

A Note from Father Mike

Hello from Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH... ☺ You may have noticed that I am not at St. Mary Magdalene at the moment. I am taking a two-week course up here for spiritual directors. I am starting the first part of a three-year certification program. A spiritual director is someone who helps the faithful to grow deeper in their relationship with God by seeking Him with their whole being through prayer and discerning how He is calling them and working within them to grow in holiness.

Franciscan University's campus is a beautiful place. It has lots of hills, so walking around campus feels like I am on a nonstop Stairmaster at a gym. I think it is one of a few Catholic universities that has not traded its Catholic Identity to fit in better with the secular society. There are crucifixes in the classrooms and all around the campus. Mother Mary and the rosary are also seen all around the campus. The Holy Spirit is actively at work in this university.

In the first reading this weekend, we also hear of the Holy Spirit at work in the early Church. The first major controversy in the early Church was about "*what one must do to be saved.*" For the first couple dozen years of the early Church, all Jesus' followers were Jewish. During that time, any Gentiles who wanted to become Jesus' disciples were expected first to become Jews. This issue could not be settled on a local level, although Paul and Barnabas tried that at first. Thus, they had to go to Jerusalem to consult the apostles. The apostles convened the first Church Council at Jerusalem and, with the clear leading of the Holy Spirit, decided that the gentiles did not need to become Jews first to be saved as Christians.

Let us always remember that God never abandons us or leaves us alone. He loves us immensely and gives us the Holy Spirit, who will teach and guide us in everything we need to know. Our Lord also gives us His peace to strengthen us against any fears or troubles we may encounter in life. Keep the faith, and I will see you all again soon.

In His Love,

Fr. Mike Coveyou

Giving Portal

Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

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)

Monday May 26 Memorial Day

Parish Office Closed

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Sunday Masses

Gathering: Alleluia Entrance Antiphon

Responsorial Psalm: 67: Let All The Earth Cry Out to God

Preparation: God Whose Purpose is to Kindle

Communion 1: Ubi Caritas (Hurd)

Communion 2: Hold On To Love

Communion 3: Amen/Because He Lives

Sending Forth: Praise

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9am- Mass (Patricia Donovan +)
6:30pm- Family Rosary

Tuesday May 27

9am- Mass (Samantha Mele +)
7pm- Forward in Hope

Wednesday May 28

9am- Mass (Wilfredo "Willie" Fernandez +)
6:30pm Adult Confirmation Prep & Faith Refresher

Thursday May 29

9am- Mass (Norma Brown +)
9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO

Friday May 30

9am- Mass (Margaret Sansone for Healing)

Saturday May 31

9:30am- Life in the Spirit Seminar
10:30am- Confessions
5pm- Mass (Margaret and William Chase +)

Sunday June 1

9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)
11am- Mass (Helen Moore +)

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This week's altar flowers are **donated by:**
Mike & Regina Gray
in Memory of Don & Rebecca Gray
and
Vanita & Russell

Reeve in Thanksgiving for our 35th Wedding Anniversary

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

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

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Church News

- **StMM Tax Statements for 2024**
- **Baptism Information**
- **Safe Environment Training for Volunteers**
- **OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**
- **First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**
- **Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick**
- **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 Event* Service Saturday on June 7th**
- **Join Father Mike on a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, & Spain from**

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.**
- **Prayer Team -Sign up to request prayers or to join prayer team**
- **Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry- sign up to pray for our priests**
- **Power & Purpose Conference in Steubenville, OH on 6/20-6/22**
- **Project Rachel Support Group - for hope and healing after abortion**

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

School News

- StMM School Tours for Prospective Students
- Therapeutic Summer Camp for 3rd-5th Grades in June- Register by 5/30

Ministries, Groups, & Events

- Domestic Violence Information Zoom Session, hosted by Gabriel Project, on Sunday, 6/1, at 7pm
- Thank you for making The Run For Life a tremendous success
- Project Rachel Retreat 6/6 to 6/8
- 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
- NC Catholics Caring for our Common Home will have a prayer service at NC Museum of Natural Sciences on Sunday, 6/1
- 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
- Mother Teresa Catholic Church Annual Yard Sale on Sat, 6/1

Pictures of the Week



Keegan Michael Flicek was baptized on Saturday, May 17th.



On Sunday, May 18th, Apostello's graduating seniors gathered for dinner to celebrate their achievements, share fond memories, and look ahead to the future.



The Catholic Senior Organization (CSO) enjoyed a fun-filled end-of-the-year party on Monday, May 19th.

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Faith Formation

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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