

A Note from Father Mike

This weekend we celebrate one of the great saints, a woman who, after the Blessed Virgin, is mentioned most in the Gospels. We remember and celebrate St. Mary Magdalene in a special way. She is our patron of our parish, a witness to the transforming power of Divine Mercy, and a model of the indispensable service and dignity of women in the Church. Mary Magdalene had been forgiven by the Lord, and was given the grace to experience who she really was and how much she was loved. She knew she had been saved and healed by God.

That is an experience all of us should begin with, if we are going to imitate the lives of the saints. After she received God's mercy, she was one of several women who faithfully accompanied Jesus and the apostles during their journeys and provided for them out of their resources. Mary Magdalene was faithful to her savior to the end, standing at the foot of the Cross together with the Blessed Mother and other women. We see in the Gospel this weekend that early on Easter morning, the first moment she could, she came to the tomb in order to anoint Jesus' lifeless body. She was seeking him. She was lost without his guidance. She loved her savior so much that she wanted to be with him, even if it would just be near his lifeless body.

Burning with the fire of love, Mary Magdalene longed for him whom she thought had been taken away. And so it happened that the woman who stayed behind to seek Christ was the only one to see him. For perseverance is essential to any good deed, as the voice of truth tells us, *"Whoever perseveres to the end will be saved."*

We can see in Mary Magdalene's life that God did some amazing things in her and through her life. This happened because she loved with all her heart. As St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians, *"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him."* When we hear this passage, we may think it is just a description of what we will experience in heaven. Yet, I believe it can also describe what God can do in our lives and through our lives when we love him with all our heart.

In His Love,

Fr. Mike Coveyou

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**St Mary Magdalene
Feast Day Celebration**

Tuesday, July 22nd * 7-8pm in the Church

EVERYONE IS INVITED

THERE WILL BE:
MUSIC * PIANO PERFORMANCES * DANCING * CHOIR SINGING * AND MORE!
LOTS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A RECEPTION
WILL FOLLOW
HOSTED BY
THE
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS

[Upcoming Events &](#)

[Mass This Weekend](#)

Mass Intentions

Saturday July 19

10:30am- Confessions

5pm- Mass (Joseph & Agnes Bakers †)

Sunday July 20

9am- Mass (Randy and Connie Awrey)

10:15am- Breaking Open The Word

11am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

Monday July 21

9am- Mass (Linda Washburn)

6:30pm- Family Rosary

8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Tuesday July 22

9am- Mass (Paul O'Donnell †)

7pm- ☐ StMM Feast Day Celebration ☐

Wednesday July 23

9am- Communion Service (No Daily Mass today)

10am- Forward in Hope

8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Thursday July 24

9am- Mass (Margaret Sansone)

9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO

6:30pm- Hearts on Fire Prayer Meeting

Friday July 25

9am- Mass (Nyle Hothem †)

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)

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

Music for Sunday Masses

Gathering: Gather Your People

Responsorial Psalm: 63 My Soul is Thirsting

Preparation: Canvas and Clay

Communion 1: Shepherd Me O God

Communion 2: The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

Communion 3: Trust in God

Sending Forth: Who You Say I Am

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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

Ministry, Group, and Event Highlights



The Gabriel Project is having a baby shower for an expectant mother tomorrow, Saturday, July 19th. Everyone is invited and refreshments will be served. Gifts are welcome, but optional.



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.



Adult pick-up basketball is offered every Monday and Wednesday night at StMM. Please go to ParishAthleticsNC.org for more information and to register.

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

Please click on the link for more information.

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.
- Young Men's Retreat for High School Students 7/21 to 7/24
- Join Father Mike on a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, & Spain from 4/28/26 through 5/8/26.
- Sound and Video System Help is Urgently Needed at StMM.
- 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 for the 25-26 school year.

Ministries, Groups, & Events

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- 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.
- Lily of the Valley Catholic Ministry is hosting a women's retreat at Our Lady of Lourdes on 9/5-9/6 for women who have experienced pregnancy loss or infertility.
- Calling all Prayer Warriors- Leadership Opportunity with StMM Prayer Team.
- 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.

- **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.
- **Gabriel Project Ministry** is holding a baby shower at StMM to collect needed donations on Sat, July 19. Refreshments provided.
- **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.
- **The Triangle Women's Monthly Morning Retreat**, "Choosing Wisely," will be held at St Andrew's on Saturday, 7/19 at 9:30am.

A special thank you from Kelly Rappl, Director of CPO Food Pantry:

"On behalf of the people we serve at Catholic Parish Outreach, we want to thank your parish for the generous donations during the StMM Baby Items Drive. The response from your parish was wonderful, with a donation of **819 pounds of baby items and \$2,303.00** for families in need!

In 2024, we gave a week's worth of groceries to over **101,000 people!** Our outreach ministry to those in need would not be possible without the assistance of the members of our community and parishes. We are blessed by your devotion to helping the food insecure in our midst."

Pictures of the Week






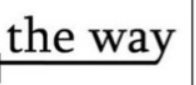

The Gabriel Project held a baby shower at StMM for Katrina, an expectant mother, on Monday, July 14th. She was very grateful for everyone's generous gifts for her new baby. If you would like to contribute, Katrina is still in need of a few more items. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

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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



[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
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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