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## St. Mary Magdalene July 12, 2024

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### A Note from Father Francis Xavier

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE- MY MASTER KEY.

Gratitude may sound a big joke or unrealistic in these unprecedented times where sometimes many things seem to be tearing apart; sicknesses, sometimes aging, broken relationships, broken marriages, unyielding academic struggles and mention it. I find an attitude of gratitude as an impetuous option to reframe the situation and create a more positive experience. It's possible during hard times a heart to escape into wild imaginations and abandon you there disfigured. It's upon this background that we need to change these sentiments by simply saying; it's ok with my soul, I'm still alive, I'm not alone, things can't always be the same.....should you still be doubting that this key is not working, let's look at what Jesus- our ultimate longing has in His Divine store; "Blessed are the poor in Spirit for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven' and Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Mt 5:3,5). Very interesting! Our God loves everyone even the poorest of the poor. God will never let you alone "I will be with you always" (Mt 28:20). Can I invite you to pray with me?

I am grateful for what I'm passing through as long as I am with you my Lord and my God. Jesus I trust in you.

Sincerely,

Fr. Francis Xavier

[Giving Portal](#)

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## Upcoming Events

July 13 - Confessions 10:30am  
 July 13 - 5pm Mass  
 July 14 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 July 15 - Daily Mass 9am  
 July 15 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel  
 July 16 - Daily Mass 9am  
 July 16 - Children's Music Ministry  
 July 17 - Daily Mass 9am  
 July 18 - Daily Mass 9am  
 July 18 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel  
 July 19 - Daily Mass 9am  
 July 20 - Confessions 10:30am  
 July 20 - 5pm Mass  
 July 21 - 9am & 11am Mass  
 July 22 - Parish Feast Day Mass 10am  
 July 22 - Concert 6pm Church  
 July 23 - Daily Mass 9am  
 July 23 - Children's Music Ministry

## Mass This Weekend

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

### **Music for Weekend Masses**

**Gathering:** All Are Welcome 422

**Responsorial Psalm 85:** Lord Let Us See

**Preparation:** Hold On To Love 496

**Communion 1:** The King of Love

**Communion 2:** Make Your Home in Me 622

**Communion 3:** Gratitude

**Sending Forth:** Your Love Defends Me

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## Pictures of the Week



Father Francis Xavier had a tour of Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral this week







Children's Music Ministry on July 7th

## St. Mary Magdalene Feast Day Is Coming on July 22nd!

Come celebrate our parish feast day on Monday, July 22nd!

We will begin with Mass at 10am in the Church. There will be inflatable slides and games for the children in the gym and lunch in the dining hall.

To help us with planning, please [click here](#) to RSVP for lunch.

Join us that evening for a special music concert featuring Fr. Chris and other talented musicians in our parish family from 6pm to 7pm in the church.

## Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are donated by:

Krystle Schoendorf in Celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Schoendorf's 11th wedding anniversary

and

Angela Hicks and Family in memory of William L. Hicks

Take this opportunity to consider donating

## Safe Environment New Annual Process

### To All Diocese of Raleigh Level C Volunteers and Staff

On July 15<sup>th</sup> 2024, the system for safe environment training renewal and criminal background screening will be fully revised. Everyone (clergy, volunteers, and staff) who entered our database in 2023 or earlier, will be asked to verify the data we have in our system. You will receive an email from: Tech support [noreply@dioceseofraleigh.safeenvironment.org](mailto:noreply@dioceseofraleigh.safeenvironment.org). You will be asked to verify your profile data and *renew your safe environment training* via a new online system. **Please be sure your email address is correct by contacting Bertha Smith ([bsmith@stmm.net](mailto:bsmith@stmm.net)).** Thank you for being active in ministry!

## 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)

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.

## Discernment & Disc Golf w/ Seminarian Rob



**DISCERNMENT AND DISC GOLF** **FRIDAY JULY 26TH**  
W/ SEMINARIAN ROB 9AM-1PM

**MASS @ STMM**  
**DISCUSSION + Q&A'S**  
**DISC GOLF**  
@ APEX NATURE PARK  
**MIDDAY PRAYER**  
**LUNCH @ STMM**

Have you ever thought about being a priest? Come for a morning of prayer, fun, and fraternity. Open to young men high school age and up: whether you are seriously discerning, open to the call, or just curious about priesthood!

RSVP: [RLANE@STMM.NET](mailto:RLANE@STMM.NET)

## Children's Music Ministry



**Children's MUSIC MINISTRY**

StMM welcomes everyone grades 1 to 8 to sing or play an instrument in the Music Ministry!

Children and Liturgical Choir Summer Schedule:  
Tuesday July 2  
Tuesday July 16  
Tuesday July 23  
Tuesday August 6  
Tuesday August 13

Grades 1-4 will meet from 4 - 4:45 pm in the Church  
Grades 5-8 will meet from 4:45 - 5:30 pm in the Church  
questions email: [awitchger@stmm.me](mailto:awitchger@stmm.me)

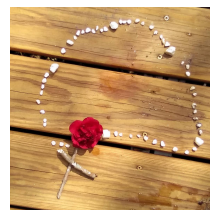
[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

## Gardening Elective from

## Mass Intentions

July 13 – 5pm – Arthur Fessenden +  
July 14 – 9am – Parishioners of [StMM](#)  
July 14 – 11am – Allie Rose Kirkpatrick +  
July 15 – The Krieger Family  
July 16 – John Robert [Karpjen](#) +  
July 17 – Patricia Reeves +  
July 18 – John Kremenz +  
July 19 – Joseph & Agnes Baker +  
July 20 – 5pm – Sandra [Sansone](#) +  
July 21 – 9am – Parishioners of [StMM](#)  
July 21 – 11am – [Adiel Anghie](#) +  
July 22 – 10am – Connie & Randy [Awrey](#) Marriage  
July 23 – Janie Nugent +  
July 24 – Robert Hogan +  
July 25 – Heather Hester Bender +  
July 26 – Margaret Watson +

## 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. If you wish to help further our cause, please contact me at [diana\\_ivins@yahoo.com](mailto:diana_ivins@yahoo.com). No creativity nor prior skill or experience is required to join. All training and resources are provided. Meeting times are TBD based on the availability of our Rosary Makers.

## Soup Kit Service Project

## StMM School

The Gardening Elective at the school was featured in the latest edition of the NC Catholic Magazine

[Click Here to Read the Article](#)

## School Teacher Assistant Opportunities Available

Interested in joining our parish school as a full-time Teacher Assistant beginning in August 2024? If so, please email your resume and letter of interest to [Peggy Lane \(lane@stmm.net\)](mailto:lane@stmm.net). Thank you for your consideration!

## Eucharistic Adoration Times

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **August 2nd 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](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

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.

## Frassati Young Adult Group

The Frassati Young Adult group will be taking a break from our regular Wednesday meetings for the summer, but we still have lots of activities planned. Here are some upcoming events. For more information on any of these or to sign up for the volunteer event, please email [frassati@stmm.net](mailto:frassati@stmm.net).

- **Sunday, July 14: Brunch after the 11am Mass!!**

## 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](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 [StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net](mailto:StMMPrayerTeam@stmm.net).

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**

## Parish Athletics Fall Sports

### Apex-Cary Fall Soccer 2024

**Grades:** Coed, Pre-K (3-year-olds) thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Dates:** August 16th - October 12th.

**Practice Locations:** Apex or Cary, you pick.

**Game Locations:** Apex & Cary.

**Cost:** Pre-K - \$65; K - 1st grade - \$70; 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade - \$80

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

[REGISTER FOR SOCCER HERE](#)

### Apex Fall Baseball 2024

**Grades:** Coed. Pre-K (4-year-olds) thru 4th grade.

**Dates:** August 19th – October 19th.

**Practice/Game Location:** Apex

**Cost:** Pre-K - \$65; K thru 4th grade - \$70

**Note:** PreK thru Kindergarten plays T-Ball; 1st thru 4th grade play machine pitch. Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners – 4th grade have one weekday practice per week and games on Saturdays.

[REGISTER FOR BASEBALL HERE](#)

## 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




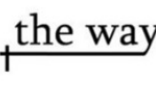
receive the Eucharist and Confirmation? The next module of the RCIA process at StMM is starting on August 5, 2024. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at [rcia@stmm.me](mailto:rcia@stmm.me) and let's have a conversation. We can help you start the process.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

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

[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](#)







#### 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

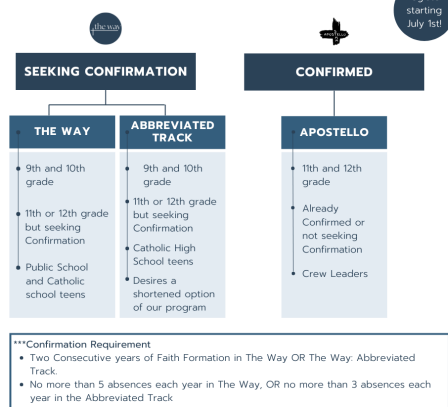
#### StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry



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

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?



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

**Beach Retreat Registration Link**

### 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 [StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com](mailto:StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com)

## School News



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!

### School Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School invites you to join our school community as a substitute teacher. We offer competitive compensation, a great work environment, and a flexible work schedule to fit your life. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Kate Lawson at the school at [lawson@stmm.net](mailto:lawson@stmm.net).

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



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