
St. Mary Magdalene January 24, 2025

A Note from Father Mike

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. This weekend’s gospel reading ends with, “*Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing .*” Today He brings good news to the poor. Today He proclaims release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind. Today He lets the oppressed go free. All these things are made real and present today, in the circumstances of our lives, and in our hearing. 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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Upcoming Events

Jan 25 - 10:30am Confessions
Jan 25 - 5pm Mass
Jan 26 - 9am & 11am Mass
Jan 26 - Apostello, EDGE, & the Way
Jan 26 - 6pm Youth Mass
Jan 27 - 9am Mass
Jan 27 - 6:30pm Family Rosary
Jan 28 - 9am Mass
Jan 28 - Gather/Rock
Jan 29 - 9am Mass
Jan 29 - 6:30pm Adult Faith Refresher
Jan 30 - 9am Mass
Jan 30 - 6:30pm Bible Study: Intro to the Torah
Jan 30 - 7pm Youth Music Ministry
Jan 31 - 9am Mass
Feb 1 - 10:30am Confessions
Feb 1 - 5pm Mass
Feb 2 - 9am & 11am Mass
Feb 2 - Apostello, EDGE, & the Way
Feb 2 - 6pm Youth Mass

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Praise To You O Christ Our Savior

Responsorial Psalm: 19: Your Words O Lord

Are Spirit and Life

Preparation: Praise

Communion 1: The Supper of the Lord

Communion 2: All the Poor and Powerless

Communion 3: Restless

Sending Forth: 10,000 Reasons

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Bishop's Annual Appeal



**BISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL**

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Pictures of the Week



The wedding of Alexis and Jake Gadwill on January 17, 2025.

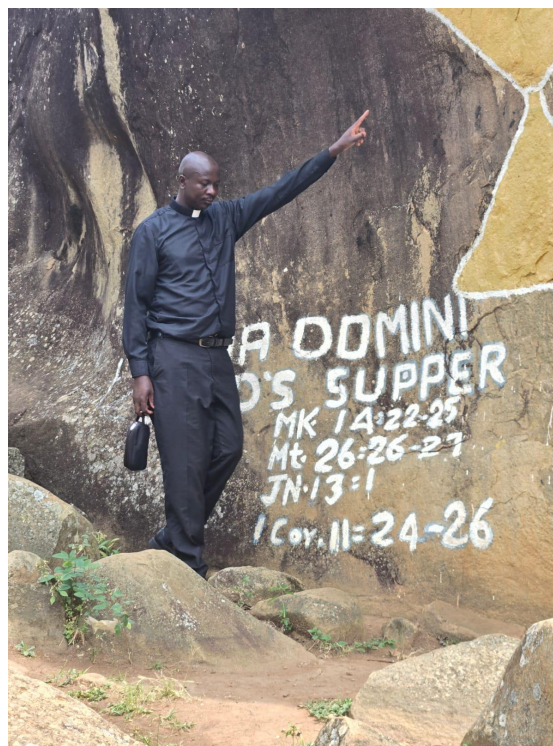


The Baptism of Camden Stone Hazlett on January 19, 2025.



Officer Ragland of the Apex Police Department gave a presentation on January 20th to the Catholic Senior Organization about scams and essential safety measures.

Photos from Fr. Francis



Fr. Francis says these stones are "one of the places of pilgrimage in our diocese. It is called Katoosa, a place of one of the Ugandan martyrs by the name of Adolf Rudigo Tibeyariwa."



Fr. Francis and young priest, who is the youngest in the priestly ordination and also from his home village.



This is a picture of Fr. Francis' parish church Bukwali.

Mass Intentions

January 25 – 5pm – Tatyana Taura +
 January 26 – 9am – Parishioners of StMM
 January 26 – 11am – Carol Ann Vilodas +
 January 26 – 6pm – Nicholas Franzel, Sr. +
 January 27 – Anthony Vaccaro +
 January 28 – Barb Grady +
 January 29 – The Family of Dominik Webb
 January 30 – Hedy Coveyou +
 January 31 – Marcos Benavides +

Tax Statements for 2024 Are Ready

Tax statements are available online. Please click the link below and follow the directions for printing your statement from our website.

https://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_4.pdf

For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

Are you now donating online and do not want to receive church envelopes? If so, please email the parish office at info@stmm.net to stop the envelopes.

Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers are

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, February 17, 2025, 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

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

Daytime Bible Study

St. Mary Magdalene Daytime Bible Study–



donated by the Tagne Family in memory of their beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather, Joachim Fohom.

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](#).

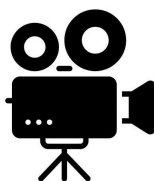
For questions, please contact floralministry@stmm.net

Adult Faith Refresher & Adult Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick

The current Adult Faith Refresher & Adult Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick is now underway. Please stay tuned to the E-news for upcoming dates and details for the next series.

Questions? Please contact Deacon Rick at stevens@stmm.net or 908-910-0309

Sound & Video System HELP URGENTLY NEEDED



At every Mass, wedding, funeral or special event, the Audio/Visual team works behind the scenes to balance sound, produce the LiveStream, and drive the slides that are projected on the screens. This ensures that

parishioners are able to actively participate in the celebration.

With additional programs constantly being added in our growing community at StMM, we need **more volunteers** to join our team! We welcome both adults and teenagers (for whom this would be a great way to log in service hours which always looks good on college applications!).

This is a flexible opportunity and the commitment level is up to you. If you have a knack for audio-video operations or would like to learn more about this skill, join the AV Ministry! Please email stmmssoundministry@gmail.com for more information.

Winter/Spring 2025

Join us as we explore the Book of Genesis in this 10-week Bible study. We'll be using the Little Rock Scripture Study, which includes readings and questions to complete at home. Everyone will then meet in person to watch a video, followed by group discussions.

Details:

- When: January 28 to April 8, 2025
- Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Where: Rooms 3 and 4, Church Building

Please contact Laurie Wendt for more details about purchasing the materials.

lauriewendt@gmail.com or cell # 919-669-9455

Study of the Torah with Deacon Dev



Weekday Study of the Torah for Everyone

Join Deacon Dev and many of your fellow parishioners for a unique study of the

Torah –the first five books of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament). Meetings are in the main Church on Thursday evenings beginning at 6.30pm.

Please register by accessing the attached link (each person to be separately registered). If you have any questions, or need more information, please email Deacon Dev at lobo@stmm.net.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FABA923A3FCC52-53999241-anintroduction>

Parish Athletics Spring Sports

Apex-Cary Spring Soccer 2025

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3-year-olds) thru 8th grade.

Dates: March 22nd - May 17th.

Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick.

Game Locations: Apex & Cary.

Cost: Pre-K - \$65; K - 1st grade - \$70; 2nd - 8th grade - \$80

Note: Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners thru 8th graders have one weekday practice per week and weekend games.

[REGISTER FOR SOCCER HERE](#)

Apex Spring Baseball 2025

Grades: Coed. Pre-K (4-year-olds) thru 2nd grade.

Dates: March 29th - May 24th.

Practice/Game Location: Apex

Cost: Pre-K - \$65; K thru 2nd grade - \$70

Bingo Night Jan 31st



[Click here to register](#)

BINGO NIGHT REGISTRATION CLOSED

Due to a hugely enthusiastic response, registrations for our BINGO Night on Jan 31 are now CLOSED as we have reached our capacity limit for the cafeteria. Those registering after January 10 will be wait-listed, and will be notified if we receive cancellations. We ask those who are registered but are unable to attend, to please cancel your RSVP on the Sign Up Genius or email cathy.h.stevens@gmail.com. Only registered guests will be admitted into the cafeteria. We thank you for your understanding!
The Mulholland Columbiettes

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Save the Date: Lenten Fish Fry Events!

With Lent right around the corner, the Knights of Columbus invite you to mark your calendars for our upcoming Lenten Fish Fry events!

Event Dates:

- Friday, March 7th
- Friday, March 21st
- Friday, April 4th

Everyone is welcome—bring your family and friends for a night of great food and fellowship. Don't miss this opportunity to come together and celebrate the season! We look forward to seeing you there!

Safe Environment

Note: PreK thru Kindergarten plays T-Ball; 1st and 2nd grade play machine pitch. Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners – 2nd grade have one weekday practice per week and games on Saturdays.

[REGISTER FOR BASEBALL HERE](#)

Frassati Young Adult Group Upcoming Events

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:

February 5

- 7pm Q&A with Bishop Luis Rafael in the Chapel

February 19

- 7-7:30pm Adoration in Chapel
- 7:30pm Discussion with Jorge Rosende about how our family of origin impacts us and our faith lives

31st Annual Run for Life

SAVE THE DATE:

31st Annual Run for Life on **Saturday April 12** at the WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary. Proceeds from the race will benefit BirthChoice.

Please watch the bulletin for more details about registration. If you would like to learn more about sponsorships, please call Janelle Buchanan 214-497-0756 or Kathy Klein 919-815-1369.

Walking With Purpose



walking with purpose

Are you looking to grow in relationship with our Lord and other Catholic women? Join us at Connect Coffee on **Thursday, Jan 30 from 10:00am-11:30am** to learn more. Questions? e-mail us at walkingwithpurpose@stmm.org

Prayers & Squares Ministry

Please welcome our new Safe Environment Coordinator, Jen McIntosh. If you have any questions about volunteer clearance, Jen can be reached at jmcintosh@stmm.net.

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 **Jen McIntosh**.

New Volunteers

To become approved to volunteer, please go to the **StMM Safe Environment web page**. See the *New Volunteers - Church and School* 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 **Jen McIntosh** with any questions.

Eucharistic Adoration Times



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **February 7th 9:30am - 7pm**. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the chapel throughout the day and spend some time in prayer. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord?

Please contact Anita Becker at ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-8931 if interested.

Eucharistic Holy Hour



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 followed by Benediction.

Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, January 28 , from 6:30pm - 7:25pm



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 lcmmorris0707@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

OCIA Prayer Corner

Please pray for Micheal and Michael who will both receive Full Communion (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) at the 9 AM Mass on Sunday morning.

Please pray for Kaitlyn, Ashton, Mark, Jessica, Earl, Christine, Victoria, Jose, Henry, Lincoln, Taylor and Danny who have started their OCIA journey and will receive sacraments at the Easter Time.

Please pray for Emily, Kimberly, Michael and Yasmin who will be starting their OCIA journey on February 3rd.

Please pray for all of those who are considering starting the OCIA journey.

OCIA



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 OCIA process at StMM is starting in February 4, 2025. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Deacon Rick Stevens at stevens@stmm.net 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](#)

Next Night of

Tuesday
Jan. 28

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



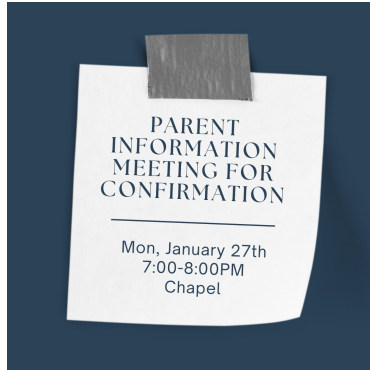


Camp Hidden Lake deposit:

Open to all current 6th- 8th graders for summer 2025! All those interested in summer camp please secure your spot. The link below is \$100 deposit for camp in Georgia. DUE: February 3rd!

[Click here to pay the deposit](#)

Mountain Retreat is now full! Please email Niki Furnier at nfurnier@stmm.net to be added to the waitlist.



Parent Information Meeting for Confirmation: Monday, January 27th at 7pm in the Chapel

If you have a teen receiving Confirmation this Spring, this is your LAST OPPORTUNITY to attend a Parent Information Meeting for Confirmation. For parents of 8th graders and freshmen, there will be more opportunities next year.



Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church serves each summer with Appalachia Service Project (ASP). Appalachia Service Project is a nonprofit ministry focused on relationship building and home repair, making homes warmer, safer, and drier. **StMM will serve in Appalachia from June 22-28, 2025.**

[Click here to register](#)

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



Life Teen Camp Covecrest: Want to join us at camp? Contact Niki for more information! Registration and deposits can be completed by clicking the link below.

[Click here to register](#)

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!



TOURS
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25-26 School Year

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Eighth
Grade



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