

A Note from Father Francis

A CONTINUATION (FRIENDSHIP AND RELATIONSHIP)

In line with my previous E-news note, I wrote about the caption above. This time specifically, I would love to share with the young blood especially joining college/university, and some of you will share apartments and at best, rooms, which become a fertile ground for making friends. I'm also inspired by common knowledge that "No one can live as an Island" and at home, we also say, "One hand washes the other, and two hands wash the face." In a word, friendship -OBUNYWANI- is unavoidable. Allow me in my words, to compare a friend with a bridge that connects two different ends -in this case, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally- or like a compass, as the axiom points: "Show me your friend, and I show you your character."

Friends, in our world today, there is growing mistrust, and at the same time many opportunists, and hence a need to be on the lookout before we rush into friendship-OBUNYWANI. We need to remember that true friendship is anchored on mutual trust and confidence. Importantly, to keep in mind also is a fact that true friendship does not essentially seek to make one feel good, rather, in helping one to grow to full capacity and be good. Profusely, the mind of true friendship is kindness and understanding of one's deep-seated aspirations to one's destiny. This calls for shared common belief; yet, in life, you may concur with me that disagreements and personality conflicts are part of human growth and experience.

I therefore encourage you, before you open up to the other in friendship, you need to establish in him/her an ability to handle the differences with love and compassion, and yet not lacking in maturity in order to benefit from it.

I love you all.

God is good.

Fr. Francis

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

Saturday July 26

10:30am- Confessions

5pm- Mass (Dolores Gorman †)

Sunday July 27

9am- Mass (Manuel Cobos †)

10:15am- Breaking Open The Word

11am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

Monday July 28

9am- Mass (Carol Angelo †)

6:30pm- Family Rosary

8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Sunday Masses

Gathering: Table of Plenty

Responsorial Psalm: 138 Lord on The Day
I Called for Help

Preparation: 10,000 Reasons

Communion 1: Abba

Communion 2: Taste And See-Angrisano

Communion 3: Revelation Song

Sending Forth: O God Beyond All Praising

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Tuesday July 29

9am- Mass (Deceased members of Barry and Delehanty families †)

Wednesday July 30

9am- Mass (Kelsey Tuning)
10am- Forward in Hope
8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Thursday July 31

9am- Mass (Georgiana Melonis †)
9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO

Friday Aug 1

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

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 †)

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This week's Altar flowers are donated by:
the Dusterberg-Hopkins wedding.

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

Ministry, Group, and Event Highlights



Gardening Ministry – Volunteers Needed!

Love being outdoors? Enjoy gardening, pruning, or pulling weeds? We're looking for helping hands to care for the beautiful garden spaces around our campus. Whether you have an hour or two to spare each week or just once in a while, your time and effort would make a big difference! For more information, please email Jim at galkowski@stmm.me



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



Parish Athletics' DICK'S Sporting Goods Shop Weekend is Friday, July 25 through Monday, July 28.
20% OFF throughout the store! The coupon valid at ALL Raleigh area DICK'S Store Locations. Be sure to grab everything you need for the upcoming season, as well as those other items you've had your eye on this summer! For more information and details about the coupon, please go [HERE](#).

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

Church News

Parish Office- Summer Hours

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Mon - Fri
or by appointment.

- 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?
- Calling all Prayer Warriors- StMM's Prayer Team needs an organizer. Will you help us out?
- Breaking Open The Word is a new weekly Gospel discussion group that is held after the 9am Sunday Mass.

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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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 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.
- Dr Paul A. Byrne, a neonatologist and pediatrician, will speak at Our Lady of Lourdes on July 30 on Creation, Conception, and the Continuum of Life.
- 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.
- Parish Athletics is offering a 20% off coupon for Dick's Sporting Goods from 7/25 through 7/28.
- 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.



On Wednesday, July 23rd, Fr. Francis celebrated Mass at Fort Bragg in honor of CPT Samantha Rosende as she assumed command of the Law Enforcement Company for the 18th Airborne Corps.



Theodore Thomas Keenan was baptized on Saturday, July 12th.






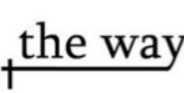

The Gabriel Project held a beautiful baby shower at StMM on July 19th for expectant mom Mirizabel, who was very grateful for the gifts and support. She is shown here with her mother.

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Faith Formation

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

				
Grades K – 4 & Parents Parent Enrichment Tuesdays 6:15 – 7:30 pm <u>StMM Church & School</u>	Grades 5 & 6 Parent Enrichment Tuesdays 6:15 – 7:30 pm <u>StMM Gym</u>	Middle School – Grades 7 & 8 Sunday Evenings 7:15 – 8:30 pm <u>StMM Gym</u>	High School – Grades 9 & 10 Pre-Confirmation Sunday Evenings 7:15 – 8:30 pm <u>StMM Church</u>	High School – Grades 11 & 12 Post Confirmation Sunday Evenings Time & location determined by small group
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



[Please click HERE for more information](#)

GATHER
the way
EDGE
ROCK
APOSTELLO

**Registration is open
Register Now**

Late Fees apply after 8/30/25

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

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

ST. MARY MAGDALENE
YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Beach Retreat



AUGUST 15-17, 2025
FORT CASWELL
OAK ISLAND, NC
REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1ST
\$250

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

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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