
St. Mary Magdalene September 13, 2024

A Note from Father Mike

At our school Mass this week, we honored and celebrated grandparents. The role of grandparents is pivotal in passing down cultural values and customs, a deep love for God, enriching their grandchildren's sense of identity and belonging. Whether they live nearby or stay in touch from afar, the love and emotional closeness that grandparents provide makes a big, positive impact on their grandchildren's healthy development.

Sometimes we may not always have grandparents in our lives. My grandfather died before I was born, so I never knew the love and guidance of a grandfather. God created grandparents for the purpose of multi-generational discipleship. As the book of Proverbs tells us, "A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children". By living a Christ-centered life, our grandchildren may be inspired by us to grow more in love with the faith. May the Lord God almighty, bless and inspire all grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in their love and be living signs of God's presence to their children and grandchildren's lives.

In His love,

Father Mike Coveyou

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Upcoming Events

Sept 14 - Confessions 10:30am
 Sept 14 - 5pm Mass
 Sept 15 - 9am & 11am Mass
 Sept 15 - Extraordinary Ministers Training
 4:30pm Church
 Sept 16 - Daily Mass 9am
 Sept 16 - Catholic Senior Org (CSO) 10:30am
 Room 3
 Sept 17 - Communion Service
 Sept 17 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
 Sept 18 - Communion Service
 Sept 19 - Daily Mass 9am
 Sept 19 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
 Sept 19 - Rosary Makers 10am Room 1
 Sept 19 Development of Church Series with
 Deacon Dev lobo@stmm.net 6:30pm Church
 Sept 20 - Communion Service
 Sept 21 - Confessions 10:30am
 Sept 21 - 5pm Mass
 Sept 21 - **KofC Jambalaya Dinner** 5pm
 Sept 22 - 9am & 11am Mass
 Sept 22 - Youth Mass 6pm
 Sept 22 - Apostello, EDGE & the Way
 Sept 23 - Daily Mass 9am
 Sept 23 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 Sept 24 - Daily Mass 9am
 Sept 24 - Gather & the ROCK 6:15pm Church

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Prayer of St Francis (Praise 6pm)
535

Responsorial Psalm: 54: The Lord Upholds My
Life

Preparation: Reckless Love

Communion 1: The Summons 387

Communion 2: Great Are You Lord

Communion 3: All The Poor And Powerless

Sending Forth: Rest On Us

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Pictures of the Week



The Baptism of Riley Ava Duncan on September 7th



The Baptism of Grace Cylvia Cook on September 7th

Parishioner Assistance Ministry Thanks You!



Parishioner Assistance Ministry (PAM) would like to extend our gratitude to the many members of our Saint Mary Magdalene family who listened with open hearts to our leadership team members before the September 7-8 Masses. We thank fellow parishioners who asked questions, signed up to volunteer, and offered donations after the Masses. PAM is a volunteer network that supports parishioners during difficult times or when a parishioner needs a little extra love and support. Volunteers have provided meals, transportation to Mass and medical appointments, home support and companionship, support for single mothers, and even handyman services and yard work. Please consider reaching out to our ministry if you or a fellow parishioner could use support. We know asking for help isn't always easy, and our goal is to handle any requests respectfully and with great care. Additionally, we always welcome new volunteers. Contact us at stmpam@stmm.me or 919-657-4800 x7313.

Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by Mike and Regina Gray in memory of Jane Gray and Sandra Sansone

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

Welcoming volunteers for Floral Ministry. Join us on Fridays at 10am. All are welcome.

Treasures of the Diocese of Raleigh

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

Update on Our "Leaks"

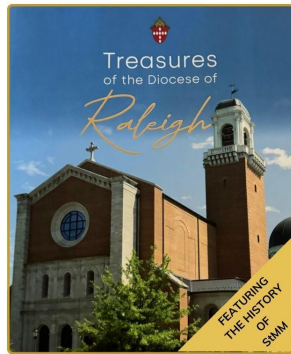
We have gotten some answers but also still have more questions to pursue about the various leaks in the Church. High pressure water testing has been completed this past week and further investigations continue by roofers, masons, and general contractors while we start to 'fix the issues' that we have already found. Thanks for your understanding as we work through this issue.

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Safe Environment

Returning Volunteers

Complete the annual Safe Environment Training module by September 15. Emails have been going out to remind our existing volunteers to update their safe environment compliance. If you have not received these emails, please send your current and correct email address to Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) and ask for renewal instructions.

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.

Extraordinary Minister Training

Answer the call to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion!

Extraordinary ministers assist the Presider with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. All parishioners who are practicing confirmed Catholics may become extraordinary ministers. If you would like to be trained to be an extraordinary minister, or if you just need a refresher, training has been scheduled in the Church for **Sunday, September 15th at 4:30 pm**. Please choose one of the sessions and

Seeking Help for Ukrainian Refugees

We are still seeking a couple that would be interested in sponsoring another family of 3 to emigrate under the Uniting for Ukraine immigration program. The Parish helps out in supporting the families once they are approved to emigrate, but sponsors are needed to make application for these individuals. More details can be obtained from galkowski@stmm.net

Thank you all who so generously offered items to help the new Ukrainian families to settle into a new life here in the US. We received numerous items that will go a long way to start them in their new apartments.

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 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!

Training sessions for new servers for all Masses will be held on **Saturday, September 28th at**

RSVP to Lisa Westberg at lbwestberg13@gmail.com.

6pm and Saturday, October 5th at 6pm in the Church. If any existing servers need a "refresher," they are also welcome to join.

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

Jambalaya Dinner September 21st



The flyer features the Knights of Columbus Council 7186 logo at the top left, which includes a shield with a cross and a sword. To the right of the logo, the text reads "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7186". Below the logo, the words "Jambalaya Dinner" are written in a large, elegant serif font. To the right of the text is a photograph of a bowl of jambalaya with shrimp, sausage, and vegetables. At the bottom of the flyer, it says "2ND ANNUAL JAMBALAYA DINNER ST. MARY MAGDALENE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024." Below that, in smaller text, it states "PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY IN THE AREAS OF FAITH, EDUCATION, AND QUALITY OF LIFE." At the very bottom, it reads "GREAT FOOD, GREAT BEER, AND A GREAT CAUSE."

Go to <https://jambalaya.kofc7186.org> and place your order today!

StMM Daytime Bible Study

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Topic: Angels in the Bible

When: Sept. 24th - Oct. 29th (6 weeks) on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm

Where: StMM Church Building rooms 3 & 4

Cost: \$18 for materials

Contact: Laurie Wendt to sign up and get more details at lauriewendt@gmail.com

Adult Faith Refresher with Deacon Rick

Do you wish you had a better understanding of your faith so you can lead a more joyful life? Do you feel like you aren't able to connect the dots with all you've learned?

Then come join me and your fellow parishioners for a dynamic six-week series that will enhance your daily spiritual life.

We typically get a small group of participants

StMM School Employment Opportunities

Long-Term Middle School Grades 6 and 7 Math Substitute Teacher Position Available
Please contact Peggy Lane (Lane@stmm.net) and Nancy McElroy (McElroy@stmm.net) with your interest and resume. Approximate dates needed are from October 2024 - mid-February 2025. Thank you for your consideration!

Full Time (40 hours/week) Grade 1 Teacher Assistant Position Available

Please contact Peggy Lane (Lane@stmm.net) and Nancy McElroy (McElroy@stmm.net) with your interest and resume. Thank you for your consideration!

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, September 16, 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

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, Sep 18

7-8pm Group discussion in Room 3 about hobbies and leisure

8-8:30pm Adoration in the Chapel

Wed, Oct 2

together for what is more discussion and less lecture.

The next series runs begins on September 18 and runs five more consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Please contact me if you wish to join!
stevens@stmm.me or 908-910-0309

NOTE: THIS SERIES ALSO SERVES AS CONFIRMATION PREP FOR ADULTS WISHING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT.

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.



BECOME A MONARCH MONDAY SPONSOR

3 Levels to chose from:
Maroon- \$1,000 Gold- \$500 White- \$250

7-7:30pm Adoration in Chapel
7:30pm TBD in Room 3

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

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity invites you to be an advocate for affordable housing!

Many of you have already signed Habitat Wake's letter asking the Town of Apex to **prevent displacement of residents from mobile home parks.**

Update on the campaign: We gathered over 1,000 signatures from concerned community members in Apex, and have secured the support of the faith community representing more than 24,000 congregants in the area. But we need more pressure to push the Town Council to prevent displacement of our neighbors.

We need you to take action: **Join us Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00pm at the Apex Town Council to show your support.** We need as many supporters as possible to pack the Council chambers and ask the Town of Apex to demonstrate their commitment to its residents and our neighbors.

Why:

- Apex's mobile home parks are naturally occurring affordable housing that we must preserve. Apex voters have made it clear that affordable housing is a priority for our community.
- Mobile home park residents are our neighbors. They are long-time community members who make valuable contributions to our Town, including as essential workers and small business owners.
- The Town of Apex values diversity and inclusivity. Protecting residents in mobile home parks, who are predominantly people of color, must be a priority for the Town.

RSVP HERE!

What: Support mobile home park residents at the Apex Town Council Meeting
When: September 24, 6:00pm
Where: Apex Town Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor (73 Hunter Street, Apex, NC 27502)
Who: you and your neighbors - we will have supportive signs for you to hold in the audience

Healing Mass at StMM



The next diocesan Healing Mass will be held right here at St. Mary Magdalene on **Friday, October 18th 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.

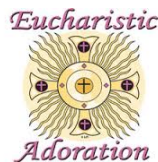
Praise and Worship will be led by the "WithYou" Music Ministry.

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."

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.



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

CPO H2O for Hunger Challenge



Help us feed hungry families in our community by joining the CPO 16th Annual H2O for Hunger Challenge as part of National Hunger ACTION

Month!

For 1 week – September 15th – 21st you can help in two different ways:

1. Drink tap water instead of your preferred beverage. At the end of the week, put your savings together and mail so we can buy food to feed the hungry in your community.
2. Or you can just contribute any amount to help the less fortunate in our community.

Every Dollar you give will be matched by CPO Friends up to \$50,000! \$55 feeds a family for a week and CPO served enough food to feed more than 100,000 people last year a week or more of nutritious food.

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

As more families need assistance, it is especially important that we accept the challenge to relieve hunger in our community.

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 prayer intentions via email to StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net.

will be available to help you participate in prayer and song.

Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, September 17th, from 7- 8pm

Discerning God's Will with Deacon Dev

Join us for "Discerning God's Will" with Deacon Dev

6:30pm-7:30pm

10/1, 10/29, 1/7
2/4, 3/4, 4/8

OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS DURING GATHER'S PARENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM.



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 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



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 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

Kindergarten through High School



FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

9/22-Edge, Way & Apostello
9/27- Rock & Gather





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 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 if you are interested.

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



**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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25-26 School Year

Serving
PreK3
through
Eighth
Grade



We pray. We learn. We care.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Fall into love all over again! Remember why you fell in love and get the tools to keep your marriage on the right path. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Nov 1-3, 2024, in Emerald Isle, NC, or Nov 15 -17, 2024, in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign-up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

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