

A Note from Deacon Dev

We all know that a time will come when we are unable to work, and so we diligently plan and invest in our retirement. However, our gospel reading this weekend reminds us that we don't just need to secure our earthly future; more importantly, we need to secure our heavenly future. We do this when we use the blessings God has given us on earth for the extension of his kingdom and to be a blessing to others. In this way, we accumulate treasure in heaven.

We are reminded that it doesn't matter how much we have; what matters is how we use what we have. Our possessions are simply meant to be tools that can be used to bring glory to God. Everything we have belongs to him anyway. We are just his stewards. And when we use whatever has been entrusted to us in a manner that is pleasing to him, God blesses us with even more. You see, in order to be trusted with great things, we have to first prove that we can be trusted in small things.

There is nothing wrong with wealth or success. However, we are reminded that we cannot serve two masters—love for God and love for money are two competing goals that both demand total allegiance. We cannot love both; it's one or the other. And so, rather than living secular, self-indulgent lives, we are challenged to handle our affairs in this life with an eye on eternal life. After all, we brought nothing into the world, and we will not be able to take anything out of it. Pope Francis said: "It makes no sense to accumulate if one day we will die. What we must accumulate is love, and the ability to share, the ability not to remain indifferent when faced with the needs of others."

There is only one treasure we need in our lives. There is only one treasure that can give us true security, happiness, joy, and meaning to life. And that is the greatest of all treasures: Jesus. I don't know about you, but I'd rather focus on building a bank balance in heaven that will last for all eternity, than one here on earth that one day I will leave behind.

God bless you,

Deacon Dev

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Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

Saturday Sept 20

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

Sunday Sept 21

9am- Mass (Kathleen Strain †)
10:15am- Gabriel Project
10:15am- Breaking Open The Word
11am- Mass (Jeanne Szura †)
2:45pm- Chrysalis Meeting
4:30pm- Apostello
6pm- Youth Mass (Parishioners of StMM)
6:30pm- Sunday Night Men's Bible Study

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

Gathering: Praise

Responsorial Psalm: 113 Praise the Lord Who

7:15pm- EDGE & the Way

Monday Sept 22

9am- Mass (Sarah Isabel)

6:30pm- Family Rosary

8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Tuesday Sept 23

9am- Mass in the Chapel (Wendell Driggers †)

1pm- Daytime Bible Study

6:30- Parish Life Center Reception

7pm- Gather/Rock Orientation for Core Team Leaders

Wednesday Sept 24

9am- Mass (Arturo Arteaga †)

6:30pm- Columbiette Meeting

8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

Thursday Sept 25

8am- Walking with Purpose

9am- Mass (Ann Curvan †)

9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO

6:30pm- Hearts on Fire Prayer Meeting

6:30pm- Parish Life Center Reception

7pm- Frassati Young Adult Meeting

Friday Sept 26

9am- Mass (Sean Bates)

Saturday Sept 27

10:30am- Confessions

5pm- Mass (Ann Kolicius †)

5:30pm-7:30pm Knights of Columbus

BBQ Fundraiser Dinner

Sunday Sept 28

9am- Mass (Viola Grace Catone †)

10:15am- Breaking Open The Word

11am- Mass (Michael Laird †)

4:30pm- Apostello

6pm- Youth Mass (Parishioners of StMM)

6:30pm- Sunday Night Men's Bible Study

7:15pm- EDGE & the Way

Lifts Up

Preparation: All The Poor and Powerless

Communion 1: The Cry of The Poor

Communion 2: Canvas and Clay

Communion 3: I Know a Name

Sending Forth: Your Grace is Enough

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This week's altar flowers are donated by:

Milly Cenatiempo in memory of Charles

James Kirk.

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



Thank You from Western Wake Crisis Ministry

Western Wake Crisis Ministry extends heartfelt thanks for StMM's generosity and support this year, which has helped them serve more families in crisis through expanded resources.

ST MARY MAGDALENE 25TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

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

HUGE DUAL LANE SLIDE

Inflatables for the kids

Food

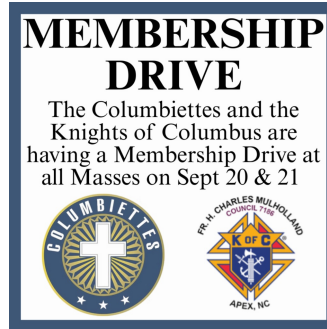
Lawn Games for the adults

PLEASE RSVP

30 FT OBSTACLE COURSE

Our 25th Anniversary Parish Picnic is on October 11. Kindly [RSVP](#) to help us plan for the FREE food and refreshments generously being provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Ministry, Group, and Event Highlights



Gabriel Project Baby Shower on Sunday Oct. 5th
Everyone is cordially invited to attend a baby shower for our Gabriel Project mom on Sunday Oct. 5, from 1-3pm in StMM church room 4. She is due in late October and expecting a little girl. Please rsvp to gabrielproject@stmm.net if you can attend. If you cannot join us for the celebration but would like to give her a gift, you are welcome to leave it that day in the pink bin in room 4.

If you'd like to learn more about Gabriel Project, please join us at our meeting this Sunday, Sept. 21 from 10:15-11:45am in church room 1. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join the Knights of Columbus at StMM! The Knights are a brotherhood of men committed to faith, service, and fellowship. Come meet our members after Mass Sept. 20 & 21, ask questions, and see how your time and talents, whether big or small, can strengthen our parish family. For more information, click [HERE](#) or contact [Steve Fitzhenry](#)

Meet the Mulholland Columbiettes! Are you a Catholic woman 18 or older looking for faith, friendship, and service? Join the Columbiettes—there's a place for you at every stage of life. Stop by after Mass Sept. 20 & 21 or click [HERE](#) to learn more! You may also email us [HERE](#).

Chrysalis: Marriage Enrichment Fellowship
All married couples at StMM are invited to join Chrysalis, a monthly fellowship where couples grow in faith, friendship, and love for one another. This year we'll explore Chris Stefanick's Renewed video series together. Chrysalis meets Sundays, September–May, from 2:45–4:00 PM in Meeting Room 3. Our first gathering is this Sunday, Sept. 21. Childcare is provided. For more information please go [HERE](#) or email Brandon & Sarah Bowser at stmmchrysalis@gmail.com

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., Oct. 20. 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.

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

- 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.
- 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!

School News

- Thinking about a Catholic education for your child? StMM school tours are now being scheduled.
- Jeff Bell, Cardinal Gibbons Head of School, will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Oct. 13 to discuss the new Catholic High School projected to open in Fall 2028.

Ministries, Groups, & Events

- The Care for God's Planet Team invites you to join in celebrating the Season of Creation, beginning September 1. Check back each week for practical tips on how we can care for God's creation together.
- 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 be preparing pill bottles for the Matthew 25 Ministries on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7pm
- The Raleigh Life Chain 2025 will be held on Sunday, October 5, at 1pm along Lake Boone Trail to Blue Ridge Road.
- 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.
- StMM Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month to discuss a selected reading. The next meeting is on Oct. 1. Everyone is welcome. Click [here](#) for more information.
- StMM Daytime Bible Study will meet 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
- Help us feed hungry families in our community by joining the CPO 17th Annual H2O for Hunger Challenge as part of National Hunger ACTION Month!
- A Bible study on the Book of Revelations will begin on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 6:30pm with Deacon Dev.
- There will be a public Rosary Rally at Hunter Street Park in Apex at 12pm on Friday, Oct. 10
- Forward in Hope, a Christ-centered faith-sharing group for those

- The Sisters of Mary will be speaking about their program at Mother Teresa Catholic Church after the 5:30pm Mass on Tuesday, Sept 30.
- The Knights of Columbus are having a BBQ Fundraiser at StMM on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 5:30 – 7:30pm. Proceeds go to individuals with intellectual disabilities. Click [here](#) for placing your preorder. Supplies are limited at the door.
- seeking consolation after the loss of a loved one, will begin a new session in October.
- Dr. Martin McCaffrey, MD, will speak at Our Lady of Lourdes Fallon Center on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7:00 pm on “The Proper Pro-life Approach to Challenging Prenatal Diagnoses.”

Pictures of the Week



Convalidation of Becca Stovall and Cody Cotton by Deacon Dev on Saturday, September 13.



Ryan and Taylor Ferranti were baptized on August 23.



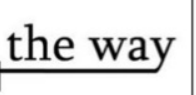
On Monday, September 15, Diane Wilson, ABC11 Troubleshooter, spoke to the Catholic Senior Organization about protecting their personal information from online and phone scams.

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Faith Formation

[Click HERE for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Calendar](#)

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

First Night of




**Tuesday
Sept. 30**

**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
6:00 pm

Sign Up Here 



Christmas Joy Revealed is a Musical being performed by members of the StMM parish; children grades 1 - 12 and adults on Friday, December 5th at 5:30 pm.

Come join the fun. Sign up today.

Rehearsals Schedule is (6:15 - 7:30 pm) same time as Gather; Tuesdays in October Oct 7, 21, 28 during Gather Mondays in November Nov 3, 17, 24 (Optional Rehearsal on Mon. Nov 24 before Thanksgiving)

Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday, Dec 2 During Gather

Performance: Friday, Dec 5th 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm.
Dinner to Follow

Questions? email Music@stmm.net

[Please click HERE for more information](#)



EDGE RETREAT

Camp Caraway - Sophia, NC
11/8 - 11/9

The EDGE Retreat will be held November 18-19 at Camp Caraway 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](#)



Please click [HERE](http://www.stmm.church/religious-ed/) 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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