

## A Note from Father Francis

### NEW POPE- WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

In the last E-news note, I invited you to pray for the new pontiff; now, we thank God for His gift of Pope Leo XIV.

Today I'm interested in how to have this papacy present here/there in our family and community. First and foremost, the Pope alone, without you, cannot bring about the Church Christ wants. The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (LUMEN GENTIUM) articulates that the Pope, together with the bishops in communion, hold the teaching authority of the Church (the magisterium), and they have authority to teach, interpret, and safeguard the Church's teachings. However, needless to say, by virtue of our baptism and confirmation, "you (the church) are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him....." (1 Pt. 2:9). This means the magisterium (papacy) is incomplete without the laity who are called in their vocations and professions to respond to and live in faith and actions the teachings of Christ.

More so, because you form the biggest percentage of the Church, after accepting guidance from Church teachings and applying it in the secular world, you are expected to enlighten the magisterium by making your views on matters concerning the good of the Church.

We are urged to observe the command structure of the Church and also not to be mean in our action and responsibility in strengthening the teaching office of the church that the Pope presides over. It is also important to note, the Pope will not have much to offer without bishops, and together with the bishops have no meaningful magisterium without you, the laity, from whom they are chosen and who they represent and serve, as well as who further the teaching in the secular world by direct involvement.

Pray, lastly, that as a Church, the body of Christ, sharing in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and in the authority of Christ the Head, we will keep the unity of the Church by strengthening the magisterium and witness to Christ.

God bless you.

I love you.

Fr. Francis

**Giving Portal**

### Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

#### Saturday May 17

10:30am- Confessions  
5pm- Mass (Tatyana Taura +)  
5pm to 7:30pm- Knights of Columbus  
BBQ Dinner Fundraiser at StMM

#### Sunday May 18

9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)  
11am- Mass (Kyle Luther)

### Mass This Weekend

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

#### Music for Sunday Masses

**Gathering:** Alleluia Entrance Antiphon  
**Responsorial Psalm:** 145: I Will Praise Your Name Forever  
**Preparation:** Hold On To Love  
**Communion 1:** Holy Spirit  
**Communion 2:** Make Your Home in Me  
**Communion 3:** Build My Life  
**Sending Forth:** Rest on Us

**Monday May 19**

9am- Mass (Julia Rappleyea +)  
 10:30am- CSO Meeting  
 6:30pm- Family Rosary

**Tuesday May 20**

9am- Mass (Lauren Crews +)  
 7pm- Forward in Hope

**Wednesday May 21**

9am- Mass (Samantha Mele +)  
 7pm- Frassati Young Adult Meeting

**Thursday May 22**

9am- Mass (Margaret Sansone +)  
 9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO  
 6:30pm- Bible Study

**Friday May 23**

9am- Mass (Bharathi +)

**Saturday May 24**

10:30am- Confessions  
 5pm- Mass (Helen L. Moore +)

**Sunday May 25**

9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)  
 11am- Mass (Deacon Tony 100th Birthday Mass)

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This week's altar flowers are **donated** by:  
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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](mailto:floralministry@stmm.net)

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

Please click on the link for more information.

### Church News

- [StMM Tax Statements for 2024](#)
- [Baptism Information](#)
- [Safe Environment Training for Volunteers](#)
- [OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation for Adults](#)
- [Study of the Torah with Deacon Dev](#)
- [First Friday Eucharistic Adoration](#)
- [Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick begins on Wed, May 14th](#)
- [Divorced Catholics Seeking an Annulment](#)
- [Young Men's Retreat for High School Students 6/21 to 6/24](#)
- [Priesthood Discernment Pilgrimage 6/27 to 6/29](#)
- [StMM 25th Anniversary Events](#)
- [Join Father Mike on a Pilgrimage to](#)

### Ministries, Groups, & Events Continued

- [CSO Catholic Senior Organization for women and men 60+](#)
- [Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry](#)
- [Parish Athletics Spring Soccer and Baseball](#)
- [Knights of Columbus BBQ Dinner Fundraiser for Individuals with Disabilities on Sat, 5/17](#)
- [Prayer Team -Sign up to request prayers or to join prayer team](#)
- [Women's Retreat for those who have been sexually abused](#)
- [Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry- sign up to pray for our priests](#)
- [Power & Purpose Conference in Steubenville, OH on 6/20-6/22](#)
- [Frassati Young Adult Group Upcoming Events](#)
- [Project Rachel Support Group - for](#)

Fatima, Lourdes, & Spain from  
4/28/26 through 5/8/26

- Sound and Video System Help is Urgently Needed at StMM
- Commemorative Bricks are now installed outside the Activities Building- New Brick order in 2026

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## School News

- StMM School Tours for Prospective Students
- Therapeutic Summer Camp for 3rd-5th Grades in June- Register by 5/30
- StMM School Summer Camps -6/9 through 6/27- Open to Parishioners- \*Registration deadline extended to 5/9

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## Ministries, Groups, & Events

- Life in the Spirit Seminar on 5/31
- Columbiettes' Cookbook will be available for purchase at all weekend masses 5/31-6/1 & 6/7-6/8
- Catholic Women 18 yrs and older- We invite you to join the Mulholland Columbiettes!
- Camp Joshua, a Pro-Life camp for high schoolers, will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes on 6/13-6/14
- Habitat for Humanity- Join other StMM parishioners on Sat, 8/9, to help build homes for those in need.

hope and healing after abortion

- Project Rachel Retreat 6/6 to 6/8
- Therapeutic Summer Camp for 3rd-5th Grades in June- Register by 5/30
- Courage - A support group for those facing same-sex attraction
- EnCourage- A support group for relatives of people who experience same-sex attraction
- Forward in Hope- Grief Support Group to begin in May
- Walking with Purpose Podcast Series will be held during the summer at StMM & a Book Study in Sept
- The Diocese of Raleigh's Care for Creation Resources
- NC Catholics Caring for our Common Home will have a prayer service at NC Museum of Natural Sciences on 6/1
- Join Father Mike on a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, & Spain from 4/28/26 through 5/8/26
- NC Right to Life Rally & March on Sat, 5/17 in Raleigh
- JobWorks Career Ministry- Tell Me About a Time: Storytelling in Interviews on Thurs, 6/12
- Encounter Ministry is presenting School of Identity at St. Michael's on 6/27-6/28

## Pictures of the Week



Students in the Edge wrapped up for the year on May 4th.



Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 10th.



StMM's Catholic Senior Organization (CSO) enjoyed their 1st Annual Cathedral Cookout on Thursday, May 15th.



Daisy Christine Gianni was baptized on Saturday, May 10th.



Last Sunday, May 11th, during the 11:00am Mass, two parishioners were presented with Scouting awards from Frank Jackson, Chair of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. Michelle Rose received the *Jan Malcowicz Distinguished Award of Merit*, and Ed Walsh received the *National St. George Medal*. Congratulations! We are grateful to their dedication to faith and Scouting

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## Faith Formation

### Questions about Faith Formation:

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

For **THE ROCK (5th & 6th grade)**- contact Sarah Ritchie at [ritchie@stmm.net](mailto:ritchie@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7307

For **EDGE (7th & 8th grade)**- contact Sarah Ritchie at [ritchie@stmm.net](mailto:ritchie@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7307

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

For **Confirmation**- contact the coordinator at [confirmation@stmm.net](mailto:confirmation@stmm.net)

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