

A Note from Father Francis

MY FAMILY; MY SCHOOL

Every time I look at my family background; her historical and present challenges of orphan hood, its brokenness, struggles with education limitations, financial constraints, the failures we face together-bearing with one another, etc. And on the other hand, inspired by divine intervention, our simple cooperation and love for one another, the simple faith and hope we uphold in common, challenge me to understand the role of a family and hence bend the knee to pray to the Lord for divine providence to all families. To me, my family and so is your family, despite whatever, should be a school of life whose education credentials must be at the heart of every man/woman to approach the presence of God and ask Him to help us to be at the service of the human family. No matter your vocation, the standard and the level of specialization and professionalism from other School institutions, the family remains an indispensable school naturally and Divinely instituted for life. Hence the parents' primary role and duty of any other true adult human person should be to foster a human family.

The family is a cornerstone of society and a home of human values of love and charity, unity and cooperation, encouragement and hard work, hope and inspiration. It is a natural institution where members of the family develop over time and strive to share human skills and knowledge that touch life experience to improve the wellbeing and relationships of their members. It is a noble duty for heads of families also to encourage members to work together in good times and to face challenges when they come by drawing strength from each other since "unity is strength". Our family bond will help to build resilience when losses strike and will expedite our yearning for a deeper understanding of the divine will for the human family.

Our families stand to help us understand and appreciate other families' strengths and struggles so as to care and show support for the deeper meaning of life.

We join the Pope to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that all emanate from a family as we pray also for his health to respond to God's will.

God is good.

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events

- Feb 22 - 10:30am Confessions
- Feb 22 - 5pm Mass
- Feb 23 - 9am & 11am Mass
- Feb 23 - 4pm Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
- Feb 23 - 6pm Youth Mass
- Feb 24 - 9am Mass
- Feb 24 - 6:30pm Family Rosary
- Feb 24 - 7:15pm Presentation by Rob Lane

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Your Love Defends Me

Responsorial Psalm: 103 The Lord is Kind and Merciful

Preparation: Gratitude

Communion 1: Taste And See (Moore)

Communion 2: O Come To The Altar

Communion 3: Goodness of God

Feb 25 - 9am Mass
 Feb 26 - 9am Mass
 Feb 27 - 9am Mass
 Feb 27 - 6:30pm Bible Study: Intro to the Torah
 Feb 27 - 7pm Youth Music Ministry
 Feb 28 - 9am Mass
 Mar 1 - 10:30am Confessions
 Mar 1 - 5pm Mass
 Mar 2 - 9am & 11am Mass
 Mar 2 - 4pm Apostello, EDGE, and the Way
 Mar 2 - 6pm Youth Mass

Lenten Penance Schedule

Mar 11- 11am St. Bernadette
 Mar 13- 11am St. Luke
 Mar 13- 7pm St. Mary Magdalene
 Mar 19- 7pm St. Francis
 Mar 20- 7pm St. Bernadette
 Mar 24- 7pm St. Eugene
 Mar 26- 11am St. Catherine of Sienna
 Mar 26- 7pm St. Michael
 Mar 27- 11am St. Mary Magdalene
 Mar 27- 6:30pm Our Lady of La Vang
 Apr 1 - 11am Our Lady of Lourdes
 Apr 1 - 7pm St. Catherine of Sienna
 Apr 2 - 7pm St. Raphael
 Apr 4 - 10am St. Michael
 Apr 8 - 7pm Holy Name of Jesus

Sending Forth: Your Grace Is Enough

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Altar Flowers



This week's altar flowers are **donated by Regina & Mike Gray in memory of Sandra Sansone.**

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

Mass Intentions

Feb 22 - Dr. Louis Bedoya +
 Feb 23 - 9am- Deceased Members of the Hicks Family
 Feb 23 - 11am- Nancy Joseph +
 Feb 23 - 6pm- Parishioners of StMM
 Feb 24 - Ronald Pollick +
 Feb 25 - Lyn DuPont +
 Feb 26 - Richard Allen +
 Feb 27 - Nathaniel Capps +
 Feb 28 - Georgiana Melonis +
 Mar 1 - Mr. & Mrs. Gil +
 Mar 2 - 9am - Barb Leinbach +
 Mar 2 - 11am - Richard McCarraher +
 Mar 2 - 6pm - Parishioners of StMM

Bishop's Annual Appeal

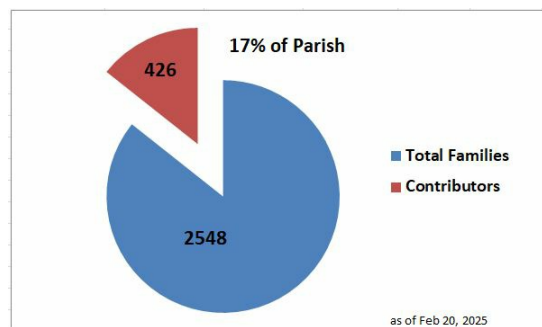
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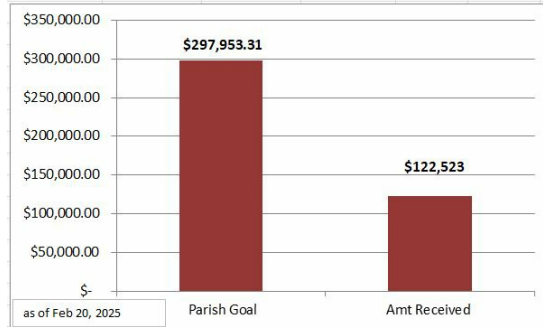
Opening Hearts, Transforming Lives

The theme for the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal, "Open Your Heart, Open a Door," invites us to reflect on how our generosity

can open doors to hope and transformation. This year's appeal supports critical diocesan ministries, including religious education, pastoral care, and outreach to those in need. Your gift will help ensure that the Church can



continue to serve and uplift all members of our community. As we open our hearts in faith, let us also open doors to new opportunities for those who rely on the Church's support. Thank you for your continued commitment to the mission of the Church! Please consider [making a gift today](#).



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Pictures of the Week



The Baptism of Emma Clune on Saturday, February 15th.



The Baptism of Enzo Augustus Roca on Saturday, February 15th.



The Baptism of Joshua David Barton on Sunday, February 16th.



The Convalidation of Denise and Aaron Deblois on Friday, February 14th.



The Convalidation of Victoria and Jose Proano on Feb14th.



The Mulholland Columbiettes 7186 welcomed new sisters into the auxiliary on Feb 15th. Congratulations to Deb White, Carolyn Koonce, Jennifer Murray, Danielle Cecil, Adriana Velasquez and Kim Bossman.



Father Francis enjoying his first snowfall.

~We have a new format for the E-News~
Ministries, Groups, and events can now be viewed by clicking on their link.

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- 40 Days for Life
- StMM Lenten Mission with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal
- Safe Environment Training for volunteers
- StMM 25th Anniversary Events
- Presentation by Seminarian Rob Lane on 2/24
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- Women's Retreat for those who have been sexually abused
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- Prayers & Squares Ministry
- Prayer Team
- OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
- OCIA Prayer Corner
- StMM Lost and Found



~~~SURVEY~~~

Please fill out the survey linked [HERE](#) and give us your thoughts on the E-News.
Thank you!

Faith Formation

[Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation Calendar](#)

Next Night of

Tuesday
March 4

6:15 pm
Church

First Eucharist
Parent Meeting

ALL PARENTS WHOSE CHILD WILL
BE MAKING THEIR FIRST
COMMUNION IN MAY,
PLEASE ATTEND ONE MEETING:

3/4/25 6:30 - 7:15 pm Church
3/5/25 11:00 - 11:45 am Chapel

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

JOIN US AT

**ROCK
RETREAT**

"Meant for Greatness"

Sunday March 16th

1:00 - 5:45pm
StMM activity building
Youth mass @ 6pm



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!

Please sign up [HERE](#) for the ROCK "Meant for Greatness" retreat being held on **Sunday, March 16th** 2025 at StMM from 1:00-5:45pm

[Click here to pay the deposit](#)



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](#)



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 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 the coordinator at confirmation@stmm.net

School News

Interested in joining **St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School** for the 25-26 school year? Tours are now open! Click [HERE](#) to visit us on campus to learn how we pray, learn, and care in our preschool, elementary, and middle school classrooms! Contact Lisa Portland, portland@stmm.net, with any questions!

The banner features the school's logo in the top left, which includes a cross and a four-leaf clover. To the right, the text 'TOURS OPEN' is displayed in large, outlined letters, with '25-26 School Year' below it. A central photograph shows four young boys in school uniforms (grey shirts and maroon shorts) standing outdoors with backpacks. To the left of the photo, a maroon box contains the text 'Serving PreK3 through Eighth Grade'. Below the photo, the slogan 'We pray. We learn. We care.' is written. A circular logo with a cross and clover is positioned at the bottom right of the banner.



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