

A NOTE FROM FATHER FRANCIS

HOLIDAY AT HAND, WHAT NEXT?

The Church this week swings back into ordinary time portrayed by liturgical color green which symbolize life and growth. We also witness a lot more of green color amidst peace, growth and harmony in our awe-inspiring scenery. There seem in both cases to presuppose a hidden well calculated responsible force and which can be true also with our family environment where the members experience random physical presence and or create intentional space. Lend out a bit of your precious time to your child's emotional growth and stability through the magic of physical presence?

As one of those who ever babysat and still enjoy holding and blessing toddlers, I always notice how little babies smile; probably at first they smile due to body sensations, at another time they become intentional and respond to familiar presences and voices. And as they approach a year, they feel more liberated to smile at anything, anyone, including strangers. However, you notice that the next stage, their smiles become selective; broader smiles for their preferred people or environments, and may be, caution or shyness and sometimes cries in case of unfamiliar or strange faces, oops! Who coaches them?

The point is, your physical presence in the life of a child is good in stimulating his/her emotional growth and therefore, as our children are back from school, let us take more time away from routine, screens and the technological garbets and render our physical presence to them. Remember there is so much emotional exhaustion with prolonged screen face time and worse still with being alone which can exacerbate anxiety disorders and depression, irrational anger and emotional numbness. Create time to bond and think of activities that will restore their energy; may be nature's walk, swimming, house hobbies, brain games etc.

Lastly, I wish to recommend that we read the encyclical of Pope Leo XIII- *MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS* and abreast ourselves with the most missed wisdom in the wake of AI.

Lord grant more wisdom to our parents in nurturing their children to keep them in your original purpose and design. Amen.

I love you all

God is good.

Fr. Francis

[Pope Leo's Encyclical Letter can be found [HERE](#)]

Giving Portal

LET YOUR FAITH FLOW

Help Us Bring Clean Water to Uganda

Please watch below as Fr. Francis shares an update on the progress of the Uganda Water Project and how your continued support will help move this important initiative forward.



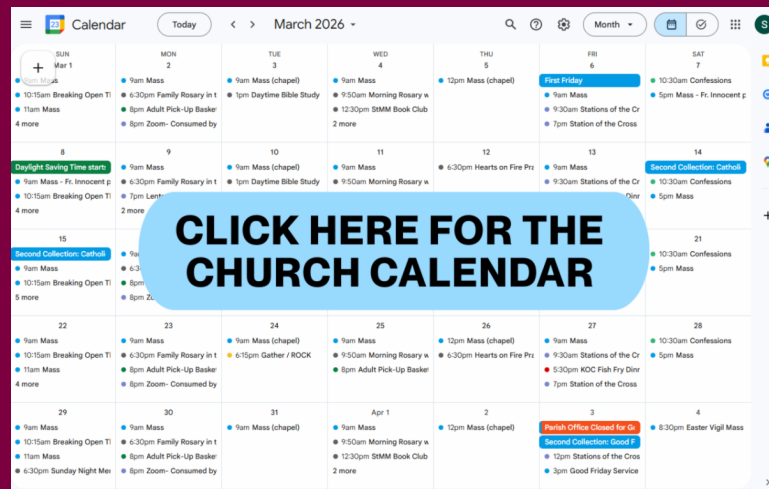
Fr. Francis has been deeply moved by the incredible generosity, prayers, and compassion shown by our parish family for his homeland. Every donation, every prayer, and every act of support helps make a life changing difference for families in need.

Together, we can be the hands and feet of Christ by helping bring one of life's most essential blessings to those who need it most.

Uganda Water Donation

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 the weekend Masses
Gathering: Holy, Holy, Holy



This week's altar flowers are donated **by Geri Cullen in memory of her parents Mary & Lou Cavaluchi.**

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

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3: Glory and Praise For Ever!

Preparation: Holy Forever

Communion 1: God So Loved The World

Communion 2: Behold The Lamb

Communion 3: Gratitude

Sending Forth: Praise You Anywhere

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Starting Monday, June 8, our Parish Office summer hours will be 9am to 2pm. Regular office hours will resume on August 3. We wish everyone a safe and blessed summer!

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



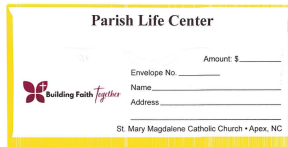
Road construction and resurfacing work will be taking place in neighborhoods surrounding St. Mary Magdalene in the coming months. This work is part of the Town of Apex's

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](#).



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.



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!**



For those who are sensitive to incense, please note that incense will be used at the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses for the following solemnity:

- June 7 - Corpus Christi

The Saturday Vigil Masses will be incense-free.

StMM Ministry and Group Events

June



Knights of Columbus Pulled Pork BBQ Dinner

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

[PRE-ORDER YOUR FOOD HERE](#)

The Knights of Columbus Council 7186 is proud to host a Barbeque Dinner fundraiser at St. Mary Magdalene on **Saturday, June 6, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM**. All proceeds will go to supporting individuals in our community with intellectual disabilities (LAMB FOUNDATION OF NC).

Great Food, Great Beer, and a Great Cause!

Pre-order your food [HERE](#) or at <https://kofc7186bbq.square.site>



Are the Columbiettes for You? Are you a Catholic woman 18 years or older, seeking ways to serve your community, grow in faith, and also to make new friends with other Catholic women like yourself? We are a network of auxiliaries spanning the US, who do good works for those in need AND strengthen bonds in our parish communities. Among our many activities, we host the annual Family, Bingo Night, Easter Egg Hunt, and popular Advent Gift /Bake Sales. We also host spiritual and social events - there is truly something for every woman at every stage of life.

We have one joining ceremony left this spring **on June 7**. This is the last opportunity until fall. If you'd like to learn more, email us at fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com, or check out our website [HERE](#). If you are ready to join, please register [HERE](#) for the **June 7 ceremony at 1:30 pm**.



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 powerandpurposealeigh@gmail.com if you would like to carpool up in a passenger van with other parishioners.



CPO is gathering a **specific list of items for baby, toddler and preschool aged children** who are underserved in our area. **Please only donate the items listed [HERE](#)**, as CPO is tight on space. **The following can be gently used or new:** Clothing **0 - 6T ONLY** (3T-5T are the greatest need), little kids shoes sizes 2 – 12, picture books infant to pre-school. Also needed: Formula, diapers (sizes 5 & 6), baby food, & baby wipes.

Bags with item lists will be distributed at Masses on June 6 & 7. Collection Date will be June 13 & 14 at the CPO truck in front of church before and after all Masses.

Financial donations can be dropped off at the CPO truck by cash, check, using the QR code on the CPO truck, or online at cporaleigh.org (Please note STMM).

Thank you for helping us serve our children in need!



Want to help build someone's future!? Literally BUILD it!

StMM's Habitat For Humanity social ministry has a build opportunity approaching on **Saturday, June 20th**. A Habitat build is a GREAT experience filled with hard work, service, and camaraderie. The site is in East Raleigh, near the Walnut Creek neighborhood. We start our day with donuts, how could you say no to that!? No previous build experience required, must be at least 16 years old to participate.

[Click this link](#) to sign up, make sure to select the **Old Poole Place** option **NOT Wendell**.

Contact [Chris Inzirillo](#) for more details, or if you'd like to help with taking photos and preparing lunch.



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS ARE IN!!!

The 2026 commemorative bricks have been installed! Take a stroll outside the Activity Building to find yours and see the many names and messages that help tell the story of our parish community.

The next order will begin Spring 2027. The order form will be made available on the website at that time.

Contact hoffman@stmm.net with any questions.

Prayer Ministry



St. Mary Magdalene Church

Announcement: Prayer Ministry Renewal & Invitation

We are pleased to announce the renewal of the Prayer Ministry at St. Mary Magdalene, a sacred opportunity for our parish community to come together in faith, compassion, and intercession.

Whether you are newly called or feel led to re-engage, we warmly invite you to be part of this meaningful ministry. The Prayer Ministry serves as a spiritual support for our parish, lifting up the needs of individuals, families, and the wider community through intentional and faith-filled prayer.

Robert Gleason will be our new prayer ministry lead, and the program will begin the week of May 17. If you're

interested in joining the ministry, or if you have a prayer request, please email

stmmprayerteam@stmm.me.



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, or hostess gifts! They are being sold at the closeout price of \$20 per book, while quantities last. There are also gift-wrapped combo sets with the incredible tomato slicer knife available!

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

Meetings, Events, & Information

Please click on the link for more details.

CHURCH

- Deacon Rick offers an Adult Faith Refresher & Confirmation Prep series. Please click [here](#) for more information.
- 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.
- 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.

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

- The 2025 StMM Annual Stewardship Report and the ***NEW*** 2025-2026 Nine Month Report are available on our website.

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. Please note that there will be no meetings in July.
- StMM Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month to discuss a selected reading. The next meeting is on June 3. Everyone is welcome. Please note there will be no meetings in July or August.
- 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.
- A 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.
- Magnificat, an international Catholic women's ministry, is holding their Magnificat Meal on Saturday, May 30, at St. Ann.
- Everyone is invited to attend the Feast Day Mass of St. Josemaría Escrivá on Friday, June 26, 6pm, at St. Michael's with Bishop Luis.
- Walking with Moms in Need (Gabriel Project) is seeking volunteers to help connect mothers with local resources, including transportation, and to offer a steady, caring presence.
- Girl Scout troop 1161 is hosting a Parents' Night Out on June 5 (5:30-8:30) with pizza, games and crafts! Children in grades K-5 are invited to participate.
- Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry. Sign up to pray for our priests.
- Project Rachel Support Group: hope and healing after an 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.
- 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.
- Belmont Abbey's Summer Schola for High School Students offers their summer program Great Books, Great Adventure the week of July 5-11.
- Join Bishop Luis Zarama on a Catholic pilgrimage to Hungary and Poland, October 4-14, 2027 and journey together through lands rich in faith, history, and witness.
- St. Francis is hosting a Community Wellness Fair on Saturday, May 30, featuring more than 40 local vendors, along with community resources and health screenings.
- Did you miss the Immigration Talk? You can still watch it online! The recording of Living the Gospel: Catholic Doctrine on Immigration is now available. The event was sponsored by the Care

- Mother Teresa is holding their annual yard sale on Saturday, June 20, from 8am to noon.

for God's Planet Team and the Diocesan Immigration Concerns Task Force.

PICTURES



Congratulations to Makenzie Corgan and Craig Woomer, who were united in the Sacrament of Matrimony on May 23, 2026, with Fr. Francis presiding.



Congratulations to newlyweds Payton and Sean O'Hara, who were married on May 23, 2026, by Deacon Dev.

What a wonderful way to wrap up the year! Here are a few photos from the CSO's End of Year Party on May 18. The morning was filled with great food, fellowship, and plenty of laughter, made even more special by a surprise visit from Rob Lane.





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Faith Formation

Our 2026-2027 Faith Formation Calendar will be available soon!

Questions about Faith Formation:

Gather (K to 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 to 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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