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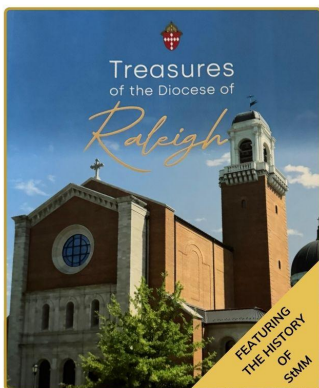
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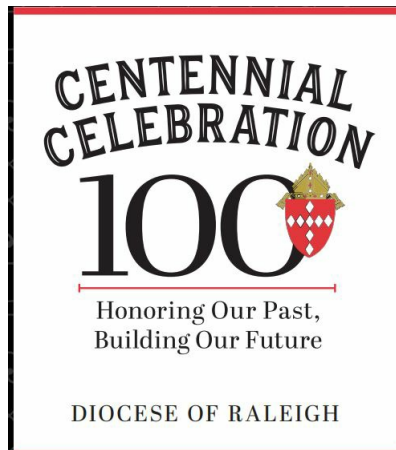
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For Bishop Zarama's Letter, click here.

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
- This can be shared with your parish right away
- 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

WE ARE GOD'S OWN

God calls Jeremiah and sends him to the Potter's house and ".....found the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him....." (ref Jer 18: 1-6). God's sovereign power is expressed under the simile of a potter working in his pottery, and making and marring vessels at pleasure. God deals within us as a sovereign being, yet He acts both in a way that's kind and equitable, as the potter changes his work, so God does, He changes the dispensation of His providence. Once we submit ourselves to Him as His bride, He will in us break down any distortion and skillfully redesign or reshape our lives. This calls us to commit our lives to God early and open to His acts of grace at all times.

Moreover, God also, in His providence, keeps records of our earliest faithfulness and commitment. "I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in the land not sown" (Jer 2:2b). Let us recall our Baptismal commitments and other commitments we ever made in our vocations and recommit ourselves to God. St. Pope John Paul II encourages us to let Christ into our lives 'If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great.'

Pray with me: God bless the young people and all those who inspire them to live a life of commitment. Draw the young people to respond with the love of you in their daily struggles with life. Amen.

God bless you. I love you.

Father Francis

[Giving Portal](#)

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Upcoming Events

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
 Sept 25 - Daily Mass 9am
 Sept 25 - Rosary Makers 10am Room 4
 Sept 26 - Daily Mass 9am
 Sept 26 - Morning Rosary 9:30am
 Sept 26 - Development of Church Series with
 Deacon Dev lobo@stmm.net 6:30pm Church
 Sept 27 - Daily Mass 9am
 Sept 28 - No Confessions
 Sept 28 - 5pm Mass
 Sept 28 - Altar Server Training 6pm Church
 Sept 29 - 9am & 11am Mass
 Sept 29 - Youth Mass 6pm
 Sept 29 - Apostello, EDGE & the Way
 Sept 30 - Daily Mass 9am
 Sept 30 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 Sept 30 - Respect Life Meeting 7pm Room 1

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



Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Manco ~ 60th Wedding Anniversary Blessing



Danica and Robert Cramer convalidation on 9/5/2024



Divine Mercy Radio came to campus to record fourth graders praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Father Mike and Mrs. Washle were so proud of them. Stay tuned for when this special recording will be aired on 540AM!

Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by Catherine Loughlin in memory of Thomas E. Loughlin Jr.

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.

Mass Intentions

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

Pet Blessing October 4th

September 21 – 5pm – For the Graziano and Kolodzieski Families
 September 22 – 9am – Russell Leon Jacobs Sr +
 September 22 – 11am – Aurelia Cochrane +
 September 22 – 6pm – Parishioners of StMM
 September 23 – Angus MacDonald +
 September 24 – Charles Roba +
 September 25 – Ann Curvan +
 September 26 – Steve Veno +
 September 27 – Matthew Ferrizz +
 September 28 – 5pm – Joseph & Agnes Baker +
 September 29 – 9am – Carril (Carol) Benhoff +
 September 29 – 11am – Parishioners of StMM
 September 29 – 6pm – Mary Pomeroy +
 September 30 – Joseph King +
 October 1 – Carmen Sidler +
 October 2 – Joseph Veth +
 October 3 – Gabriel Project & Crisis Pregnancies



FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

Blessing of the Pets

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

5:00-6:30PM

StMM CHURCH ENTRANCE



Finance Council

Do you have talents to share in financial management and interested in being considered for openings on the Parish Finance Council? If so, please contact financecouncil@stmm.net for more information

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.

Jambalaya Dinner September 21st

Respect Life Ministry

Respect Life ministry -Fall meeting Sept. 30 7pm in Room 1. Please join us to plan activities and outreach to promote a culture of life. If you have any questions, email Paula at pshils@bellsouth.net.

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 7186

Jambalaya Dinner



2ND ANNUAL JAMBALAYA DINNER
ST. MARY MAGDALENE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024.

PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY IN THE AREAS OF FAITH, EDUCATION,
AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

GREAT FOOD, GREAT BEER, AND A GREAT CAUSE.

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

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

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

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
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!

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!

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, Oct 2

Cost: \$18 for materials

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

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive



Knights of Columbus Membership Drive – Are you looking for a way to get involved with Saint Mary Magdalene's Church, School, and Community? A great way to do this is with the **Knights of Columbus**.

We are a fraternal men's organization dedicated to the needs of the StMM community and guided by our Pastor and KofC Brother Mike. Brother Knights will be available after Mass on the weekend of September 28th after each mass to discuss membership. For more information - <https://kofc7186.org/>. If you are interested in joining, sign up here - <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html> or contact Steve Fitzhenry for more information stevefitzhenry@outlook.com.

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.

Healing Mass at StMM



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

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

Mulholland Columbiettes Auxiliary

Are you a Catholic woman 18 years of age or older, looking for a way to give back to your community and grow in faith? Would you like to make new friends with other Catholic women, serve together and pray together? Then the Columbiettes is for you. We are a band of sisters, a network of women in communities throughout the US doing good works in service of God and our neighbors. We also have fun! We meet monthly at StMM and have many activities to participate in. Come to our information table and meet us after all Masses September 28-29.

Check out our website, or contact us at fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com or Sandy Pitman at 443-370-8136. Website: <https://frhcmulhollandcolu.wixsite.com/columbiettes7186>

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!

Habitat for Humanity

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

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.

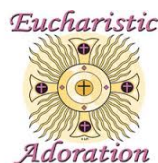
Praise and Worship will be led by the "WithYou" Music Ministry.

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

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

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



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, October 22nd, from 6:30pm - 7:25pm

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.



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 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

Kindergarten through
High School



FAITH FORMATION
PROGRAMS BEGIN IN
SEPTEMBER

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

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 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.

First Night of



Tuesday
Sept. 24

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



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

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| 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

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| 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.

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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