
St. Mary Magdalene July 26, 2024

A Note from Father Francis Xavier

NOT ONLY FAMILY BUT A DOMESTIC CHURCH

Psalm 127:3-4 says "children are a blessing from the Lord, the fruit of the womb, a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth". Needless to say that God has given us children to strengthen, guard and protect our families and the faith. This however, places upon the family some responsibilities of nurturing these children to full maturity and towards their destiny which is in God their creator.

John Paul II, in his encyclical 'The Gospel of life,' calls up on husband and wife to acknowledge and to act up on their role as 'givers of life', whereas Catechism of the Catholic Church looks at a family as a community of grace, prayer and a School of human virtues and of Christian charity.

It's with a lot of misery to observe that today many families are slowly substituting their divine mandate as husband and wife (mother and father/foster parents) with institutions as Schools and may be Church.

I would suggest that families in our modern times more than ever rediscover their true meaning and identity and seek to give their children a fuller life by turning homes into a Domestic Church through identifying a sacred space; a corner, table and if they can- a room and decorate it with may be some sacred icons, crucifix, containers of holy water just to mention a few and probably create a time table for prayers, Bible sharing and praise and worship music.... I assure you this will keep the children's mind awake and serve as a beacon to act and think towards our eternal destiny. Our elders say, "Where you sit when you are old shows where you stood in your youth". Let us give a sure faith foundation for the future of our God-given gifts- our children.

I thank you God for the gift of our families and thank you for any and everyone who is a pillar of faith in our families. Amen

Sincerely,

Fr. Francis Xavier

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Upcoming Events

July 27 - Confessions 10:30am
 July 27-28 - Donations due for Migrant Dinner
 July 27 - 5pm Mass
 July 28 - 9am & 11am Mass
 July 29 - Daily Mass 9am
 July 29 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 July 30 - Daily Mass 9am
 July 31 - Daily Mass 9am
 Aug 1 - Daily Mass 9am
 Aug 1 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
 Aug 2 - Daily Mass 9am
 Aug 2 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church
 Aug 3 - Confessions 10:30am
 Aug 3 - 5pm Mass
 Aug 4 - 9am & 11am Mass

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

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Responsorial Psalm 145: The Hand Of The Lord Feeds Us

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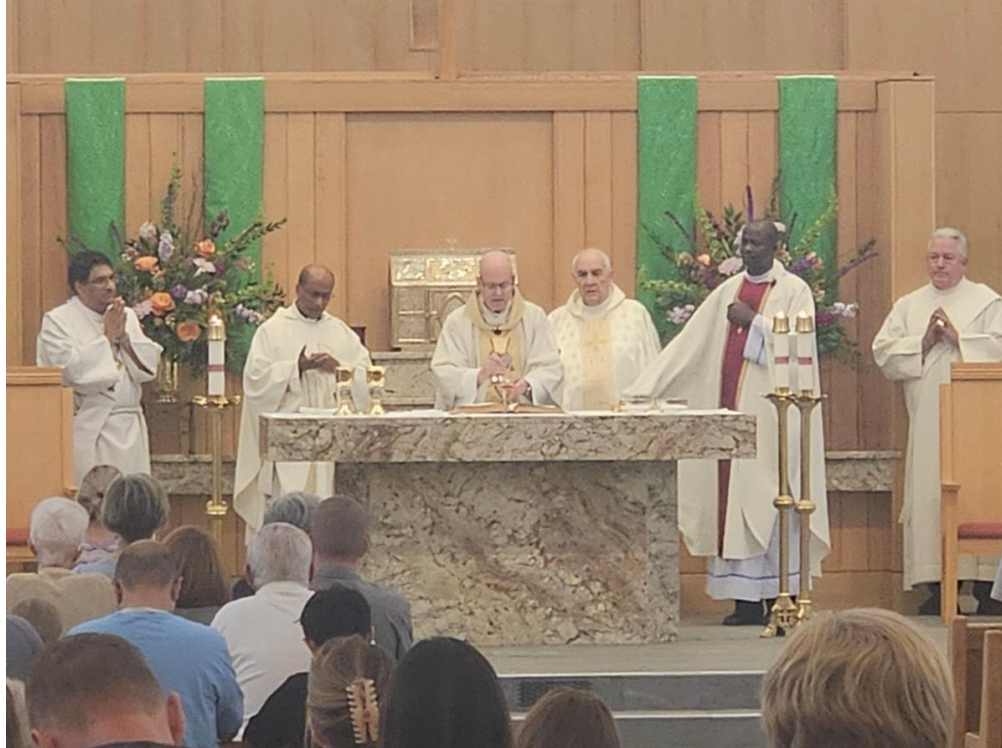
Pictures of the Week



Tom and Tish Harmon in Indianapolis for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress.
Lucas Oil Stadium



Children's Music Ministry on July 21st



Parish Feast Day Mass on July 22nd

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

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

Mass Intentions

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

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>](mailto:noreply@dioceseofraleigh.safeenvironment.org) Please follow the step by step instructions

July 27 – 5pm – Parishioners of StMM
 July 28 – 9am – Danuta Targonski +
 July 28 – 11am – Ann Rose Lundquist +
 July 29 – Andrew Delehanty +
 July 30 – Joan Junginger for healing
 July 31 – John Santori +
 August 1 – Alfred Schiff +
 August 2 – Joseph Hartz +
 August 3 – 5pm – Joseph & Agnes Baker +
 August 4 – 9am – Parishioners of StMM
 August 4 – 11am – Gail Haufler +
 August 5 – Horace Booz +
 August 6 – Communion Service
 August 7 – George Scheiss +
 August 8 – Virginia Power +
 August 9 – Frances Spaeder +

Walking With Purpose



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

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

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

to login and renew. If you don't see the email in your inbox, please check your spam folder. Please contact bsmith@stmm.net if you didn't receive the email. You have until September 15 to complete the training.

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 with any questions.

Helping Hands Ministry Dinner for Migrant Workers

Help us prepare for the dinner for migrant workers on July 28 at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church. The Helping Hands ministry will be in the narthex at all Masses this weekend with information on how you can contribute to this

open arms. Hours are 2:30pm to 6pm. Please email Kate Lawson at lawson@stmm.net if interested.

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 - 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.



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

event. From donating clothes and toiletries to supplying some of the food, there are many options to help make this a success. All donations will be due at the Masses on July 27-28.

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. 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.

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 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

Parish Athletics Fall Sports

Apex-Cary Fall Soccer 2024

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3-year-olds) thru 8th 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; 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 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](#)

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






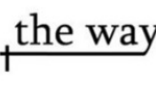

Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic? Are you wanting to participate fully in the sacraments instituted by Christ? Are you a baptized Christian and desiring to

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 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 or 919-657-4800 x7280

For the **ROCK** contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307

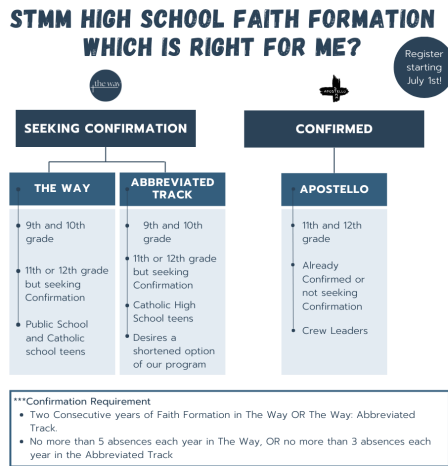
StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry



Core Team Interest Form for EDGE, The Way, Apostello: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdny1wY2eZ8-YrIVCG2iTGPhA6gjdrt_hoRxA52orhGk4Y8DQ



Crew Leadership Program Application for 11th and 12th Graders:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScICy-oVrTkTWnjqUI6q2tLQyIB-6U0t9iWVUlnj2aviJ6_g/viewform?



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

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 Sarah Sansone at confirmation@stmm.net

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) to schedule a tour!



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



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