

## St. Mary Magdalene November 15, 2024

### StMM's Serving 100 Project



We are still in need of everyone's support in reaching our goal of **100** by purchasing one or more of the following items (listed below are the amount we still need):

59 New Diaper Bags (**backpack style & neutral in color**)  
32 packs of **Size 1** Diapers  
16 Womens Deodorants  
29 Men's Deodorants  
10 bottles of Body Wash

Items can be purchased from the QR code above or from our local stores. Collection bins are in the church and school lobby through

11/17.

### A Note from Father Francis Xavier

PURGATORY; A GIVE AND TAKE.

The CCC defined Purgatory as "Purification so as the souls to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. It is for those who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified". We as Christians, believe in praying to God to have the sins wholly blotted out for those who die believing in God though not perfect as we find in the book of 2Macc 12:41-45.

St. Faustina Kowalska (diary 1226,20) encouraged people to pray for the souls in Purgatory, ".....in the morning and evening, visit cemeteries, attend Mass and offering Holy Communion as well as adopting a forgotten soul".

Relatedly, St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, encourages us "The blessed souls in purgatory are the Lords eternal spouses, and most grateful are they to those who obtain their deliverance from prison, or even a mitigation of their torments. When therefore, they arrive in heaven, they will be sure to remember all those who have prayed for them".

Today it is not surprising to hear many of us sharing passionately about the benefits of praying for souls. Back in the country (Uganda), a couple married for the last 33 years (now woman 53 and husband 62 years) never became pregnant and to make matters worse, to every hospital the woman went, was told she had Uterine abnormalities including but not limited to Fibroid tumors and Ovarian dysfunction. At one time, I was mobilizing for a pilgrimage to the grave site of our parish-founding pastor (a journey of 24 hours by bus) and gave out A novena prayer for 40 days that involved praying for father's Soul and other souls in purgatory and each participant was to add one specific personal need. The husband also participated with his need for a miracle (a child). After the pilgrimage (Feb-11<sup>th</sup>-2023), it is exciting that they have given birth to 5 children at once (though aided by Science).

Let us join the Pope for Nov prayer intention; For anyone who has lost a child. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter will find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

NB. I encourage if anyone is still struggling after circumstantial loss of a child, kindly contact [project.rachel@raldioc.org](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org).

God bless you.

I love you.

Father Francis

## Giving Portal

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### Upcoming Events

Nov 15 - Healing Mass 7pm Church  
Nov 16 - 10:30am Confessions  
Nov 16-17 - Fall Food Drive  
Nov 16 - 5pm Mass  
Nov 17 - 9am & 11am Mass  
Nov 17 - Apostello & the Way  
Nov 17 - Youth Mass 6pm  
Nov 18 - Daily Mass 9am  
Nov 18 - Catholic Senior Org 10:30am Room 3  
Nov 18 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Church  
Nov 18 - Parent Confirmation Workshop 6:30pm Chapel  
Nov 18 - Lector Training 7pm Church  
Nov 19 - Daily Mass 9am  
Nov 19 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 6:35pm Church  
Nov 20 - Daily Mass 9am  
Nov 20 - Lector Training 7pm Chapel  
Nov 21 - Daily Mass 9am  
Nov 22 - Daily Mass 9am  
Nov 22 - Our Lady Rosary Makers 10am Room 4

### Mass This Weekend

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

#### **Music for Weekend Masses**

**Gathering:** A Voice Cries Out 46

**Responsorial Psalm:** 117: Go Out To All The World

**Preparation:** Eye Has Not Seen 475

**Communion 1:** Center Of My Life 509

**Communion 2:** Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting

**Communion 3:** Oceans

**Sending Forth:** How Can I Keep On Singing 447

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Nov 23 - 10:30am Confessions  
Nov 23 - 5pm Mass  
Nov 24 - 9am & 11am Mass  
Nov 24 - Apostello, the Way, & the EDGE  
Nov 24 - Youth Mass 6pm  
Nov 25 - Daily Mass 9am

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## Pictures of the Week



Respect Life Committee peacefully praying for the unborn and their parents during 40 Days for Life



Ron and Jan Bobeck's Convalidation on November 9th

## Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated in celebration of the wedding of Katie and Keegan Meyer

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)

## 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)

## Catholic Senior Organization (CSO)

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, 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](mailto:gmomfran@gmail.com)



November 15 – Kenneth Bianco +  
 November 16 – 5pm – Ignacio & Peter Villem +  
 November 17 – 9am – Michael Schnorr +  
 November 17 – 11am – Joyce Lively (Birthday)  
 November 17 – 6pm – Parishioners of StMM  
 November 18 – Nyle Hothem +  
 November 19 – Clara Regina Mihaylo +  
 November 20 – Jim Holt +  
 November 21 – Edith Crawford +  
 November 22 – William Gaffron Jr. +  
 November 23 – 5pm – Anna Champa +  
 November 24 – 9am – Anne & Thomas Cleary +  
 November 24 – 11am – Rigoberto Argenal +  
 November 24 – 6pm – Parishioners of StMM  
 November 25 –  
 November 26 – Steve Hennessey +

## Fall Food Drive



**FALL FOOD DRIVE**

All donations are due after the Masses on November 16th and 17th.




St. Mary Magdalene Helping Hands Ministry

## Advent Candle Sales



*Advent Candles*

**ON SALE**

November 23rd & 24th

The Columbiettes are selling Advent candles blessed by Father Mike on Nov 23-24 after all Masses. Each boxed set of 4 candles is \$10 each (cash or check only), while supplies

## Help at Christmas Eve Mass



We are seeking two couples from our parish community who are willing to represent the Holy Family at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass.

The goal is to have you dressed in costume and process in with the Priest at the beginning of Mass carrying the statue of the newborn Jesus to place into the manger/creche scene. If you are interested, please contact Jim Galkowski for more details at [galkowski@stmm.net](mailto:galkowski@stmm.net).

## Christmas Concert and Dinner



**You're Invited**  
 Friday, December 6th  
 to the  
**StMM**  
**Christmas Concert**

Join us for a celebration of Christmas and community featuring musicians from our StMM parish and school.

6:00pm Concert in the Church followed by dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus.

RSVP TO JOIN US FOR DINNER. DONATIONS WELCOME!



All are welcome to join us for dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus following the StMM Christmas Concert on December 6th by RSVPing [HERE](#)

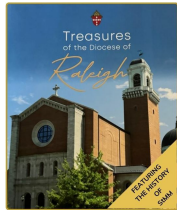
last. For more information email [fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com](mailto:fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com) or call Sandy Pitman 443-370-8136. Proceeds will go to charitable causes and the StMM parish and school.

## 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 [lcmmorris0707@gmail.com](mailto:lcmmorris0707@gmail.com)

## 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.

## Centennial Raffle

## Respect Life Committee

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. If you're passionate about supporting life at all stages and want to make a difference, we invite you to get involved with the Respect Life Ministry. Please fill out the Google Form below to express your interest and join us in this important mission.

[Join Today!](#)

## Hallow App

Deepen your Advent experience with the Hallow app

You're invited! Join our parish community this Advent season for Hallow's Pray25: *For God So Loved The World*. We'll journey through the powerful memoir *A Severe Mercy* by Sheldon Vanauken and be joined by some incredible guides, including Jonathan Roumie!



To sign up: First, join St. Mary Magdalene's page on the app. To do so, visit the Community tab, search for our parish (zip code 27502), and join! Then, on Sunday, Dec. 1, be sure to join the Pray25 challenge on our parish page to take part.

Never used Hallow before? Visit [hallow.com/parish](http://hallow.com/parish) and watch the brief tutorial.

We look forward to praying with you!

## Parish Athletics Spring Sports

**Apex-Cary Spring Soccer 2025**

**Grades:** Coed, Pre-K (3-year-olds) thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Dates:** March 22nd - May 17th.

## CENTENNIAL RAFFLE 100

### Celebrate 100 Years and Win the Ultimate Deanery Experience!

JOIN THE CENTENNIAL RAFFLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN EXCLUSIVE TRIPS FROM  
ACROSS OUR DIOCESE AND EXPERIENCE THE BEST EACH DEANERY HAS TO OFFER.  
EACH PRIZE PACKAGE INCLUDES **TOP-NOTCH ACCOMMODATIONS,  
DINING, AND UNFORGETTABLE ACTIVITIES.**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
[WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIESRALEIGH.ORG/CENTENNIAL-SUNDAY-RAFFLE](http://WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIESRALEIGH.ORG/CENTENNIAL-SUNDAY-RAFFLE)  
FOR ALL 8 PRIZE DETAILS AND TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS!

TICKET SALES WILL GO LIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2024.  
\$10/TICKET OR 3 FOR \$20.  
PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR ANY UPDATES!  
WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN ON DECEMBER 12, 2024



## Safe Environment

### Returning Volunteers

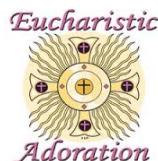
All returning volunteers should have completed the annual Safe Environment Training module by September 15. The Diocese has started to "suspend" or "archive" those who are not compliant. If you missed the deadline and would like to volunteer, please contact Bertha Smith ([bsmith@stmm.net](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net)).

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

## Eucharistic Adoration Times

First Friday Adoration will be in the chapel on Friday, **December 6th from 9:30am - 7pm**. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the chapel 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-

**Practice Locations:** Apex or Cary, you pick.  
**Game Locations:** Apex & Cary.  
**Cost:** Pre-K - \$65; K - 1st grade - \$70;  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade - \$80

### [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

### [REGISTER FOR BASEBALL HERE](#)

## Forward In Hope - Grief Support Group to Begin



If you're in need of 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](mailto:stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net), call 919-657-4800 ext. 7280.

## 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

8931 if interested.

Our next 25th Anniversary event will be holding **25 hours of Adoration** Fri, Dec 6 9:30am to Sat, Dec 7 at 10:30am together with First Friday Adoration. We are looking for people to fill the hours that are not normally filled by First Friday adorers. If you are interested [please sign up!](#)



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 Kaitlyn, Ashton, Michael, Mark, Michael, Yazmin, Jessica, and Earl who have started their RCIA journey.

Please pray for the Montana, Christina, and Victoria who are starting their RCIA journey in two week.

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

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



Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults

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 Deacon Rick Stevens at [stevens@stmm.net](mailto:stevens@stmm.net) 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](#)



ST. MARY MAGDALENE  
YOUTH MINISTRY  
PROGRAMS

# THE GIVING TREE PROJECT

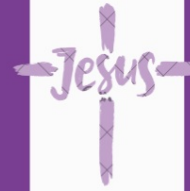
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Sign Up Genius.

GATHER & ROCK

DROP OFF GIFTS  
ON 12/10/24 IN THE  
YOUTH ROOM LOCATED  
IN THE ACTIVITIES BLDG



Next Night of



Tuesday  
Dec. 3

6:15 pm  
Church

### 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



## BE A YOUTH MASS VOLUNTEER!

Before Mass  
• Altar Prep

During Mass:  
• Altar Servers  
• Ushers  
• Lectors  
• Eucharistic  
Ministers

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



**High School  
Mountain Retreat**

FEBRUARY 7-9  
CAMP CARAWAY  
ASHEBORO, NC  
REGISTRATION OPENS NOV. 1  
9-12TH GRADERS



**PARENT  
CONFIRMATION  
WORKSHOPS**

Wed, October 30th  
7:00-8:00PM  
Chapel

Mon, November 18th  
6:30-7:30PM  
Chapel

Mountain Retreat is now full! Please email Niki Furnier at [nfurnier@stmm.net](mailto:nfurnier@stmm.net) to be added to the waitlist.

**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)

**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](mailto:portland@stmm.net), with any questions!



**St. Mary  
Magdalene**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

TOURS  
OPEN

25-26 School Year

Serving  
PreK3  
through  
Eighth  
Grade





We pray. We learn. We care.

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