

St. Mary Magdalene November 1, 2024

StMM's Serving 100 Project



Children's Blankets of Love could use your donations to help bring warmth to local children. [Click here](#) to donate!

A Note from Father Francis Xavier

THE FRUIT OF 40 DAYS PRAYER.

.....Ouch, I am sorry, anyhow, as we end 40 days for life campaign, I am grateful to **Project Rachel and every Mum and Dad** for efforts put in the campaign to end abortion. Thank you. And in case of more concerted efforts to fight this monster or to heal the victims/survivors! Wow, Project.Rachel@raldioc.org is the answer.

Allow me share a bit of my experience during prayer at the abortion facility. I felt a profound appreciation for the name **JESUS**. This name is found in the Hebrew Bible 218 times, still present in some modern communities. More so, it has remarkable nuance in Luke 1: 31-33, where a lady (Mother Mary) in her early teens was visited by Angel Gabriel from God and said to her, "And now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him **JESUS**..... and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His ancestor David..... of His kingdom will have no end." Interestingly, her deliberate YES to conceive qualifies her MOTHER and her resilience through challenges and hardships eventually crowns her QUEEN.

My concern; why the name **JESUS** to me???

I am sorry in case I am trying your patience with the obvious, but just a minute **JESUS** among many meanings; God saves, and Savior. In Hebrew, **JESUS** is JOSHUA/YEHOSHUA whereby **Yeho** is the 4-

letter name of God YHWH and **Yasha**, 'Rescue', 'Deliver', 'Save'.

To let the cat out of bag; God's name and mission is present in the **Child (JESUS)**; cf. the message of an Angel above, and just as the mother (of pregnancy/**Child**) '**author of life**' is present in the Child. Hence, accepting and preserving the **Child** is rendering oneself present in the on-going life project and mission and destroying the **Child- (JESUS)** is destroying the '**life-authoring generation**' present in the Child and equally curtailing the unfinished on-going humanity and her adventures.

QN; When, Where and How does the '**life-authoring generation**' (Mom and Dad as primary agents and the responsible adults) prepare Mary of our modern time and her counterpart to honor this **Child-JESUS**?

Abba, Father give us eyes to see the hidden pearls and the ears to hear the loud-silence of OUR HOPE the **Child JESUS** among us. Amen.

God is good.

I love you.

Father Francis

Giving Portal

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Upcoming Events

Nov 1 - All Saints Day 7pm Mass
Nov 1 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 6:30pm Chapel
Nov 2 - Confessions 10:30am
Nov 2 - 5pm Mass
Nov 3 - 9am & 11am Mass
Nov 3 - Apostello, the Way, & the EDGE
Nov 3 - Youth Mass 6pm
Nov 4 - Daily Mass 9am
Nov 4 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
Nov 5 - Daily Mass 9am
Nov 6 - Daily Mass 9am

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Lead Me Guide Me 401

Responsorial Psalm: 18: I Love You Lord

Preparation: Goodness Of God

Communion 1: Taste And See 323

Communion 2: Jesus We Love You

Communion 3: Jesus I Surrender

Sending Forth: Take The Word Of God With You 383

Nov 6 - Frassati Young Adults 7pm Room 3
Nov 7 - Daily Mass 9am
Nov 7 - Morning Rosary after Mass Chapel
Nov 8 - No Daily Mass
Nov 8 - Our Lady Rosary Makers 10am Room 4
Nov 9 - Confessions 10:30am
Nov 9 - 5pm Mass
Nov 10 - 9am & 11am Mass
Nov 11 - Daily Mass 9am
Nov 11 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

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Pictures of the Week



Newcomer Welcome Luncheon on October 27th



The Knights of Columbus would like to welcome new members to our Council. They recently received their degrees of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. They join a group of StMM Catholic men focused on volunteering their time and talent to our church, school, and community.

Father Francis, Robson Poffo, Liju George, Antony Chettoor, Bryan Sulentic, Chris Callea, Christopher Ponstord, Ralph Mercurio, Rudy Roque, Juan Fernando Rodriguez, and Patrick Dmytriw

If you are interested in joining, find out more information [HERE](#) or email Steve Fitzhenry stevefitzhenry@outlook.com.



Confirmation/First Holy Communion for RCIA on October 27th
Deacon Rick, Mark Naslund (Confirmation), Stephany Hall, Elaine Vu, Stephen Schworer, Father Mike



The Frassati Young Adult Group made dinner at the Ronald McDonald House in Durham! To learn more about our group, email frassati@stmm.net.



The Mulholland Columbiettes grew by 23 new members at a joining ceremony Oct 23. For information about the Columbiettes, contact Sandy Pitman at fr.hcMulhollandcolumbiettes.com or call (443) 370-8136.

Altar Flowers



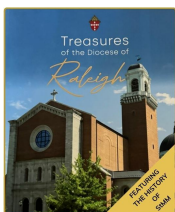
This week's altar flowers are donated by Aimee Bachman in memory of Abigail Bachman and Richard Beaton

This week's altar flowers are donated by Karen Kovacs in loving memory of Donald Kovacs.

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

Treasures of the Diocese of Raleigh



A beautifully illustrated book celebrating the 100th anniversary of our diocese and includes each parish and school. Makes a great gift for family and friends. Books are \$35.

Books are available for pick up in the Parish Office.

[Click here to purchase your copy now.](#) or

Don't want to pay online. Bring a check made out to "StMM" or cash.

Mass Intentions

Sacraments



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email 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

StMM Church Employment Opportunities

We are seeking candidates to replace our retiring **Safe Environment Coordinator**. The position is based in the parish offices and is part time (averaging 12-15 hrs with increased hours during August and September). Primary responsibilities include managing the program for all school and parish volunteers and staff members in adherence to the Diocese of Raleigh requirements. Candidates must be able to work independently and with a focus on the safety of all minors. Organization, communication, and collaboration skills are paramount. Applicants should send a letter of interest detailing relevant experiences and a resume to galkowski@stmm.net.

WE ARE GROWING-Please consider applying for this part time office support assistant role for our religious education programs. Primary responsibilities will be working with the elementary and sacramental programs, to

November 1 – 9am – Roger Sayre +
 November 1 – 7pm -
 November 2 – 5pm – Bena Nicolina Dunn +
 November 3 – 9am – Steve Veno +
 November 3 – 11am – Steve Veno +
 November 3 – 6pm – Parishioners of StMM
 November 4 – Anne Marie Miller
 November 5 – Elizabeth Flanagan +
 November 6 – Douglas Potter +
 November 7 – Art Hernandez +
 November 8 – Anne Parisi +
 November 9 – 5pm – Joseph & Agnes Baker +
 November 10 – 9am – Layla Awrey for her birthday
 November 10 – 11am – Parishioners of StMM
 November 11 –
 November 12 – Charles Roba +
 November 13 – William Jones +
 November 14 – Staff Sargent Patrick Maloney

Essay Contest Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus STMM 7186 Essay Contest – 8th-12th Graders (Due 11-8-24).

The K of C sponsors an annual essay challenge to encourage today's youth to be more connected to their community and faith.

In an essay of 500-750 words, **what are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?**

There is a monetary award for the winner. StMM parents should contact Joe Beira's for more information - jbeiras@hotmail.com

Healing Mass at StMM



The next diocesan Healing Mass will be held right here at

St. Mary Magdalene on Friday, November 15th at 7pm!

Holy Mass, Adoration, and Healing Prayer Service will be celebrated by Fr. Mike, Fr. Francis, and other priests and deacons from the diocese.

All are welcome to experience God's healing touch! God cares about you and your family's needs whether they are big or small. We encourage all to come with an open heart.

include correspondence, filing, assisting in preparation of materials for the program, documentation within databases, completion of certificates for sacraments, and preparation for retreats and training. Candidates must possess computer literacy skills to include Google Docs, MS Suite, and Publisher. Role is part time, flexible hours (20-24) based in parish offices. Interested applicants should send letter of interest detailing relevant experiences and resume to galkowski@stmm.net

Hallow App



We are preparing to roll out the Hallow app to the St. Mary Magdalene community. More details are forthcoming, but if you already have the Hallow app, we encourage you to join the "One Nation Under God" challenge to pray in community for election week. While

in the app, select the Community icon to find and join our parish community on Hallow. Another way to find us is to scan the QR code on the Hallow banner in the narthex of the church. We look forward to praying with and for you!

Parish Athletics Spring Sports



Dick's Sporting Goods Parent Appreciation Weekend

Parish Athletics will be celebrating our fall parent appreciation weekend from November 8th to November 10th at DSG. 20% OFF Throughout the Store!

Parish Athletics will have a representative at the Apex location from 9am to 1pm on Saturday November 9th!

Friday, November 8th - Sunday, November 10th
 All Raleigh area DICK'S Store Locations

[DSG Weekend Coupon](#)

Prayer teams will be available for private prayer for individuals, couples, and families.

Praise and Worship will be led by the "WithYou" Music Ministry.

If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact Deacon Dev at lobo@stmm.net or call (770) 828 6935.

Psalm 103:2-4: "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy."

Safe Environment

Returning Volunteers

All returning volunteers should have completed the annual Safe Environment Training module by September 15. The Diocese has started to "suspend" or "archive" those who are not compliant. If you missed the deadline and would like to volunteer, please contact Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net).

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.

Forward In Hope - Grief Support Group to Begin

If you're in need of

Apex-Cary Spring Soccer 2025

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3-year-olds) thru 8th grade.

Dates: March 22nd - May 17th.

Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick.

Game Locations: Apex & Cary.

Cost: Pre-K - \$65; K - 1st grade - \$70; 2nd - 8th grade - \$80

Note: Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners thru 8th graders have one weekday practice per week and weekend games.

[REGISTER FOR SOCCER HERE](#)

Apex Spring Baseball 2025

Grades: Coed. Pre-K (4-year-olds) thru 2nd grade.

Dates: March 29th - May 24th.

Practice/Game Location: Apex

Cost: Pre-K - \$65; K thru 2nd grade - \$70

Note: PreK thru Kindergarten plays T-Ball; 1st and 2nd grade play machine pitch. Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners – 2nd grade have one weekday practice per week and games on Saturdays.

[REGISTER FOR BASEBALL HERE](#)

Brunch for the Homeless Thank You!

This past weekend, Mark Swallow request 37 volunteers to bake 37 9"x13" pans for French Toast Casserole. Through the generosity of St. Mary Magdalene's parish, we have reached that goal! Mark is very appreciative of this wonder community!

The weekend of November 9th, Mark will be at each mass to distribute the pans and recipes to those that signed up.

He will ALSO have gift cards and Christmas cards available for purchase for \$10 the weekend of November 9th after each Mass in the narthex. The gift card will be from "A Place At The Table" restaurant. This is a pay what you can restaurant and is very generous to the homeless community. A \$10 gift card will provide a complete breakfast or lunch for one of our homeless neighbors. Interested parishioners can purchase a gift card, sign a Christmas card, seal the gift card in with the Christmas card and give back to Mark to distribute during the Brunch on November 29th.

Catholic Senior Organization (CSO)

The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for

HOPE

consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is

for you. We recommend participants join us approximately six months after the loss of a loved one.

Sessions will consist of prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. For more information about our fall sessions, please feel free to email stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net, call 919-657-4800 ext. 7280.

Eucharistic Adoration Times

First Friday Adoration will be in the chapel on Friday, **November 1st from 9:30am - 6:30pm**. 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, November 19, from 6:30pm - 7:25pm

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.

women and men (60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, November 18, 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

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 lc Morris0707@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 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 in November 11, 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

Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation Calendar

Next Night of



Tuesday
Nov. 12

6:15 pm
Church

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



EDGE RETREAT

NOVEMBER 16TH-17TH

REGISTER THROUGH NEWSLETTER- CAMP WEAVER- 4924 TAPAWINGO TRAIL, GREENSBORO, NC 27406



**BE A YOUTH MASS
VOLUNTEER!**

Before Mass

- Altar Prep

During Mass:

- Altar Servers
- Ushers
- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers

[Click here to register for the retreat](#)

[Click here for the interest form for Youth Mass volunteers](#)



Registration for our Mountain Retreat is NOW OPEN! [Click here to register](#)



[Camp Covecrest Interest Form](#)

EDGE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 6:00 pm** Youth Mass begins in the Church
- 7:00pm** Teens transition to the school cafeteria for snacks
- 7:15pm** Teens find small groups in the school gym for announcements
- 8:30 pm** Parents park in the school lot and walk into the school building to pick up their teens from the gym

THE WAY AND APOSTELLO SCHEDULE

- 4:30 pm** Apostello Meets in the Chapel
- 6:00 pm** Youth Mass begins in the Church
- 7:00pm** Teens make nametags and eat snacks in Church Narthex
- 7:15pm** Teens find small groups in Church for large group session & announcements
- 7:40 pm** The Way goes to small group locations for Relational Ministry Night
- 8:15pm** Abbreviated Track Session stays In Church
- 8:30 pm** Pick Up in Parking Lot

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

Interested in joining **St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School** for the **25-26 school year**? Tours are now open! Click [HERE](#) to visit us on campus to learn how we pray, learn, and care in our preschool, elementary, and middle school classrooms! Contact Lisa Portland, portland@stmm.net, with any questions!

The banner features the school's logo in the top left, which includes a stylized cross and the text "St. Mary Magdalene CATHOLIC SCHOOL". To the right, the words "TOURS OPEN" are written in large, outlined letters, with "25-26 School Year" below them. A central photograph shows four students in school uniforms standing outdoors. To the left of the photo, a maroon box contains the text "Serving PreK3 through Eighth Grade". At the bottom left, the slogan "We pray. We learn. We care." is displayed. A circular logo with a cross is positioned at the bottom right of the banner.

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