

NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE A Reflection Worth Revisiting

Have you ever felt like sometimes we live with one foot in the past and one foot in the future? We reflect on events of the past, lost opportunities, wounds, regrets, and things done and left undone. Then we may ponder the uncertainties of our future and what might or might not be. With one foot in the past and one in the future, we completely miss the present. We become captive to what was, oppressed by what might be, and blind to what is. When we do not live in the present, our life is diminished, small, and often empty. We are absent to God, others, and even ourselves. We are unavailable to those we love, to the needs of the world, and to the fullness of life that God offers us each moment. This fullness of life is a life of freedom: the freedom to be fully alive and to become more Christ-like. This can only happen here and now, in the present moment.

Our Lord comes to us in the very circumstances of our lives. He comes *"to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free."* In the midst of our circumstances, when life gets really difficult, it is easy and tempting to run away, to get stuck in the past, or fixate on the future. Yet, our Lord comes to us today, here, now. The only place we can meet our Lord is in the present moment, whatever the circumstances of our life might be. Let us show our Lord our presence, openness, and receptivity to His love and presence in our lives. Yesterday is behind us, and it cannot be changed. Let us seek Him today to thank, praise, and honor Him. Let us strive to encounter Him in every moment of every day that He gives us.

In His Love,

Fr. Mike Coveyou

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PARISH LIFE CENTER CAMPAIGN UPDATE



We are getting closer!

Thanks to your generosity, we have now raised over \$6,700,000 for our Parish Life Center! Every gift brings us closer—let's keep going and build a lasting space for our parish family.!

Campaign pledge cards are available at the Campaign table in the narthex, or you can make your pledge online [HERE](#). Pledge payments can be set up for automatic online draft or they can be dropped in the offertory with the label "Parish Life Center." Helpful directions for donating online can be found [HERE](#).

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and generous support! We truly are Building Faith Together!

Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

Saturday Jan 24

10:30am- Confessions
5pm- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

Sunday Jan 25

9am- Mass (Kathleen Monbouquette †)
10:15am- Breaking Open The Word
11am- Mass (Janice Kibler White †)
4:30pm- Apostello
6pm- Youth Mass (Joyce Couey †)
6:30pm- Sunday Night Men's Bible Study
7:15pm- Edge / the Way

Monday Jan 26

9am- Mass (Casie Fillio †)
6:30pm- Family Rosary
8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Tuesday Jan 27

9am- Mass in the Chapel (Marty Parrish†)

Wednesday Jan 28

9am- Mass (Anne Bianco)
9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO
8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Thursday Jan 29

12pm- Mass in the Chapel (Stan Barta †)

Friday Jan 30

Mass This Weekend

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our **9am Sunday Mass** and our **Mon/Wed/Fri weekday Masses**.

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Christ in Me Arise
Responsorial Psalm: 27: The Lord is My Light
Preparation: I Know A Name
Communion 1: The Summons
Communion 2: Great Are You Lord
Communion 3: Jesus I Surrender It All
Sending Forth: Go Make a Difference

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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, contact floralministry@stmm.net

9am- Mass (Elaine Lux †)

Saturday Jan 31

10:30am- Confessions

5pm- Mass (Tatyana Taura †)

Sunday Feb 1

9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

10:15am- Breaking Open The Word

11am- Mass (Martin Parrish †)

4:30pm- Apostello

6pm- Youth Mass (Richard Evenson †)

6:30pm- Sunday Night Men's Bible Study

7:15pm- Edge / the Way



Weather Watch!

For the latest updates on St. Mary Magdalene's weather-related closings, visit our website. Updates will also be sent via email and social media.

Ministry, Group, and Event Highlights



Enjoy a free concert by the St. Francis Brass Band on **Sunday, February 22, at 2:00 pm** in the STMM Gym. The band will present a lively and varied program featuring selections such as the Star Wars theme, spirituals, movie themes, big band favorites, and more.

This concert is sponsored by the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem and benefits the Archdiocese of Kigali, Rwanda, Africa. The Order is seeking to raise \$57,000 to equip the Catholic University of Rwanda's new Kigali campus with a library of teaching materials and technology to support the training and certification of future English teachers.

Light refreshments will be served courtesy of the Knights of Columbus Council 7186, and the Columbiettes will host a bake sale with proceeds donated. Donations are welcome. Please sign up [HERE](#) for planning purposes.



Join fellow parishioners for the **Monarch Giveaway Dinner and Raffle on Saturday, February 7, from 6:00–10:00 pm** in the STMM Gym, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes. This exciting new social event and fundraiser features a catered dinner from Mama Mia's of Holly Springs and a reverse raffle with \$5,500 in total prizes.

Raffle and dinner tickets are \$100 per person. Dinner-only guest tickets are \$25, and purchasing two raffle tickets includes dinner for two. Every 10th ticket wins \$100, all non-winning tickets enter a \$500 drawing, and the final five tickets compete for a combined \$4,000 grand prize. A portion of proceeds supports the Parish Life Center Campaign. Come solo, with friends, or your spouse for a fun evening and a chance to win!

Sign up [HERE](#) for a fun night and a chance to win prizes!



Join The Knights of Columbus in Serving Saint Mary Magdalene!

Are you ready to make a real impact in our parish, school, and community? The Knights of Columbus invite you to be part of a brotherhood of men dedicated to faith, service, and fellowship. Together, we bring lasting support to StMM through meaningful projects and volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

An all-Parish Membership Drive will be on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 after every Mass. Come meet our members, ask questions, and discover how your unique gifts and talents can strengthen our parish family. Whether you have just a little time to give or a lot, there's a place for you with the **Knights of Columbus**.

Let's build faith, friendship, and service—together! For more information, please contact: Steve Fitzhenry at stevefitzhenry@outlook.com

Church News, School News, Ministries, Groups, and Events

Please click on the link for more information.

Church News

- Baptism Information
- Safe Environment Training for Volunteers
- OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation): For those looking to become fully initiated into the Catholic Faith. Please click here to learn more.
- First Friday Eucharistic Adoration information may be found here.
- Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick- A new series will begin on Feb. 4. Click here for more information.
- Divorced Catholics Seeking an Annulment- more information can be found by clicking here.
- Join Father Mike on a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, & Spain from 4/28/26 through 5/8/26.
- Our Sound and Video System Ministry needs help with Masses, Funerals, and Weddings. The hours and commitment level are flexible. Can you help us out?
- Breaking Open The Word is a new weekly Gospel discussion group that is held after the 9am Sunday Mass.
- The 2025 StMM Annual Stewardship Report and the 2025-2026 Quarterly Report are available on our website.
- 2025 StMM Tax Statements are now available online.

School News

- Thinking about a Catholic education for your child? StMM school tours are now being scheduled.
- 2026-2027 School Year Applications are now being accepted.

Ministries, Groups, & Events

- Would you like to be an Angel for expectant mothers? Gabriel Project needs Walking Angel volunteers to accompany women facing crisis

Ministries, Groups, & Events

Continued

- Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry- sign up to pray for our priests.
- Project Rachel Support Group - for hope and healing after abortion.
- Courage - A support group for those facing same-sex attraction.
- EnCourage- A support group for relatives of people who experience same-sex attraction.
- Walking with Purpose started a 22-week bible study on Sept. 4, especially designed for women to grow in faith and love for the Lord.
- Are you gluten-free due to a medical condition and need a low-gluten Communion Host? Click here to learn how to receive low-gluten Communion at StMM.
- Hearts on Fire, a charismatic prayer group with Deacon Dev, meets in the Church at 6:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.
- StMM Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month to discuss a selected reading. The next meeting is on Feb 4. Everyone is welcome. Click here for more information.
- St. Mary Magdalene's marriage enrichment fellowship group, Chrysalis, provides space monthly for couples to grow in their love for God & their spouse. Childcare is provided.
- Catholic Senior Organization (CSO) meets the 3rd Monday of the month. The next meeting is on Monday, February 16, at 10:30am
- A Bible study on the Book of Revelation with Deacon Dev has two meetings left, Thursday, Feb. 5 and Thursday, Feb. 19. Please click here to register. All are welcome to join!
- Parish Athletics Spring Soccer and Baseball registration is now open.
- Forward in Hope, a grief support group at StMM, will begin a new

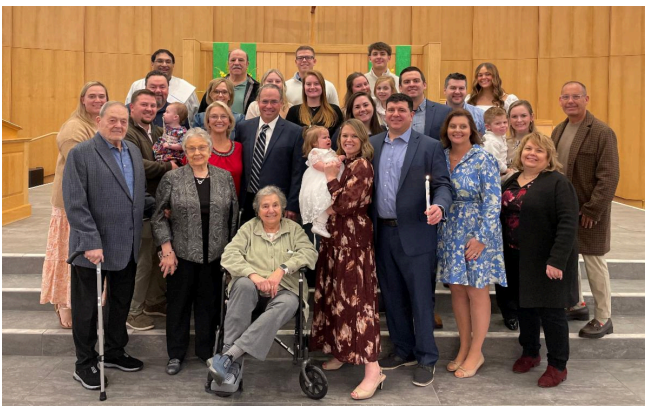
pregnancies with prayer, practical assistance, and loving friendship.

- The 2026 Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral on Saturday, Feb. 14.
- Family Honor is presenting Understanding the Human Person at the Diocese of Raleigh Catholic Center on Feb. 13 & 14. Please go [HERE](#) for more information and to register.
- Family Honor is presenting three programs at StMM in Jan. & Feb. to help parents teach God's gift of sexuality to their children. There are programs for all ages. Please go [HERE](#) for more information and to register.
- St. Bernadette Catholic Parish is hosting National Speaker Danny Bader for an Interactive Lunch and Learn on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 11am to 1:30pm. Please go [HERE](#) to register.
- Magnificat, an international group for Catholic women, is having a Magnificat Meal at St. Andrew on Saturday, Feb. 21. Please register [HERE](#).
- 2026 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) applications are now being accepted for high school students and adults. Please go [HERE](#) to apply and for more information.
- Enjoy a free concert by the St. Francis Brass Band Sunday, February 22, at 2pm in the STMM Gym, featuring Star Wars, spirituals, movie themes, big band favorites, and more. Go [HERE](#) to sign up and for more information.
- Catholic Parish Outreach needs warehouse volunteers to help with unloading trucks and running the forklift. For more information, please go [HERE](#).
- Starting in Feb., join NC Catholics Caring for our Common Home (N4CH) in a weekly study of Pope Leo's First Apostolic Exhortation. Sign up [HERE](#).

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- StMM Community Golf Outing hosted by Parish Athletics- Save the Date- April 20, 2026. Click for more information on how to register.
- Let Your Faith Flow- Help Us Bring Clean Water to Uganda! St. Mary Magdalene is launching the Uganda Water Project to bring life-changing clean water to the people of Kicheche, Uganda.
- Frassati is the Young Adult group at StMM offering faith, fellowship, and community. Email Nicole at frassati@stmm.net for more information.
- The Columbiettes' annual Bingo night will be on Saturday, Jan. 24, from 7 to 9pm. Please sign up [HERE](#) to register. Thank you!
- There are many Pro-Life events and prayer opportunities coming up in January! Please click here for more information.
- A daytime Bible study on the Gospel of Luke will start on Tuesday, Jan. 27. Please go [HERE](#) to register and for more information.
- Birthchoice is recruiting volunteers for a new Pregnancy Resource Center which will support parents carrying to term a child with a prenatal diagnosis.
- Join fellow parishioners for the Monarch Giveaway Dinner and Raffle February 7, 6–10 pm in the STMM Gym, featuring catered dinner, exciting prizes, fellowship, and fun. Sign up [HERE](#).
- The Tackle Hunger Challenge will take place after all Masses Feb. 7 & 8. Be a Game Changer and donate \$1 or one can of food to help feed the hungry.

Photos



Marleigh Morin was baptized on Sunday, January 18.



Carter and Wyatt Bingham were baptized on Saturday, January 17.

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Faith Formation

[Click HERE for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Calendar](#)



Registration for the High School Mountain Retreat opens on November 1. Please click [HERE](#) for more information and how to register.

Questions about Faith Formation:

GATHER (K-4th grade)- contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

THE ROCK (5th & 6th grade)- contact Sarah St. Aubin at st.aubin@stmm.me or 919-657-4800 x7307

EDGE (7th & 8th grade)- contact Sarah St. Aubin at st.aubin@stmm.me or 919-657-4800 x7307

Apostello and the Way (9th-12th grade)- contact Niki Furnier at nfurnier@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7309

Confirmation- contact the coordinator at confirmation@stmm.net

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