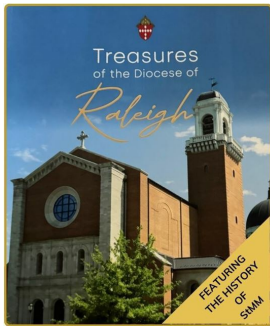


St. Mary Magdalene October 25, 2024

Treasures of the Diocese of Raleigh



Last weekend to pick up after Masses

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 Mike

We have often heard scripture tell us, "*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends*". As I was growing up, I often heard the words "friend" and "friendship". It caused me to ponder what they really mean. Not in a grammar sense, but how are they lived out in everyday life. Our American culture's use of the word "friend" is interesting. We often see people having 500, 1000, or even more "friends" on Facebook, or on other social media platforms. It seems we mix up the word "friend" for "follower". We may even view them as just synonyms. I think what most people call their friends are actually just acquaintances. People we see if it's convenient, maybe get together sometimes, but they are not a deep part of the rhythm of our life.

True friends, true friendships on the other hand, are just as entwined in our lives as a romantic partner or immediate family member might be. A true friend is one who is always by our side no matter what. They actually love us, both at our best and at our worst. If we are not happy for some reason or going through a difficult period in our life, they are there to support and encourage us. They do not disappear. If they have a problem with us, they communicate, and we try to find a solution together because we value the friendship and the bond we share. We feel like we can tell them anything literally without being ashamed or fearing that we will be judged. They love us and they tell us that or they show it through their actions. We feel like they are our family. We make plans together and memories.

Let us never forget, as we go through life, that God laid down his life for love of us. So, ponder his precious words of wisdom and love. "*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*"

In His Love,

Fr. Mike Coveyou

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Upcoming Events

Oct 25 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 9pm Chapel
Oct 26 - Confessions 10:30am
Oct 26 - 5pm Mass
Oct 27 - 9am & 11am Mass
Oct 27 - Rosary for Life 10:15am Chapel
Oct 27 - Soccer Challenge 12:30pm Athletic Field
Oct 27 - Apostello, the Way, & the EDGE
Oct 27 - Youth Mass 6pm
Oct 28 - Daily Mass 9am
Oct 28 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
Oct 28 - Human Rights in Immigration Guest Speaker 6:30pm Room 1
Oct 29 - Daily Mass 9am
Oct 29 - Gather & the ROCK 6:15pm Church
Oct 30 - Daily Mass 9am
Oct 30 - Parent Confirmation Workshop 7pm Chapel
Oct 31 - Daily Mass 9am
Oct 31 - Morning Rosary after Mass Chapel
Nov 1 - All Saints Day 9am & 7pm Mass
Nov 1 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 6:30pm Church
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

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Blest Be The Lord/*Praise* 6pm 448
Responsorial Psalm: 126: The Lord Has Done Great Things

Preparation: This Is Amazing Grace

Communion 1: Only This I Want 505

Communion 2: Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting

Communion 3: All The Poor And Powerless

Sending Forth: Sing To The Mountains/Who You Say I Am 6pm 542

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Pictures of the Week



The baptism of Leny Kay Lapczynski on October 19th



The Baptism of Bennett John Klein on October 19th





Treats after Mass were served to kickoff our 25th Anniversary celebrations! Celebrations will continue through October 2025. 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!](#)

Altar Flowers



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

Eucharistic Holy Hour Tonight 9am

Join your St. Mary Magdalene family for a holy hour tonight from 9 pm to 10 pm in the chapel as we pray in reparation for the black mass at the same time in Atlanta. We will have benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet. If you can't join us, please consider praying the Divine Mercy chaplet for the blind souls who follow Satan.

Links to learn more:
[Catholic News Agency](#)
[The Catholic Spirit](#)

Book of Remembrance

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

Hurricane Relief Donations Thank You



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone in the St. Mary Magdalene Community that help raise over \$3,000 to donate to those who have been impacted by Hurricane Helene. The generosity of our community to help others who have lost so much is so amazing! Blessings to All!

StMM's Serving 100 Project



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

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

Human Rights in Immigration Guest Speaker


You're Invited!

Presentation: Human Rights in Immigration Speaker: Jenny Doyle, Immigration Counsel LLC

Hosted by: StMM Gabriel Project and Respect Life Ministries

Date & Time: Monday, October 28th, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Location: St. Mary Magdalene Church, Room 1
As a Church, we are called to care for the most vulnerable among us. Join us for an informative discussion on humanitarian immigration, with a special focus on the protections available to victims of human trafficking and other crimes. By increasing our awareness, we can better support at-risk women and mothers in our community.



Who Do We Help?

Wondering where our blankets go? So far, we have delivered donations to Duke Children's Hospital, UNC Children's Hospital, and WakeMed Children's Hospital. With your help, we would like to continue to donate blankets throughout North Carolina, and beyond!

Children's Blankets of Love

Sending comfort, love, and care to children in local hospitals

SERVING 100

donate
through November 17th

Children's Blankets of Love could use your donations of new blankets to help bring warmth to local children.

[Click here](#) to donate!

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 with any questions or for more information.

StMM Church Employment Opportunity

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 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

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.

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

Respect Life Month

Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/navigating-infertility.

We often assume parenthood happens easily after "I do," but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that God is with you, and that He has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.

God is with you, and His Church desires to walk with you.

You are not alone; His Church desires to walk with you. The full article at the website listed above contains compassionate, practical guidance, intended primarily for married couples struggling with infertility, though others may also find it to be informative.

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October is Respect Life Month. 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!

Upcoming Respect Life Events

Now - 11/3, 7am - 7 pm - Raleigh 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. Details at

www.40daysforlife.com/en/raleigh

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 in this important mission.

[Join Today!](#)

Brunch for the Homeless

Four Catholic Churches in the Apex/Cary area will be providing a brunch for the homeless on Friday, November 29th (the day after Thanksgiving) at Oak City Cares. Oak City Cares started as a collaboration between the City of Raleigh, Wake County and Catholic Parish Outreach. OCC provides services to our neighbors that are homeless or are in danger of becoming homeless. St. Mary Magdalene has been assigned to provide 37 9"x13" pans of French Toast Casserole for the brunch to feed 300 people. We will be looking for 37 people/families to prepare the casserole. We will provide the pans and the recipe. We will need

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.

completed already cooked casseroles to be delivered to the St. Mary Magdalene School on Tuesday, November 26th between 1pm – 4pm. The Knights of Columbus will collect the completed pans and store them in the school kitchen. On Friday, 11/29, the KOC will rewarm the dishes and deliver them to OCC to start serving Brunch by 11:00pm.

If you can help to prepare the dishes, please sign up at this site:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA-BA929A31-50912202-brunch>

The pans and recipes will be provided the weekend of 11/9 after each mass. On 11/9 we will also have Christmas cards and \$10 gift cards that can be purchased that will be given to each person at the brunch.

If you have questions, please contact parishioner Mark Swallow at mwal2846@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!

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, call 919-657-4800 ext. 7280.

Frassati Young Adult Group

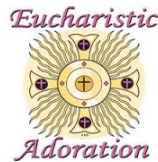
The Frassati Young Adult group provides a community for those in their 20s and 30s. Email us at frassati@stmm.net for more information and to be added to our email list. Our upcoming events are:

Wed, Nov 6

7pm Trivia with Deacon Dev in Room 3

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 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

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

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

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.

prayer intentions via email to StMMPPrayerTeam@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

GATHER
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Tuesday
Oct. 29

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

[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



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We're going to Life Teen Camp Covecrest!

LIFE TEEN

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!

St. Mary
Magdalene
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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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