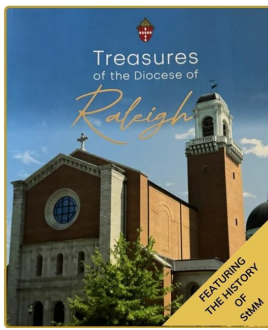


## St. Mary Magdalene October 18, 2024

### 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.

We will have books available after Masses this weekend for purchase or pre-ordered pick up. Please stop by the table in the Narthex.

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

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

### A Note from Father Francis

#### GOD IS GOOD

Sometimes it sounds sarcastic to tell someone troubled that God is good. However, as a matter of fact God's unfathomable goodness can never be outweighed by whatever kind or type of causality. Otherwise, since time immemorial, humanity has been wracked with inexhaustible human suffering. Generation after generation; its war after war, political and civil crisis, intra and interpersonal conflicts- sometimes escalating into domestic conflicts and all it's ugly consequences, diseases and natural catastrophes. All these have co-existed alongside humanity yet God mysteriously sustains us in his goodness. I remember for example, those moments after the loss of my parents amid biting poverty yet expected to look for my own tuition and also take care of a very miserable young family. Today I stand to testify that **God is good.**

Child of God, what are you battling with that currently makes you feel humiliated or making you feel less; family or friends affected by Hurricane, struggling with broken relationships, employment challenges or personal failures....? We can still sing with **Horatio G Spafford**- an accomplished lawyer- of happy memories, who after losing his four daughters on a ship collision preceded by the death of his only son to pneumonia two years before and having lost his huge properties to Chicago fires still had the courage to write his song; IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL?

Can I challenge you to pause for a few moments to refer to your bible and together pray Psalm 46? **God is good indeed.**

Abba Father, enlighten our minds to see the sufferings of our brothers and sisters and even when blurred by our own life challenges to see you and praise you. Amen.

God is good.

I love you.

Father Francis

## Giving Portal

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### Upcoming Events

Oct 19 - Confessions 10:30am  
Oct 19 - 5pm Mass  
Oct 20 - 9am & 11am Mass  
Oct 20 - Apostello, EDGE, & the Way  
Oct 20 - 6pm Youth Mass  
Oct 21 - Daily Mass 9am  
Oct 21 - Catholic Senior Org (CSO) 10:30am Room 3  
Oct 21 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel  
Oct 22 - Daily Mass 9am  
Oct 22 - Gather & the ROCK 6:30pm Church  
Oct 22 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 6:30pm  
Oct 23 - Daily Mass 9am  
Oct 24 - Daily Mass 9am  
Oct 24 - Morning Rosary after Mass Chapel  
Oct 24 - Development of Church series with Deacon Dev 6:30pm Church  
Oct 25 - Daily Mass 9am  
Oct 26 - Confessions 10:30am  
Oct 26 - 5pm Mass  
Oct 27 - 9am & 11am Mass  
Oct 27 - Soccer Challenge 12:30pm Athletic Field

### Mass This Weekend

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

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

**Gathering:** 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) 560

**Responsorial Psalm: 33:** Lord Let Your Mercy Be On Us

**Preparation:** Trust In God

**Communion 1:** Open My Eyes 405

**Communion 2:** Gratitude

**Communion 3:** Jesus I Surrender

**Sending Forth:** We Belong To You/Praise 6pm 642

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Oct 27 - Apostello, the Way, & the EDGE  
Oct 27 - Youth Mass 6pm  
Oct 28 - Daily Mass 9am  
Oct 28 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

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## Pictures of the Week



The Wedding of Meredith and Sean Espina on October 11th

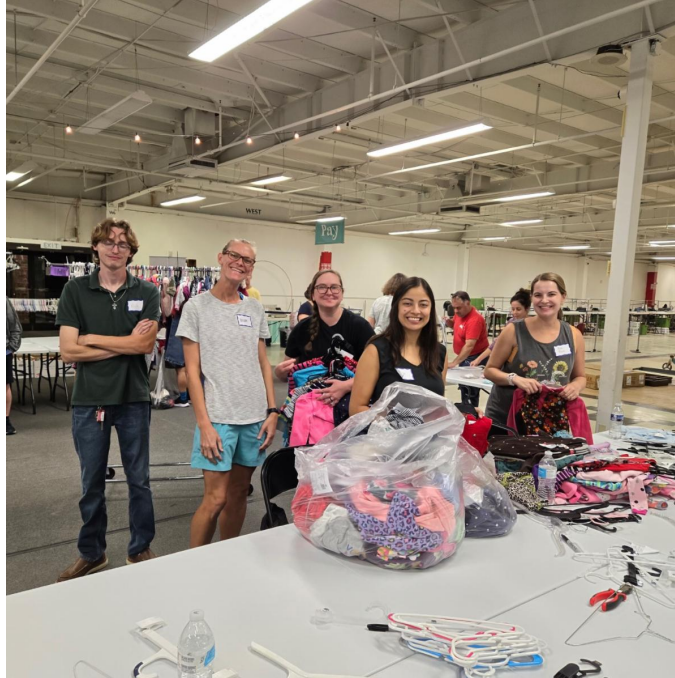


The Wedding of Michaela and Devon Phillips on October 11th



The Convalidation of Erin and Matthew Caramenico and baptism of son Roman on October 12th





The Frassati Young Adult Group helped CPO gather clothes from a consignment sale to donate to children in need.

## Altar Flowers



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)

## Fall New Member Luncheon - Last Week to Register



Calling All New Parishioners!

## 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)

## Fish Tacos for Hurricane Relief

We are very excited to have you as new members of our community! If you registered as a member from May 2024 through now, we would love to have the opportunity to officially welcome you after 11am Mass, Sunday, October 27th. We will gather in the Activities Building for food, fellowship, and fun for the kids!

Please register here to attend <https://forms.gle/EU6LnNpir49STXGr7>

Registration will be open through October 23rd.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Petersen at [l.a.petersen@gmail.com](mailto:l.a.petersen@gmail.com).

We look forward to officially welcoming you to the St. Mary Magdalene family!

## Mass Intentions

- October 19 – 5pm – Ralph Veth +
- October 20 – 9am – Declan James McAndrew +
- October 20 – 11am – Louis Bramante, Jr. +
- October 20 – 6pm – Parishioners of StMM
- October 21 – Gianna Thomson's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- October 22 – Rita Thomson's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday
- October 23 – Edward Katona +
- October 24 – Mary Kay Landrus +
- October 25 – Ben Willis
- October 26 – 5pm – Ronald Pollick +
- October 27 – 9am – Gail Azevedo +
- October 27 – 11am – Aurelia Cochrane +
- October 27 – 6pm – Parishioners of StMM
- October 28 – Debbie Reilly +
- October 29 – Communion Service
- October 30 – Carol Gaffron +
- October 31 – Gloria Bannister +

## Book of Remembrance



**StMM BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

- Sign in the Church during Masses in the month of October.
- Write the name of your deceased loved one.
- Prayers will be offered during the month of November.

 All Souls Day donations welcome!  
Scan to donate!

All Souls Envelopes are also available in the Narthex



**Knights of Columbus** **St. Mary Magdalene**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Fish Tacos for HURRICANE RELIEF

**Saturday, October 19th**  
**5:30–7:30pm**

**ORDER HERE**  100% of proceeds go directly to Hurricane Helene Relief efforts through Catholic Relief Organizations.

[Click Here](#) to order

## StMM 25th Anniversary



**25**  
ST MARY MAGDALENE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL  
APEX, NC

**YOU'RE INVITED**

Join us for sweet treats after Masses this weekend to kickoff our 25th Anniversary Celebrations!

Look for events throughout the year focused on 25 years of praying, learning, caring, and growing!

### Upcoming events for the 25th Anniversary Year:

- Treats after all Masses **October 19 and 20, 2024**
- 25 hour of Adoration **Fri, Dec 6-Sat, Dec 7, 2024** Sign up [here](#) for an hour of Adoration

## StMM's Serving 100 Project

Be a part of StMM's Serving 100 Project by donating to those in need.

[Click Here](#) or scan the QR code below.

## CPO Food Drive - Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Fall "Feed A Family" food drive that serves our neighbors in need right here in Raleigh and its surrounding areas. Your donation items and monetary contributions are distributed through our Catholic Parish Outreach Diocesan wide food pantry.

Y'all donated **2,942 pounds and \$3,290** for families in need! Thank You to Helping Hands ministry for passing out grocery bags at Masses and the Knights from our K of C who helped with collections at the CPO truck. Your time and generosity are greatly appreciated!

## CSO - Catholic Senior Organization

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, October 21, 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)

## Opportunity Scholarships Meeting Oct 24th



Help STMM Church & School reach our goal of helping hundreds of families with the following donation drives to support those in need.

**ITEMS NEEDED:**  
BLANKETS  
DIAPER BAGS  
DIAPERS  
WIPES  
DEODORANTS  
BODY WASH

Donations collected from October 1st to November 17th.

Logos: SERVING 100, Pruitt Health, birth choice, Children's Blankets of Love.

## 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)

## Columbiette Bake Sale Save the Date 12/14-15

The Columbiettes' 3rd Annual  
**Advent Bake Sale & Gift Bazaar**  
AFTER MASS 12/14 & 12/15



- Handcrafted rosaries & bracelets
- Hand-painted artisan ornaments
- Home-baked cakes, cookies, breads, pies, pastries, candies (nut-free), GF options available
- Gift baskets & kitchen gifts - for purchase & raffle
- NEW! Pre-orders available!

**BLESSED ADVENT CANDLE SALE 11/23 & 11/24**  
Proceeds go to charitable local causes, STMM Parish & School

## 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.



## OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NCSEAA  
OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
PROCESS FOR THE 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR

**WHEN:**

October 24, 2024 6:30pm

**WHERE:**

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School  
Media Center  
625 Magdala Place, Apex, NC 27502



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.

## Healing Mass at StMM



The next diocesan Healing Mass will be held right here at

St. Mary Magdalene on **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** 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.

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](mailto: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."

## Respect Life Month

### Advance Medical Directives: Planning for Your Future

Read the full version at  
[respectlifeprogram.org/advance-directives](http://respectlifeprogram.org/advance-directives).

Human life is good and to be protected. All medical decisions ought to reflect this core belief. Yet some medical and legal documents used to define a patient's future care can be harmful. No matter how well-crafted, they can't predict all the possible scenarios and best courses of action. In each set of circumstances, we need to judge whether a given treatment will provide real benefit to the patient, without causing harm or disproportionate burdens. The safest option is to designate a health care agent to make decisions if you become incapable of doing so. It's best to appoint a responsible, trustworthy person who understands and shares your Catholic values, and can apply them when the need arises.

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### Upcoming Respect Life Events

**Now - 11/3**, 7am - 7 pm - Raleigh 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. Details at [www.40daysforlife.com/en/raleigh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/raleigh)

**10/21** - Rosary for Life, 6:30pm, StMM Chapel

**10/22**- Join Catholics nationwide praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death October 22-30. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at [respectlife.org/celebrate!](http://respectlife.org/celebrate!)

**10/24** - 9am - 4pm 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil day for STMM at A Women's Choice, 3305 Drake Cir, Raleigh, NC; *Father Mike and Father Francis leading prayer 11am-noon and Deacon Dev leading 12-1pm*

**Sign up for a Prayer Slot Here!**

**10/27** - Rosary for Life, 10:15am, StMM Chapel

**11/15** - Healing Mass - StMM at 7pm

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



## Frassati Young Adult Group

The Frassati Young Adult group provides a community for those in their 20s and 30s. 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:

**Wed, Nov 6**

7pm Trivia with Deacon Dev in Room 3

## Forward In Hope - Grief Support Group to Begin

# HOPE

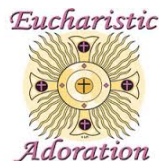
If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith

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.

## Eucharistic Adoration Times

First Friday Adoration will be in the church 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](mailto:ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM) or 919-280-8931 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

## Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge Oct 27th



The Knights of Columbus is holding a Soccer Challenge for boys and girls, ages 9 through 14. The event will be held at the STMM soccer field on Sunday, October 27. Registration will be

between noon and 12:30 PM. Competition will be from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM. The winners will move onto the District competition. Please email [communitykoc7186@hotmail.com](mailto:communitykoc7186@hotmail.com) with any questions or for more information.

## 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](mailto:jbeiras@hotmail.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](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](#). \*

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, October 22nd, 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.

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](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

[Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation Calendar](#)



Parents, have you wanted to bring your children to faith formation but have been hesitant? Do you have a child with unique needs that would benefit from a tailored faith formation program? StMM sees you and wants to gauge the interest in a program to support children of all abilities. Please contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) for more information.

Are you a student, young adult or teacher who would like to pass on the faith to children of all abilities? Do you have a heart to help students with additional needs? St. Mary Magdalene is exploring ways to support families with unique learners to access faith formation. This may be a great volunteer opportunity for someone within the health, education and related therapies fields or High School Students involved in Unified, Special Olympics and Pepi. Please contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) if you are interested.

Next Night of

Tuesday  
Oct. 22

6:15 pm  
Church

Gather is off Tuesday, October 15, 2024

### 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**



**EDGE RETREAT**

**NOVEMBER 16TH-17TH**

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

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



**BE A YOUTH MASS VOLUNTEER!**

**Before Mass**  
• Altar Prep

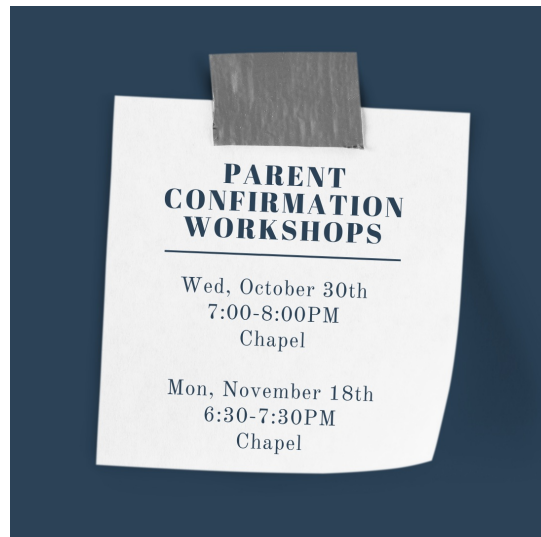
**During Mass:**  
• Altar Servers  
• Ushers  
• Lectors  
• Eucharistic Ministers

[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

**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](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!



TOURS  
OPEN

25-26 School Year

Serving  
PreK3  
through  
Eighth  
Grade



We pray. We learn. We care.

## St. Andrew Catholic Church Holiday Craft Fair

St. Andrew's Holiday Craft Fair is Saturday, November 2nd, from 9A to 3P. We have a free Reindeer Raffle, delicious Chicken Soup, and Homemade Chili and Hot Dogs! We also have 46 Crafters who have been very busy - so please come and see what they have been up to!!!

## Veterans Luncheon in November



In honor of the brave men and women who have served our country, we are excited to invite you to a special Veterans Day Luncheon, hosted by the Knights of Columbus - Assembly 2446.

This luncheon is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community, express our gratitude to veterans, and celebrate their courage and dedication. We would love for you to join us for this memorable event!

Tickets for the event can be purchased

here: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/KDKE9YFXP9EUA>

**When:** Sunday, November 10, 2024

**Time:** 1-3pm

**Where:** St. Andrews Fellowship Hall

**Price:** \$12 per ticket / kids eat free

Tickets are available now, and we encourage you to purchase yours early to secure your spot. Let's come together to honor those who have served and continue to serve our country. We look forward to seeing you at the luncheon!



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