
St. Mary Magdalene August 16, 2024

A Note from Father Mike

In the first reading this weekend, we hear from the Book of Proverbs. These proverbs were written by King Solomon. You may recall that when he was young, Solomon asked God for wisdom and God gave it to him. King Solomon ruled the nation of Israel like his father King David for many years. In the Book of Proverbs, Solomon discusses questions of values, moral behaviors, the meaning of human life and right conduct. If we believe that God is creator and sustainer of all things. If we believe that God is eternal and knows all things, then it would make sense that a person would want to submit themselves to God's will and plan for their lives. Solomon in his writings is trying to teach us what wisdom truly is. I think many would agree that we live in times in which more and more people seem to be driven by their passions and physical senses, rather than by common sense and wisdom. Life itself teaches us that we need help. We need instruction. Who better to consult than God who knows all things? And as the Book of Proverbs states, God gives wisdom to those who will seek after it. Wisdom to live a full and blessed life. Wisdom to understand that reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom. Wisdom to avoid the snares and pitfalls where even angels dare to tread. Wisdom to cherish the wise counsel of other believers whom God can use to help us in our times of need. Wisdom to Love God with all our heart, soul, and mind and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. This my friends is wisdom that works.

Sincerely,

Fr. Mike

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Upcoming Events

Aug 17 - Confessions 10:30am
 Aug 17 - 5pm Mass
 Aug 18 - 9am & 11am Mass
 Aug 19 - Daily Mass 9am
 Aug 19 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 Aug 20 - Daily Mass 9am
 Aug 21 - Daily Mass 9am
 Aug 21 - Frassati Young Adult 7pm Chapel
 Aug 22 - Daily Mass 9am
 Aug 22 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
 Aug 22 - Rosary Makers 10am Room 1
 Aug 23 - Daily Mass 9am
 Aug 24 - Confessions 10:30am
 Aug 24 - 5pm Mass
 Aug 25 - 9am & 11am Mass
 Aug 26 - Daily Mass 9am
 Aug 26 - Family Rosary 6:30pm chapel

Mass This Weekend

Click [HERE](#) to Stream our 9am Mass

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Better is One Day

Responsorial Psalm 34: Taste and See

Preparation: Great Are You Lord

Communion 1: Ubi Caritas 356

Communion 2: Reckless Love

Communion 3: 23: I Shall Live in The House of The Lord

Sending Forth: Lead Me Guide Me 401

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Pictures of the Week



StMM Teachers and Staff ready for the start of school August 14th



Walking with Purpose group starting in September



Bob Harmon, artist of the St. Mary Magdalene painting, with Father Chris on the parish feast day



The Baptism of Ada Marie Escobar Ochoa on August 10th with Fr.Frank Epperson

Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers were donated by Aimee Bachman in

Sacraments

BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email



memory of Ileana & Andres Bachman

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

Welcoming volunteers for Floral Ministry. Join us on Fridays at 10am. All are welcome.

Safe Environment

Returning Volunteers

Every Wednesday emails have been going out from techsupport@dioceseofraleigh.safeenvironment.org to remind our existing volunteers to update their safe environment compliance. If you have not gotten this email yet, please send your current and correct email address to Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) and ask for renewal instructions. Thank you for being an active volunteer at StMM.

New Volunteers

To become approved to volunteer, please go to the [StMM Safe Environment web page](#). See the *New Church and School Volunteers* paragraph for information and required paperwork. See the [Diocese of Raleigh Safe Environment Training calendar](#) for upcoming training dates. There are other meetings on the calendar, so look for "Safe Environment Training". To register, select the one you'd like to attend. Please contact Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) with any questions.

New Parish Position Open

Are you able to effectively communicate across many platforms and people? Are you able to be a social media presence and have talents in website design? The Parish is seeking applications for a newly created position of communications coordinator. This position is envisioned as a part time (20-24hrs), located on site (with remote hours a possibility). Please respond with a letter of interest and resume to galkowski@stmm.me.

Adult Faith Refresher

Do you wish you had a better understanding of your faith so you can lead a more joyful life? Do you feel like you aren't able to connect the dots with all you've learned?

Then come join me and your fellow parishioners for a dynamic six-week series that will enhance your daily spiritual life.



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

Praise & Worship Night August 22nd 7pm



StMM School Aftercare Employment Opportunities

Hiring in Aftercare. Must be 18 years or older. Aftercare is looking for someone who enjoys children and who can commit to five days a week: Monday through Friday. We've got a great team and would welcome new people with open arms. Hours are 2:30pm to 6pm. Please email Kate Lawson at lawson@stmm.net if interested.

Frassati Young Adult Fundraiser

We typically get a small group of participants together for what is more discussion and less lecture.

The next series runs begins on September 18 and runs five more consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Please contact me if you wish to join!
stevens@stmm.me or 908-910-0309

NOTE: THIS SERIES ALSO SERVES AS CONFIRMATION PREP FOR ADULTS WISHING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT.

Planning for Our 25th Anniversary

It's time to celebrate St. MM's 25th anniversary and we need your help! If you're interested in helping on the planning committee, please email Nicole Kroeger (nkroeger@alumni.nd.edu) or Aine Lynch (Aine12000@gmail.com).

Walking With Purpose



Praise be to God!
The Holy Spirit is active in St. Mary Magdalene! Walking

With Purpose is a women's program new to our parish. WWP aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ through individual scripture study and small group discussions, linking our everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. Please watch this [video](#) and find out what it's all about!

Are you interested in getting together with other women to explore your faith? Would you like to see how the Scriptures apply to your everyday life? If so, we invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose at St. Mary Magdalene. Registration is open and space is limited for [Opening Your Heart](#), a 22-week foundational study designed for women new to WWP as well as those with more Bible study experience. We will meet weekly on Thursday

Panera FUNDRAISING

Help support us!
St Mary Magdalene: Frassati Young Adult Group

25% OF SALES WILL BE DONATED

August 26, 2024
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
1001 Beaver Creek Commons Dr, Apex, NC

Use code **FUNDAU** at online checkout, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.*

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter the promo code **FUNDAU** at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.**

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Frassati Young Adult Group

The Frassati Young Adult group provides a community for those in their 20s and 30s. We meet regularly on the first and third Wednesdays at the Church with other events throughout the month. Email us at frassati@stmm.net for more information and to be added to our email list. Our upcoming events are:

Wed, Aug 21

7-7:30pm Adoration in the Chapel
7:30pm-8:45pm Group Discussion in Room 3, topic TBD

Mon, Aug 26 at 6:30pm

Frassati dinner at Panera in Apex

Wed, Sept 4: 7pm Meeting

Sunday, Sept 8: Brunch after the 11am Mass

Thursday Evening Study with Deacon Dev



Weekday Study on the Development of the Church

Do you have questions about why we do what we do in the Church? If you do, join Deacon Dev and many of your fellow parishioners on **Thursday evenings** for a unique series focused on building an in-depth understanding of the Church today. However, in order to do this, this series starts at the beginnings of the Church and then traces its development through the centuries. As we do this, a very wide range of topics will be covered - the apostolic age, sacraments, the Mass, orders, heresies, councils, church fathers, doctors of the church, the origins of Catholicism and Roman Catholicism, Catholic Spirituality, the Great Schism, the Orthodox Churches, the

mornings from 10am-11:30am starting on September 26 and concluding on March 27, with breaks for the holidays.

Register today by completing [this form](#). If you have any questions about WWP or if you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to be involved in a lead position, please contact us at walkingwithpurpose@stmm.net

Eucharistic Adoration Times

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **September 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? **We really need help in the 3-4 and 4-5 hours.**



Please contact Anita Becker at 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 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, September 17th, from 7- 8pm

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please pray for Stephen, Stephany and Elaine who have started their RCIA journey.

rise of Islam, Crusades, the Reformation and Protestantism, the Church in America, Vatican II, the worldwide Catholic Church – and so much more!

This promises to be a richly rewarding study and we hope you will join us! Meetings will be in the STMM Church on Thursday evenings, beginning from **September 5th at 6.30pm**. Please register by accessing the attached link (each person to be separately registered). If you have any questions, or need more information, please email Deacon Dev at lobo@stmm.net.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA_BA923A3FCC52-50312695-series

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 icmorris0707@gmail.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 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.

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

RCIA

Are you an adult interested in becoming


Please pray for all of those who are considering starting the RCIA journey.



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




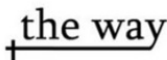

module of the RCIA process at StMM is starting on August 5, 2024. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at rcia@stmm.me and let's have a conversation. We can help you start the process. Be assured by Christ's very own words: *"Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you"*.

Faith Formation



Religious Education

2024-25

				
Grades K – 4 & Parents	Grades 5 & 6	Middle School – Grades 7 & 8	High School – Grades 9 & 10 Pre-Confirmation	High School – Grades 11 & 12 Post Confirmation
Parent Enrichment	Parent Enrichment	Sunday Evenings	Sunday Evenings	Sunday Evenings
Tuesdays	Tuesdays	7:15 – 8:30 pm	7:15 – 8:30 pm	Time & location determined by small group
6:15 – 7:30 pm	6:15 – 7:30 pm	StMM Gym	StMM Church	
StMM Church & School	StMM Gym	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;"> Youth Mass 6:00pm on Sundays when the Middle School and High School Faith Formation Programs Meet (Refer to the Faith Formation Calendar) </div>		

[Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation Calendar](#)

[Gather Registration Link](#)

[Way Registration Link](#)

[Rock Registration Link](#)

[Way Abbreviated Track Registration Link](#)

[Edge Registration Link](#)

[Apostello Registration Link](#)

Last Call for Online Registration

Late Fees apply after 8/15/24

www.stmm.church/religious-ed/

Questions K-4: will@stmm.net
Grades 5-8: ritchie@stmm.net

Calendar

GATHER MEETS MORE OFTEN IN

2024-25

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
for children grades 3 - 12

First Reconciliation & First Communion
(919) 657-4800 ext. 7280 or will@stmm.net

For Baptism
(919) 657-4800 ext. 7303 or sansone@stmm.net

Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation Calendar

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

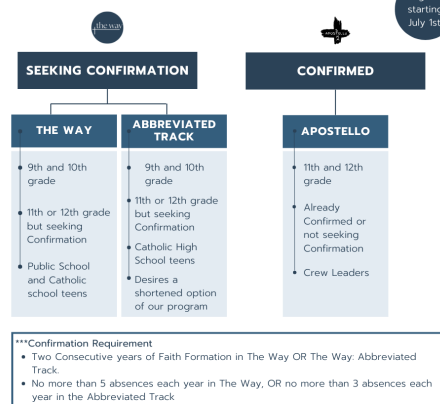
StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry

JOIN OUR CORE TEAM FOR EDGE AND THE WAY

APPLY TODAY!

It takes an army of adult volunteers to run our youth ministry! If you want to join, or you're interested in learning more, please fill out the interest form below

STMM HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION WHICH IS RIGHT FOR ME?



Abbreviated Track, and
Apostello: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdny1wY2eZ8-YrIVCG2iTGPhA6gjdrt_hoRxA52orhGk4Y8DQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Program is Right for Me?

Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307

For **Apostello and the Way**, contact Niki Furnier at nfurnier@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7309

For **Confirmation**, contact the coordinator at StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com

School News

YOU
matter

SEATS AVAILABLE
FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR
IN 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADE.
APPLY TODAY!

 *We pray. We learn. We care.*

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is accepting applications for the 24-25 school year in PreK4 and grades 6th-8th. Applications are closed for K-5th grade. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your child(ren), apply [HERE](#) or contact Lisa Portland (portland@stmm.net) to schedule a tour!

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