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## St. Mary Magdalene June 14, 2024

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### A Note from Father Chris

The Gospel proclaims that even our small acts of kindness have big effects. The life of the blessed, the good life, is full of small gestures of our heart. When we continue conforming our lives to Jesus Christ then, love will grow in our lives.

The new rectory is at 6300 Apex Barbeque Road, just one block from the church. Fr. Mike, Fr. Francis Xavier and Seminarian Rob will all be moving into the rectory this month. We are very grateful to the Cantrell's (Courtney, Dan, Vivien, and Susan) for generously selling us their house, so we can have a two priests parish. The current rectory at 1708 Town Home Drive will be sold.

Many blessings to all fathers this weekend!

With great love and gratitude,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

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## Farewell Dinner for Father Chris June 15th RSVP

Please join us Saturday June 15th starting at 5:30pm for an Italian Dinner in the Dining Hall of the Activity Building. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children (under 12). Tickets can be purchased using this link: [Farewell Dinner For Father Chris](#) then selecting your meal options. NO tickets will be available at the door that evening. Limited to first 600 ticket sales due to space constraints.

## Upcoming Events

June 15 - Confessions 10:30am  
 June 15 - 5pm Mass  
 June 15 - Farewell Dinner for Father Chris 6:30pm Dining Hall  
 June 16 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 June 16 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel  
 June 17 - Daily Mass 9am  
 June 18 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church  
 June 19 - Daily Mass 9am  
 June 20 - Daily Mass 9am  
 June 20 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel  
 June 21 - Daily Mass 9am  
 June 22 - Confessions 10:30am  
 June 22 - 5pm Mass  
 June 23 - 9am & 11am  
 June 24 - Daily Mass 9am

## Send off for Father Chris June 16th

The Columbiettes invite all parishioners to join us on Sunday June 16th following the morning Masses, in the Church Piazza for donuts and drinks for a farewell to Fr. Chris as he completes his time at StMM. Come express your appreciation and well wishes to Father Chris before he transfers to St. Francis parish in Raleigh in late June.

## Mass This Weekend

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

### **Music for Weekend Masses**

**Gathering:** Lead Me Guide Me 401

**Responsorial Psalm 92:** Lord It Is Good To Give Thanks To You

**Preparation:** Gratitude

**Communion 1:** Seed Scattered and Sown 345

**Communion 2:** Morning by Morning

**Communion 3:** Oceans

**Sending Forth:** Your Grace Is Enough 615

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## Pictures of the Week



The new rectory for 2 priests, seminarian and guest room.  
6300 Apex Barbeque Road, Apex, NC 27502



The Wedding of Niki and Alex Furnier on June 8th





Congratulations to Niki and Alex Furnier!



Thank you to the McKee family for all their service to the parish. Many blessings as they move back to Ohio.



Knights of Columbus Adopt a Highway Cleanup Olive Chapel Road

## Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by Margaret Allen to honor the wedding of Hannah Allen and Ken Busby.

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.

## Mass Intentions

## 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)

## Safe Environment New Annual Process

### To All Diocese of Raleigh Level C Volunteers and Staff

On July 15<sup>th</sup> 2024, the system for safe environment training renewal and criminal background screening will be fully revised. Everyone (clergy, volunteers, and staff) who entered our database in 2023 or earlier, will be asked to verify the data we have in our system. You will receive an email from: Tech support [noreply@dioceseofraleigh.safeenvironment.org](mailto:noreply@dioceseofraleigh.safeenvironment.org). You will be asked to verify your profile data and *renew your safe environment training* via a new online system. **Please be sure your email address is correct by contacting Bertha Smith ([bsmith@stmm.net](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net)).** Thank you for being active in ministry!

June 15 – 5pm – John [Sherland](#) +

June 16 – 9am – Christopher Hughes & Gerald Hughes +

June 16 – 11am – Parishioners of [StMM](#)

June 17 – Bill & Carol [Gaffron](#) +

June 19 – John McKeon +

June 20 – Charles [Roba](#) +

June 21 – Sylvia Ciccolini +

June 22 – 5pm – Barbara Sampson +

June 23 – 9am – Robert [Amadio](#) +

June 23 – 11am – Parishioners of [StMM](#)

June 24 – John McKeon +

June 26 – David [Lambeth](#) +

June 27 – Mary Ellen Fitzgerald [Bergquist](#) +

June 28 – Lorraine Gibbons +

## Helping Hands Ministry Food Drive

Contributions for the Holly Springs Food Cupboard will be collected at Masses on June 15-16. Items need most include: peanut butter, granola bars, fruit cups, single serving boxes of raisins, small pop-top canned meats (such as Vienna sausages, tuna, beane weenees) and juice boxes. If you prefer to donate money instead of specific food items, [click here](#) to donate through our giving portal The Portal will be open until June 19.

Thanks for helping to feed the children of Holly Springs!

## School Teacher Assistant Opportunities Available

Interested in joining our parish school as a full-time Teacher Assistant beginning in August 2024? If so, please email your resume and letter of interest to [Peggy Lane \(lane@stmm.net\)](mailto:lane@stmm.net). Thank you for your consideration!

## Service Project on Recycling

Hello St.MM Church members! My name is Sarah, and I am a parishioner and

## 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)

## Blood Drive June 22nd

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive, Saturday, June 22nd, 8:30am to 1:30pm in the parking lot at St. Mary Magdalene School.

*Keep Blood Bank shelves full. You may need blood someday. Currently, the shelves are depleting and we need your help.*

Please signup to donate using the following link:

[https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/226330](https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/226330)

## Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project ministry has been blessed to serve pregnant mothers in need of support- over 20 families in the past 18 months. Two of the mothers welcomed their little ones earlier this year and currently we are





former student at St.MM. I am a Girl Scout Ambassador and have been working on a service project called the Gold Award. For this, I am educating my community on plastic pollution and how we can recycle plastics here in Wake County. If you'd like to learn more about how to properly dispose of household plastics, please check out this QR code. Additionally, if you would, please fill out the one-question pledge I've attached to the flyer; it provides feedback for my project. Thank you for your support and for doing your part to be a good steward of God's creation!!"

## Eucharistic Adoration Times

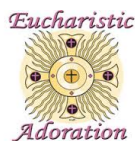


The 3rd Tuesday of each month, please join Deacon Rick for Eucharistic Holy Hour and Evening Prayer.

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, June 18th, from 7-8pm**

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **August 2nd 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.

## 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

walking with five mothers. These women and their families have expressed gratitude for the support they receive from St. Mary Magdalene angels/volunteers. The lovely family from Afghanistan recently said "Thank you for walking with us- sisters". Another mother texted "Thank you to Ms. Ann and Gabriel Project for supporting my decision to make myself a better mom and individual. I appreciate you all very much."

We need your assistance and prayers to enable us to continue to serve pregnant women. Please consider helping by sharing your time, talent or treasure. Currently we need the following used items: 2 double strollers, 1 high chair and 1 infant-toddler convertible car seat. Interested in learning more or have a used item to donate contact us at [gabrielproject@stmm.net](mailto:gabrielproject@stmm.net)

## 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 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.

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

IS YOUR CHILD IN NEED OF  
SACRAMENTS AND IN  
THIRD GRADE OR ABOVE?

We can create a sacrament plan for  
First Reconciliation & First Communion  
Set up an appointment this Summer

(919) 657-4800 ext. 7280 or [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net)

For Baptism, please call or email

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





PROGRAMS OFF FOR SUMMER BREAK

**Registration opens online**

**July 1st**

**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)

GATHER

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Gather meets Tuesdays  
from 6:15 - 7:30 pm

Please consider  
joining our Core Team  
email: [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net)



**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

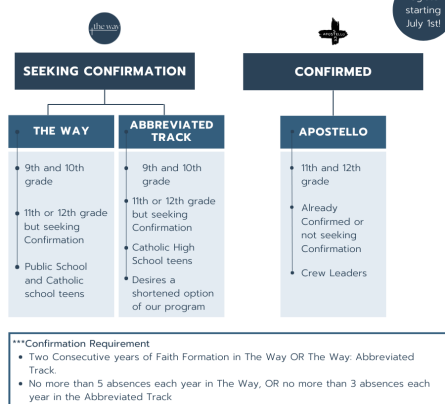
# CREW LEADER APPLICATIONS OPEN



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)

Crew Leadership Program Application for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Graders: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScICY-oVrTkTWnjqUI6q2tLQyIB-6U0t9iWVUljnj2aviJ6\\_g/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScICY-oVrTkTWnjqUI6q2tLQyIB-6U0t9iWVUljnj2aviJ6_g/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## STMM HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION WHICH IS RIGHT FOR ME?



SAVE THE DATE



BEACH RETREAT  
AUGUST 16-18



MOUNTAIN RETREAT  
FEBRUARY 7-9



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

Save the Date for our High School Retreats! Registration link will be available on the E-News July 1st!

### 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 Bordelon at [bordelon@stmm.net](mailto:bordelon@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7309

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

## School News

### 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](mailto:lawson@stmm.net).



## 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.

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!

## Laudato Si Encyclical in a Year

*'Laudato Si Encyclical  
in a Year'*

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month starting May 21  
by Zoom 7-8pm ET.

Each session is a stand alone topic.  
Get the topic list or register by emailing:  
[socialconcern@hnojnc.org](mailto:socialconcern@hnojnc.org)

From NC Catholics Caring for our Common Home  
and HNOJ Laudato Si' Circle

'Laudato Si' Encyclical in a Year'. We are preparing ourselves to celebrate during the Jubilee Year 2025 for the 10 yr anniversary of the *Laudato Si': On Care of our Common Home* Encyclical and the 800 yr anniversary of the Canticum of the Creatures. Each month's session is a stand alone theme and is designed for those who have not read the encyclical, not read it in its entirety or would like a general review. We meet by Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7-8pm ET. To join or for further information email: [socialconcern@hnojnc.org](mailto:socialconcern@hnojnc.org)

## Discernment Events in the Diocese



DIOCESE OF RALEIGH  
**PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT  
 PILGRIMAGE**

JUNE 28-30 / 2024



**1 Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral**

06/28 RALEIGH

**DEDICATED 2017** Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral is the seat of the Diocese of Raleigh, replacing Sacred Heart Cathedral in downtown Raleigh. It was built on the grounds of Nazareth Orphanage which was founded in 1899 by Fr. Thomas F. Price.



**2 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

06/29 NEWTON GROVE

**DEDICATED IN 1874** by Bishop Gibbons, Our Lady of Guadalupe was first ministered to by Father Mark Gross who came regularly from Wilmington. The Tarheel Apostle, Fr. Thomas F. Price, was pastor from 1889 to 1895.



**3 Old Saint Paul Church**

06/30 NEW BERN

**DEDICATED IN 1844** St Paul is the oldest Catholic church in North Carolina. From 1887 until 1896, Fr. Thomas F. Price, the first native-born North Carolinian ordained to the diocesan priesthood was assigned here.

Join the Vocations' Office for a pilgrimage of the Diocese of Raleigh. The pilgrimage is open to all young men (ages 18 and older) in the Diocese of Raleigh who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Our pilgrimage will give you an experience of the dynamic reality of the

priesthood in the Diocese of Raleigh. During our pilgrimage, you will have an opportunity to connect with several priests and seminarians of our diocese while we visit different parishes.

**If you are interested in joining, please sign up using the QR code.**



[NCPRIEST.ORG](http://NCPRIEST.ORG)

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**QUO VADIS?**

A young men's retreat for high school juniors & seniors that want to grow closer to God.



**JULY 22 - 24  
 CAMP MONROE  
 LAUREL HILL, NC**

[vocations@raldioc.org](mailto:vocations@raldioc.org)  
 984-900-3104



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# Catholic Charities Pitch In for Charity



6:35 p.m.

Durham Bulls Athletic Park | 409 Blackwell Street, Durham, NC 27701

For information and to purchase tickets visit:  
[www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/BullsPitch4Charity](http://www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/BullsPitch4Charity)

Every fan who purchases a ticket through the Catholic Charities ticket portal will receive a special Catholic Charities gift!

 [CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org](http://CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org)  
#PitchIn4Charity

Questions? Please contact Malcolm Nicol, Catholic Charities Communications Specialist, at (984) 900 - 3116 or by email at [Malcolm.Nicol@ccharitiesdor.org](mailto:Malcolm.Nicol@ccharitiesdor.org)

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of the Diocese of Raleigh

Providing Help—Creating Hope—Serving All

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