

## A Note from Father Francis

### JUBILEE OF HOPE

As a jubilee year, this year is themed PILGRIMIS of HOPE and as such, we are called to embrace Spiritual Renewal, Reconciliation and Renewed focus on faith and hope. Before I proceed, I want to extend my heartily appreciations to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and to you all for the efforts. Thanks be to God for giving us a lion's share of the Jubilee year, and to Fr. Mike and the team that was at the front of the arrangements, bravo.

What are we remained with, beloved? To rekindle our faith and Hope; in his letter to the Romans 12:2, St. Paul inspires us, "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God- what is good and acceptable and perfect." Friends in Jesus, this demands that we intentionally set time apart for God in prayer, reading/listening to His word and in silence - to withdraw from all the exterior, 'but whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret.....Mt 6:6.' Otherwise without such efforts, the Jubilee year may flop and the world can be chaos without faith and hope in God.

Remember also to encourage and pray for one another. I was amazed and exceedingly humbled when I got a prayer from the monarchs of 5 th grade, giving praise to God for this (mere Priest- God is Good) Fr. Francis; ".....He is always helping others to get close to you.....I thank you Lord for his encouragements and funniness." ".....this verse reminds me of his encouragements 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding in all your ways and do not rely on your own insight.....Prv 3:5-6".

God bless your children for indeed they are our hope and of your Church. Teach us to make every effort to give them and each other hope, beginning from home and so extend to our other family members and contacts.

God bless you. I love you.

Father Francis

## Giving Portal

### Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

#### Friday Apr 4

5:30pm- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry  
7pm- Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday Apr 5

10:30am- Confessions  
5pm- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)  
6:15pm- Extraordinary Minister Training

#### Sunday Apr 6

9am- Mass (Betty Martis +)  
11am- Mass (Rick & Mary Ann DeSerafino)

#### Monday Apr 7

### Mass This Weekend

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

#### Music for Weekend Masses

**Gathering:** Entrance Antiphon  
**Responsorial Psalm:** 126 The Lord Has Done Great Things  
**Preparation:** Come Alive (Dry Bones)  
**Communion 1:** Pange Lingua  
**Communion 2:** O God My Soul is Thirsting (Psalm 63)  
**Communion 3:** Morning By Morning  
**Sending Forth:** This Is Amazing Grace

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9am- Mass (Charles Roba +)  
6pm- Extraordinary Minister Training  
6:30pm- Family Rosary

#### **Tuesday Apr 8**

9am- Mass (Maurice Lynch +)  
6:15pm- Gather/Rock

#### **Wednesday Apr 9**

9am- Mass (Ronald & Margaret Yadusky +)

#### **Thursday Apr 10**

9am- Mass (Earl Frederick +)  
9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO  
6:30pm- Bible Study

#### **Friday Apr 11**

9am- Mass (John & Helen Karpian +)  
Stations of the Cross to follow Mass  
7pm- Stations of the Cross

#### **Saturday Apr 12**

10:30am- Confessions  
5pm- Mass (Joseph & Agnes Baker +)

#### **Sunday Apr 13**

9am- Mass (Sylvelyn Losack +)  
11am- Mass (Lazaro Passigna, Jr. +)  
Easter Egg Hunt following 11am Mass  
(Registration required)  
4:30pm- Apostello  
6pm- Youth Mass (Parishioners of StMM)  
7:15pm- Edge & the Way

### **Lenten Penance Schedule**

#### **Tuesday Apr 8**

7pm- Holy Name of Jesus

### **Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule**

#### **Holy Thursday Apr 17**

No 9am daily Mass  
7pm- Holy Thursday Mass

#### **Good Friday Apr 18**

No 9am daily Mass  
12pm- Stations of the Cross  
3pm- The Passion of the Lord

#### **Saturday Apr 19**

No Confessions  
10am- Blessing of Easter food for Parishioners  
8:30pm- Easter Vigil Mass

#### **Easter Sunday Apr 20**

7am- Mass  
9am- Mass  
11am- Mass

#### **Monday Apr 21 to Wednesday Apr 23**

No daily Mass

#### **Friday Apr 18 to Wednesday Apr 23**

Parish office closed

### **Altar Flowers**



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](mailto:floralministry@stmm.net)

**Church News, School News, Lent & Easter information, Ministries, Groups, and Events**  
Please click on the link for more information.

#### **Church News**

- [StMM Tax Statements for 2024](#)
- [Baptism Information](#)
- [Safe Environment Training for Volunteers](#)
- [OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation for Adults](#)

#### **Ministries, Groups, & Events**

- [Knights of Columbus Fish Fry TONIGHT on 4/4- PreOrder Now](#)
- [Mulholland Columbiettes Easter Egg Hunt on 4/13- Register HERE](#)
- [Parish Athletics Spring Soccer and Baseball](#)
- [CSO Catholic Senior Organization](#)

- OCIA Prayer Corner
- Study of the Torah with Deacon Dev
- First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
- Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training 4/5 & 4/7
- Divorced Catholics Seeking an Annulment
- Young Men's Retreat for High School Students 6/21 to 6/24
- Priesthood Discernment Pilgrimage 6/27 to 6/29
- StMM 25th Anniversary Events
- Seeking Medical Volunteers for new StMM Safety Committee
- for women and men 60+
- Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Prayer Team -Sign up to request prayers or to join prayer team
- 40 Days for Life- Sign up for Vigil Hours during Lent
- Women's Retreat for those who have been sexually abused
- Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry- sign up to pray for our priests
- Power & Purpose Conference in Steubenville, OH on 6/20-6/22
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter on 5/2-5/4
- Frassati Young Adult Group Upcoming Events

## School News

- StMM School Tours for Prospective Students
- Creative Calm: A Mindful Workshop for Teens 11-14yrs, on 3/18 to 4/22
- Therapeutic Summer Camp for 3rd-5th Grades in June- Register by 5/30
- StMM School Summer Camps Open to Parishioners - 6/9 through 6/27
- Tickets for Newsies, the School Spring Musical, are on discount Today 4/4- Show dates 4/11 & 4/12
- 31st Annual Run for Life benefiting Birthchoice on 4/12
- Project Rachel Support Group - for hope and healing after abortion
- Creative Calm: A Mindful Workshop for Teens 11-14yrs, on 3/18 to 4/22
- Therapeutic Summer Camp for 3rd-5th Grades in June- Register by 5/30
- Courage - A support group for those facing same-sex attraction
- EnCourage- A support group for relatives of people who experience same-sex attraction

## Lent & Easter

- Stations of the Cross will be held twice a day on the Fridays in Lent
- Dynamic Catholic Best Lent Ever
- Ignited by Truth Catholic Conference in Raleigh on 4/4-4/5
- Hallow Pray 40
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry TONIGHT on 4/4- PreOrder Now
- Mulholland Columbiettes Easter Egg Hunt on 4/13 -Register HERE
- Career Network Ministry is presenting a Speed Networking Workshop on 4/10
- Care for God's Planet - Fish Fry Compost Success!
- Care for God's Planet- New Members Welcome- Next meeting on 4/8
- Walking with Purpose bible study for Catholic Women on 4/10
- Girl Scout Troop 1161 invites girls PreK to K, to learn about their troop on 4/6
- Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry is having their 13th Annual Pig Picking on 4/26
- Forward in Hope- Grief Support Group to begin in May

## Pictures of the Week



We had a truly Moo-ving Monday with Cows on Campus! Ben from StMM School is pictured with a Jersey cow.



The Knights of Columbus proudly welcomed seven new Brothers to their council! They recently took part in the Exemplification ceremony, celebrating the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity alongside their families.

Please welcome Dr. John Spear, Aaron Alexander, Paul Sancouci, Damian Piosek, Thomas McDermott, Kenneth Ramsauer and Sureshbabu Nagarajan.

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## Faith Formation

**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



The ROCK Retreat, "Meant for Greatness" is **rescheduled** for **Sunday, April 27th**, at StMM from 1:00pm to 5:45pm.



**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!



### **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](#)

[Click here to pay the deposit](#)



### **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](#)

### **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 [confirmation@stmm.net](mailto:confirmation@stmm.net)

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