

A NOTE FROM FATHER FRANCIS

JESUS; The Way, Truth, Life

This weekend we are dealing with part of the final addresses of Jesus's farewell discourses. This in fact, draws me back to memories of the night my mom passed on; She should have been troubled enough seeing her departure leaving us nowhere and probably had lost hope with dad takin care of us, after all he was still chained by alcohol, and had just got affianced with a new wife, yet we had to live or at least survive. And so, she called our elder brother (still a teenager) and willed him to take care of us.

Knowing that His time of departure had come, Jesus addressed His disciples whose hearts were already troubled, to have faith in Him, and assured them that after preparing for them rooms in His father's house of his return to take them. It is however surprising that Thomas claims not to know the way and to make matters worse, Philip doesn't even know His father! You can imagine, Philip whom Jesus called personally to follow Him (Jn 1:43-44), whom He tested to see if he relied on divine provision, before feeding 5000 men (Jn 6:5-7), Whom the Greeks approached when they wanted to see Him (Jn 12:20-22), and yet up to now he doesn't know that Jesus and the father are one!

Dear friends, we might in one way or another also find following a Jesus of Scripture, in Sacraments, Church ministries or on social media yet still haven't fully grasped His identity. We may need to strengthen our spiritual communion with Him, a way from any technological or material aid but in personal prayer and silence.

And if you don't mind, can I leave you with this adage? "He who thinks he is leading and has no one following him is only taking a walk." Take time with our children and to help them experience Jesus personally.

I love you.

God is good.

Fr. Francis

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LET YOUR FAITH FLOW
Help Us Bring Clean Water to Uganda



Fr. Francis has been a true blessing to our St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church and School community, sharing his faith, joy, and many gifts with us. In this photo, he stands beside the water droplets display, where each droplet represents a one dollar donation by a StMM student who participated in a dress down day in support of the Uganda Water Project. This act of fellowship and generosity reflects the spirit of our parish and school.

Through the Uganda Water Project, we can help provide life-changing access to clean, reliable water by supporting the construction of a community well or water catchment system, bringing this essential resource to hundreds of people. Every drop and every dollar counts.

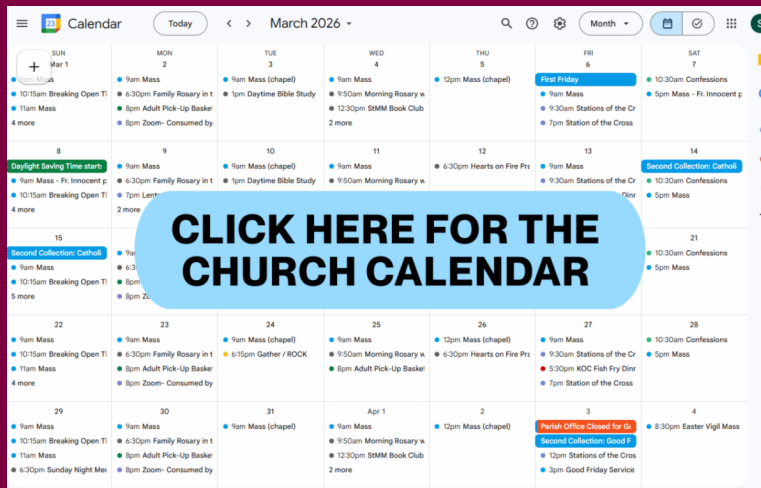
This weekend, Fr. Francis will speak at all Masses about the Uganda Water Project and the impact it will have in his parish, home village, and surrounding areas. Together, our StMM community can stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Uganda. Your support of clean water for everyone will make a life-changing difference. Donate below to help faith and love flow across the world.

Uganda Water Donation

Father Francis is deeply grateful and humbled by your continued support of his home community.

More information about the Uganda Water Project, plus videos of Father Francis' friends and family gathering water, can be found on our website [HERE](#).

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



FOR BEST VIEWING, OPEN THE CALENDAR ON YOUR LAPTOP OR PC

Mass This Weekend

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

Music for Easter Sunday Mass

Gathering: Alleluia Entrance Antiphon

Responsorial Psalm: 33: Lord Let Your Mercy Be On Us

Preparation: Refiner

Communion 1: I Have Loved You

Communion 2: Holy Spirit

Communion 3: Build My Life

Sending Forth: Rest on Us

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The flowers this weekend are donated by:

Janelle and Monty Buchanan in honor of the marriage of Emily Buchanan and John Saleeby.

Would you like to donate flowers to beautify the altar and church for weekend Masses? 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



Road construction and resurfacing work will be taking place in neighborhoods surrounding St. Mary Magdalene in the coming months. This work is part of the Town of Apex's ongoing street maintenance efforts and may impact traffic patterns in the area. We will share more specific dates and updates as they become available. Information on the road construction may be found [HERE](#).

Parish Life Center



St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church • Apex, NC

Amount: \$ _____

Envelope No. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Are you making a payment to the Parish Life Center?

To help keep everything

organized and ensure your payments are properly credited, please use these designated envelopes when making your PLC contributions for the new building. Using these envelopes helps reduce confusion and allows us to process your gifts more efficiently.

Envelopes are available in the narthex, at the parish office, or can be mailed to you upon request.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

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.

StMM Ministry and Group Events

May

LIVING THE GOSPEL
THE CATHOLIC
DOCTRINE ON
IMMIGRATION

**TUESDAY
MAY 12TH,
2026** 7:00PM-8:30PM
IN THE CHAPEL

 **Presentation by Deacon
Joshua Klickman, M.A.**

 **Guest Speaker: Father
Francis**

 **Guest Speaker: Consuelo Kwee**

Care for God's Planet Team invites you to join them for a meaningful conversation on immigration and Catholic social teaching on **Tuesday, May 12, from 7:00 to 8:30pm**. They are honored to welcome Deacon Joshua Klickman, Coordinator of Human Life and Dignity for the Diocese of Raleigh, who will share how our faith calls us to respond with compassion, dignity, and justice. Father Francis will also present on immigration in Uganda, and Consuelo Kwee, Director of Immigration Services with the Diocese of Raleigh, will speak as well. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, reflect, and engage in dialogue on an important issue. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments provided. [Please RSVP here.](#)

June

Worship. Study. Pray. Grow.



**STEUBENVILLE
CONFERENCES**

Power and Purpose
JUNE 12-14, 2026

Discover your God given purpose at the Steubenville Conference: Power and Purpose, June 12 to 14, 2026.

This powerful weekend invites you to reignite your faith through dynamic speakers, meaningful worship, and authentic community. Encounter the healing power of the Holy Spirit, be inspired, and grow deeper in your relationship with Christ alongside fellow Catholics.

Join for a transformative experience of worship, study, prayer, and growth. You can register for the conference [HERE](#). Make sure to use code **26EMcCleskey** to sit with the StMM group in Steubenville. Email powerandpurposeraleigh@gmail.com if you would like to carpool up in a passenger van with other parishioners.

StMM Ministry News

**Traveling
St. John
Vianney
Ministry**



Sign up to host one of our beautiful St. John Vianney statues in your home for a month. This is a simple but meaningful way to bring prayer into your home in a special and intentional way.

During his visit, take time each day to pray for our priests, seminarians, and religious using the prayers and resources provided. This devotion offers a powerful opportunity to support vocations and those who serve the Church, while also growing in faith through regular prayer.

Spend time in the peaceful presence of the Lord through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a quiet opportunity to pray and reflect before the exposed Eucharist. ***Our parish is in great need of committed adorers to ensure that our Lord is never left alone during this sacred time.*** Committing to just one hour each month on First Fridays is a simple yet powerful way to grow in faith while answering this important need. Adoration begins at 9:30am following daily Mass and continues until 7:00pm in the Church, on the first Friday of every month. Please consider offering one hour to the Lord. To commit or learn more, contact Anita at alanitabecker@aol.com or call 919-280-8931.



There are still a few of the Columbiettes 'Taste and See' Cookbooks available! The cookbooks are chock full of the Columbiettes' favorite family recipes and a few from our priests and deacons, too! They make perfect Mother's Day, Father's Day, bridal shower, housewarming, hostess gifts! They are being sold at the close out price of \$20 per book, while quantities last. There are also gift wrapped combo sets with the incredible tomato slicer knife available too!

Once the cookbooks are gone, they're gone! We take cash, check or charge. Contact Linda Hergenroeder for more details, lhergens@bellsouth.net.



Recently, a group of eight St. Mary Magdalene **Walking With Purpose** Bible study women traveled to St. Louis for a WWP Flourish Catholic Women's conference, where they were joined by over 900 women. At the conference, they had the opportunity to celebrate their faith and to worship together as spiritual daughters, sisters, brides, and mothers. It was profoundly moving and inspiring for them! They learned about each other in a deeply personal way, as they deepened their Catholic faith. It was a call to action to become spiritual mothers to the world, which is deeply in need of our love. They learned, they were inspired, they listened, and they loved! What a beautiful blessing they received!

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

- **Deacon Rick offers an Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep series** Please click here for more information.
- **Breaking Open The Word is a new weekly Gospel discussion group that is held after the 9am Sunday Mass.**
- **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.**
- **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.**

Campaign and donation information can be found [HERE](#).

- The 2025 StMM Annual Stewardship Report and the 2025-2026 Quarterly Report are available on our website.

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 for 1st, 4th, and 6th grades.

GROUPS & MINISTRIES

- Hearts on Fire, a charismatic prayer group with Deacon Dev, meets in the Chapel 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 May 6. 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.
- A Call to Prayer rosary on Zoom is held every Tuesday at noon for human dignity and immigration.
- Project Rachel retreat will be held June 12 to 14, 2026. This retreat offers a healing opportunity for individuals in need of post abortion support.
- The Knights of Columbus invite you to be part of a brotherhood of men dedicated to faith, service, and fellowship. Contact Steve at stevefitzhenry@outlook.com for more information.
- 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 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, May 18, at 10:30am.
- 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.
- The Worldwide Marriage Encounter helps couples to communicate better in their relationship. Retreats are held throughout NC, including an upcoming weekend on May 1-3 in Raleigh.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in Oak City Cares! Together we raised over \$350k to help rehouse 267 families in Raleigh.

- There will be a Homeschooling High School and College Planning information meeting at St. Joseph's on May 14
- The next JobWorks meeting will be on May 14 at StMM discussing Agentic AI at Work: New Opportunities for You.

PICTURES



Last Monday, StMM hosted a Gratitude Breakfast to honor and thank our dedicated volunteers who generously give copious amounts of their time each and every week. Thank you for your time and talent!



Father Mike is currently in Europe with his Educational Opportunities Catholic Tours group. He is pictured here with his group in Fatima, Portugal. Their next stops include Lourdes, France, and then on to Spain.

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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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