

A Note from Fr. Francis

COMMUNITY AND FAITH.

Related to relationships and friendship, as in my previous e-news notes, I invite you to build up strong community bonds. It's important for individual growth and development, for faith and self-preservation. We are in times where self-autonomy is taking a toll, and appearing good is preferred to **BEING**. This holds community to ransom. As a matter of fact, we need a community, as the community needs us.

Hebrews 10:24 challenges us: "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together" Just to pose an obvious question: did you know that it was the will of God to establish a community from the very creation stories? Adam had the wealth of the whole world but was lonely until he got one like him, the selection of Israel, and Jesus in the New Testament by choosing the twelve. He lived and related with them. He ate with them, visited friends and families with them, prayed and shared stories with them, went fishing with them, prepared meals with them, sometimes would hang out together, and would perform miracles before them. It is in the community setup that they were attracted to his way of life.

I invite you and pray that you consider, as a Christian, to strengthen your family ties, join a ministry or a club, find means towards building a strong parish community, and encourage you to always prioritize common good and overcome self-will. A community of faith enables us to grow closer to Jesus.

I love you.

God is good.

Fr. Francis

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

Saturday Aug 23

10:30am- Confessions

5pm- Mass (David Paul Enger †)

Sunday Aug 24

9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

10:15am- Breaking Open The Word

10:15am- Gabriel Project Meeting

11am- Mass (Zackary Muller)

Monday Aug 25

9am- Mass (Fran & George Schultz †)

6:30pm- Family Rosary

8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

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: This Day God Gives Me
Responsorial Psalm: 117 Go Out to All The World

Preparation: Amazing Grace

Tuesday Aug 26

9am- Mass (Al Mittelmaier)

Wednesday Aug 27

9am- Mass (Edward Galloway †)

8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Thursday Aug 28

9am- Mass (Ferdinando Pacilli †)

9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO

6:30pm- Hearts on Fire Prayer Meeting

Friday Aug 29

9am- Mass (Margaret Sansone)

Saturday Aug 30

10:30am- Confessions

5pm- Mass (Patricia Dutcher †)

Sunday Aug 31

9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

10:15am- Breaking Open The Word

11am- Mass (Danielle & Jackson Taber)

Monday Sept 1 - Labor Day

*Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass (Georgiana Melonis †)

6:30pm- Family Rosary

8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Communion 1: Spirit and Grace

Communion 2: Pan de Vida/ #3 Miracle of Grace

Sending Forth: With One Voice

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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

Healing Mass
MASS • PRAYER • WORSHIP

Friday, Sept 5th at 7pm
St Mary Magdalene, Apex

Praise and Worship
Individual prayer teams available

All are welcome to experience God's healing touch!

Ministry, Group, and Event Highlights



Are you being called to serve?
Would you like to learn more

Would you like to take a more active role at Mass?

Are you interested in getting together with other women to

about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate?

Two information meetings will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Catholic Center. These sessions will provide an overview of the diaconal formation program, reflection opportunities, and a chance to connect with others. Please click [HERE](#) for more information on the program and how to register.

Liturgical Ministry Training starts in September for:

Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and Lectors.

Please click [HERE](#) for more information on the training and how to sign up.

explore your faith? Would you like to see how the Scriptures apply to your everyday life? If so, we invite you to join Walking with Purpose. We meet weekly after 9am Mass on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30am starting on Sept 4 and ending on March 26 .

Register today by completing [this form](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at walkingwithpurpose@stmm.net

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

Please click on the link for more information.

Church News

- **Baptism Information**
- **Safe Environment Training for Volunteers**
- **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation):** For those looking to become fully initiated into the Catholic Faith, a new cohort is forming to begin on Mon., Oct 20. 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 will begin on Tues, Oct 21.
- **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

Ministries, Groups, & Events Continued

- **Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt 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** will have an Open House on Sept 4th. Come learn about WWP, our great community of women, and our upcoming 22 week bible study.
- **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.
- **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

register.

- A Healing Mass will be celebrated at StMM on Fri., Sept. 5, at 7 pm, with Adoration and Healing Prayer led by Fr. Mike, Fr. Francis, and clergy from around the diocese.

School News

- Thinking about a Catholic education for your child? StMM school tours are now being scheduled.
- Jeff Bell, Cardinal Gibbons Head of School, will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on 10/13 to discuss the new Catholic High School projected to open in Fall 2028

Ministries, Groups, & Events

- Triangle Women's Morning Retreat on Aug 23 at St. Andrew's Care Center- come experience the joy of saying YES to Jesus and allowing Him to transform your heart.

Prayer Team needs an organizer. Will you help us out?

- The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Oct 24-26 at Emerald Isle will help you to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married. Sign up today!
- StMM Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month to discuss a selected reading. The first meeting will be on 9/3. Everyone is welcome. [Click here for more information.](#)
- StMM Daytime Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays from 1-3pm from Sept 16 to Nov 18. Please [click here](#) to learn more and register.
- St. Mary Magdalene's marriage enrichment fellowship group provides space monthly for couples to grow in their love for God & their spouse. Childcare is provided.
- Catholic Senior Organization (CSO) meets the 3rd Monday of the month. The next meeting is on Monday, Sept. 15, at 10:30am

Picture of the Week



Caroline Henry was baptized on Saturday, August 16th.



Gianna Rotich was baptized on Saturday, August 16th.



Violet Deinhart was baptized on Saturday, August 16th.



Our high schoolers had an incredible time at the

Devin and Skylar Williams were married on Saturday, August 16, with Fr. Tim Kulbicki presiding.




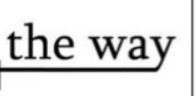

2025 StMM High School Beach Retreat at Oak Island, NC last weekend.

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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)		

Singers, Dancers, Actors, Designers
Please Join us in the Musical Performance
Christmas Joy Revealed
Friday, December 5, 2025
6:00 pm

Sign Up Here 

Christmas Joy Revealed is a Musical being performed by members of the StMM parish; children grades 1 - 12 and adults on Friday, December 5th at 5:30 pm.

Come join the fun. Sign up today.

Rehearsals Schedule is (6:15 - 7:30 pm) same time as Gather; Tuesdays in October Oct 7, 21, 28 during Gather Mondays in November Nov 3, 17, 24 (Optional Rehearsal on Mon. Nov 24 before Thanksgiving)

Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday, Dec 2 During Gather

Performance: Friday, Dec 5th 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm.
Dinner to Follow

Questions? email Music@stmm.net

GATHER
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



[Please click here for more information and to sign up](#)

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Questions about Faith Formation:

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

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

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

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

Confirmation- contact the coordinator at confirmation@stmm.net



A promotional banner for faith formation programs. At the top, it features logos for 'GATHER FAMILY FAITH FORMATION', 'THE ROCK' with the quote 'Upon this rock I will build my church', and 'APOSTELLO'. Below these are logos for 'the way' and 'EDGE'. The main text reads: 'Registration is open', 'Register Now', and 'Late Fees apply after 8/30/25'. The website 'www.stmm.church/religious-ed' is listed. Contact information is provided: 'Questions K-4: will@stmm.net', 'Grades 5-8: ritchie@stmm.net', and 'Grades 9-12: furnier@stmm.net'. The banner is decorated with colorful circular patterns and starburst graphics.

Please click [HERE](#) to register for Religious Education

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