

A Note from Father Mike

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." This reminds me of harvest time on the farm in Michigan. Most of the time it was just my dad and I trying to harvest hundreds of acres of grain before the rain came. We also could have used some extra help.

So, is that statement of our Lord still true in our current day? I believe the harvest is still abundant. God is still doing amazing things in our world. He is still touching hearts. He is still calling us to join him in doing amazing things in our world. I believe it is also still true that the laborers are few. Perhaps it will always be that way. Perhaps there will never be more than enough laborers, until our Lord returns and every knee bends and every tongue proclaims that he is Lord. There is something else that is also true. We are *"the laborers"* being sent out to prepare the harvest. We are the ones being invited each day by God to make a difference in our small corner of the world. The mission to be the hands, feet, and the voice of Jesus.

I bet some of the 72 being sent out were slightly nervous. Our Lord tells us that we don't have to be an *"expert"* to be a laborer. We are not to do this alone, but with a friend. Let us also never forget that our Lord is always with us as we labor. Do not try to do the work of Jesus, just prepare the way for him. For God is the one that converts hearts, not us. Before we start any labor in God's service, always start with prayer. Let us always stay focused on the mission and do not worry about failing. Never forget that there were times even in Jesus' ministry when some people stopped listening, turned away, and even rejected him. Why should we expect anything different? In times of struggle, remember our Lord is with us as we labor. In times of success, we are to rejoice not in our success, but in Jesus. Rejoice always in Jesus...😊

In His Love,

Fr. Mike Coveyou

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Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

Friday July 4 **Happy 4th of July**

Parish Office Closed

***No First Friday Adoration today**

Saturday July 5

10:30am- Confessions

5pm- Mass (Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Rodriguez

†)

Sunday July 6

9am- Mass (Joseph Lerro †)

11am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

Monday July 7

9am- Mass (Charles Roba †)

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Sunday Masses

Gathering: Your Love Defends Me

Responsorial Psalm: 67 Let All The Earth Cry Out

Preparation: The Summons

Communion 1: Here I Am Lord

Communion 2: Morning by Morning

Communion 3: Revelation Song

After Communion: America the Beautiful

Sending Forth: Take The Word Of God With You

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6:30pm- Family Rosary

Tuesday July 8

9am- Mass (Carol Gaffron †)

Wednesday July 9

9am- Mass (Samantha Mele †)

Thursday July 10

8:30am- JobWorks Career Ministry

9am- Mass (Eleanor Walter †)

9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO

6:30pm- Hearts on Fire Prayer Meeting

Friday July 11

9am- Mass (Rob Riccardi †)

Saturday July 12

10:30am- Confessions

5pm- Mass (Erwin Kejwal †)

Sunday July 13

9am- Mass (Carol Angelo †)

10:15am- Breaking Open The Word

11am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)



This week's altar flowers are **donated** by:
Barbara Donahue
In Memory of
Donald and
Barbara Majerscak

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

**Save
the
Date**

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

Celebrate the feast of St. Mary Magdalene

Join us on July 22 from 7–8 PM in the church for an unforgettable evening filled with music, dancing, piano performances, and choir singing by parishioners of all ages. There will be several opportunities for audience participation throughout the program. Don't miss this joyful night of praise and community. A reception will follow, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Ministry, Group, and Event Highlights



JobWorks Career Ministry will meet on Thursday, July 10th from 8:30 to 10:30am to discuss:

Job Seeker's Edge: SWOT & The Secret Tool You've Not Heard Of

JobWorks Career Ministry presents: ***Job Seeker's Edge: SWOT & the Secret Tool You've Not Heard Of*** on Thursday, July 10th from 8:30-10:30am in Church room 4. Join us for an engaging session designed to help job seekers



**Soccer & Baseball
Fall sports registration is now open!**

Parish Athletics Fall Soccer and Baseball registration is NOW OPEN!
Soccer is coed, Pre-K (3-year-olds) thru 8 th grade.
Baseball is coed, Pre-K (4-year-olds) thru 4th grade.

Gabriel Project



Gabriel Project invites everyone to join their team of trained volunteers who provide compassionate, practical support to pregnant mothers, ensuring that every mother knows she is not alone.

StMM's **Gabriel Project** supports pregnant mothers in need, and your ongoing generosity has made this ministry a success. In an exciting new development, our Gabriel Project has joined with other parishes in the Walking

uncover strategic tools for career growth and success. Questions? email vpauldean@gmail.com

For more information and how to register, please go [HERE](#).

with Moms in Need ministry. A regional orientation meeting will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday, July 13 at 1:00 PM. Please click [HERE](#) to register or learn more.

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday,
July 4th.

- Baptism Information
- Safe Environment Training for Volunteers
- OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation)
For those looking to become fully initiated into the Catholic Faith. New cohort starting on 7/7.
- First Friday Eucharistic Adoration information may be found here. Please note, there will be no Adoration on July 4th.
- 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 starting on 7/13 after the 9am Mass.

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 Podcast Series will be held during the summer at StMM & a Book Study in Sept.
- 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.
- The Gabriel Project at StMM has joined with other parishes to assist mothers in need, so no mother is ever alone. An orientation session is at Our Lady of Lourdes on 7/13.
- JobWorks Career Ministry is

School News

- StMM School Tours for Prospective Students
- StMM School is hiring for the 25-26

school year.

presenting SWOT& The Secret Tool
You've Not Heard OF on Thurs, 7/10.

Ministries, Groups, & Events

- 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- Leadership Opportunity with StMM Prayer Team.

Pictures of the Week



Our Appalachia Service Project volunteers have returned from a rewarding week of service in Perry County, KY. This year, 55 dedicated StMM volunteers worked hard to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need. Thank you to everyone who supported this ministry through donations and prayers.



A huge thank you to all the Appalachia Service Project volunteers who dedicated their time last week improving homes for those in need.



Fr. Francis enjoyed celebrating his birthday over lunch with the Catholic Senior Organization last week.

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Faith Formation

[Click HERE for the 2025-2026 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 ROCK APOSTELLO

the way EDGE

Registration opens July 1st

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:

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

For **THE ROCK (5th & 6th grade)**- contact Sarah St. Aubin at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307

For **EDGE (7th & 8th grade)**- contact Sarah St. Aubin at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307

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

For **Confirmation**- contact the coordinator at confirmation@stmm.net

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