

A NOTE FROM DEACON DEV

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi.

When the Church first started, the eucharist was called the "breaking of the bread". The word "eucharist" comes from the Greek word *eucharistésas* which means "to give thanks." And so, the Eucharist is an act of thanksgiving. On one level, it is the *thanks given by Jesus to the Father* for accepting his sacrifice as complete payment for sin. Jesus expressed this gratitude by making a total offering of himself to the Father. We encounter this total gift of self in the Eucharist - Christ's broken body, and blood poured out for us. But, on another level, the Eucharist is also our *thanks to Jesus* for the free gift of salvation that he willingly gives us. Similarly, we need to express our gratitude to Jesus by making a total offering of ourselves back to God every time we receive the Eucharist.

St. Augustine said that "if you receive the Eucharist well, you are what you eat". So what does it mean to receive the Eucharist well? While the Church allows the recipient to determine how they want to receive the Blessed Sacrament, the externals mean very little if at the same time we are not giving our hearts to God. Reverence for God has to always begin there. When we do this, Pope Benedict says that we become "one with the self-giving of Jesus Christ, with his great act of love, which is as such the true worship of God".

Through our baptism, we share in the mission of the Church to bring salvation to the world. But to be an effective witness for Christ, we *have to be like Christ*. This is why Paul says in Romans 8:29 that we have been called to be changed into the image of his Son. And so, the Eucharist is more than just the transformation of bread and wine. Ultimately, it is also about the transformation of human life.

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LET YOUR FAITH FLOW

Help Us Bring Clean Water to Uganda

Please watch the new video below where Fr. Francis shares how access to clean water will encourage more children to remain in school and pursue their education.



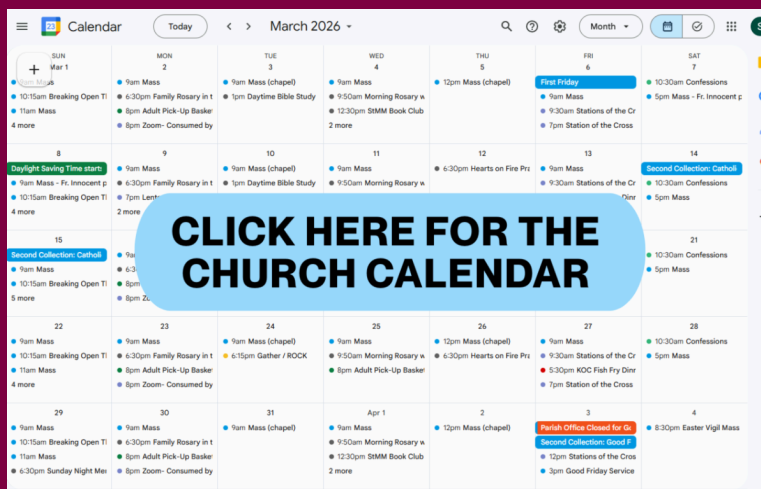
Fr. Francis has been deeply moved by the incredible generosity, prayers, and compassion shown by our parish family for his homeland. Every donation, every prayer, and every act of support helps make a life changing difference for families in need.

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: Table of Plenty

Responsorial Psalm: 147: Praise The Lord Jerusalem

Preparation: Surrounded

Communion 1: God So Loved The World

Communion 2: One Bread One Body

Communion 3: Communion

Sending Forth: O God Beyond All Praising

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This week's altar flowers are donated **by the Qubeck and Fadelici families** in honor of **John & Lois Derry's 65th Wedding Anniversary**.

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 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



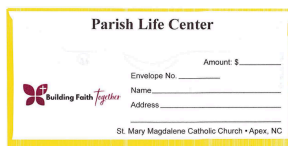
Starting Monday, June 8, our Parish Office and Chapel summer hours will be from **9am to 2pm**. Regular hours will resume on August 3. We wish everyone a safe and blessed summer!



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 powerandpurposeraleigh@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.

StMM Ministry News

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.



Apex-Cary Fall Soccer 2026- Register [HERE](#)

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3-year-olds) thru 8th grade. **Dates:** August to October. **Cost:** Pre-K - \$65; K - 1st grade - \$70; 2nd - 8th grade - \$85 **Note:** Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners thru 8th graders have one weekday practice per week and weekend games.

Apex Fall Baseball 2026- Register [HERE](#)

Grades: Coed. Pre-K (4-year-olds) thru 4th grade. **Dates:** September to October. **Cost:** Pre-K/K- \$65; 1st thru 4th grade - \$70 **Note:** PreK thru Kindergarten plays T-Ball; 1st - 4th grade play machine pitch. Pre-k and Kindergarten players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. 1st – 4th grade have one weekday practice per week and games on Saturdays. 3rd/4th grade may be combined to one big team

that will practice and scrimmage together.



StMM is looking for new volunteers to join our Usher Ministry at the 9:00 AM Mass. If you can offer a warm smile, greet fellow parishioners, and help with the collection, you already have what it takes to serve!

Volunteers aged 12 and older are preferred, but younger children are welcome to serve alongside a parent or guardian. If you are interested in helping, please email Mike Fiedler (fiedler.mf@gmail.com) and we will be in touch.



CARE FOR GOD'S PLANET TEAM

Do you feel called to serve God through social and environmental action? The Care for God's Planet Team is seeking members to help serve the parish utilizing Laudato Si' principles.

If interested, please email StMMCareForGodsPlanet@gmail.com or attend our next meeting on **June 11th at 7pm in church room 1.**

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. Campaign and donation information can be found [HERE](#).
- 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 for God's Planet Team and the

- Mother Teresa is holding their annual yard sale on Saturday, June 20, from 8am to noon.
- JobWorks Career Ministry is presenting Turning Experience Into New Career Opportunities on Thursday, June 11 at the St. Michael Conference Center.

Diocesan Immigration Concerns Task Force.

- The Annual Diocesan African Heritage Mass and Celebration will be held on Sunday, August 23, at 4:30pm at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral.

PICTURES



Congratulations to Anna Leigh Dunnivant, who was baptized on Saturday, May 30, by Deacon Dev.



CSO had another great afternoon of bowling, laughter, and fellowship last Monday, and Fr. Francis showed off a newfound talent with his impressive bowling skills.



The Knights of Columbus reverently welcomed five new brothers into our STMM Council this week through a solemn Exemplification Ceremony held in our chapel. We extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to Brian Knab, Joe Hite, Ed Alcot, Frank Soccoli, and David Hinds as they begin their journey with our Order.

Pictured left to right: Manny Garcia, Denis Carter, Steve Fitzhenry, Mike O'Rourke, Faidi Sief, Joe Crowe, Brian Knab, Scott Nadeau, Roy Alberti, Joe Hite, David Wind, Frank Soccoli, Ed Alcot, Jim Poulin, Christopher Tamplin, Joseph Owens, Joe Doran, and Yogin Lean.

We would like to thank and recognize Regional District Deputy Denis Carter and District Deputy Joe Crowe, as well as David Tate, who served as Grand Presenter for this meaningful ceremony. His leadership helped make the occasion both memorable and fitting for such an important step in our brothers' commitment to Charity, Unity, Faith, Service, and Fraternity.

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Faith Formation

Our *NEW* 2026-2027 Faith Formation Calendar is available [HERE](#).



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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