

A Note from Fr. Mike

This Monday we celebrate Labor Day. This holiday is when much of the country celebrates: a day off from work, the last hurrah of summer, plenty of sales in stores and online, lots of barbecuing, and for those people who are hard core into fashion, no more wearing white after Labor Day.

During Labor Day, I sometimes think of the movie, "Lilies of the Field" which was made in the 1960s. In it, Sidney Poitier plays Homer, a man, a jack of all trades who stumbles upon a community of nuns in the desert of Arizona.

Mother superior, who leads the sisters, convinces Homer to repair their leaking roof. Expecting to be paid for his work, and not getting paid, he starts a strong wage discussion with the headstrong mother superior by citing Luke, *"For the laborer deserves his payment."* Mother superior's rebuttal cites Matthew, *"Learn from the way the wildflowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them."* The tension between the two of them is at the heart of the movie. Yet, when we think about it, both characters are right. Homer completed his job and deserved to be paid. But the lilies of the field (the sisters) perform an important job every day and ask for nothing: They are content to just be.

Labor Day should be a time for us to relax and reflect. To reflect on our own work, and on the work of those around us. This Labor Day, and possibly every day, offers us an opportunity where we can give thanks for work by saying a prayer for all those who work and especially for those who work in hazardous conditions. Let us pray that our own work, insignificant as it may seem, and those of others, might somehow go toward building a more just world.

In His Love,

Fr. Mike Coveyou

[Giving Portal](#)

Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday Sept 2

9am- Mass in the Chapel (Patti Bryant †)

Wednesday Sept 3

Mass This Weekend

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

We [livestream](#) our 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: Lead Me Guide Me

Responsorial Psalm: 68 God in Your Goodness

Preparation: All The Poor and Powerless

9am- Mass (Joe & Delores Gick †)
12:30pm Book Club
7pm- Frassati Young Adult Meeting
8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Thursday Sept 4

9am- Mass (Nathaniel Capps †)
9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO

Friday Sept 5 - First Friday

9am- Mass (Ginger Gearheart †)
First Friday Adoration to follow Mass,
ending at 7pm
7pm- Healing Mass

Saturday Sept 6

10:30am- Confessions
5pm- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

Sunday Sept 7

9am- Mass (Charles Roba †)
10:15am- Breaking Open The Word
11am- Mass (Dennis Dougherty Sr. †)

***Please note: Starting in September, the
Tuesday Daily Masses will be in the Chapel.**

Communion 1: Taste and See Hurd
Communion 2: Canvas And Clay
Communion 3: Trust in God
Sending Forth: Praise

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This week's altar flowers
are donated by:

**Anne and Michal
Barzyczak in memory of
their dad, Jan Plesinski.**

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

A poster for a Healing Mass. The background is a close-up of a priest's hands in white vestments holding a golden chalice. The text is overlaid on the image.

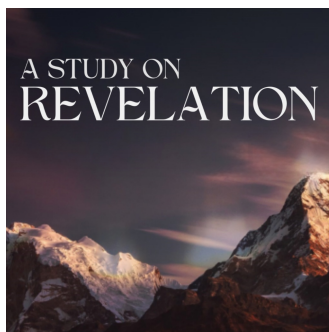
**Healing
Mass**
MASS • PRAYER • WORSHIP

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

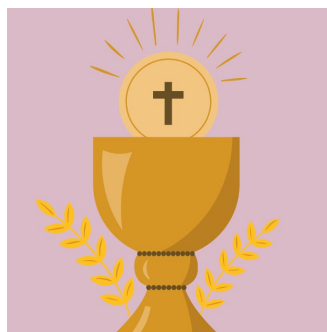
**Praise and Worship
Individual prayer teams available**

All are welcome to experience God's healing touch!

Ministry, Group, and Event Highlights



**Weekday Study of the Book of
Revelation for Everyone**
Join Deacon Dev and many of



**Would you like to take a more
active role at Mass?**
Liturgical Ministry Training starts



**Seeking Teen Volunteers for
Sunday Chrysalis Childcare
Team!**

your fellow parishioners for a unique study of the final book of the Bible – the Apocalypse or Revelation to John. The Book of Revelation had its origin in a time of crisis, but it remains valid and meaningful for Christians of all time.

This promises to be a richly rewarding study and we hope you will join us! **Meetings will be in the STMM Church on Thursday evenings, beginning September 18, 2025 at 6:30pm.** Please register by clicking on this [link](#) (each person to be separately registered). If you have any questions, or need more information, please email Deacon Dev at lobo@stmm.net.

in September for: **Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and Lectors.**

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

We are seeking energetic teen volunteers to help in our childcare rooms during Chrysalis (StMM's marriage enrichment ministry group) meetings. Volunteering is a great way to spend time pouring into the next generation of our Catholic Church & prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation! **Sessions meet one Sunday a month from 2:30-4 PM** in StMM Meeting Rooms. We'd love your help at one, two, or all nine sessions. If you're interested, please contact Brandon & Sarah Bowser at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com or sign up to join our childcare team by clicking this [link](#). This link adds you to our email list, and we will send out a form each month for you to RSVP if you're able to make it or not:

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?

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 start a 22-week bible study on Sept. 4th, especially designed for women to grow in faith and love for the Lord.
- **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.

- **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.
- 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.
- The 2025 StMM Annual Stewardship Report is now available on our website.
- 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?
- 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 Sept 3. Everyone is welcome. Click [here](#) for more information.

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 Oct. 13 to discuss the new Catholic High School projected to open in Fall 2028
- St. Mary Magdalene's marriage enrichment fellowship group, Chrysalis, 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




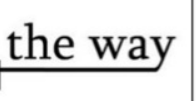

Ministries, Groups, & Events

- Interested in learning more about a 10-day pilgrimage to Ireland with Fr. Scott McCue, pastor of St. Michaels? There will be an information session on Thursday, Sept 11, at 7pm, at the St Michael Conference Center.
- The Care for God's Planet Team invites you to join in celebrating the Season of Creation, beginning September 1. Check back each week for practical tips on how we can care for God's creation together.
- Dr. Martin McCaffrey, MD, will speak at Our Lady of Lourdes Fallon Center on Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 pm on "The Proper Pro-life Approach to Challenging Prenatal Diagnoses."

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Faith Formation

				
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	<u>StMM</u> Gym	<u>StMM</u> Church	
<u>StMM</u> Church & School	<u>StMM</u> Gym	Youth Mass 6:00pm on Sundays when the Middle School and High School Faith Formation Programs Meet (Refer to the Faith Formation Calendar)		



ATTENTION!

Please register for faith
formation programs this week

Late fees apply after 8/31/25

FOR MORE INFORMATION
stmm.church

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](#)








Registration is open
Register Now
Late Fees apply after 8/30/25

www.stmm.church/religious-ed

Questions K-4: will@stmm.net
Grades 5-8: ritchie@stmm.net
Grades 9-12: furnier@stmm.net

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

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

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

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

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