

A Note from Father Francis

YOU ARE A FRIEND

I can't believe that it is already one year since I arrived here. I am full of gratitude, thank you to you all for redefining me, for being friendly, and for the love. I am greatly indebted to you for your patience, love, and encouragement that has made me feel at Stmm a community as my other home, and a great one. I thought I would stop at loving you, but you have made me a brother, a son, and above all, a friend.

To all in whose homes/houses I've entered, all who have shared with me their joys and struggles, I say thank you and peace to you all. Thank you for keeping a smile on my face and my faith warm and growing.

Like Jesus, after sharing all the secrets of the Kingdom of His Father, He turned His disciples into friends (John 15: 13 ff.). Now you know me, you know my family background, and how I was brought up — YOU KNOW ME, I can but not be afraid to call you friends because I have told you all about myself. According to Prv.17:17a, "a friend loves at all times....." I therefore ask not only for more love, but friendship through Christ, in whom we labor. Let our mutual friendship be deeply rooted in the divine word and purpose, in order to realize continued Spiritual growth and full meaning in life.

I pray to you, Father, for all these brothers and sisters of mine, not only to love but to seek friendship with You, just like Abraham and Moses whom You called friends in Gen 18:16 ff, Exds 33:11, Is 41:8. Help us to keep the sacramental covenants we made with You, and ask You to renew all the promises we have made by Your grace. Amen.

I love you all.

God is good.

Fr. Francis

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

Saturday June 28

10:30am- Confessions

5pm- Mass (Don & Rebecca Gray †)

***Second Collection for Peter's Pence**

Sunday June 29

***Second Collection for Peter's Pence
at both Masses**

9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

11am- Mass (Cherian KV †)

Monday June 30

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Sunday Masses

Gathering: Take Up Your Cross

Responsorial Psalm: 34: Taste and See The Goodness of The Lord

Preparation: Surrounded (Fight My Battles)

Communion 1: Be Not Afraid

Communion 2: Oceans

Communion 3: Psalm 27- The Lord Is My Light

Sending Forth: Take The Word Of God With You

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9am- Mass (Gina Gellings)
6:30pm- Family Rosary

Tuesday July 1

9am- Mass (John Santori †)

Wednesday July 2

9am- Mass (King Jolly)

Thursday July 3

9am- Mass (Emmanuel Twesigomu)

9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO

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

Parish Office Closed

***No First Friday Adoration today**

9am- Mass (Jane Lynn)

Saturday July 5

10:30am- Confessions

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

†)

Sunday July 6

9am- Mass (Joseph Lerro †)

11am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

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This week's altar
flowers are **donated**
by:
The Wilson Family
in memory of
Robert & Michael
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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

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

BREAKING OPEN



THE WORD

Beginning
on Sunday,
July 13, join
us each
week
immediately
after the
9am Mass in
Room 4 for a
lively 30-
minute
discussion
on the day's
Gospel
reading.


QUO VADIS?

where are you going?

A young men's retreat for highschool students
that want to grow closer to God.

JULY 21-24, 2025
CAMP DIXIE
FAYETTEVILLE, NC

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SUMMER MIGRANT DINNERS

St. Mary Magdalene's Helping Hands Ministry is
once again joining forces with St. Bernadette's
Migrant Ministry to support the guest farmworkers
in our community. These hardworking individuals
contribute greatly to our region, and we aim to
ease their burden by offering kindness and care.
This year, our parish will offer two summer
dinners, providing a warm meal and fellowship to
60-70 workers.

Breaking Open the Word is a
new weekly Gospel discussion
group beginning July 13. Join us
in Room 4 after the 9 AM Mass
for a lively 30-minute reflection
on the Sunday Gospel. All are

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going?** is a young men's retreat
for high school students that
want to grow closer to God. It will
be held July 21st -24th at Camp
Dixie in Fayetteville. Please click

STMM is partnering with St
Bernadette to provide meals and
clothing for migrant workers in
our area. The next meal is on
Sunday, June 29th, and food
items and volunteers are still

welcome and no sign up or reservation is required..

[HERE](#) for more information and to register.

needed. Please click [HERE](#) for information and how to help with the dinner. Please click [HERE](#) for information on how to donate clothing and supplies.

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
- Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick- Next series starting in Oct.
- Divorced Catholics Seeking an Annulment
- Young Men's Retreat for High School Students 7/21 to 7/24
- Priesthood Discernment Pilgrimage 6/27 to 6/29
- 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.

School News

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

Ministries, Groups, & Events

- Habitat for Humanity- Join other StMM parishioners on Sat, 8/9, to help build homes for those in need.
- Prayer Team -Sign up to request prayers or to join prayer team.
- 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.
- Encounter Ministry is presenting School of Identity at St. Michael's on 6/27-6/28
- Migrant Ministry will collect clothing and OTC meds after Masses on 6/28 & 6/29- Donations appreciated too.
- 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

Ministries, Groups, & Events

- **Hearts on Fire- a Charismatic Prayer Group with Deacon Dev** will begin on 6/26.
- **Calling all Prayer Warriors- Leadership Opportunity with StMM Prayer Team.**
- **Everyone had a great time at the Power and Purpose Conference.** [Click here for the conference video and how to register for next year.](#)
- **St Bernadette will host a dinner for Migrant Workers on 6/29, and food and volunteers are needed. Can you help?**
- **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 presenting SWOT& The Secret Tool You've Not Heard OF on Thurs, 7/10.**

Pictures of the Week



Atlas Lepe-Fernandez was baptized on Sunday, June 15th.



Jess and Matt Blair were married on June 21st by Father Chris.



Last weekend, 23 StMM parishioners joined 850 people at the Power and Purpose Conference at Franciscan University.



This season marked the first two playoff wins in StMM softball history, achieved by our StMM-White and STMM-Maroon teams.

Pictured from StMM-White, from left to right: Josh Monk, Brian Meyers, Matt Moynihan, Earl Laing, Tommy Finley, Joe Butler, Mercer Thorp, Brandon Bowser, Dan McPhee, Mike Nguyen.



The Knights of Columbus Council 7186 installed their Officers on June 10th for the 2025-26 Fraternal year. Left to Right: Fr Francis, Matt Maiers (Treasurer), Scott Nadeau (Grand Knight), Joe Doran (Deputy Grand Knight), John Egentowich (Financial Secretary), Chris Hanes (Advocate), Manny Garcia (Past Grand Knight).



The Columbiettes gathered to pray the rosary in the Chapel on June 23rd.

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Faith Formation



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[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 Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307

For **EDGE (7th & 8th grade)**- contact Sarah Ritchie 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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