
St. Mary Magdalene September 6, 2024

A Note from Father Francis Xavier

NURTURE YOUR CHILD

It is a popular saying in my mother tongue that “A CHILD DOES NOT NURTURE ITSELF BUT NURTURED”, let me hope, I am not being over presumptuous to hold that those of you reading this piece do know what NURTURING means. Allow me to make this observation before I can proceed; God in time, space and eternity plays three roles, that’s CREATION (done and was finished), PROVIDENCE (Preservation and Governance-which on-going) AND REDEMPTION (Incarnation, and Deliverance-through the Passion, Death and Resurrection).

I want from the above, to look at NURTURING in line with God’s role of Divine Providence. First of all, in Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he/she should go, and when he/she is old he/she will not depart from it,” for God voices out also in Jerimiah 29:11- ‘For I know well the plans I have for you....” and contrastingly Paul in his letter to Ephesians 6:1-3 reprimands “Children obey your parents in the Lord that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth”. Equally, it’s no doubt, you all know that children are by birth (nature) born different and each one uniquely endowed.

God wants us as parents to play this divine role to speak providentially into the lives of our children. The word of God nurtures life in the child, consider Christ’s own assurance in the Gospel of John 6:63 “It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are of spirit and life”. Let our words and skills consistently touch the spiritual lives of our children.

I encourage you beloved modern parents to go beyond the minimum standards of parenting to preparing your children for life as all-round productive adults, and transmitting cultural and Spiritual values.

Join me to pray; I thank you Abba father, for the gift of life and parents. Bless all parents with wisdom and strength to guide their children in your way and live a life of fulfillment. Amen

God bless you, I love you.

Fr. Francis Xavier

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Upcoming Events

Sept 6 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
9:30am - 7pm Church

Sept 7 - Blood Drive School Parking Lot 8:30am

Sept 7 - Confessions 10:30am

Sept 7 - 5pm Mass

Sept 8 - 9am & 11am Mass

Sept 8 - Gabriel Project Meeting 12:15pm Room 1

Sept 9 - Daily Mass 9am

Sept 9 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel

Sept 10 - Daily Mass 9am

Sept 10 - Extraordinary Ministers Training 6pm Church

Sept 11 - Daily Mass 9am

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Take Up Your Cross (Amazing Grace)

Responsorial Psalm: 146:Praise the Lord My Soul

Preparation: All The Poor and Powerless

Communion 1: You Alone 661

Communion 2: Jesus We Love You

Sending Forth: Rain Down 619

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Sept 12 - Career Network Ministry 8:30am Room 4
Sept 12 - Daily Mass 9am
Sept 12 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Church
Sept 12 - Rosary Makers 10am
Sept 12 - Development of Church Series with Deacon Dev lobo@stmm.net 6:30pm Church
Sept 13 - Daily Mass 9am
Sept 14 - Confessions 10:30am
Sept 14 - 5pm Mass
Sept 15 - 9am & 11am
Sept 15 - Extraordinary Ministers Training 4:30pm Church
Sept 16 - Daily Mass 9am
Sept 16 - Catholic Senior Org (CSO) 10:30am Room 3

reserved.

Picture of the Week



The Baptism of Elora Christopher on September 1st

Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by Jonna Leaser in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Fenton and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leuser

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.

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

Mass Intentions

September 6 – Aurelia Cochrane +
September 7 – 5pm – Parishioners of StMM
September 8 – 9am – Deborah Bodei +
September 8 – 11am – Marilyn Ann Hughes +
September 9 – Ralph Kuhnel +
September 10 – John Kremenz +
September 11 – Kyle Emert
September 12 – Alan Lively +
September 13 – Tony Awrey
September 14 – 5pm – Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Manco 60th Anniv
September 15 – 9am – Parishioners of StMM
September 15 – 11am – Hugh A. McCloskey +
September 16 – James Bushey +

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Safe Environment

Returning Volunteers

Every Wednesday emails have been going out from techsupport@dioceseofraleigh.safeenvironment.org to remind our existing volunteers to update their safe environment compliance. If you have not gotten this email yet, please send your current and correct email address to Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) and ask for renewal instructions. Thank you for being an active volunteer at StMM.

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!

Assisted Listening Devices At Mass



Blood Drive Saturday

Take 15 minutes and Save A Life!

Donate blood! Sign up for the Knight's Blood Drive on Sept. 7th, from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm in the school parking lot. Reserve your space in the following link:

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/226331

Seeking Help for Ukrainian Refugees

Thanks to 2 of our parish families for sponsoring 2 more Ukrainian families to emigrate to the US. One family arrived and is already getting their US papers in order, while another family is due to arrive in September.

We are seeking NEW sponsors for another family of 3 (Father, Mother and 6 yr old son - currently in the EU) if you are interested in being a sponsor to help them come to America - contact Jim at Galkowski@stmm.net for details.

As we help set up homes for these families, if you have items to donate, please contact Jim and he'll coordinate. Most needed are box springs, lightly used mattresses, kitchenware items (Glasses, pots etc). We have obtained bed frames, living room furniture, dressers and such already in waiting for them.

Altar Server Training



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

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 **Tuesday, September 10th at 6pm and Sunday, September 15th at 4:30 pm**. Please choose one of the sessions and RSVP to Lisa Westberg at lbwestberg13@gmail.com.

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 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!

Update on Our "Leaks"

The roof leaks from the storm continue to be investigated by roofers, masons, and general contractors to ensure all potential spots for water intrusion are found and addressed. We have engaged our insurance provider also as restoration of the church interior ceiling will be both pricey and logistically challenging. Thanks for your understanding as we work through this issue.

Gabriel Project Ministry

Gabriel Project Update - It is a great joy to let you all know that in August two of our Gabriel Project mothers welcomed their precious babies! Your prayers for them and the two mothers whose little ones will arrive in September are greatly appreciated!

Mark Your Calendars - The next Gabriel Project meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 12:15 pm in Room 1 of the church building. This meeting will focus on sharing some new information/resources and orienting volunteers who want to be directly involved with mentoring expectant mothers.

Crib Needed - A family is in need of a crib. If you have one you are ready to donate, please email gabrielproject@stmm.net

New Parish Position Open

Are you able to effectively communicate across many platforms and people? Are you able to be a social media presence and have talents in website design? The Parish is seeking applications for a newly created position of communications coordinator. This position is envisioned as a part time (20-24hrs), located on site (with remote hours a possibility). Please respond with a letter of interest and resume to galkowski@stmm.me.

StMM School Aftercare Employment Opportunities

Hiring in Aftercare. Must be 18 years or older. Aftercare is looking for someone who enjoys children and who can commit to five days a week: Monday through Friday. We've got a great team and would welcome new people with open arms. Hours are 2:30pm to 6pm. Please email Kate Lawson at lawson@stmm.net if interested.

Planning for Our 25th Anniversary

It's time to celebrate St. MM's 25th anniversary and we need your help! If you're interested in helping on the planning committee, please email Nicole Kroeger (nkroeger@alumni.nd.edu) or Aine Lynch (Ainel2000@gmail.com).

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

Career Network Ministry



CNM Presents: Unleashing the Potential of GenAI in the Enterprise

Event by Career Network Ministry

Thu, Sep 12, 2024, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (your local time)

625 Magdala Pl
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

Date: Thursday morning September 12th

Time: 8:30am-10:30am

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church - RM #4

Register

at: <https://www.linkedin.com/events/cnmpresents-unleashingthepotent7234931014383341568/>

Jambalaya Dinner September 21st



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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!

Adult Faith Refresher

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?

StMM Daytime Bible Study

StMM Daytime Bible Study

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

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.

Walking With Purpose



Praise be to God!
The Holy Spirit is active in St. Mary Magdalene! Walking

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 together for what is more discussion and less lecture.

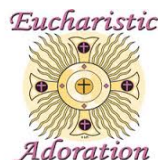
The next series runs begins on September 18 and runs five more consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration Times

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **September 6th 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 will be available to help you participate in prayer and song.

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

With Purpose is a women's program new to our parish. WWP aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ through individual scripture study and small group discussions, linking our everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. Please watch this [video](#) and find out what it's all about!

Are you interested in getting together with other women to explore your faith? Would you like to see how the Scriptures apply to your everyday life? If so, we invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose at St. Mary Magdalene. Registration is open and space is limited for **Opening Your Heart**, a 22-week foundational study designed for women new to WWP as well as those with more Bible study experience. We will meet weekly on Thursday mornings from 10am-11:30am starting on September 26 and concluding on March 27, with breaks for the holidays.

Register today by completing [this form](#). If you have any questions about WWP or if you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to be involved in a lead position, please contact us at walkingwithpurpose@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

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

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.



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



GATHER Grades K - 4 & Parents	ROCK Grades 5 & 6	EDGE Middle School - Grades 7 & 8	the way High School - Grades 9 & 10	ARISTELLO High School - Grades 11 & 12
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FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

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

Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation Calendar

Gather Registration Link

Way Registration Link

[Rock Registration Link](#)

[Way Abbreviated Track Registration Link](#)

[Edge Registration Link](#)

[Apostello Registration Link](#)



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

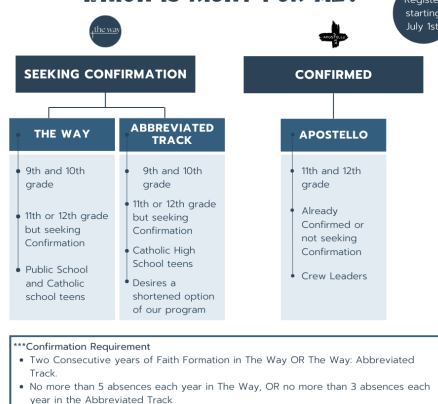
StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry

JOIN OUR CORE TEAM FOR EDGE AND THE WAY

APPLY TODAY!

It takes an army of adult volunteers to run our youth ministry! If you want to join, or you're interested in learning more, please fill out the Interest form below

STMM HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION WHICH IS RIGHT FOR ME?



Core Team Interest Form for EDGE, The Way, Abbreviated Track, and Apostello: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdny1wY2eZ8->

Registration Opens July 1st! Which High School Program is Right for Me?

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!

The banner features the school's logo in the top left, which includes a stylized cross and the text "St. Mary Magdalene CATHOLIC SCHOOL". To the right, the words "TOURS OPEN" are written in large, outlined letters, with "25-26 School Year" below them. On the left side, a maroon box contains the text "Serving PreK3 through Eighth Grade". In the center is a photograph of four students in school uniforms standing outdoors. A circular logo with a cross is overlaid on the bottom right of the photo. At the bottom left of the banner, the text "We pray. We learn. We care." is displayed.

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