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## St. Mary Magdalene August 30, 2024

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### A Note from Father Mike

Before Joshua led the Israelites into the promised land, he spoke to them. He had them choose whom they would serve. To let go of the gods of the world and to serve only the Lord. He asked them to renew their covenant with the Lord before entering the promised land. At the 9:00am Mass last weekend, I invited everyone to renew our covenant with the Lord, like the Israelites did. For those who were at the other Masses, you can also renew your covenant with God, by praying this prayer from your heart.

"Heavenly Father, I bow before you. I praise your Holy name. Thank you for blessing me. Thank you for giving me life. I have given into temptations. I have followed worldly idols. Father, I turn back to you. Please forgive me. I renounce all worldly idols. Before heaven and earth, I renew my commitment to you as my God, and to Jesus Christ as my Lord, and my Savior. Father, you are the divine Creator, holy, and pure. You are merciful and just. You are love. I surrender myself to you. I am no longer my own. I give myself to you. I place myself into your hands. Use me as you will. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

In His love,

Father Mike Coveyou

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## Upcoming Events

Aug 31- Confessions 10:30am  
 Aug 31 - 5pm Mass  
 Sept 1 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 Sept 2 - Labor Day Parish Office Closed  
 Sept 2 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Sept 2 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel  
 Sept 3 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Sept 4 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Sept 4 - StMM Book Club 12:30pm Room 1  
 Sept 4 - Frassati Young Adult Meeting 7pm  
 Sept 5 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Sept 5 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel  
 Sept 5 - Rosary Makers 10am Room 1  
 Sept 5 - Development of the Church Series with Deacon Dev 6:30pm Church  
 Sept 6 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Sept 6 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church  
 Sept 7 - Blood Drive School Parking Lot 8:30am  
 Sept 7 - Confessions 10:30am  
 Sept 7 - 5pm Mass  
 Sept 8 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 Sept 8 - Gabriel Project Meeting 12:15pm Room 1  
 Sept 9 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Sept 9 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

## Mass This Weekend

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

### **Music for Weekend Masses**

**Gathering:** Adoramus te Christe

**Responsorial Psalm 15:** Walk With Justice

**Preparation:** All That Is Hidden 499

**Communion 1:** Taste and See 348

**Communion 2:** O Come to the Altar

**Communion 3:** Jesus We Love You

**Sending Forth:** Who You Say I Am

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## Pictures of the Week



Katie and Stephen Schworer's convalidation on August 17th



Eric and Madalyn Schwab were married on August 25th

## Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers are

## Sacraments

**BAPTISMS** - See the Guidelines on



donated by Lawrence Lewandowski  
in memory of Judith Lewandowski.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net)) with any questions.

## Update on Our "Leaks"

The roof leaks from the storm continue to be investigated by roofers, masons, and general contractors to ensure all potential spots for water intrusion are found and addressed. We have engaged our insurance provider also as restoration of the church interior ceiling will be both pricey and logistically challenging. Thanks for your understanding as we work through this issue.

## 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



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)

## Seeking Help for Ukrainian Refugees

Thanks to 2 of our parish families for sponsoring 2 more Ukrainian families to emigrate to the US. One family arrived and is already getting their US papers in order, while another family is due to arrive in September.

We are seeking NEW sponsors for another family of 3 (Father, Mother and 6 yr old son - currently in the EU) if you are interested in being a sponsor to help them come to America - contact Jim at [Galkowski@stmm.net](mailto:Galkowski@stmm.net) for details.

As we help set up homes for these families, if you have items to donate, please contact Jim and he'll coordinate. Most needed are box springs, lightly used mattresses, kitchenware items (Glasses, pots etc). We have obtained bed frames, living room furniture, dressers and such already in waiting for them.

## Gabriel Project Ministry

**Gabriel Project Update** - It is a great joy to let you all know that in August two of our Gabriel Project mothers welcomed their precious babies! Your prayers for them and the two mothers whose little ones will arrive in September are greatly appreciated!

**Mark Your Calendars** - The next Gabriel Project meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 12:15 pm in Room 1 of the church building. This meeting will focus on sharing some new information/resources and orienting volunteers who want to be directly involved with mentoring expectant mothers.

## StMM School Aftercare Employment Opportunities

Hiring in Aftercare. Must be 18 years or older. Aftercare is looking for someone who



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](mailto:galkowski@stmm.me).

## Extraordinary Minister 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. All parishioners who are practicing confirmed Catholics may become extraordinary ministers. If you would like to be trained to be an extraordinary minister, or if you just need a refresher, training has been scheduled in the Church for **Tuesday, September 10th at 6pm and Sunday, September 15th at 4:30 pm**. Please choose one of the sessions and RSVP to Lisa Westberg at [lbwestberg13@gmail.com](mailto:lbwestberg13@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:nkroeger@alumni.nd.edu)) or Aine Lynch ([Ainel2000@gmail.com](mailto:Ainel2000@gmail.com)).

## CSO - Catholic Senior Organization

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, September 16, 2024, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room #3. For more information, please contact Jim Schultz, 954-649-0194 or Fran Hughes, [gmomfran@gmail.com](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com)

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](mailto:lawson@stmm.net) if interested.

## StMM Book Club

StMM Book Club is a group of people who love to read and share their thoughts about a topic. We will have our yearly organizational meeting on September 4, at 12:30, in church meeting room1. We welcome everyone to join us. We will be reading fiction, nonfiction, and faith based books and discussing with our Catholic Faith as a guide. We meet once a month on the first Thursday at 12:30 pm. Some of the books we will be reading this year include Guests on Earth by Lee Smith and Saint John Paul The Great: His 5 Loves by Jason Evert. Please send any questions you have to [amdudzinski@gmail.com](mailto:amdudzinski@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:frassati@stmm.net) for more information and to be added to our email list. Our upcoming events are:

**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 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lobo@stmm.net).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA BA923A3FCC52-50312695-series>

## Upcoming Blood Drive

### Take 15 minutes and Save A Life!

Donate blood! Sign up for the Knight's Blood Drive on Sept. 7th, from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm in the school parking lot. Reserve your space in the following link:

[https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/226331](https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/226331)

## 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.

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](mailto:stevens@stmm.me) or 908-910-0309

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

## StMM Daytime Bible Study

StMM Daytime Bible Study

Topic: Angels in the Bible

When: Sept. 24th - Oct. 29th (6 weeks) on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm

Where: StMM Church Building rooms 3 & 4

Cost: \$18 for materials

Contact: Laurie Wendt to sign up and get more details at [lauriewendt@gmail.com](mailto:lauriewendt@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 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](mailto: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](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 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.

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

## 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](mailto:lcmorris0707@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](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](#). \*

Join the Prayer Team

## RCIA






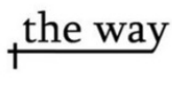

Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic? Are you wanting to participate fully in the sacraments instituted by Christ? Are you a baptized Christian and desiring to receive the Eucharist and Confirmation? The next module of the RCIA process at StMM is starting on August 5, 2024. Now is a great 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"*.

# 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	Youth Mass 6:00pm on Sundays when the Middle School and High School Faith Formation Programs Meet (Refer to the Faith Formation Calendar)		

[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](#)





Parents, have you wanted to bring your children to faith formation but have been hesitant? Do you have a child with unique needs that would benefit from a tailored faith formation program? StMM sees you and wants to gauge the interest in a program to support children of all abilities. Please contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) for more information.

Are you a student, young adult or teacher who would like to pass on the faith to children of all abilities? Do you have a heart to help students with additional needs? St. Mary Magdalene is exploring ways to support families with unique learners to access faith formation. This may be a great volunteer opportunity for someone within the health, education and related therapies fields or High School Students involved in Unified, Special Olympics and Pepi. Please contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) if you are interested.

**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

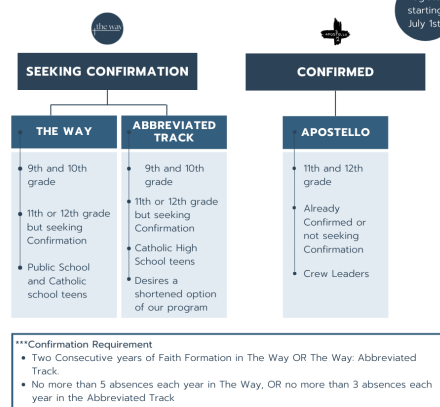
**StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry**

## 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?**



Core Team Interest Form for EDGE, The Way, Abbreviated Track, and Apostello: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdny1wY2eZ8-YrIVCG2iTGPhA6gidrt\\_hoRxA52orhGk4Y8DQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdny1wY2eZ8-YrIVCG2iTGPhA6gidrt_hoRxA52orhGk4Y8DQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Registration Opens July 1st! Which High School Program is Right for Me?

**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 Furnier at [nfurnier@stmm.net](mailto:nfurnier@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7309

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



**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](mailto:portland@stmm.net)) to schedule a tour!

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