

*St. Mary Magdalene
Catholic Church*



Ministry Directory

Liturgical Ministries

Music

Music ministers lead the sung prayer of the community of St. Mary Magdalene's weekend Masses and Feast Days. Rehearsals are held most Thursday evenings during the school year. Regular attendance at rehearsals is required and music ministers are expected to arrive at least 15 minutes before mass. Singers and instrumentalists of various skill levels are welcome to participate.

Contact: Kristin Turk, 678-8090, stmm.music@gmail.com

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers assist the Presider with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. All parishioners who are practicing, confirmed Catholics may become Eucharistic Ministers. Training is provided for new Ministers and refresher courses are offered. Eucharistic Ministers are scheduled to serve approximately once a month.

Contacts:

5pm Mass – Susan Grant, scgrant@gw.fis.ncsu.edu

9am Mass – Suzanne Ehrenzeller, 303-0269, sme@nc.rr.com

10:45am Mass – Lisa Westberg, 859-7187, lisa.westberg@pgnmail.com

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick take Holy Communion to those at Rex Healthcare and the Spring Arbor Assisted Living Center who are unable to attend Mass. Eucharistic Ministers are scheduled to server approximately once a month.

Contact: Jackie Veno, 363-8262, sveno1@nc.rr.com

Lectors

The Lector ministry consists of parishioners who proclaim the Word of God at liturgical celebrations. In addition to reading at the Mass for which they are scheduled, lectors usually devote a half-hour of time to preparation each time they are scheduled to read. Lector workbooks are provided to each lector to assist in preparation. Lectors are scheduled to read approximately two to three times every three months.

Contact: Kimberly Dail, 332-0863, kimberlydail@nc.rr.com &

Mark Iasiello, 491-5403, miasiello@mema.org

Ushers

Ushers provide the necessary organizational support for the liturgies. Ushers are generally responsible for assisting the seating of parishioners, offering direction during communion and assisting with the collection. An usher needs to arrive 15-20 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Any parishioner high school age and above may become an usher. Ushers are scheduled for a particular Mass approximately once a month.

Contact: Bob Reardon, 303-1176

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at both Sunday Masses during the school year. Children from age 4 through the 2nd grade are welcome. Before the First Reading, an adult leader and an assistant accompany the children to the chapel where they hear the First Reading, Responsorial, Alleluia and Gospel read from the Children's Lectionary. The leader then helps the children to understand the Gospel message and how it applies to them. Each volunteer is asked to help with one Mass per month. The Leaders will need to study, pray and prepare for their assigned week. The assistants do not need to prepare in advance. While the time required will vary from person to person, most volunteers spend between 20-40 minutes on this preparation.

Contact: Robin Stotka, 303-3247, rstotka@nc.rr.com

Altar Servers

The Altar Server ministry provides support to the Presider for all parish liturgies. All parish youth who are 5th grade or above are welcome and encouraged to participate. A brief training session is offered to each aspiring altar server upon his or her request to join the ministry. Altar servers choose to participate in one of the weekly Mass liturgies and are set according to the number of servers on the list for each Mass time.

Typically, servers are scheduled for one Mass each month. Opportunities for servers to participate in occasional liturgies are announced in the bulletin with sign-up sheets provided for scheduling.

Contact: Andree Genez, 677-1776, Andreegenez@gmail.com

Altar Linens

The Altar Linen Committee washes and irons the Purificators and towelets which are used during Communion. Each volunteer is responsible for a one month period, usually just one or possibly two times a year. This is a great way for anyone to help but especially for those who like to help by doing something at home.

Contact: Christine Agius, 303-5803

Nursery Co-op

The Nursery Co-op is an on-site childcare program during each weekend Mass for parents with young children. Toddlers (those who are walking) to children age 4 are welcome. Parents with children in the nursery are asked to volunteer once every six to eight weeks; volunteers who do not have children in the nursery are also welcome. Volunteers must be Safe Environment certified.

Contact: Laura Aiken, 629-2626, stmmnursery@yahoo.com

Religious Education Grades K-12

The mission of the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church's Religious Education program is to consistently and constantly extend Jesus' invitation to discipleship and to provide students with age-appropriate catechesis guided by biblical faith, the teachings of the Church, and a clear vision of the Gospel. This is accomplished by building upon students' life experiences, fostering family involvement, developing spirituality and involvement in liturgical prayer, encouraging moral development and challenging students to experience faith in a spirit of joy.

Each student is to be formally registered every calendar year to participate in the program. Family expectations are to be registered members of the parish, to attend weekend masses, to actively support the parish financially with weekly contributions using the envelope system or EFT drafts.

All our catechists, assistants, and nursery workers are giving of their time and talents as volunteers. Most of them are employed full time or part time in other occupations, in the home or office. They spend a great deal of time preparing themselves and in preparing their class each week. We are most grateful for this dedicated service and are always looking for other adults to join our catechetical community each year.

A lectionary-based catechesis is the root to our traditional program. It integrates the catechesis of the students with the ongoing life of the parish community at Sunday Eucharist. Its content is based on the Sunday gospels of the liturgical year and conforms to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. When religious education follows the Sunday Mass, students learn within the rhythms and seasons of the liturgical year.

**Contact: Religious Education Director: Celeste Uisichon, 657-4800, ext. 306, Uisichon@stmm.net
Youth Minister: Liz Sams, 349-5030, liz.sams@stmm.net**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

This non-traditional religious education program uses the educational principles of Maria Montessori whereby the catechist prepares an environment that "calls forth" the student's response rather than "pours in" information. It is based on the study of Christian scripture and Christian liturgy. This program is offered on two-levels. Level 1 is designed for students 3-6 years old and Level 2 is designed for students 6-9 years old. Level 1 is a prerequisite for Level 2.

**Contact: Parish Program – Celeste Uisichon, 657-4800 ext. 306, uisichon@stmm.net
School Program -- Robin Stotka, 303-3247, rstotka@nc.rr.com**

Adult Faith Formation

Men's Bible Group

Men's Bible Discussion Group meets every Sunday evening from 7-8pm in the Adult Meeting Room. No previous bible study or preparation is required.

Contact: Mike Barnack, 363-1948, stm4@nc.rr.com

Women's Evening Bible Group

Meets on Monday evenings in the Education Building Media Center from 7-9 pm

Contact: Moira News, 363-0396, mbnews@aol.com

Daytime Bible Group

Meets on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm & on Wednesdays in the Adult Room from 8-10am

Contact: Laurie Wendt, 303-5433, lwendt@nc.rr.com

New Members are always welcome and additional Adult Faith Formation activities are listed in the Parish Bulletin.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which the Church community accompanies adults engaged in faith conversion. Non-Catholic adults, 18 and over, who attend St. Mary Magdalene and are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and becoming a Catholic are welcome to join the

RCIA program. The RCIA program runs from October to 6-8 weeks after Easter.

Sponsors are also needed to provide prayer and support for the candidates, participate in catechumenate classes, and attend the celebrations of the Rite. Being a sponsor is a wonderful opportunity for someone who is interested in personal faith formation and spiritual growth. Sponsors are needed from late

November to 6-8 weeks after Easter. No experience is needed and training is provided.

Contact: Deacon Joe LaPierre, 447-2778, jlapierre@nc.rr.com

Deacon John Hubisz, 362-5782, hubisz@mindspring.com

Ronda Watts, 378-7818, rwatts@nc.rr.com

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is an opportunity for individuals or families to spend time in quiet prayer and meditation before the exposed Eucharist. Adorers can choose a scheduled time each First Friday or just stop in when it is convenient. Adoration starts at 8:30am on the First Friday of every month, right after daily mass in the Chapel, and continues until 9:00pm.

Contact: Paul Thomann, 235-8908, pault@raleighpaving.com

Suzanne Ehrenzeller, 303-0269, sme@nc.rr.com

Parish Life Ministries

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council represents the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene as a consultative body serving the Pastor. With the assistance of our Pastor and parish staff, the Council plans and provides leadership support for the spiritual, liturgical, educational and social activities of the Parish. The Council consists of approximately twelve parishioners and meets once a month. Each member serves a three year term. New members to the Council are added each November.

Contact: Vicki Kristoff, 249-5629, vicki@kristoffs.com

Knights of Columbus

Faith, Family and Fraternity...These three words are what make up the Foundation upon which the Knights of Columbus stands. The Knights of Columbus programs and projects help communities and countries throughout the world. Males who are 18 years of age or older and who are practicing Catholics are eligible to join.

Contact: Chris Losack, 749-5584, closack@bellsouth.net

Cub Scouts

For boys in 1st through 5th Grade. Tigers—1st Grade, Wolves—2nd Grade, Bears—3rd Grade & Webelos—4th & 5th Grades.

Contact: Rick Daniel, 605-4747, rdaniel@nc.rr.com

Boy Scouts

For boys in 6th through 12th Grade, ages 11-18 years old.

Contact: Doug Witham, 610-4049, lwitham@nc.rr.com

Girl Scouts

Brownies—1st through 3rd Grade, Junior Girl Scouts—4th through 6th Grade and Cadettes—7th through 9th Grade.

Leaders (men & women over the age of 21) are needed for all troops.

Contact: Tia DeMaria, 387-8601, tiademaria@bellsouth.net

Chrysalis (Marriage Enrichment)

Chrysalis is a marriage enrichment fellowship group working to build stronger, faith-centered marriages.

An interesting mix of speakers, books and exercises brings together varied resources and offers an energized, dynamic atmosphere for marital growth and renewal. The group meets one Sunday afternoon a month and includes couples of all ages and marriage stages.

Contact: Kate & Chaffee Viets, 267-6486, stmmchrysalis@yahoo.com

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

MOPS is about celebrating motherhood, meeting needs, making connections, and experiencing God's love!

Members experience authentic community, personal growth, practical help, and spiritual hope. MOPS exists to encourage, equip and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader in the name of Jesus Christ. Open to all mothers with children infant through Pre-K.

MOPS meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday evening each month in the Adult Room from 7-9pm. Childcare is

NOT provided; dues and membership fees apply.

Contact: Holly Almond, 645-7030, stmmops@yahoo.com

Welcoming Ministries

Orientation Committee

This ministry is dedicated to welcoming newcomers into our parish family and introducing them to opportunities for involvement and ministry. Volunteers make the first formal contact with newly registered parishioners. When new parishioners register with the parish office, the coordinators of this ministry mails out a welcome information packet and provides one of the committee volunteers with the new parishioner's phone number. The volunteer then follows up on the mailing with a welcoming phone call for which a basic script is provided. The time commitment will vary but will involve about 4 phone calls per month.

Contact: Mike & Nancy Grace, 363-1555, ngrace@nc.rr.com

Welcome Dinners

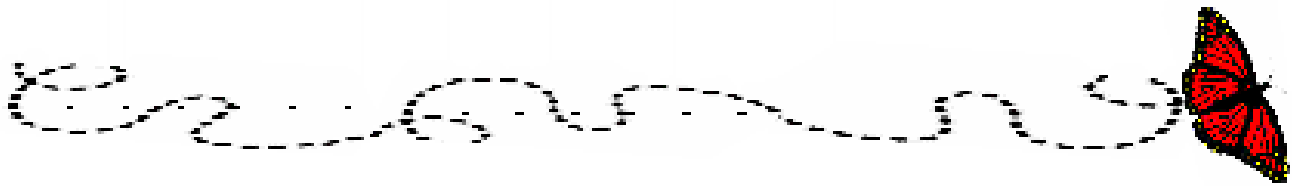
The Welcome Dinners Ministry offers a soup and salad welcome meal for new members of the parish. The newcomer's meal is offered several times a year and is announced in the bulletin. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up or with meal preparation.

**Contact: Christine Agius, 303-5803 &
Moirra Newns, 363-0396**

Greeters

Hospitality volunteers welcome parishioners and guests to the parish at weekend masses, distribute weekly bulletins and gather bulletins and songbooks left in the worship space after mass. Children are invited to help their volunteer parents in this family friendly opportunity. This committee is a great fit for those with busy weekday and evening schedules as it only requires a few minutes before and after regular weekend masses. Volunteers may indicate mass preference, and are scheduled to serve no more than twice a month as their own schedules permit.

Contact: Marcie Mott, 851-5726, mottcm@nc.rr.com



Social Action Ministries

Helping Hands Social Service Ministry

Helping Hands provides avenues for involvement to serve the needs of the less fortunate. The ministry coordinates activities and collections such as Share Sunday, Advent Angel Tree, Easter & Thanksgiving baskets. Volunteers of all ages are needed for collections/deliveries, food preparation and mentoring/tutoring.

Contact: Terry Cichocki, 637-1392, Terry@butterflylifenc.com

Parishioner Assistance Program (Help for People in Need)

The Parishioner Assistance Program provides confidential emergency or “bridge” service to parish members who are experiencing a crisis or other overwhelming or consuming event in their lives, whether it is a single or long-term event.

Contact: Kate Bartos, 851-8437, Info@my-Ad-Works.com

JustFaith

JustFaith is an extensive, conversion-based process that provides a context in which participants can grow in their commitment to care for the vulnerable and to become advocates for justice. JustFaith consists of 30 weekly sessions and takes advantage of the best forms of adult learning including books, videos, guest speakers, discussion, prayer, two weekend retreats and four immersion experiences. Participants are not only exposed to a substantive and demanding course of study but are also afforded the privilege of becoming a community with other participants.

Contact: Paul Kristoff, 249-5629, JustFaith@kristoffs.com

Rosary Makers

The Rosary Makers are a group of parishioners that make rosaries for missions—local and worldwide. We have made rosaries for the National Guard, soldiers in Afghanistan and Kuwait and missions around the world.

Contact: Debbie Prewitt, 363-4516, prewittfamily@bellsouth.net

Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life Ministry actively promotes the respect of human life from conception to natural death through prayer, education and action.

Contact: Nancy Gomez, 467-5179, gomez549721@bellsouth.net

The Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project is a Catholic ministry that provides on-going support to women who are in the midst of a crisis pregnancy or who are struggling to care for a newborn baby.

Contact: Amanda Mastropolo, 387-0574, amastropolo@gmail.com

The History of St. Mary Magdalene Parish

In 1997, Bishop Joseph Gossman appointed Father Donald Staib to begin a new parish in Apex. Father Staib's first task was to work with pastors of St. Andrew's and St. Michael's in Car to build two new Catholic elementary schools.

In 1997, the three pastors and committees of lay people began work with architects to design the buildings, establish curriculum and guidelines for the schools and form a search committee for two principals. The next task was to raise funds for the construction. Ground was broken for the two new schools on June 6, 1999. One school was built on the campus of St. Michael's and the second school became the beginning of our parish.

When it came time for the groundbreaking, a name was needed for the parish. Father Staib had asked various groups and individuals for suggestions but no strong contenders were proposed. Father Staib strongly favored a Biblical name and suggested Mary Magdalene to Bishop Gossman. There are no other Catholic churches in North Carolina with this name.

In the New Testament, Mary Magdalene is mentioned four times: she was healed by Jesus of an affliction; she and other women supported Jesus and the Apostles in their ministry; she stood with Jesus' mother at the cross; she was the first witness to Jesus' Resurrection. Because she took the news of the Resurrection to the Apostles she is often called "Apostle to the Apostles."

St. Mary Magdalene Parish began to hold Sunday Mass at Apex Middle School. The first Mass was celebrated on September 12, 1999. On December 5, three months later, a second Mass was added.

Our new building was completed, and Bishop Gossman came to bless the St. Mary Magdalene campus at Mass on Sunday, August 13, 2000. In keeping with the background of St. Mary Magdalene, the street address for the parish is Magdala Place; Magdala is the town in the Holy Land from which Mary of Magdala came. By August 2000 the Parish had grown to over 200 families. A Saturday Mass was added to the weekend schedule on October 14, 2000.

The school principal, Bob Cadran, had worked for the previous year in hiring faculty, ordering the desks and all equipment for the school and watching over the final process of the school construction. The colors of the parish and school are burgundy and gray with gold accents and the mascot is the St. Mary Magdalene Monarch Butterflies.

St. Mary Magdalene School and St. Michael School are governed by a Board appointed from the three parishes who support the two schools.

St. Mary Magdalene School opened for class in September 2000 with an enrollment of 330 students in Grades Pre-K through 8th grade. It was a unique experience for the students; they had never been in the building and never met their teachers or administrators and many had never worn school uniforms before. It did not take long for them to get used to their new surroundings.

St. Mary Magdalene is most grateful to all its members and those in the parishes of St. Andrews and St. Michaels who contributed to Campaign 2000 to fund the incredible beginning of our Parish.

In October 2001 the Parish began a second fundraising campaign, "God's Work ~ Our Challenge" to raise funds to meet the growing needs of our Parish and School and groundbreaking for a second building was held in March of 2003. The new building added additional classrooms, adult meeting rooms, a dining hall and a multipurpose room which is used as our current worship space and a gymnasium. The building was dedicated by Bishop Gossman on September 19, 2004.

By the summer of 2005, we had grown to over 1000 families and baptized nearly 400 children in our Parish.

We look forward to the future as a community that can grow as a Parish in service to one another and to others. This directory provides information on the numerous ministries that make up our young and exciting Parish. Please contact the Ministry Coordinators to become involved in a ministry or ask for additional information.

Parish Contacts

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Church Flowers – Joan Keary, 463-0024, *dowjoanes@nc.rr.com*

Finance Committee Chair—Jim Galkowski, 387-1585

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