

St. Mary Magdalene October 4, 2024

Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts



FROM BISHOP LUIS AND THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH: SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES' HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF EFFORTS

Bishop Luis is encouraging contributions in support of **Catholic Charities** which is earmarking those donations to support Helene relief efforts. Use [this link](#) to donate now. The Diocese of

Raleigh Catholic Charities cites the following:

- The most immediate and effective way to help is through cash donations, which allow us to respond quickly to the evolving needs of affected communities.
- Catholic Charities USA is collecting donations for areas impacted by Hurricane Helene. 100% of gifts will go to support recovery efforts.
- At this time, we ask that no in-kind donation drives be held or in-kind donations be sent to Catholic Charities offices.
- We are monitoring needs with Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Charities Charlotte and will share updates when specific in-kind donations are needed.
- Unsolicited donations can hinder the critical response.

We will have a special second collection this weekend as well for Catholic Charities Hurricane Relief Efforts.

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Diocese

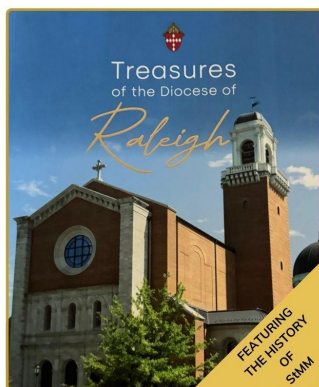
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Help StMM Church & School reach our goal of helping hundreds of families with the following donation drives to support those in need.



Donations collected from October 1st to November 17th.

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BLANKETS

We are partnering with Children's Blankets of Love. By donating blankets, we hope to bring comfort, security, and hope to children who are chronically ill at Children's Hospitals locally and statewide.



DIAPER BAGS

We are partnering with BirthChoice of Raleigh to give expectant mothers in need a gift of a diaper bag, diapers, and wipes for her newborn baby.



HYGIENE ITEMS

We are collecting deodorant and body wash to give to resident senior citizens at PruittHealth Nursing Home.



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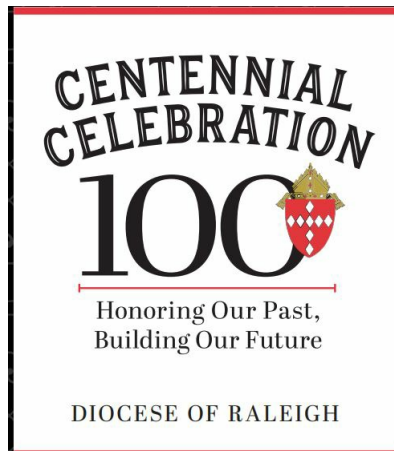
[Click here to purchase your copy now.](#) Pick up in the Parish Office during the week.

For Bishop Zarama's Letter, **[click here.](#)**

Concert Oct 25th at Holy Name of Jesus

October 25, 2024 7pm-8pm Concert: Praise God in His Holy Place

- Dr. Peter Laytona from the National Shrine joining us with his choir
- There will be a special surprise at the end of the concert!!
- All are invited and **RSVP is required** – there are no tickets
- Link: **<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/rsvp-centennial-concert>**
- Questions can be sent to Diane at **diane.williams@raldioc.org**



To shop the celebration, **[click here](#)**

A Note from Father Francis Xavier

Rosary Month.

Where is my Rosary?

Ooops! I was dreaming.

But anyhow, a story is told of an Egyptian mother called Mary (love/beloved) who died and at reaching the door of heaven Mother Mary asked her, "My Namesake, where is my Rosary?" Mary responded, "I'm sorry Mom I lost interest in it. You know we used to pray it at Church but I became so busy, you know I was blessed with beautiful children that took part of my time, a very big and demanding office and on top of it I loved spending my time on my workouts.....". Never the less, this is October- a special month dedicated to the Rosary and the Blessed Virgin Mary. I invite you to do **everything through Mary** as the motto of His Lordship Vincent Stanislaus Waters (our 3rd Bishop of Raleigh diocese NC 1945- 1974) of happy memories.

October is an opportune moment to go back to the School of Mary and revise from her example of Simplicity, Humility, generosity amid challenges, joy and happiness to hear her song re-echo in our lives "My soul glorifies the Lord.... Lk1:46-55". Those of us with heavy schedule like Mary (the Egyptian Mother), please make an attempt as you drive your child to and from School, during your country walk and the best will always be to pray with your family as Fr. Patrick Payton CSC, Servant of God affirms "a family that prays together lives together".

Pray with me: Thank you Abba father for your profound generosity, thank you for Mother Mary and her role in my life. Through her intercession, let us realize that your grace is the core of the very being of our life and that she leads us to your loving son Christ the Lord. Amen.

God bless you. I love you.

Father Francis

Giving Portal

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Upcoming Events

Oct 4 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am
- 7pm Church

Oct 4 - Rosary Makers 10am Room 4

Oct 4 - Pet Blessing 5pm -6:30pm Church
Piazza

Oct 5 - 10:30am Confessions

Oct 5-6 - Special 2nd Collection for Hurricane
Relief All Masses

Oct 5 - 5pm Mass

Oct 5 - Altar Server Training 6pm Church

Oct 6 - 9am (Children's Choir) & 11am Mass

Oct 6 - Youth Mass 6pm

Oct 6 - Apostello, EDGE, & the Way

Oct 7 - Daily Mass 9am

Oct 7 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

Oct 8 - Daily Mass 9am

Oct 8 - Gather & the ROCK 6:15pm Church

Oct 9 - Daily Mass 9am

Oct 10 - Daily Mass 9am

Oct 10 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel

Oct 10 - Development of Church Series with
Deacon Dev lolo@stmm.net 6:30pm Church

Oct 11 - Daily Mass 9am

Oct 11 - Rosary Makers 10am Room 4

Oct 12 - 10:30am Confessions

Oct 12 - 5pm Mass

Oct 13 - 9am & 11am Mass

Oct 13 - Youth Mass 6pm

Oct 13 - Apostello, EDGE, & the Way

Oct 14 -
Daily Mass 9am

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Sing to the Mountains (11am) 542/
Your Love Defends Me

Responsorial Psalm: 128: May the Lord Bless
Us

Preparation: Hold On To Love 496/ Build Your
House On A Rock (9am)

Communion 1: One Bread One Body (5pm &
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Communion 3: Trust In God

Sending Forth: This Is Amazing Grace

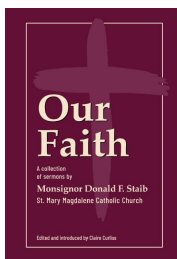
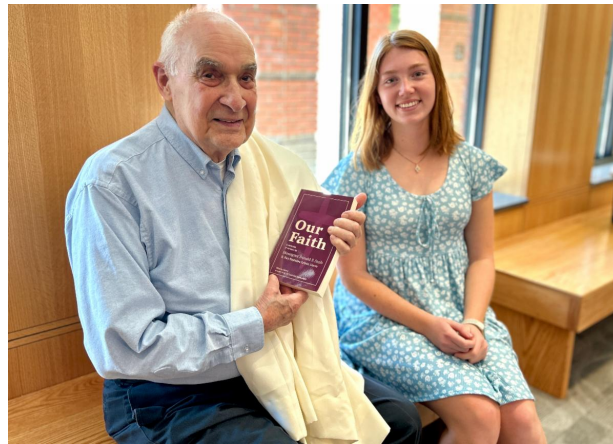
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Picture of the Week



Baptism of Georgina Marie Lewis on September 28th

Collection of sermons by Monsignor Staib now published



A new book, “Our Faith: A collection of sermons by Monsignor Donald F. Staib,” has been published and is available at Amazon, the online bookseller.

The book is a result of a two-year project by StMM parishioner and school alumna Claire Curliss, who is a current senior at Cardinal Gibbons High School.

Working with Monsignor Staib, Claire preserved the entirety of Monsignor Staib’s sermons for the StMM church archive and then selected, edited and published this collection in book form. The project was recently recognized with the Girl Scout Gold Award, the organization’s highest national honor.

The new 333-page book is a second edition that makes 70 sermons more widely available. They were chosen with an emphasis on relevance to StMM parishioners and those involved in the Faith Formation programs, to those interested in the history and growth of the parish, and to the perspective or background of Monsignor Staib. They were selected from more than 1,200 sermons, spanning decades, that were preserved for the church archive.

The book is available at a cost of \$15 – and all proceeds benefit St. Mary Magdalene Church. You can purchase “Our Faith” at: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DCQB7C63/>

Altar Flowers



This week’s altar flowers are donated by Patrice Nelli in memory of John Nelli. Take this opportunity to consider donating flowers to St. Mary

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

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

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

Annual Parish Financial Report Available

The Annual Financial report for the Parish is available on our website. [Click here to view](#).

CPO Food Drive Oct 12-13

StMM "Feed A Family" Food Drive - Oct 12 & 13 Before & After All Masses

Paper bags with item lists will be distributed the week before at all Masses Oct 5th & 6th.

Fill a bag or donate \$55 to feed a family of 4 for 1 week. We are grateful for every dollar you share to support CPO!

An immediate need remains here in Raleigh as the number of neighbors locally in need has increased by almost 40% across this entire year. Thank you for helping us continue to serve our neighbors right here at home.

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

Pet Blessing October 4th



FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

Blessing of the Pets

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

5:00-6:30PM

StMM CHURCH ENTRANCE



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

Respect Life Month



Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. 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. The Respect Life Ministry will have a series of events this month. 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!](#)

Please keep all of our neighbors near and far in your prayers.

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.

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

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, calls on Catholics to renew their commitment to the legal protection of human life, to support policies and service ministries that assist mothers, and to extend compassion to those suffering from participation in abortion. Click on the link below to read Bishop Burbidge's entire statement.

[Respect Life Statement by Bishop Burbidge from the USCCB](#)

Upcoming Respect Life Events

Now - 11/3, 7am - 7 pm - Raleigh 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. Details at www.40daysforlife.com/en/raleigh
10/12 & 10/13 - Respect Life Information Tables, StMM Narthex, after all masses
10/17 - Rosary for Life, 9:45am, StMM Chapel
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!
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

Fall New Member Luncheon

Calling All New Parishioners!

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/EU6LnNpjr49STXGr7>

Registration will be open through October 23rd.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Petersen at l.a.petersen@gmail.com.

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

Altar Server Training



"Serving at the Altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus" – Pope Francis

Altar serving is a great way to learn more about

events are:

Wed, Oct 16

7-7:30pm Adoration in Chapel
7:30pm "The Armor of God in the Modern Day"
in Room 3

Wed, Nov 6

7pm Trivia with Deacon Dev in Room 3

the Mass and to take an active role in the Church family. All who are 3rd grade and up and have received their First Sacraments are welcome to join the altar server ministry!

A training session for new servers for all Masses will be held on **Saturday, October 5th at 6pm** in the Church. If any existing servers need a "refresher," they are also welcome to join.

Please RSVP to Andree Genez at stmmaltarservers@gmail.com. Parents are encouraged to attend!

Monarch Monday



BECOME A MONARCH MONDAY SPONSOR TODAY!!

We are happy to announce that St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School's Monarch Monday campaign is back for the 2024-2025 school year! **Sponsorship opportunities are open to businesses and families!** Click [HERE](#) to become a Monarch Monday sponsor.



Opportunity Scholarships Meeting Oct 24th

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

Essay Contest Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus STMM 7186 Essay Contest – 8th-12thGraders (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?**

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

Career Network Ministry



Bob Burton Biography

Bob Burton is the Director of the North Carolina Defense Technology Transition Office (NC DEFTECH), where he strategically connects the state's innovation ecosystem with the urgent technology needs of the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security. His mission is to accelerate the technology transition to optimal solutions for the nation's most critical defense and homeland security requirements.

Upcoming Career Network Ministry Meeting

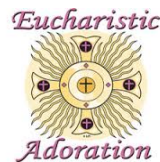
Date: Thursday October 10th
Time: 8:30am-10:30am (Room 8 – Main Bldg.)
Location: St. Andrews The Apostle Catholic Church
3008 Old Raleigh Rd, Apex, NC 27502
Contact Paul Dean at vpauldean@gmail.com to RSVP

Topic: From Special Forces to Entrepreneur: My Journey to Empowering Leaders and Innovating for Defense

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Eucharistic Adoration Times

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **October 4th from 9:30am - 7pm**. 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.



Holy Hour

"Could you not watch and hear with me?"

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 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

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

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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

followed by Benediction.

Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, October 22nd, from 6:30pm - 7:25pm

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

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.

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 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](#)



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 wil@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 wil@stmm.net if you are interested.

Next Night of





Tuesday

Oct. 8

6:15 pm

Church

Questions:

For **GATHER**, contact Suzanne Will at wil@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

For the **ROCK** contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307



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](#)

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!

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