

St. Mary Magdalene November 22, 2024



A heartfelt thank you to our StMM community for going above and beyond to surpass our goal!

Our totals are as follows:

Blankets - 273

Diaper Bags - 105

Sleeves of Diapers - 210

Baby Wipes - 412 Containers

Women's Deodorant - 209

Men's Deodorant - 153

Body Wash - 194

With all the support of our StMM community, we will touch so many lives! God Bless You All!

A Note from Father Mike

It may seem strange to have a gospel reading that emphasizes Christ's weakness on the Solemnity of Christ the King. Instead of seeing the Lord in triumph, we see him under arrest, standing before Pilate being interrogated. Soon afterwards he will be dying on the cross between two thieves, two criminals. One of them asks the Lord to save him, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom". Our Lord sees this man's faith, love, and hope, and then promises that he will join him in Paradise. Christ the King, the King of the Universe, seems so vulnerable and powerless. What kind of kingship are we acknowledging and celebrating today?

It might seem strange that a king would exercise their power by pardoning and saving sinners. Yet, that is how Christ the King exercises his kingship by conquering souls. He does this one-by-one and that is what he focuses on. For scripture tells us, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever*

believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Our Lord does not conquer souls by violence, threats, or any other way that man typically uses to get what they want. He simply shows himself to be all love and forgiveness and allows us to make up our minds about him. So today, we are in a position to make up our minds. Each of us, like the two criminals, are suffering or troubled in some way. When we suffer, the first thing many try to do is to escape it, to change it, or to distract ourselves from it. In all reality, choosing these methods never really fixes the pain.

Christ the King wants us to choose him above all others. In those crucial moments of trial and temptation, what we need most is to believe, love, and hope in Christ as our King. Those are moments when the Lord can conquer us, because we see how weak and vulnerable we are, and how incapable we are of saving ourselves. Let us choose to accept Christ the King on his terms. He loves us from his Cross. He loves us as we suffer on our cross. His love will conquer and save us if we will surrender to it.

In His love,

Fr. Mike Coveyou

Giving Portal

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Upcoming Events

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
Nov 25 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
Nov 26 - Daily Mass 9am
Nov 27 - Dec 1 - Parish Office Closed

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King
736

Responsorial Psalm: 93: The Lord Is King

Preparation: This Is Amazing Grace

Communion 1: Miracle Of Grace 335

Communion 2: How Great Is Our God

Nov 27 - Daily Mass 9am
Nov 28 - Thanksgiving Day Mass 10am
Nov 29 - No Daily Mass
Nov 30 - 10:30am Confessions
Nov 30 - 5pm Mass
Dec 1 - 9am & 11am Mass
Dec 2 - Daily Mass 9am
Dec 2 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
Dec 3 - Daily Mass 9am
Dec 3 - Gather & the ROCK 6:15pm
Dec 4 - Daily Mass 9am
Dec 5 - Daily Mass 9am
Dec 5 - Morning Rosary Group After Mass
Chapel
Dec 6 - Daily Mass 9am
Dec 6 - 25 Hours of Adoration 9:30am Chapel
Dec 6 - Our Lady Rosary Makers 10am Room 4
Dec 6 - Christmas Concert & Dinner 6pm Church

Communion 3: Jesus I Surrender
Sending Forth: Who You Say I Am

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Pictures of the Week



Over 50 Middle Schoolers on the Edge Retreat last weekend



The Baptism of Elias Passione on November 16th



The Baptism of Lucas Serkes on November 16th



The Wedding of Keegan and Katie Meyer on November 15th

Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by Cindi Fendrick in celebration of the wedding of Grace and Taylor Pewitt

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

Advent Candle Sales

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.

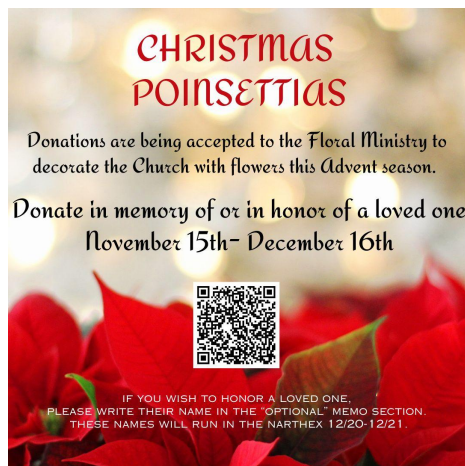
WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email weddings@stmm.net

Christmas Concert and Dinner



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

Christmas Flowers



[Click here to donate for the Christmas Flowers](#)

CPO Donation bins

The CPO bins located inside are used to collect paper & plastic grocery bags, non-perishable food items & Children's clothing 0-6T ONLY.

Please do not leave other items outside the church or in the bins. Thank You



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](#)

St. Nick Shoe and Sock Drive

SECOND GRADE ST. NICK SHOE AND SOCK DRIVE: DEC. 2 - 6

During this season of giving, StMM's second grade students are asking you to help families in need by donating new or gently used shoes/sneakers, new socks, and men's new work boots. Donations will be accepted from Dec. 2-6 in boxes located in the school lobby. Please tie shoelaces together or put them in a plastic bag. Brown Bag Ministry distributes all of our donations. Thank you for supporting this important second grade service project!

Advent Penance Services

- Dec 3 St. Francis of Assisi 11am
- Dec 3 St. Bernadette 7pm
- Dec 5 St. Michael 7pm
- Dec 6 St. Luke 7pm
- Dec 9 St. Mary Magdalene 11am
- Dec 10 Our Lady of Lourdes 11am
- Dec 10 St. Andrew 7pm
- Dec 11 St. Bernadette 11am
- Dec 13 Our Lady of La Vang 7pm
- Dec 17 St. Michael 11am
- Dec 17 Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral 7pm
- Dec 18 St. Raphael 7pm

Next 25th Anniversary Event 25 hours of Adoration

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!](#)

Fall Food Drive Thank you



FALL FOOD DRIVE

Western Wake Crisis Ministry, in collaboration with St. Mary Magdalene's Helping Hands Ministry, extends heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners for their incredible generosity. Thanks to your support, the fall drive was a tremendous success, collecting an impressive total of **1,024 pounds of food!** A special shoutout to the youth groups, whose dedication brought in 236 pounds—a truly inspiring example of commitment.

 Thank you for making a difference!

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

Treasures of the Diocese of Raleigh

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.

Angel Tree



ANGEL TREE

It's the time of giving

Save the date !

NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 1 Choose from many options and organizations !

- Children of St. Julia's Parish
- Western Wake Crisis Ministry
- Holly Springs Food Cupboard
- Gabriel Project
- Catholic Parish Outreach
- Women that Care

DECEMBER 14/15 Donations will be collected after masses

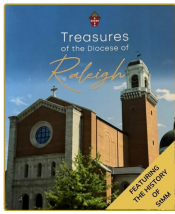
 St. Mary Magdalene Helping Hands Ministry

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



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.

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 and watch the brief tutorial.

We look forward to praying with you!

Centennial Raffle



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
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

Parish Athletics Spring Sports

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

[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

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.

Eucharistic Adoration Times

First Friday Adoration will be in the chapel on Friday, from 9:30am December 6th to December 7th 10:30am. 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?



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 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.

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.

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

Deacon Rick Stevens at 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

Please select a gift from our
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

[Click Here to View Sign-Up Genius](#)

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



High School Mountain Retreat

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

Mountain Retreat is now full! Please email Niki Furnier at nfurnier@stmm.net to be added to the waitlist.



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](#)

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!

St. Mary
Magdalene
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

TOURS
OPEN

25-26 School Year

Serving
PreK3
through
Eighth
Grade



We pray. We learn. We care.

CPO Honor Cards



Give gifts that reflect the true meaning of Christmas! Catholic Parish Outreach Christmas Honor Cards

\$55 feeds a family for a week and CPO served enough food to feed more than 100,000 people last year "a week+" of nutritious food.

Honor the special people on your holiday gift list by donating to Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry and we will send a beautiful Christmas honor card designed by a CPO Volunteer Cole Barnack to everyone on your gift list. [Click here to find out how to order cards](#) or call Catholic Parish Outreach at 919-873-0245 x2300.

Catholic Parish Outreach, 2013 Raleigh Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27604
For more information go to www.cporaleigh.org or call 919-873-0245

Cards received by December 20th guaranteed to be mailed out by December 23rd, 2024.

As our numbers continue to rise and more families need assistance, it is especially important to prayerfully consider giving a gift that reflects the true meaning of Jesus' birth!

Career Network Ministry



CNM Careering Success Summit: Navigating Today's Market w/ Faith & Purpose

Event by Career Network Ministry

Details: Join us for our largest, most impactful career event of the year, designed to guide you on your career journey with faith, purpose, and actionable insights. Organized by the Career Network Ministry and deeply inspired by the practical and spiritual guidance found in "Careering: A Spiritual and Practical Guide on How to Find and Maintain Work in Today's Economy" by Dana Gower and Paul Dean, the Careering Success Summit features inspiring and informative keynotes, presentations, panel discussions, and more.

Sponsored by talent acquisition and advisory firm, Kelaca, and career management and outplacement services firm, CareerPro, and held in the new Parish Center at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh, you'll gain invaluable tools, insights, and a strong, supportive network to confidently navigate today's job market

Thu, Dec 12, 2024, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
2403 Crusader Dr, Raleigh, NC (Parish Center)

Seating is Limited to 50.
Register on LinkedIn: <https://tinyurl.com/z6tk4fp4>

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