on a new series this Fall called Jesus and the Eucharist. The Augustine Institute and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops created this series as part of the Eucharistic Revival. This seven-session series will immerse participants in the kerygmatic proclamation and unveil God's saving work in the Eucharist. All men in the parish are welcome to participate from 6:30-8AM every Friday at the church or join us virtually via Zoom. If interested in more information, please reach out to Paul Mastropolo at pmastropolo@gmail.com.

Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry

Ever wonder about the statue in the picture that is occasionally given to certain families during the

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.



Mass? You too can participate in hosting St. Jean Vianney in your home. During his visit pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Resources and prayers are provided.

Contact coulmas1@att.net with questions and sign up information.

Eucharistic Adoration Times



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, October 3rd, from 7- 8pm

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

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





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





GREG BOUDREAUX
The Vigil Project

THE PRACTICALITY OF THE EUCHARIST

Humble, miraculous, true and sacred are all words that we can use to describe the Eucharist. But how often do we describe it as practical?



FATHER CASEY COLE, OFM
Order of Friars Minor

THE MEANING OF THE MEAL: UNCOVERING THE BEAUTY OF THE MASS

For some people, the Mass can appear boring. This couldn't be further from the truth! In every word, gesture and prayer, there is a world of symbolism drawing us closer to God and one another.



SISTER LAURA DOWNING, IHM
Immaculata University

COME, LET US ADORE HIM

Understanding the history, meaning, practice and benefits of Adoration of Blessed Sacrament.



BRENDA GARCIA
Actress/Stuntwoman

TO KNOW AND LOVE GOD

In this talk, Brenda Garcia explains how spending time with God has led her and so many of her peers to a profound relationship with Christ. She will talk about the importance of silence in the midst of a busy, noisy world.



FREE to parish youth Grades 6-12
Youth attend with a parish-designated chaperone
Pre-Registration is completed by the chaperone.



Eucharistic Congress Youth Track: St. Mary Magdalene's Youth Ministry is attending the upcoming Eucharistic Congress! We need 1 Level C Cleared Adult Chaperone for each group of 3-7 teens (grades 6-12). All pre-registrations and group assignments will be completed by Niki Bordelon, and it's FREE! If you would like to attend with StMM Youth Ministry, please fill out this form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEj0GTawNflqy1fUQ3WwEUZMIWCiB6h2TN5vVUKIqIckIAGA/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



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>

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!

Young Adult Catholic Palooza



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC PALOOZA

Our Bishop Luis invites all our young adults to join him for a diocesan-wide Catholic Fest at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral to celebrate our shared Catholic faith in fun and worship.

You are the hope of the Church! God's gift to our diocese and world! We want to thank and encourage you as you renew the face of the earth - just being who you are! You are our joy!

23 SEPT 2023
4PM-8:30PM

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHEDRAL RALEIGH, NC

4PM-6:30PM - FUN & FOOD
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

7PM - MASS WITH BISHOP LUIS
(RAIN OR SHINE)

ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME!!
Age 18-35
College students
High School Seniors
Young Adults

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- LOTS OF GOOD, FREE FOOD!
- SPORTS (SPIKEBALL, PICKLEBALL, CORNHOLE, AND MORE)
- WORSHIP (ADORATION & CONFESSION)
- 7PM MASS WITH BISHOP LUIS

Special Thanks to: The Doggett Family & the Knights of Columbus!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, QUESTIONS AND UPDATES CONTACT
YACATHOLICPALOOZA@GMAIL.COM

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Raleigh Life Chain 2023

RALEIGH LIFE CHAIN 2023

- The Raleigh Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful protest and public reparation for our country to awaken consciences to the travesty of abortion.
- On Sunday October 1st the Raleigh Life Chain starts at 2:00 pm - ends at 3:30 pm.
- Plan to arrive by 1:15 -1:45 pm to pick up signs and proceed to a location on Lake Boone Trail between Blue Ridge Rd. and Myron Dr.
- Please pick up your Life Chain signs along the sidewalk in front of 2304 Wesvill Court between 1:00 - 1:45 PM. (Please return signs at the end of the Life Chain at the same pickup location no later than 3:30 pm; signs to be used next year). For more information, please call or text: Mary Ann Metcalf 910-612-3063

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Prayer, Learning, Q&A, Refreshments

You are invited to come celebrate the **World Day of Migrants & Refugees** Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 – 1 to 3 pm. St. Mary's Church in Greensboro

This year, the celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) takes place on Sunday, Sept. 24. Join with others in celebrating WDMR at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greensboro on the preceding day of Saturday, Sept. 23. Learn from presenters about what Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services are doing to assist refugees (locally and globally) and hear a testimonial from a St. Mary parishioner on finding a new home as a refugee in North Carolina.

Refugee resettlement in NC has been a ministry of the Diocese of Charlotte for over 50 years. Assisting refugees fleeing persecution has been part of the overseas development and assistance work of Catholic Relief Services since its founding in 1943. Please come and learn more.

Church Parish Center, 812 Duke Street, Greensboro
Doors open: 12:30 pm w/refreshments served.
RSVP - email scaeducation@ccdco.org by Sept. 20



H2O for Hunger Challenge



H2O for Hunger Challenge - It's National Hunger ACTION Month!

Be in Solidarity with Those Less Fortunate

The Challenge: Drink tap water instead of your preferred beverage for 1 week and donate your savings online at www.cporaleigh.org. **Every Dollar will be matched by Friends of CPO up to \$50,000!**

News Flash: In the last 6 months CPO has experienced a 25% increase in the # of families served, our very own neighbors who do not have enough to feed their families. You can answer the call to **Action for Hunger** by contributing any amount. \$40 feeds a family of 4 for 1 week. **Please help us continue to relieve hunger in our community.**

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