



For Our Reflection

Growing Through Sacrifice and Generosity: Building the Future Through Faith

Sunday's readings remind us that the future of the Church is built not primarily through buildings, programs, or plans, important as they are, but through hearts transformed by love, sacrifice, and generosity. As we continue reflecting on our new Parish Life Center, we recognize that these efforts serve a greater purpose: helping people encounter Christ and grow as His disciples.

In the Gospel, Jesus identifies the two greatest commandments: to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. These commandments cannot be separated. Genuine love of God naturally leads us to love and serve others.

This love requires sacrifice. It calls us to give our time when we are busy, our attention when we are distracted, our forgiveness when we have been hurt, and our resources when others are in need. True generosity is measured not by the amount we give, but by the love with which we give it.

The first reading from Exodus reminds us of God's special concern for the vulnerable. Caring for those in need is not optional for Christians; it is our response to the generosity God has shown us.

St. Mary Magdalene lived this message. She remained faithful at the Cross when others fled and became the first witness to the Resurrection. Her sacrificial love and courageous witness helped build the early Church because she placed Christ at the center of her life and shared the Good News with others.

We are called to follow her example. Every act of service, every sacrifice made in love, and every gift offered for the good of others strengthens our parish and helps build the Church for future generations.

Let us pray that our buildings, programs, prayers, and sacraments draw us closer to Christ and to one another, inspiring us to grow in love and care for those most in need.

Deacon Joe Sebik

[**Giving Portal**](#)

This Week

Introducing My Parish, Our New Parishioner Portal!

We're excited to introduce **My Parish**, a new online portal that makes it easier for parishioners to access and manage their parish information. Through My Parish, you can view your 2026 offerings and

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contributions and keep your family's contact information, including your address and phone number, up to date.

Be on the lookout for an email invitation from Saint Mary Magdalene via Ministry Brands with instructions to create your account. Be sure to check your spam folder if you don't see it in your inbox.

Haven't received your invitation? Please email myparishinvite@stmm.me to request one.

Want to learn more? [Click here](#) for an introduction to My Parish.

Weekend Mass Schedule

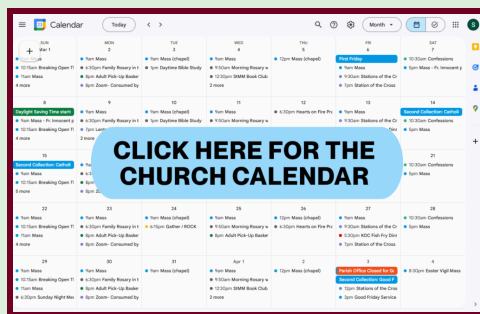


Saturday
10:30 AM - Confessions
5:00 PM - Mass
Sunday
9:00 AM - Mass
11:00 AM - Mass
6:00 PM - Youth Mass

Click [HERE](#) to livestream our **9:00 AM Sunday Mass** and our **Mon/Wed/Fri** weekday Masses.

Music for the weekend Masses*

Gathering: Lift Up Your Hearts
Responsorial Psalm: 18 I Love You Lord
Preparation: Goodness of God
Communion 1: Restless
Communion 2: Hold On To Love
Communion 3: I Know The Lord Will Provide
Sending Forth: House of the Lord



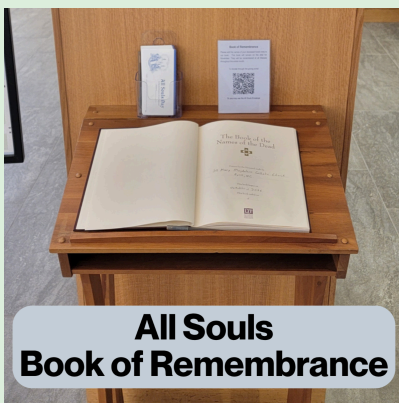
See What's Happening at StMM!

Stay up to date on all the latest happenings at St. Mary Magdalene by exploring our interactive parish calendar! Simply click on any event in the calendar to view more information and details.



Flowers This Week

Help bring beauty to our altar and church by **donating flowers** for weekend Masses. Flowers may be given in celebration of a special occasion or in honor or memory of a loved one. When flowers are donated, the donor's name and occasion are included in the weekly eNews. Please [click here](#) to sign up. Questions? floralministry@stmm.net.



All Souls Book of Remembrance

St. Mary Magdalene Book of Remembrance

During October, visit the back of the church before or after any Mass to add the names of your deceased loved ones to our All Souls Book of Remembrance. Throughout November, those who are inscribed in the book will be remembered in prayer at all Masses.

All Souls' Day is Monday, November 2. We will celebrate two Masses that day, at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

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

Magdala Teen, Youth & Education

Promises Promised!

STMM CHRISTMAS MUSICAL & PAGEANT
5:30 PM ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2026

Join us this Advent Season ...
put the word of God on everyone's lips and joyfully
share the story of our salvation with all generations!

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PARTICIPANT SIGN UP

REHEARSAL INFORMATION

Tues, 10/20 | 5:30-6:15 pm ALL CAST

Tues, 11/3 (NO Gather/ROCK this evening)
5-6pm Small Groups & 6-7:30pm ALL CAST

Tues, 11/10 | 5:30-6:15 pm ALL CAST

Tues, 11/17 | 5:30-6:15 pm ALL CAST

Tues, 11/24 (NO Gather/ROCK this evening)
5-6pm Small Groups & 6-7:30pm ALL CAST

ALL CAST Mandatory Dress Rehearsal: Tues, 12/1
5:30-7:30 pm - Cast will rehearse for Gather & ROCK

ALL ARE WELCOME
AGES KINDERGARTEN AND UP
QUESTIONS: MUSIC@STMM.NET



Be a part of our musical and pageant,
Promises Promised! Everyone is invited
to bring the story of our salvation to life
through music, dance, and the Christmas
story. Sign up to participate [HERE!](#)
Questions? Contact music@stmm.net.

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

**More information about our Faith
Formation programs can be found
on our website at
stmm.church/religious-ed**

Next Night of

GATHER
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Jesus

Tuesday
Oct. 27

6:15 pm
Church

Magdala Stewardship

Parish Life Center

Amount: \$ _____

Envelope No. _____

Name _____

Address _____

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church • Apex, NC



Are you making a payment toward 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 and at the parish office, or they can be mailed to you
upon request. **Thank you for your continued generosity and support!**



Would you like to set up an automatic bank 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 our
entire parish community.

**WANT TO
ADVERTISE
IN OUR**

**Advertise in Our New Parish
Bulletin**

Something new is coming to St. Mary Magdalene! Beginning the first weekend of Advent, we will have a printed parish bulletin available after all weekend Masses, offering another way to stay connected with parish life.

Advertising opportunities are now available! Local businesses and professionals are invited to advertise in the bulletin, connect with our parish community, and support this new parish resource.

Interested in advertising in our new bulletin? Email tuning@stmm.net for more information.

Magdala Ministry and Group Events

OCTOBER



**Pray with
Fr. Randy &
Fr. Francis**

**Join our priests in prayer at the
Raleigh 40 Days for Life Vigil**

The 40 Days for Life ministry consists of simple prayer and fasting to end abortion. Our location is on the **wooded traffic island at the top of Drake Circle, Raleigh**, across from "A Woman's Choice" abortion business. The location is suburban, safe and shaded, and parking is easy. Parking is not allowed on Drake Circle but available around the corner on Harden Rd.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Fr. Randy joined the vigil on Wednesday, October 21.

Fr. Francis will join the vigil on Monday, October 26, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

For more information visit the 40 Days for Life website [HERE](#).

Liturgical Ministry Coordinators

**Invitation to All Liturgical Ministry
Coordinators**

Fr. Randy invites all coordinators of Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion serving at the 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass and the 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 6:00 PM Sunday Masses to a meeting on **Wednesday, October 28, at 7 PM in Church Room 1.**

NOVEMBER



The Care for God's Planet team is pleased to announce that the Diocese of Raleigh has published its Laudato Si Action Plan to help bring the faithful into right relationship with God's Creation. The plan highlights Diocese achievements and goals as well as suggestions for parishes and households. Learn more [HERE](#).

Are you feeling called to help StMM take better care of **God's Creation**? Join us at **7pm Thursday, November 12**, in Church Room 1 to learn more about this wonderful ministry. If interested, please email StMMCareForGodsPlanet@gmail.com.



Columbiettes' Annual Advent Sale

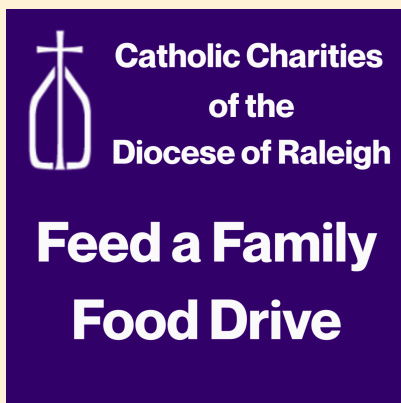
Get ready for the sacred and holy season of Advent with one-of-a-kind gifts, Advent calendars, and wreaths.

The Columbiettes will have the following items for sale before and after the weekend Masses on November 14 & 15:

- *Advent wreaths in various colors & designs
- *Advent candles blessed by Father Randy
- *Hand-carved wood & mosaic wall crucifixes
- *Hand-crafted rosaries, chaplets & rosary bracelets

- *Children's Advent calendars with nut-free chocolates
- *Advent puzzle calendars
- *AND MORE!

PARISH LIFE



THANK YOU from CPO!

On behalf of the people we serve at Catholic Parish Outreach, we want to thank your parish and school for the generous donations received during the St. Mary Magdalene food drive. The response from your parish was wonderful, with a donation of **3,775 pounds and \$2,615 for families in need!**

In the fiscal year of 2026, CPO gave **a week's worth of groceries to over 143,000 people!** Our outreach ministry to those in need would not be possible without the assistance of the members of our community and parishes. We are blessed by your devotion to helping the food insecure in our midst.

Do You Have Questions About the Catholic Faith?

Is there something about the Catholic faith that you've always wondered about? A Church teaching you'd like to better understand? A question about the Mass, Scripture, prayer, the sacraments, or why Catholics believe or do certain things?

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

We want to hear your questions!

One of our clergy will answer a submitted question, and the response will be shared right here in the ENews.

Submitted questions are completely anonymous. No name, email address, or other identifying information will be collected when you submit your question. You can submit your questions [HERE](#).



We're Ready for Volunteers!

We're excited to begin building our volunteer team for the new Children's Ministry at St. Mary Magdalene! Volunteers will help us create a welcoming and caring space for our youngest parishioners while their families attend Mass.

We're planning to begin in **November 2026**, offering care for children ages **0-5 during the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass**. We're still working out the schedule and room details, and before the ministry begins, we'll share those plans and hold a volunteer orientation so everyone feels prepared and knows what to expect.

A strong volunteer team will help us offer consistent care while keeping the commitment manageable for everyone. If you enjoy working with children and would like to be part of this new ministry, we'd love to have you!

Ready to volunteer? Please fill out the [Volunteer Interest Form](#) and let us know where your interests lie.

We're excited to build this new ministry together and provide this service for the families of our parish!



Happy Respect Life Month!

At Walking With Moms in Need/ Gabriel Project (WWMiN) we are privileged to accompany mothers and their babies through pregnancy, the first year of their baby's life and beyond. All this is made possible with the help and support of our generous STMM community. Please read the story of Maria, one of the moms we have walked with:

Maria came to us from St. Michael's, where she and her family are parishioners. They arrived in the US from Guatemala a few years ago. Her husband, Miguel, works hard to support a growing family of

three daughters. From angel visits during her pregnancy last year, a baby shower before Valentina was born, and Christmas gifts for the girls last year, Maria is grateful for the love and support they have received from WWMiN here at STMM. In fact, Maria has been instrumental in referring other at-risk pregnant mothers in her community to our ministry.

If you are interested in learning more about what we do or to join us, **please come to our next meeting, November 8, 2026, from 10:15-11:30 in Church Room 1** or email us at gabrielproject@stmm.me

Winter basketball registration with Parish Athletics is now open!



Sign up [HERE](#).

There are some changes to the winter format: PreK through 4th grade will now only meet on Saturdays for a joint practice followed by a game. 5th & 6th grade teams will have one weeknight practice and games on Friday nights.

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (4-year-olds) through 6th grade.

Dates: December - February.

Location: St. Mary Magdalene in Apex

Cost: PreK-2nd Grade \$70

3rd & 4th: \$80

5th & 6th Grade \$85

A Peal for Peace



prayer, and hope.

A Peal for Peace

Since September, our church has participated in A Peal for Peace, a public witness rooted in faith and our shared hope for peace.

On the first Monday of each month through November, our church bells will ring from 6:00–6:15 PM, inviting all people and faith communities to pause wherever they are—to pray, reflect, and hope together for peace.

In a world often marked by conflict and division, may the sound of our bells be a simple but powerful reminder that we are called to be people of peace,

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.
- Breaking Open The Word is a new weekly Gospel discussion group that is held after the 9:00 AM 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. Campaign and donation information can be found [HERE](#).
- 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 2026 StMM Annual Stewardship Report is available on our website.
- Are you curious about Altar Serving at StMM and what Altar Servers do? Click here to learn more about the different roles and responsibilities of an Altar Server.

SCHOOL

- Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? Campus tour appointments are now being scheduled! Join us to learn more
- StMM School is seeking a Part-Time Aftercare Assistant Teacher for PK3 through Grade 8 students in the afternoon.

about our school and discover all that we have to offer your family. Applications for the 2027-2028 school year are now open.

- StMM School is hiring substitute teachers for the 2026-2027 school year. All grade levels are needed. Click here for more information.

- We Saved YOU a Seat! Watch this short video announcing that applications are now open for prospective students at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School!

GROUPS & MINISTRIES

- First Friday Eucharistic Adoration is a great way to spend meaningful time with our Lord. Adorers are needed, especially from 5 to 6 PM, so please consider signing up. Email Anita at alanitabecker@aol.com.
- The Columbiettes at StMM make custom rosaries, chaplets, and rosary bracelets. For more information, email them [HERE](#).
- The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will take place on November 6 - 8 at Emerald Isle.
- Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Traveling St. John Vianney Ministry: Sign up to host a beautiful St. John Vianney statue in your home for a month while you pray for our priests.
- The StMM Prayer Ministry lifts up the needs of our parish community through prayer. To join or submit a prayer request, please go [HERE](#).

DIOCESAN & LOCAL EVENTS

- A Night of Light will be presented at St Andrew's by the Msgr. Michael Carey Columbiettes Council 6650 on Friday, October 30, with proceeds benefiting their sponsored charities.
- The next Triangle Women's Morning Retreat, Jesus Declares The Greatest Commandment, is on October 24, held at St. Andrew's Care Center.
- A Pro-Life Gala benefiting Be Not Afraid, a ministry helping families facing a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis, will be held on Saturday, December 5.
- Would you like to learn more about adoption or foster care? An information session will be held at St. Michael's on Saturday, November 7.
- Project Rachel Support Group: hope and healing after an abortion.
- Join Bishop Luis Zarama on a Catholic pilgrimage to Hungary and Poland, October 4-14, 2027, and journey together through lands rich in faith and history.
- St. Francis Catholic Church is hosting a three-day Elevated Parish Mission from October 25 - 27. For more information and to register, go [HERE](#).
- Cardinal Gibbons is currently accepting applications for its rising 9th-grade class and will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, November 1, for prospective high school students and their families.
- JobWorks Career Ministry is hosting two events in November: Guest speaker Russell Scott on November 12 and a networking event on November 14.

PHOTOS



The Mulholland Columbiettes joyfully welcomed 10 new sisters at a ceremony on 10/14. From left... Sandy Cerretti, Angela Chapman, Elizabeth Hall, Melanie Fortner, Branka Banther, Diane Mucci, Mary Junge, Yvette Vagle, Chioma Anusionwu, Megan Turner. Also shown: Columbiettes officers, guides, Deacon Rick and KofC Deputy Grand Knight Joe Doran.



Congratulations to Genevieve and Jim Liebler, who celebrated their wedding on October 17, with Fr. Francis officiating.



Congratulations to Finnley Campbell Webber, who was baptized on Saturday, October 17, 2026.



Congratulations to Julia Grace Hoyle, who was baptized on Saturday, October 17, 2026.



Congratulations to Dominic Vincent Izzo, who was baptized on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

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