

## A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

As we joyfully undertake our campaign to build a Parish Life Center, we are given the opportunity to reflect more closely on life. The life of our parish is so much more than just coming to Sunday Mass. Life is filled with many blessings. It is also filled with many opportunities to love God and our neighbor, and to appreciate and care for God's creation. On Friday Oct 3, we will be celebrating one of them, as we remember St. Francis of Assisi. We will be offering blessings of animals from 5:00 – 6:30pm in the front patio area of the church.

Some of us may wonder why we bless animals. We bless animals for the same reason we bless ourselves or bless one another. In receiving a blessing, we are being told that we are beloved by God. So too, when we bless animals, they are being told that they are also beloved by God their creator and are beloved creatures of God.

We hear in this weekend's gospel about the dogs that brought comfort to a poor man that was abandoned by his community. All of God's creations are to bring glory to Him. Each cat, each dog, each bird, each iguana, each animal has been created by our heavenly Father. We too, in our daily actions are called to honor, praise and bring glory to God by the way we live the life we have been given. So, let us reflect on those opportunities where we can bring glory to God each day.

In His Love,

Fr. Mike Coveyou

[Giving Portal](#)

### Upcoming Events & Mass Intentions

#### Saturday Sept 27

10:30am- Confessions  
5pm- Mass (Ann Kolicus †)  
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

### 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](#)**

6pm- Youth Mass (Parishioners of StMM)  
6:30pm- Sunday Night Men's Bible Study  
7:15pm- EDGE & the Way

**Monday Sept 29**

9am- Mass (Bob & Maria Myers)  
6:30pm- Family Rosary  
8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

**Tuesday Sept 30**

9am- Mass in the Chapel (John & Kathy Mihalyo †)  
1pm- Daytime Bible Study  
6:15pm- Gather/Rock

**Wednesday Oct 1**

9am- Mass (Vincent & Caroline Costain †)  
12pm- Parish Life Center Reception  
12:30pm- Book Club  
6:30pm- Parish Life Center Reception  
7pm- Frassati Young Adult Meeting  
8pm- Adult Pick-up Basketball

**Thursday Oct 2**

9am- Mass (Marjorie "Marge" Jane Fetsko †)  
9:50am- Morning Rosary with CSO  
10am- Walking with Purpose Meeting  
6:30pm- Revelation Bible Study  
7pm- Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Friday Oct 3**

9am- Mass (Nirmala)  
9:45am to 7pm- First Friday Adoration in the Chapel  
5-6:30pm Blessing of Animals

**Saturday Oct 4**

10:30am- Confessions  
5pm- Mass (Margaret Sansone)

**Sunday Oct 5**

9am- Mass (Hugh McKay Reid †)  
10:15am- Breaking Open The Word  
11am- Mass (Barbara McDonnell †)  
1pm- Gabriel Project Baby Shower  
4:30pm- Apostello  
6pm- Youth Mass (Parishioners of StMM)  
6:30pm- Sunday Night Men's Bible Study  
7:15pm- EDGE & the Way

**Gathering:** Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

**Responsorial Psalm:** 146 Praise The Lord My Soul

**Preparation:** Build My Life

**Communion 1:** Ubi Caritas - Hurd

**Communion 2:** Trust in God

**Communion 3:** I All The Poor and Powerless

**Sending Forth:** Praise

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This week's altar flowers are donated by:

**Ashley Roman**  
in honor of the Garcia - Roman wedding.

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)

**PLEASE JOIN US**

There are still a few opportunities to learn about our new Parish Life Center and ask your questions. RSVP below to let us know which reception you'll be attending.

**RECEPTION  
RSVP**

**RECEPTION DATES & TIMES**

By now, you should have received an invitation in the mail to one of our Parish Life Center receptions. Please let us know your preferred date and time on the reply card included in your mailing and return it by Wednesday, September 17.

**Wednesday, October 1 at noon/ 12 pm**

**Wednesday, October 1 at 6:30 pm**

**Tuesday, October 7 at noon/ 12 pm**

**Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 pm**

All receptions will be held in Room 4 of the church | 725 Magdala Place

You may also RSVP by:

- Emailing us at [PLCCampaign@stmm.net](mailto:PLCCampaign@stmm.net)
- Calling (919) 657-4800, option 3
- Scanning the QR code



St. Mary Magdalene Church

# ST MARY MAGDALENE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

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

HUGE DUAL LANE  
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Inflatables for  
the kids

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Food

Lawn Games for  
the adults



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OBSTACLE COURSE

PLEASE  
**RSVP**

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 at StMM in church room 4. She is due in late October and expecting a little girl. Please rsvp to [gabrielproject@stmm.net](mailto: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.



**Chocolate Advent Calendars and Advent Wreaths**  
Save the Date! The Columbiettes will be selling Advent Wreaths and Chocolate Advent Calendars the first two weekends in November. More details to come soon!  
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. Click [HERE](#) to learn more! You may also email us [HERE](#).



**St. Mary Magdalene Book of Remembrance**  
During October, visit the back of the church before or after any Mass to write the names of your deceased loved ones in our All Souls Book of Remembrance. Prayers will be offered at all Masses throughout November for your loved ones whose names are in the book.

All Souls Day donations are appreciated and can be made [HERE](#).

# 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.
- [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.

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## 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 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 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.

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## 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 meet on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 7pm for Adoration followed by Week 1 of the Living Faith Series, a 5-week journey of growing as intentional disciples.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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.

## Pictures of the Week



On Saturday, Aug. 3, volunteers from STMM completed our parish's 2nd Beloved Build of the year in support of Habitat for Humanity. Over a dozen parishioners came out to help continue progress in Habitat's Poole Place neighborhood. Keep an eye on the E-news for upcoming build dates if you'd like to join in next time. We would love to have you with us!








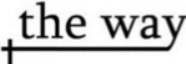

Mrs Weimer and Mrs News class received a special visit from the Apex Fire Department on Tuesday. The students had the chance to explore a fire truck, learn important fire safety tips, and meet firefighters in full gear, helping them feel more comfortable and less afraid in case they ever encounter one in an emergency.

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## Faith Formation

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

				
Grades K – 4 & Parents  Parent Enrichment  Tuesdays  6:15 – 7:30 pm  <a href="#">StMM</a> Church & School	Grades 5 & 6  Parent Enrichment  Tuesdays  6:15 – 7:30 pm  <a href="#">StMM</a> Gym	Middle School – Grades 7 & 8  Sunday Evenings  7:15 – 8:30 pm  <a href="#">StMM</a> Gym	High School – Grades 9 & 10 Pre-Confirmation  Sunday Evenings  7:15 – 8:30 pm  <a href="#">StMM</a> Church	High School – Grades 11 & 12 Post Confirmation  Sunday Evenings  Time & location determined by small group
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](mailto:Music@stmm.net)

[Please click HERE for more information](#)



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](#)



**Registration is open**

**Register Now**

**Late Fees apply after 8/30/25**

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

Questions K-4: [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net)

Grades 5-8: [ritchie@stmm.net](mailto:ritchie@stmm.net)

Grades 9-12: [furnier@stmm.net](mailto: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](mailto:will@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 x7280

**THE ROCK (5th & 6th grade)**- contact Sarah St. Aubin at [st.aubin@stmm.me](mailto:st.aubin@stmm.me) or 919-657-4800 x7307

**EDGE (7th & 8th grade)**- contact Sarah St. Aubin at [st.aubin@stmm.me](mailto:st.aubin@stmm.me) or 919-657-4800 x7307

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

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

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