

## A Note from Father Mike

Can you believe we are now in the month of August? Where has this summer gone? As you may know, I am up in MI visiting family. These cool evenings up here have been a nice blessing. I wish I was able to send some of these cool evenings to the Carolinas. I went to Mass this past Sunday at the “Cross in the Woods” shrine in Indian River, MI. Their summertime Masses are held outside, weather permitting. The cross is 55 feet tall, and it is the second largest crucifix in the world. A statue of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is near the outside altar. She is looking back towards the large cross. She was an important influence on the building of the large cross because of her habit of placing small crosses in the forest as places to stop and pray.

Our Heavenly Father loves each and every one of us and personally takes care of us like He did with St. Kateri Tekakwitha. His concern is beyond our understanding. The readings this weekend invite us to have proper priorities in our lives and invite us to place our trust in God. The Book of Ecclesiastes teaches us how to find meaning in life in the times of joy as well as in the times of suffering. It helps us to understand and prioritize things in life.

This weekend’s Gospel teaches us about greed and that life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. The rich man’s possessions give him false security and evidence to feel he has total enjoyment of life. Yet fear and insecurity plague his soul, making him search for earthly relief. The rich man in the story was a fool not because he was wealthy but because he thought that he could guarantee his own personal security through the hoarding of his harvests without placing his trust in God. This man had wrong priorities. The first was that he never saw beyond himself. He was extremely selfish. The man’s second wrong priority was that he never saw beyond this world. His whole basis of security was in his possessions.

Our Lord places an invitation before us to not focus on treasures of this world but to build treasures in heaven. The lessons from this weekend’s readings are obvious. To be in this world and not of it, to collect the necessary goods of this world by honest labor, to remain detached from them, and to possess and not to be possessed by them.

In His Love,

Fr. Mike Coveyou

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## Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

### Friday Aug 1

9am- Mass (Patti Bryant †)  
9:45am-7pm First Friday Adoration in the Chapel

### Saturday Aug 2

10:30am- Confessions  
5pm- Mass (Samantha Mele †)

### Sunday Aug 3

9am- Mass (Steve and Jim Veno †)  
10:15am- Breaking Open The Word  
11am- Mass (Antoinette Shivley †)

### Monday Aug 4

9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)  
6:30pm- Family Rosary  
8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

### Tuesday Aug 5

9am- Mass (Jose Nolasco DaCunha †)

### Wednesday Aug 6

9am- Mass (Bill Jones †)  
10am- Forward in Hope  
7pm- Frassati Young Adult Group  
8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

### Thursday Aug 7

9am- Mass (Todd Langenbach †)  
9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO

### Friday Aug 8

9am- Mass (Betty & Joe Justice †)

### Saturday Aug 9

10:30am- Confessions  
5pm- Mass (Arthur Fessenden †)  
\*Second collection for **Priest Welfare & Retirement**

### Sunday Aug 10

\*Second collection at all Masses for **Priest Welfare & Retirement**  
9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)  
10:15am- Breaking Open The Word  
11am- Mass (Louis Bramante Sr. †)  
4pm- Back-to-School Mass

## Mass This Weekend

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

**Beginning in August, we will [livestream](#) Daily Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.**

\*Please note that the schedule may occasionally change due to unforeseen circumstances, and we appreciate your understanding.

### Music for Sunday Masses

**Gathering:** Our God is Here

**Responsorial Psalm:** 90 If Today You Hear God's Voice

**Preparation:** Set Your Hearts and Minds

**Communion 1:** Miracle of Grace

**Communion 2:** Morning by Morning

**Communion 3:** Gratitude

**Sending Forth:** Rest On Us

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This week's Altar flowers are donated by: **Jackie Veno in loving memory of Steve and Jim Veno - The Veno and Ritchie families**

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)

### **Welcome Fr. Matthew Hood**

This weekend Father Matthew Hood is glad to have the opportunity to visit our parish on behalf of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Fr. Matt is the chaplain of Detroit Catholic Campus Ministry. He graduated from Sacred Heart Major Seminary with a M.Div. and a S.T.B. in Theology. He grew up in Oakland Township, Mich. and has a twin brother. He entered seminary after falling in love with Jesus in the Eucharist and desiring to share that gift with the world. FOCUS is a national organization serving college students at more than 255 campus/locations including nine international locations, 29 parish venues and nine digital expansion campuses. More than 1048 FOCUS missionaries invite college students into a relationship with



Christ and His Church, while equipping them for a lifetime of Catholic evangelization. Fr. Matt is excited to be with us this weekend and share the hope of the New Evangelization! To learn more, please visit [www.focus.org](http://www.focus.org).

## Ministry, Group, and Event Highlights



### **Walking With Purpose: Women's Bible Study**

All women are invited to join us for our second year of Walking With Purpose, a 22-week Bible study designed to deepen your faith, grow in love for the Lord, and build meaningful friendships.

We'll meet on **Thursdays from 10–11:30 a.m. starting September 4th**. Informational tables will be available after all Masses the weekend of August 9th–10th. Stop by to preview the books, ask questions, and meet some of our members! Register [HERE](http://HERE) or if you have questions, email: [walkingwithpurpose@stmm.net](mailto:walkingwithpurpose@stmm.net)



Registration is now open for all Religious Education programs at StMM for the **2025-2026 school year**. Please click [HERE](http://HERE) for more information on how to register.



### **St. Mary Magdalene's Helping Hands Ministry** is once again joining forces with St.

Bernadette's Migrant Ministry to support the guest farmworkers in our community. These farmworkers contribute greatly to our region, and we hope to ease their burden with kindness and care. Our last meal of the season will be **served on August 17th**. We will be providing a warm meal and fellowship to 60–70 workers. Collections for food, clothing, and monetary donations will be available after all Masses the **weekend of Aug 16 & 17**. For more information, please click [HERE](http://HERE).

## Church News, School News, Ministries, Groups, and Events

Please click on the link for more information.

### Church News

**Parish Office Summer Hours  
through Tuesday, August 5th  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Mon - Fri**

**Regular Office hours resume on**

### Ministries, Groups, & Events

- **Habitat for Humanity-** Join other StMM parishioners on Sat, 8/9, to help build homes for those in need.
- **Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt**

## Wednesday, August 6th

- **Baptism Information**
- **Safe Environment Training for Volunteers**
- **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation)**  
For those looking to become fully initiated into the Catholic Faith. Please click here to learn more.
- **First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** information may be found here.
- **Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick-** Next series starting in Oct.
- **Divorced Catholics Seeking an Annulment-** more information can be found by clicking here.
- **Join Father Mike on a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, & Spain from 4/28/26 through 5/8/26.**
- **Our Sound and Video System** Ministry needs help with Masses, Funerals, and Weddings. The hours and commitment level are flexible. Can you help us out?
- **Breaking Open The Word** is a new weekly Gospel discussion group that is held after the 9am Sunday Mass.
- **Interested in becoming a Deacon in the Diocese of Raleigh?** Two information sessions will be held on Sat 9/13 at the Catholic Center. Click here for more information and to register.

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## School News

- **StMM School Tours for Prospective Students**
  - **StMM School is hiring a Kindergarten Teaching Assistant and a Media and Information Technology Teacher for the 25-26 school year.**
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## Ministry

- **Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry-** sign up to pray for our priests.
- **Project Rachel Support Group -** for hope and healing after abortion.
- **Courage -** A support group for those facing same-sex attraction.
- **EnCourage-** A support group for relatives of people who experience same-sex attraction.
- **Walking with Purpose-** Join for a 22 week bible study designed for women to grow in faith and love for the Lord, beginning on 9/4.
- **Parish Athletics Fall Soccer and Baseball Registration is Now Open.**
- **Are you gluten-free due to a medical condition and need a low-gluten Communion Host? Click here to learn how to receive low-gluten Communion at StMM.**
- **The Columbiettes** have a few more "Taste and See" cookbooks and Gift Sets left for purchase. All proceeds benefit StMM parish, school, and local charities.
- **Pitch for Charity** and cheer on the Durham Bulls! Enjoy a night out and support Catholic Charities at the same time on Thurs, 8/14.
- **Hearts on Fire**, a charismatic prayer group with Deacon Dev, meets in the Church at 6:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.
- **Calling all Prayer Warriors-** StMM's Prayer Team needs an organizer. Will you help us out?
- **Frassati Young Adult Group** will meet for Adoration at 7pm followed by Happy Hour on Wed, 8/6

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## Pictures of the Week





The wedding of Taylor and Karen Hopkins was on July 26th.



Riley Mae Smith was baptized on Saturday, July 12th.



Wyatt Wolford was baptized on Saturday, July 26th.



Colter Reid Mangus was baptized on Saturday, July 26th.

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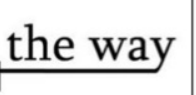

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**Faith Formation**

[Click HERE for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Calendar](#)

				
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)		

GATHER  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Gather meets Tuesdays  
from 6:15 - 7:30 pm  
Please consider  
joining our Core Team  
email: [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net)



[Please click HERE for more  
information](#)

**Registration is open  
Register Now**

**Late Fees apply after 8/30/25**

[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)  
Grades 9-12: [furnier@stmm.net](mailto:furnier@stmm.net)

[Please click HERE to register  
or for more information](#)

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YOUTH MINISTRY

**High School  
Beach  
Retreat**



AUGUST 15-17, 2025  
FORT CASWELL  
OAK ISLAND, NC  
REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1ST  
9250

[Please click HERE to register  
or for more information](#)

## Questions about Faith Formation:

**GATHER (K-4th grade)**- contact Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7280

**THE ROCK (5th & 6th grade)**- contact Sarah St. Aubin at [st.aubin@stmm.me](mailto:st.aubin@stmm.me) or 919-657-4800 x7307

**EDGE (7th & 8th grade)**- contact Sarah St. Aubin at [st.aubin@stmm.me](mailto:st.aubin@stmm.me) or 919-657-4800 x7307

**Apostello and the Way (9th-12th grade)**- contact Niki Furnier at [nfurnier@stmm.net](mailto:nfurnier@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7309

**Confirmation**- contact the coordinator at [confirmation@stmm.net](mailto:confirmation@stmm.net)

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