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## St. Mary Magdalene August 9, 2024

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### A Note from Father Francis Xavier

#### I NEED THEE

It's a whisper but you can share it; many of our Parents seem to wonder, why a big number of Young Adults is no longer interested in going to church!

Let me whisper to you, Whereas the primary flight instrument located in the middle of the instrument panel is the HEADING INDICATOR(HI) also called DIRECTIONAL GYRO (DG), many modern parents and even some Young Adults think it's their freedom to choose their own spiritual walk in life. They claim, that God made it so when He put the tree of Knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden for them to choose, (ref Gen 3:17) and so some families or their children grow without a Heading Indicator in their lives. They, just like their parents, trust their internal compass when making decisions in life. This has given the youngsters unlimited opportunities to connect with their peers and the pragmatic world that share with them their interests and aspirations. Paul, in his second letter to Timothy 3:15, recalls ".....from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for the salvation through faith in Jesus Christ," which wisdom, Timothy had obtained from his Mother and Grandmother (cf. 2Tim 1;5). Therefore, let our parents know also as the adage postulates 'Aging is not lost youth but a new stage of opportunities and strengths' and so give their children the DG so that they can transition well. I hope if our beautifully dynamically endowed young generation is fully imbued with this Heading Indicator, surely no one willingly wants to crush or to lose their destiny.

Mark this too, Paul doesn't hail the Schools or Churches for the faith of the children, thus let parents in nurturing children not relegate their role in handing down the faith to their children.

Let us pray with the parents whose children seem to not have this HEADING INDICATOR, trusting that since there is life there is hope and that God will reveal Himself to them in a new way.

Sincerely,

Fr. Francis Xavier

[Giving Portal](#)

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## Upcoming Events

Aug 10 - Confessions 10:30am  
 Aug 10 - 5pm Mass  
 Aug 11 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 Aug 11 - Back to School Mass 4pm  
 Aug 12 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Aug 12 - Family Rosary 6:30pm  
 Aug 13 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Aug 13 - Children's Music Ministry  
 Aug 13 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church  
 Aug 14 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Aug 15 - Feast of the Assumption Holy Day 9am & 7pm Mass  
 Aug 15 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel  
 Aug 15 - Rosary Makers 10am Room 1  
 Aug 16 - Daily Mass 9am  
 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

## 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:** Reckless Love

**Communion 1:** I Am the Bread of Life 342

**Communion 2:** Great Are You Lord

**Communion 3:** Holy Spirit

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## Pictures of the Week



The Baptism of Luke James Firrincieli on July 27th



The Baptism of Eleanor Jayne Elsasser on August 3rd





The Baptism of Evelyn Rylee Hause and Owen William Hause on August 3rd



The Baptisms of Saylor Catherine Axline and Tallin Joseph Axline on August 4th



We had four groups representing StMM at the Catholic Charities Drive Out Hunger golf outing

## Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by Ashley Kusowski in Memory of Mary Margaret Sauve

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.

## 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](mailto:galkowski@stmm.me).

## Sacraments



**BAPTISMS** - See the Guidelines on 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.

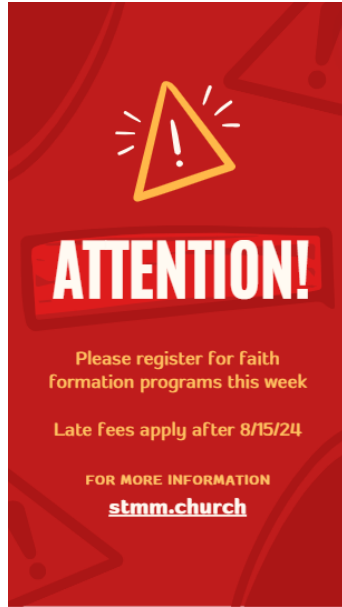
**WEDDINGS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email [weddings@stmm.net](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)

## Mass Intentions

August 10 – 5pm – Arthur Fessenden +  
 August 11 – 9am – Parishioners of [StMM](#)  
 August 11 – 11am – Mildred Sanders +  
 August 12 – Tracey Lynn Santori-Harbak +  
 August 13 – Theodore [Schlager II](#) +  
 August 14 – In Honor of St. Anthony  
 August 15 – 9am - Thomas Slowey +  
 August 15 – 7pm – Parishioners of [StMM](#)  
 August 16 – Ms. Jeanette Scott +  
 August 17 – 5pm – Robert [Riccardi](#) +  
 August 18 – 9am – Parishioners of [StMM](#)  
 August 18 – 11am – Dallas [Gabbard](#) +  
 August 19 – Charles [Roba](#) +  
 August 20 – Martha Nassif [Zaytoun](#) +  
 August 21 – Elizabeth Reese +  
 August 22 – Anthony [Vanden Eynden](#) +  
 August 23 – Ann Curvan +



## Late Fee for Registration After Aug 15th



**ATTENTION!**

Please register for faith formation programs this week

Late fees apply after 8/15/24

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[stmm.church](http://stmm.church)

## New Church Leak

We've sprung a new leak! You may notice some staining on the ceiling by the cupola in the center of the Church. Water is getting in to the cupola (somehow) and staining the sheetrock. Roofing and window investigations are scheduled to track and fix the source of the water intrusion, thereafter, we'll work to fix and repaint as needed.

## Praise & Worship Night Aug 22nd

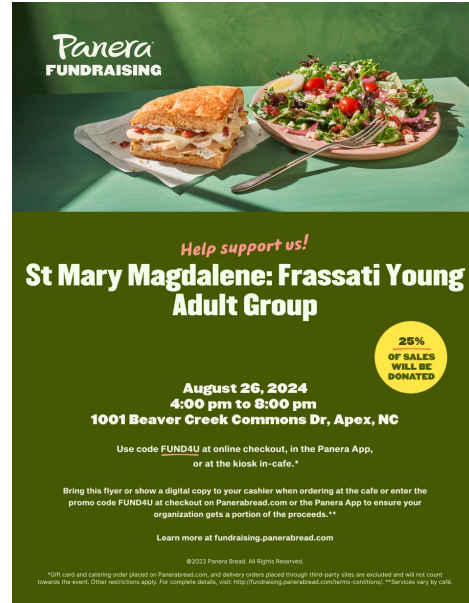


**PRAISE & Worship Night**

IT'S AN OPEN JAM SESSION  
BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS TO JOIN IN PRAYER  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
STMM CHAPEL  
HOSTED BY STMM YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY

**22 | 7-8**  
AUGUST | PM

## Frassati Young Adult Fundraiser



**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 **FUND4U** 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 **FUND4U** at checkout on [Panerabread.com](http://Panerabread.com) or the Panera App to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.\*\*

Learn more at [fundraising.panerabread.com](http://fundraising.panerabread.com)

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## StMM School Aftercare Employment Opportunities

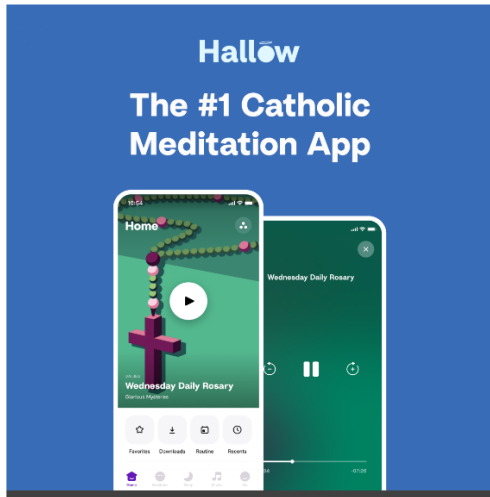
Hiring in Aftercare. Must be 18 years or older. Aftercare is looking for someone who enjoys children and who can commit to five days a week: Monday through Friday. We've got a great team and would welcome new people with open arms. Hours are 2:30pm to 6pm. Please email Kate Lawson at [lawson@stmm.net](mailto:lawson@stmm.net)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

## Knights of Columbus Membership Opportunity



The Knights of Columbus is presenting a Unique Membership opportunity for registration and exemplification. Join members from all over NC on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 for an online exemplification presented by the State Council. **You can register [HERE](#)**. Our Council number is 7186. Any questions, contact [stevefitzhenry@outlook.com](mailto:stevefitzhenry@outlook.com).

## Volunteers for Hallow App



We are in search of individuals to help roll out the Hallow app here at St. Mary Magdalene. If you would like to be part of the STMM Hallow team, please contact [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) or call (919) 657-4800, 7280. Training provided by Hallow.

## Attention Volunteers - Annual Safe Environment Training

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The diocese now requires annual Safe Environment Training. Earlier this week an email was sent to all volunteers with instructions to renew your training.

The email was sent from **Tech Support** <[noreply@dioceseofraleigh.safeenvironment.org](mailto:noreply@dioceseofraleigh.safeenvironment.org)> Please follow the step by step instructions to login and renew. If you don't see the email in your inbox, please check your spam folder. Please contact [bsmith@stmm.net](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net) if you didn't receive the email. You have until September 15 to complete the training.

## 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

## 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:

### Tues, Aug 13

7-8pm Holy Hour in the Church  
8pm-? Happy Hour at TapStation

### 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

## Soup Kit Service Project

The Frassati Young Adult group is requesting your help in providing supplies or funding for our soup kit service project. For this project, we will assemble kits of beans, rice, seasonings, canned tomatoes, and a recipe that will be donated to local families in need. The supplies for the kits cost \$4 per kit; we plan to make at least 225 kits this year.

The following supplies can be donated in the bin labeled "Frassati Soup Kit supplies" that is under the drive-through overhang:

15 oz cans of tomato sauce  
10 oz cans of ROTEL Original Diced Green Tomatoes & Green Chilies

You can also provide a tax deductible donation via the [St. MM Giving Portal](#) by selecting "Frassati Group." Any monetary donations will go towards purchasing supplies for the kits.

Contact us at [frassati@stmm.net](mailto:frassati@stmm.net) with any questions.

## 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

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)

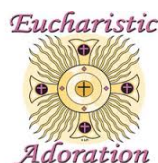
## Children's Music Ministry



[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

## 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-

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

## 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 rosaries to pray. The STMM Rosary Makers are dedicated to making and distributing rosaries. Please join us for weekly meetings in room #1 of the Church on Thursday mornings after Mass and Rosary, beginning on August 15th. For additional information please contact me at [diana\\_ivins@yahoo.com](mailto:diana_ivins@yahoo.com). No creativity or prior skill or experience is required. All training and resources are provided.

## 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



8931 if interested.



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, August 13th, 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.



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



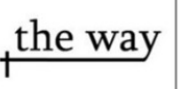



Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic? Are you wanting to participate fully in the sacraments instituted by Christ? Are you a baptized Christian and desiring to

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

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

[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](#)



Attention First Grade Parents

## STMM GATHER PROGRAM

Open for Registration

Sacramental Preparation requires two years of faith formation starting in first grade

Register Now

[www.stmm.church/religious-ed](http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed)

Questions? email: [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net)




**Registration is now open**

**Late Fees apply after 8/15/24**

[www.stmm.church/religious-ed/](http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/)

Questions K-4: [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net)  
 Grades 5-8: [ritchie@stmm.net](mailto: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](mailto:will@stmm.net)

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

**Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation Calendar**

**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

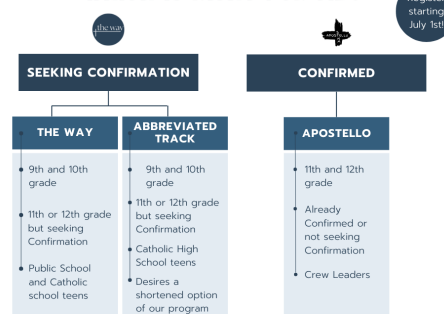




**APPLY TODAY!**

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?**



**\*\*Confirmation Requirement**

- Two Consecutive years of Faith Formation in The Way OR The Way: Abbreviated Track
- No more than 5 absences each year in The Way, OR no more than 3 absences each year in the Abbreviated Track

Core Team Interest Form for EDGE, The Way, Abbreviated Track, and Apostello: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdny1wY2eZ8-YrIVCG2iTGPhA6gjdrt\\_hoRxA52orhGk4Y8DQ](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdny1wY2eZ8-YrIVCG2iTGPhA6gjdrt_hoRxA52orhGk4Y8DQ)

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



[/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](#)

**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)

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

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