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## St. Mary Magdalene August 2, 2024

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### A Note from Father Mike

In the first reading of Exodus, we find the Israelites journeying in the wilderness, following the dramatic defeat of Pharaoh's army. They are in that uncomfortable space between their liberation and departure from Egypt and their destination and covenant of the promised land. God takes the Israelites on a lengthy journey of trying to unlearn habits cultivated under Pharaoh's whip and learn anew what it means to wander this world under the care of a loving God. This long journey involved adverse conditions, which can reveal to us our true self. Often it can bring out the best in us or it can bring out the worst in us. We too should reflect on how we respond to life's challenges. Do we get frustrated and complain or do we accept our challenges and strive to grow and learn what God may be trying to teach us through them.

Sincerely,

Fr. Mike

[Giving Portal](#)

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## Upcoming Events

Aug 2 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church  
 Aug 3 - Confessions 10:30am  
 Aug 3 - 5pm Mass  
 Aug 4 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 Aug 5 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Aug 5 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel  
 Aug 6 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Aug 6 - Children's Music Ministry  
 Aug 7 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Aug 8 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Aug 8 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel  
 Aug 9 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Aug 10 - Confessions 10:30am  
 Aug 10 - 5pm Mass  
 Aug 11 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 Aug 12 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Aug 12 - Family Rosary 6:30pm  
 Aug 13 - Daily Mass 9am  
 Aug 13 - Children's Music Ministry  
 Aug 13 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church

## Mass This Weekend

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

### **Music for Weekend Masses**

**Gathering:** Our God is Here 301

**Responsorial Psalm 78:** Bread From Heaven

**Preparation:** Great Are You Lord

**Communion 1:** Miracle Of Grace 335

**Communion 2:** Holy Spirit

**Communion 3:** One Bread, One Body 331

**Sending Forth:** Rest On Us

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## Pictures of the Week



The Baptism of Scout Swaney on July 20th



Middle school parishioners went to Camp Hidden Lake last week

## Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by Wayne and Denise Irmiter in memory of Kaira Simmons

and

Ann Marie Taepke in celebration of Ann Marie and Steve Taepke's 14th wedding anniversary.

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](mailto:floralministry@stmm.net)

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

## Church Maintenance

We've sprung a new leak! You may notice

## Sacraments



**BAPTISMS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email [sansone@stmm.net](mailto: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](mailto:weddings@stmm.net)

## StMM School Aftercare Employment Opportunities

some staining on the ceiling by the cupola in the center of the Church. Water is getting into the cupola (somehow) and staining the sheetrock. Roofing and window investigations are scheduled to track and fix the source of the water intrusion, thereafter, we'll work to fix and repaint as needed.

## Knights of Columbus Star Council



Under the leadership of past Grand Knight Yoogin Lean, Council 7186 was awarded the Star Council Award for 2023-24. This award recognizes five categories of excellence including faith filled family

programs, membership growth and other Supreme Council requirements. Congratulations to the KofC Council and thank you for your continued support of our church, school, and community.

## Attention Volunteers - Annual Safe Environment Training

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The diocese now requires annual Safe Environment Training. Earlier this week an email was sent to all volunteers with instructions to renew your training.

The email was sent from **Tech Support <noreply@dioceseofraleigh.safeenvironment.org>** Please follow the step by step instructions to login and renew. If you don't see the email in your inbox, please check your spam folder. Please contact [bsmith@stmm.net](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net) if you didn't receive the email. You have until September 15 to complete the training.

## Walking With Purpose



With Purpose is a women's program new to our

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

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](mailto:lawson@stmm.net) if interested.

## Knights of Columbus Membership Opportunity



The Knights of Columbus is presenting a Unique Membership opportunity for registration and exemplification. Join members from all over NC on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 for an online exemplification presented by the State Council. **You can register HERE.** Our Council number is 7186. Any questions, contact [stevefitzhenry@outlook.com](mailto:stevefitzhenry@outlook.com).

## Soup Kit Service Project

The Frassati Young Adult group is requesting your help in providing supplies or funding for our soup kit service project. For this project, we will assemble kits of beans, rice, seasonings, canned tomatoes, and a recipe that will be donated to local families in need. The supplies for the kits cost \$4 per kit; we plan to make at least 225 kits this year.

The following supplies can be donated in the bin labeled "Frassati Soup Kit supplies" that is under the drive-through overhang:  
15 oz cans of tomato sauce  
10 oz cans of ROTEL Original Diced Green Tomatoes & Green Chilies

You can also provide a tax deductible donation via the **St. MM Giving Portal** by selecting "Frassati Group." Any monetary donations will go towards purchasing supplies for the kits.

Contact us at [frassati@stmm.net](mailto:frassati@stmm.net) with any questions.

## Thursday Evening Study with Deacon Dev

**Weekday Study on the Development of the**

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](mailto:walkingwithpurpose@stmm.net)

## Children's Music Ministry



[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

## Eucharistic Adoration Times

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **August 2nd from 9:30am -**



## Church

Do you have questions about why we do what we do in the Church? If

you do, join Deacon Dev and many of your fellow parishioners on **Thursday evenings** for a unique series focused on building an in-depth understanding of the Church today. However, in order to do this, this series starts at the beginnings of the Church and then traces its development through the centuries. As we do this, a very wide range of topics will be covered - the apostolic age, sacraments, the Mass, orders, heresies, councils, church fathers, doctors of the church, the origins of Catholicism and Roman Catholicism, Catholic Spirituality, the Great Schism, the Orthodox Churches, the rise of Islam, Crusades, the Reformation and Protestantism, the Church in America, Vatican II, the worldwide Catholic Church – and so much more!

This promises to be a richly rewarding study and we hope you will join us! Meetings will be in the STMM Church on Thursday evenings, beginning from **September 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lobo@stmm.net).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA-BA923A3FCC52-50312695-series>

## Our Lady's Rosary Makers



Our Lady of Fatima wanted devout Catholics to pray the Rosary daily. To honor her request, we can help to provide as many people as possible with rosaries to pray. The STMM Rosary Makers are

dedicated to making and distributing rosaries. Please join us for weekly meetings in room #1 of the Church on Thursday mornings after Mass and Rosary, beginning on August 15th. For additional information please contact me at [diana\\_ivins@yahoo.com](mailto:diana_ivins@yahoo.com). No creativity or prior skill or experience is required. All training and resources are provided.

## 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

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](mailto:ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM) or 919-280-8931 if interested.



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, August 13th, from 7- 8pm**

## 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

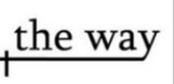


Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic? Are you wanting to participate fully in the sacraments instituted by Christ? Are you a baptized Christian and desiring to

receive the Eucharist and Confirmation? The next module of the RCIA process at StMM is starting on August 5, 2024. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at [rcia@stmm.me](mailto: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

**Religious Education**  
2024-25

				
<p>Grades K – 4 &amp; Parents</p>	<p>Grades 5 &amp; 6</p>	<p>Middle School – Grades 7 &amp; 8</p>	<p>High School – Grades 9 &amp; 10 Pre-Confirmation</p>	<p>High School – Grades 11 &amp; 12 Post Confirmation</p>
<p>Parent Enrichment</p>	<p>Parent Enrichment</p>	<p>Sunday Evenings</p>	<p>Sunday Evenings</p>	<p>Sunday Evenings</p>
<p>Tuesdays</p>	<p>Tuesdays</p>	<p>7:15 – 8:30 pm</p>	<p>7:15 – 8:30 pm</p>	<p>Time &amp; location determined by small group</p>
<p>6:15 – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>6:15 – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>StMM Gym</p>	<p>StMM Church</p>	
<p>StMM Church &amp; School</p>	<p>StMM Gym</p>	<p>Youth Mass 6:00pm on Sundays when the Middle School and High School Faith Formation Programs Meet (Refer to the Faith Formation Calendar)</p>		

[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](#)



Attention First Grade Parents

**STMM GATHER PROGRAM**  
Open for Registration

Sacramental Preparation requires two years of faith formation starting in first grade

Register Now

[www.stmm.church/religious-ed](http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed)  
Questions? email: [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net)




**Registration is now open**

**Late Fees apply after 8/15/24**

[www.stmm.church/religious-ed/](http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/)

Questions K-4: [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net)  
Grades 5-8: [ritchie@stmm.net](mailto:ritchie@stmm.net)

Calendar

GATHER MEETS MORE OFTEN IN

**2024-25**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION  
for children grades 3 - 12

First Reconciliation & First Communion  
(919) 657-4800 ext. 7280 or [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net)

For Baptism  
(919) 657-4800 ext. 7303 or [sansone@stmm.net](mailto:sansone@stmm.net)

**Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation Calendar**

**Questions:**

For **GATHER**, contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7280

For the **ROCK** contact Sarah Ritchie at [ritchie@stmm.net](mailto: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

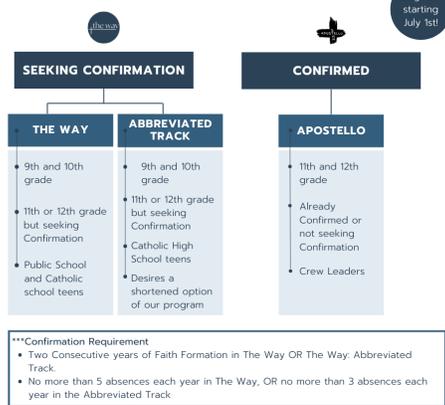
Core Team Interest Form for EDGE, The Way, Abbreviated Track, and Apostello: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdny1wY2eZ8-YrIVCG2iTGPhA6gjdrt\\_hoRxA52orhGk4Y8DQ](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdny1wY2eZ8-YrIVCG2iTGPhA6gjdrt_hoRxA52orhGk4Y8DQ)

CREW LEADER APPLICATIONS OPEN



Crew Leadership Program Application for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Graders: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScICy-oVrTkTWnjqUI6q2tLQyIB-6U0t9iWVUlnj2aviJ6\\_g/viewform?](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScICy-oVrTkTWnjqUI6q2tLQyIB-6U0t9iWVUlnj2aviJ6_g/viewform?)

### STMM HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION WHICH IS RIGHT FOR ME?



SAVE THE DATE

BEACH RETREAT  
AUGUST 16-18

MOUNTAIN RETREAT  
FEBRUARY 7-9

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

Beach Retreat is full! If you would like to be added to the waitlist, please email Niki Furnier at [nfurnier@stmm.net](mailto:nfurnier@stmm.net)

**Questions:**

For **EDGE**, contact Sarah Ritchie at [ritchie@stmm.net](mailto:ritchie@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7307

For **Apostello and the Way**, contact Niki Furnier at [nfurnier@stmm.net](mailto:nfurnier@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7309

For **Confirmation**, contact the coordinator at [StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com](mailto:StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com)

## School News

**YOU matter**

SEATS AVAILABLE FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR IN 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADE. **APPLY TODAY!**

**We pray. We learn. We care.**

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is accepting applications for the 24-25 school year in PreK4 and grades 6th-8th. Applications are closed for K-5th grade. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your child(ren), apply [HERE](#) or contact Lisa Portland ([portland@stmm.net](mailto:portland@stmm.net)) to schedule a tour!

# Career Network Ministry



## CNM Presents: Unlock Your Dream Job with Hanna Hasl-Kelchner

### St. Michael Catholic Church

Trinity Center  
804 High House Rd  
Cary, NC 27513

**Thu, Aug 8, 2024**

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

RSVP at [careerministry.org](https://careerministry.org)



*Career Network Ministry: Empowering careers, embracing dignity:  
Your path to success through faith and support. Join us!*

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