

A NOTE FROM FATHER MIKE

It is hard to believe that we are already starting the third week of Lent. This weekend's readings talk about thirst. It was not long after being freed from their brutal captivity in Egypt when the Israelites were led by God into the desert, where there was no water. So, they grumbled and quarreled with Moses, wanting water to drink. God commanded Moses to take some of the Elders of Israel, go out and strike the rock, and water would come out of it for the people to drink.

God provided for his people, the Israelites, and He provides for us now. He does it not because we fuss, grumble, quarrel and test Him, but because it is His nature to care, forgive, provide and save. He cares for us no matter what our situation, concern, and thirst. He knows how to quench our true thirst.

God invites us again today to continued conversion from our human self-centeredness, to believe in our Savior, to trust that He knows and supplies us with everything we truly need, and to live confidently in that assurance.

God is providing for us this coming week a Lenten Parish Mission led by the Franciscan CFR Friars. The Lenten mission will be held on the evenings of March 9 – 11, starting at 7:00pm. This Lenten mission can help us to grow deeper in faith and trust in God.

In His Love,

Fr. Mike

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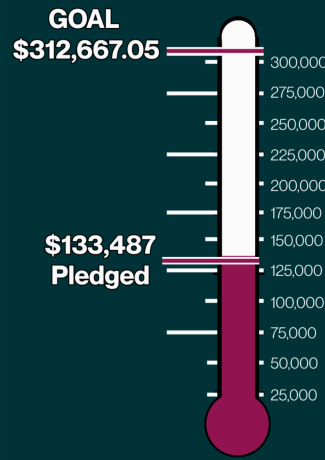
Bishop's Annual Appeal

Called to Serve with Generous Hearts

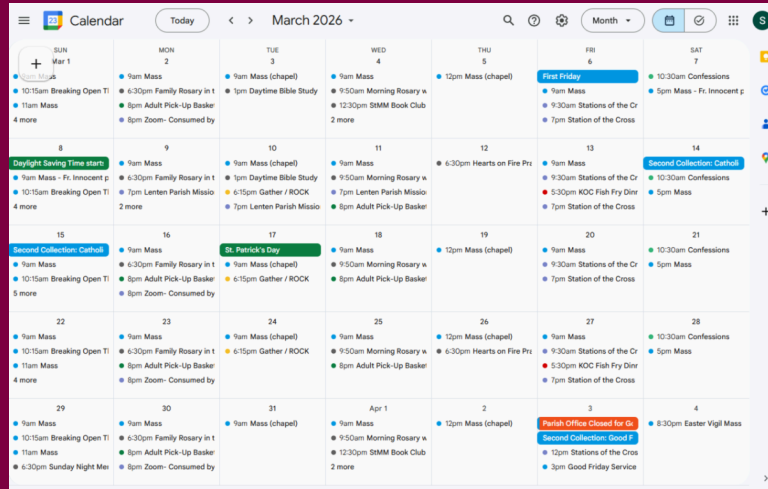
The Bishop's Annual Appeal reminds us that we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. **Your contribution** supports charitable ministries that care for the poor, the elderly, the sick, and the marginalized. **Through your generosity**, the Church can respond with compassion and provide real assistance to those who rely on our help. If you have not yet **made your pledge** to the 2026 Appeal, we ask you to prayerfully consider doing so this week.

We are off to an amazing start with the Bishop's Annual Appeal. **291 families**, representing **11 percent of our parish**, have pledged **\$133,487**, which brings us to **43% of our goal**.

By joining the Appeal, you are actively participating in Christ's mission. Every pledge helps provide essential support to those in need, from families struggling to make ends meet to seniors and the vulnerable in our communities. **Your generosity** allows the Church to bring hope, comfort, and practical assistance to countless lives.



Our calendar is now available online! Click here to view our new Google Calendar, where you can click on each event for more details.



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Mass This Weekend

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our **9am Sunday Mass** and our **Mon/Wed/Fri weekday Masses**.

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Lent Entrance Antiphon - Adoramus Te Christe

Responsorial Psalm: 95: If Today You Hear God's Voice

Preparation: Open My Eyes

Communion 1: Pange Lingua Gloriosi/Stabat Mater

Communion 2: Like The Deer (Psalm 42)

Communion 3: Morning By Morning

Sending Forth: Enter The Journey

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Would you like to donate flowers to beautify the altar and church this Easter or for weekend Masses, to honor our Lord? If so, please go [here](#) to sign up.

Flowers may be donated to mark a special occasion or made in honor or in memory of your loved ones. Questions? Please email floralministry@stmm.net

Tax Season

Directions for accessing your 2025 STMM tax statement can be found [HERE](#). We are grateful for your continued support of St. Mary Magdalene

Parish. Your generosity sustains our parish and is vital to keeping St. Mary Magdalene running and fulfilling its mission. Thank you!

Would you like to set up an automatic draft to support St. Mary Magdalene?

Directions can be found [HERE](#). Thank you for your generosity, which in turn helps St. Mary Magdalene continue serving and supporting you and our entire parish community.



Help Support Our Wedding Ministry!

St. Mary Magdalene is entering a busy wedding season, and we are looking for a few more volunteers to help make these beautiful celebrations run smoothly. Volunteers assist with simple tasks that help welcome couples, families, and guests on their special day. If you enjoy serving the parish and supporting the sacrament of marriage, this is a wonderful way to help!

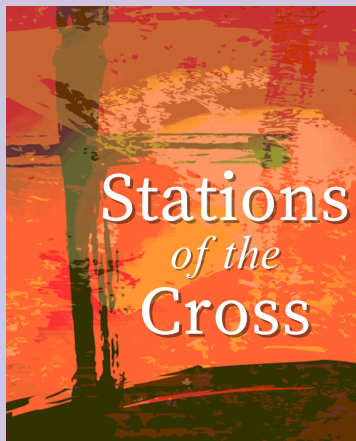
If you are interested in volunteering or would like to learn more, please email weddings@stmm.net.



The Parish's **Office Angels** program is looking for volunteers to help in the office with tasks like greeting visitors, answering phones, and filing. **Any amount of time helps**, and training is provided. Join our team and make a meaningful contribution to our Parish community! For more information, email info@stmm.me **If you emailed us last week but did not receive a**

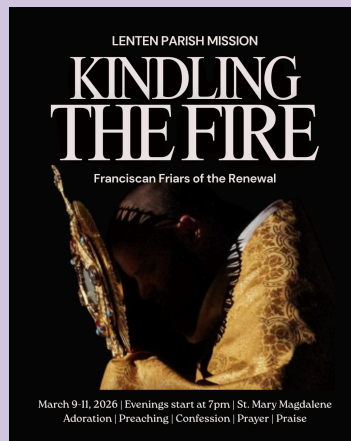
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StMM Lenten Activities



For Catholics worldwide, the Stations of the Cross is a popular Lenten devotion, also called the "Way of the Cross." It is a prayerful meditation on the final hours of Jesus' life.

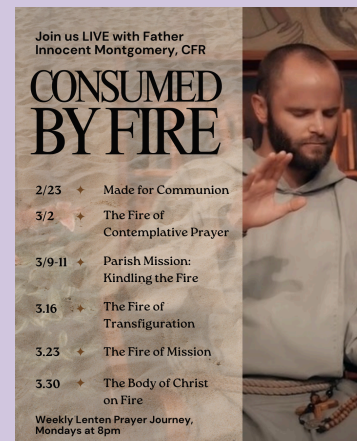
Beginning February 20, Stations of the Cross will be held in the main Church every Friday during Lent, immediately after the 9am Mass and again at 7pm. On Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross will be at noon. Everyone is welcome!



Our St. Mary Magdalene Lenten Parish Mission, *Kindling the Fire*, will be led by the **Franciscan Friars of the Renewal March 9-11**, beginning at 7pm each evening.

Each night will include adoration, preaching, prayer, confession, praise, plus music by Marie Miller!

Come join us as we gather as a parish community to grow closer to God and experience His love during this holy season.



New Dates! Father Innocent Montgomery, CFR, will lead a weekly Lenten online prayer journey for StMM called **Consumed by Fire**. This interactive series will include reflection, discussion, and Q&A.

All are welcome to join Fr. Innocent to grow in faith and pray together throughout the season of Lent. The link to join all sessions is **HERE**. Each week will also be recorded for those who cannot attend in person.

Learn more about Consumed By Fire in a [special video](#) Fr. Innocent created for us.

Join Fr. Innocent [on Zoom](#) at 8pm as he leads us on a weekly Lenten prayer journey.

Feb 23- Made for Communion ([Recording here](#))

Mar 2- The Fire of Contemplative Prayer ([Recording here](#))

Mar 9-11 - Church In-Person Parish Mission, Kindling the Fire, each evening at 7pm

Mar 16- The Fire of Transfiguration

Mar 23- The Fire of Mission

Mar 30- The Body of Christ on Fire



Lenten Penance Services

Mar 6th 7pm Our Lady of La Vang
Mar 11th 10am St. Catherine of Sienna
Mar 11th 7pm St. Luke the Evangelist
Mar 12th 7pm St. Michael the Archangel
Mar 17th 10:30am St Bernadette
Mar 18th 11am Our Lady of Lourdes
Mar 18th 6:30pm Our Lady of the Rosary
Louisburg
Mar 19th 10am St. Michael the Archangel
Mar 24th 7pm St. Catherine of Sienna
Mar 25th 7pm St. Raphael
Mar 26th 7pm Holy Name of Jesus

Additional Lenten activities from around the Diocese and Online may be found [HERE](#). Also included are subscriptions to Dynamic Catholic and Hallow's Lent Pray40.



Be sure to visit the [Diocese of Raleigh's Lenten webpage](#), where you'll find a variety of resources,

insightful articles, practical guidelines, and opportunities for almsgiving to help you make the most of this sacred season.

StMM Ministry and Group Events

MARCH



Attention All EMs! Our parish will soon use Ministry Scheduler Pro to manage Extraordinary Minister schedules for the 5pm, 9am, and 11am weekend Masses. To make the transition smooth, **all EMs must attend one training session. Only 3 dates remain!**

- Saturday 3/7/26 3-4:30pm
- Sunday 3/15/26 2-3:30pm
- Wednesday 3/25/26 6:30-8pm

[Click here](#) to sign up for your preferred date, and check your email for more information. You will need to bring a computer or your phone. Contact your Mass EM Coordinator or Ellen O'Rourke elleno1182@gmail.com with any questions.



The Knights of Columbus will once again host their popular Lenten Fish Fries! There are two dates left: **March 13 and March 27**. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for these fun evenings of fellowship and great food, **featuring new menu selections including fried shrimp and, for the kids, buttered noodles.**

The Knights would like to thank this year's Fish Fry sponsors: Gold Sponsor Kathy Lynch, Realtor at Keller Williams; and Silver Sponsors John Tudor from State Farm Insurance and Triangle Painting and Siding. Their generous support helps make these events possible.

Pre-orders are now being taken for Friday, Mar 13. Please go [HERE](#) to place your order.

The Knights of Columbus (Council #7186) is holding a Basketball Free Throw Competition on Friday, March 13 in the STMM gymnasium. **Ages 9 thru 11** will start at 5:15 PM, District at 6 PM, **Ages 12 thru 14** will start at 6:15 PM, with the district contest at 7 PM.

Prior signup is encouraged. **KOC 7186: 2026 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Challenge**

The district winners will be able to participate in the state contest the following day in Burlington. Contact Joe Beiras for more information at communitykoc7186@hotmail.com

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest



Friday, March 13



Become a Mulholland Columbiette in March!

Are you a Catholic woman 18 years of age or older, looking for a way to give back to your community and grow in faith? Would you like to make new friends with other Catholic women, serve together and pray together? We are a band of sisters: a network of women throughout the US doing good works in service of God and our neighbors. We host spiritual and social events - there is something for every woman at any phase of life. And, we are a NO pressure group - you do what you can, and what sparks your interest. Do this for YOU! You can learn more about us at our [website](#), or contact us at fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com.

Our next Joining Ceremonies are:

March 16 at St Andrew's church- [Info and RSVP](#)

March 25 at StMM School- [Info and RSVP](#).

**Columbiettes' Annual
Easter Egg
Hunt**
**Sunday, March 29th,
after the 11:00 am
Mass**
'Live' Easter Bunny - pictures - prizes
**The event is open to children 1-9
years of age.**
Space is limited so register early

The Columbiettes' Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Sunday, March 29, (Palm Sunday) following the 11:00 am Mass**. Please sign up for the Easter Egg Hunt [HERE](#).

The Easter Egg Hunt, for ages 1 to 9 years, will take place on StMM's soccer fields, and will include a "live" Easter bunny, a bunny board for family photos, and prizes!

Space is limited so sign up soon!



Commemorative Brick Order - Spring 2026

Our commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activities Building and offer a meaningful way to celebrate a First Communion, Graduation or memory of a loved one. StMM will be placing our annual brick order soon. The **deadline to submit orders is March 31st**. Engraved bricks are \$100 each and order forms can be found [HERE](#)

Questions? Contact: hoffman@stmm.net

The deadline to order is March 31, 2026!

Meetings, Events, & Information

Please click on the link for more details.

[We are making improvements to our website!](#)



As we work behind the scenes, you may notice a few minor technical glitches or broken links. Thank you for your patience while we complete these updates.

CHURCH

- **Baptism Information**
- **Safe Environment Training for Volunteers**
- **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation):** For those looking to become fully initiated into the Catholic Faith. Please click here to learn more.
- **First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** information may be found here.
- **Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick-** A new series will begin on Feb. 4. Click here for more information.
- **Divorced Catholics Seeking an Annulment-** more information can be found by clicking here.
- **Please prayerfully consider making a pledge or donation to our Parish Life Center campaign,** enabling us to build a lasting space for our parish family. Campaign and donation information can be found [HERE](#).
- **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.
- **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.
- **The 2025 StMM Annual Stewardship Report and the 2025-2026 Quarterly Report** are available on our website.
- **Our spring Commemorative Brick Order** is now open! Engraved bricks line the walkway to our Activities Building and are a great way to honor a person or event. Orders can be made [HERE](#) and are due by Mar. 31.
- **2025 StMM Tax Statements** are now available online.

SCHOOL

- **Thinking about a Catholic education for your child?** StMM school tours are now being scheduled.
- **2026-2027 School Year Applications** are now being accepted.

GROUPS & MINISTRIES

- **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.
- **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.
- **StMM Book Club** meets the first Wednesday of the month to discuss a selected reading. The next meeting is on April 1.
- **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, and **EnCourage-** A support group for relatives of people who

Everyone is welcome. [Click here](#) for more information.

- 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.
- 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.
- Forward in Hope is a grief support group at StMM Please [click here](#) for more information.
- Family Honor is presenting a program at StMM in March to help parents teach God's gift of sexuality to their children. The program is for 5th -8th grades. Please go [HERE](#) for more information and to register.
- 2026 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) applications are now being accepted for high school students and adults. Please go [HERE](#) to apply and for more information.
- AAMEN Education Assistance Program is accepting applications for stipends to attend a trade school, junior college or four year college. More information can be found [HERE](#).
- There will be a Mass for Life at HNOJ Cathedral on Mar 7, followed by a March in Raleigh.
- A Call to Prayer rosary on Zoom is held every Tuesday at noon for human dignity and immigration.
- JobWorks Career Ministry's next meeting, From Rolodex to AI: Strategic Networking that Works, will be on Mar. 12

experience same-sex attraction have local chapters which meet regularly.

- Catholic Senior Organization (CSO) meets the 3rd Monday of the month. The next meeting is on Monday, March 16, at 10:30am.
- Parish Athletics Spring Soccer and Baseball registration is now open.
- StMM Community Golf Outing hosted by Parish Athletics- Save the Date- April 20, 2026. [Click for more information on how to register.](#)
- Let Your Faith Flow- Help Us Bring Clean Water to Uganda! St. Mary Magdalene is launching the Uganda Water Project to bring life-changing clean water to the people of Kicheche, Uganda.
- Frassati is the Young Adult group at StMM offering faith, fellowship, and community. Email Nicole at frassati@stmm.net for more information.
- Birthchoice is recruiting volunteers for a new Pregnancy Resource Center which will support parents carrying to term a child with a prenatal diagnosis.
- Catholic Parish Outreach needs warehouse volunteers to help with unloading trucks and running the forklift. For more information, please go [HERE](#).
- The 28th Annual Rally & March For Life is on Mar. 7 in Raleigh. More information can be found [HERE](#).
- Birthchoice's annual Run for Life will not be held this year, but you can still donate [HERE](#) to help moms in need.
- StMM's Safety and Security Ministry is seeking volunteers for Phase II of this initiative. Please [click HERE](#) for more information.

PICTURES





Thank you for making the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry such a wonderful success! Last Friday at StMM, 659 meals were served. Pictured are some of the dedicated volunteers who make the Fish Fry possible. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a great evening! The next Fish Fry is on Friday, March 13.



The Knights of Columbus have partnered with the Care for God's Planet Team and several StMM students to compost food waste and other compostable products at the Fish Fries. This effort helps reduce waste and is a great example of our parish community working together to care for God's creation.



Madeline Noelle Coveyou was baptized on Sunday, March 1, by Father Mike.

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Faith Formation

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



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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