

A NOTE FROM DEACON DEV

Our gospel reading this weekend reminds us that God loves a thankful heart. Jesus heals ten lepers but only one of them, a non-Jew, returns to thank him. Jesus asks him, "Where are the nine?" His question has a note of sorrow and surprise. It grieved Jesus that the nine did not return to give him thanks. There is a sad answer to this rhetorical question: they got what they wanted and were gone. Unfortunately, it's the common response to divine mercy. People seek the Lord when they have a need, and they often forsake him when that need is met. Jesus rewards this non-Jew with a healing that went beyond just the physical. He tells him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

The Psalmist says that being thankful opens the door to God's blessings. However, we have to train our hearts to be thankful. We are all familiar with the hymn that says, "Count your blessings, name them one by one." When we recall each and everything God has done for us, we focus on what we *do* have, rather than letting our lives be defined by what we *don't* have. And so, instead of complaining or coveting, we are joyful because we know that our lives and future are in the hands of a loving God who wants to take care of us. Giving thanks to God keeps our hearts in right relationship with him and saves us from a host of harmful emotions and attitudes that will rob us of the peace that God wants us to experience.

A grateful heart sees each day as a gift. Thankful people focus less on what they lack and more on the privileges they have. The grateful heart is like a magnet sweeping over the day, collecting reasons for gratitude. Gratitude gets us through the hard stuff. Gratitude always leaves us looking at God and away from dread.

Like many of you, I watched the video this weekend during Mass of the proposed Family Life Center. As someone who is involved in parish life, I am well aware of how grossly inadequate our meeting space is for a parish of this size that is still growing. I am very excited about the plans for a large parish hall and additional conference rooms! Thank you to all those who have already completed their pledges and to everyone else for your continued prayer and discernment.

God bless,

Deacon Dev

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Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

Saturday Oct 11

No Confessions

☐ 11am-2pm **StMM 25th Anniversary**

Parish Picnic (Rain Date: Sun. 10/12- Please check your email or the StMM website for last minute updates due to rain)

5pm- Mass (Joseph & Agnes Baker †)

Sunday Oct 12

Mass This Weekend

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

We [livestream](#) our Daily Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

*Please note that the schedule may occasionally change due to unforeseen circumstances, and we appreciate your understanding.

[Music for Sunday Masses](#)

9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)
10:15am- Breaking Open The Word
11am- Mass (John D'Angelo †)
12:15pm- Power & Purpose Open House
12:30pm- Gabriel Project Meeting
6:30pm- Sunday Night Men's Bible Study

Monday Oct 13

9am- Mass (Sarah Isabel)
6:30pm- Family Rosary
6:30pm- New Catholic High School Town Hall Meeting with Jeff Bell
8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Tuesday Oct 14

9am- Mass in the Chapel (Melanie Snyder †)
1pm- Daytime Bible Study

Wednesday Oct 15

9am- Mass (Arturo Hernandez †)
10am- Forward in Hope
6:30pm- Walking with Purpose
7pm- Frasati Young Adult Meeting
8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Thursday Oct 16

9am- Mass (The Sansone Family)
9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO
10am- Walking with Purpose
6:30pm- Revelation Bible Study

Friday Oct 17

9am- Mass (Souls in StMM Columbarium †)

Saturday Oct 18

10:30am- Confessions
5pm- Mass (Mary M. Baker †)

Sunday Oct 19

9am- Mass (Parishioners of StMM)
10:15am- Breaking Open The Word
11am- Mass (Collette Thomas †)
12pm- Gabriel Project Meeting
4:30pm- Apostello
6pm- Youth Mass (Lisa Marie Valenti †)
6:30pm- Sunday Night Men's Bible Study
7:15pm- EDGE and the Way

Gathering: Be Thou My Vision
Responsorial Psalm: 98: The Lord Has Revealed
Preparation: Great Are You Lord
Communion 1: Unless A Grain Of Wheat
Communion 2: Morning By Morning
Communion 3: Communion
Sending Forth: Your Grace Is Enough

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This week's altar flowers are donated by:

Mike and Regina Gray in memory of Thomas Bergschneider.

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

PARISH LIFE CENTER



Thank you to everyone who attended one of our Parish Life Center receptions! We had a wonderful turnout with 229 parishioners who came to learn more about the need for our Parish Life Center, how it will benefit our entire StMM community, and to have their questions answered.

Did you miss a reception? Visit [HERE](#) to learn all about our new Parish Life Center.

ST MARY MAGDALENE 25TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

Saturday, October 11
11:00am to 2:00pm



Inflatables for
the kids

Food

Lawn Games for
the adults



PLEASE
RSVP
BY SUNDAY, OCT. 5TH

Our 25th Anniversary Parish Picnic is on October 11. Kindly RSVP by Sunday, October 5th, to help us plan for the **FREE** food and refreshments generously being provided by the Knights of Columbus. **PICNIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-** If you can help please sign up HERE.
In the event of inclement weather, please check the StMM website and your email for updates

Ministry, Group, and Event Highlights

Parishioner Assistance Ministry (PAM)

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PAM is here to help members of our St. Mary Magdalene family during difficult times. With nearly 100 dedicated volunteers, PAM provides care and assistance when fellow parishioners are in need. Through this ministry, volunteers have offered meals, transportation to Mass and medical appointments, home support and companionship, and even yard work. Whether it's medical challenges, job loss, or celebrating the arrival of a new baby, PAM is here to

Catholic Parish Outreach
Food Pantry
A Program of Catholic Charities
Providing Help – Creating Hope – Serving All

CPO Fall “Feed a Family” Food Drive is Here!

Donation bags were handed out at last weekend's Masses and they can be returned to the CPO truck during the 25th Anniversary Picnic on **this Sat., Oct. 11 (11 AM–2 PM), or before and after all Masses this weekend, Oct. 11–12**. Note: there is no 6 PM Mass on Sunday, Oct. 12.

STMM is a giving parish—thank you for supporting the CPO Food Pantry, which serves families across our Raleigh region.

Forgot your donation? No

SAFETY FIRST

SAFETY AND SECURITY MINISTRY

StMM Safety and Security Ministry

We are seeking fellow parishioners interested in volunteering to provide safety and security measures to keep our parishioners, families, and guests safe during parish events. Volunteers will be trained on how to actively participate during Mass, parish events, and after-hour programs to monitor and ensure the safety of everyone attending. They will help maintain a safe and secure environment and, if necessary, provide an initial trained response to ensure the safety of parishioners and

walk alongside parishioners with compassion and support. Email stmmmpam@stmm.me to learn more, request assistance, or join the ministry.

cash on hand? Scan the new donation QR Code on the truck or click [HERE](#). A \$55 gift feeds a family of 4 for a week, but any amount helps!

attendees until emergency first responders arrive. For more information on the program, please click [HERE](#).

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

Please click on the link for more information.

Church News

- [Baptism Information](#)
- [Safe Environment Training for Volunteers](#)
- [OCIA \(Order of Christian Initiation\):](#) For those looking to become fully initiated into the Catholic Faith, a new cohort is forming to begin on Mon., Nov 3. 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 will begin on Wed., Oct. 22.
- [Divorced Catholics Seeking an Annulment-](#) more information can be found by clicking here.
- [Join Father Mike on a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, & Spain](#) from 4/28/26 through 5/8/26.
- [Our Sound and Video System](#) Ministry needs help with Masses, Funerals, and Weddings. The hours and commitment level are flexible. Can you help us out?
- [Breaking Open The Word](#) is a new weekly Gospel discussion group that is held after the 9am Sunday Mass.
- [The 2025 StMM Annual Stewardship Report](#) is now available on our website.

School News

- [Thinking about a Catholic education for your child?](#) StMM school tours are now being scheduled.

Ministries, Groups, & Events Continued

- [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](#) started a 22-week bible study on Sept. 4, especially designed for women to grow in faith and love for the Lord.
- [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.
- [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-](#) StMM's Prayer Team needs an organizer. Will you help us out?
- [The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend](#) on Oct 24-26 at Emerald Isle will help you to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married. Sign up today!
- [StMM Book Club](#) meets the first Wednesday of the month to discuss a selected reading. The next meeting is on Nov 5. Everyone is welcome. Click here for more information.
- [StMM Daytime Bible Study](#) will meet

- 2026-2027 School Year Applications are now being accepted
- Jeff Bell, Cardinal Gibbons Head of School, will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting at StMM on Oct. 13 to discuss the new Catholic High School projected to open in Fall 2028. Click here to register.

Ministries, Groups, & Events

- The Care For God's Planet Team is seeking volunteers to assist with composting at our Parish Picnic. Would you like to help?
- The Gabriel Project is having a baby shower at StMM on Sunday, Oct 5 at 1pm for an expectant mother welcoming a baby girl.
- Frassati Young Adult Group will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 7pm for Adoration followed by Week 2 of the Living Faith Series, a 5-week journey of growing as intentional disciples.
- The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge will be held on Sunday, Oct. 12 for boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Please click here to sign up.
- Are you interested in learning more about the Power and Purpose conference held in Steubenville, Ohio? If so, please come to an information meeting on Sunday, Oct. 12 at 12:15pm in room 4.
- The Columbiettes will be selling Advent wreaths, Advent candles, and chocolate Advent calendars the first two weekends in November. More details to come soon!
- Advent With Purpose- Walking with Purpose is hosing Laura Phelps, a nationally know Catholic Speaker, author, and content leader, on Thursday, Dec. 11 from 10am to 12:30pm, Save the date and join for an inspiring morning!
- StMM Community Golf Outing hosted by Parish Athletics- Save the Date- April 20, 2026. Click for more information on how to register.
- The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Blood Drive on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 8:30am to 1pm in the StMM School Parking Lot.
- The Cristo Rey Classic Golf
- on Tuesdays from 1-3pm from Sept 16 to Nov 18. Please click here to learn more and register.
- St. Mary Magdalene's marriage enrichment fellowship group, Chrysalis, provides space monthly for couples to grow in their love for God & their spouse. Childcare is provided.
- Chrysalis is seeking teen volunteers for their Sunday Childcare Team. Please click here if you are able to help out.
- Catholic Senior Organization (CSO) meets the 3rd Monday of the month. The next meeting is on Monday, Oct. 20, at 10:30am
- A Bible study on the Book of Revelations will begin on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 6:30pm with Deacon Dev. All are welcome to join at any time.
- Forward in Hope, a Christ-centered faith-sharing group for those seeking consolation after the loss of a loved one, will begin a new session on October 8.
- October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, and the Columbiettes are providing handmade rosaries in the Narthex after Mass for parishioners to pray with all month.
- Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) will be having a food drive at StMM from Oct. 6-12. Please click here for more information.
- The 2025 Catholic Charities H2O For Hunger Challenge raised over \$75,000! If you'd like to donate, please click here.
- Parish Athletics Winter Basketball registration is now open for grades Pre-K to 6th.
- The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Andrew the Apostle is seeking members to help with our mission to help those in need. They will have an information session on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Andrew Fellowship Hall.
- Would you like to be an Angel for expectant mothers? Gabriel Project needs Walking Angel volunteers to accompany women facing crisis pregnancies with prayer, practical assistance, and loving friendship.
- Register now for the 12th Annual

Tournament will be held on Monday, Oct. 20. All proceeds go to support Cristo Rey students.

Catholic Charities Gala of Hope being held on Saturday, Nov. 8th.

Pictures of the Week



Thank you to everyone who made the Gabriel Project Baby Shower a huge success! The mom-to-be was very thankful for the outpouring of love and support for her new baby.



Evelyn Florabelle Rahe was baptized on Saturday, September 27.




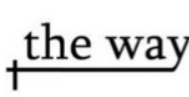



The Blessing of Animals was on Friday, October 3, at StMM. Click [HERE](#) for more photos from the event.

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Faith Formation

 <p>Grades K – 4 & Parents</p> <p>Parent Enrichment</p> <p>Tuesdays</p> <p>6:15 – 7:30 pm</p> <p>StMM Church & School</p>	 <p>Grades 5 & 6</p> <p>Parent Enrichment</p> <p>Tuesdays</p> <p>6:15 – 7:30 pm</p> <p>StMM Gym</p>	 <p>Middle School – Grades 7 & 8</p> <p>Sunday Evenings</p> <p>7:15 – 8:30 pm</p> <p>StMM Gym</p>	 <p>High School – Grades 9 & 10 Pre-Confirmation</p> <p>Sunday Evenings</p> <p>7:15 – 8:30 pm</p> <p>StMM Church</p>	 <p>High School – Grades 11 & 12 Post Confirmation</p> <p>Sunday Evenings</p> <p>Time & location determined by small group</p>
<p>Youth Mass 6:00pm on Sundays when the Middle School and High School Faith Formation Programs Meet (Refer to the Faith Formation Calendar)</p>				

Next Session in
two weeks




Tuesday
October 21

6:15 pm
Church

[Please click here for more information and to sign up](#)

Singers, Dancers, Actors, Designers
Please Join us in the Musical Performance

Christmas Joy Revealed

Friday, December 5, 2025
5:30 pm



Sign Up Here



[Please click HERE for more information](#)



EDGE RETREAT

Camp Carraway – Sophia, NC
11/8 - 11/9

The EDGE Retreat will be held November 18-19 at Camp Carraway in Sophia, NC. Please click [HERE](#) for more information and how to register.

Sewers Needed

Can you sew? Our Costume Sewing Team needs you.

Sign Up Here




[Please click HERE to sign up](#)

GATHER FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

THE ROCK

APOSTELLO

the way

EDGE

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 for Religious Education

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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