St. Mary Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 30, 2026



All Saints and New Families

Every year, on All Saints' Day, we celebrate the countless men and women who lived their lives close to God. Some are well-known saints, like St. Francis, St. Thérèse, and our patroness, St. Mary Magdalene. Others are ordinary people whose names we may never know—parents, grandparents, teachers, neighbors, and friends who quietly lived with faith, kindness, and love.

The saints remind us of something beautiful: **Holiness is not only for a few special people. It is a calling for all of us.** We do not have to be perfect to become saints. We simply need to keep saying yes to God in the ordinary moments of life.

This celebration also reminds us that the Church is one big family. We belong to one another, and together we journey toward heaven.

Here at St. Mary Magdalene, we are blessed to welcome new individuals and families into our parish community. To all who have recently joined us, **welcome home!** We are grateful that God has brought you into our family of faith.

My hope is that StMM will be more than a place where you attend Sunday Mass. May it become a spiritual home where you are known, welcomed, loved, and encouraged to grow in faith.

To our longtime parishioners, I offer a simple invitation: reach out to someone you do not know. Introduce yourself. Share a smile. Invite a new family to participate in parish life. Sometimes, a simple welcome can open the door to a lifelong friendship and a deeper relationship with Christ.

As we celebrate All Saints, let us remember that **saints are not made alone. We help one another become holy.**

Together, as one parish family, **we pray, we learn, and we care.**

May St. Mary Magdalene and all the saints pray for us!

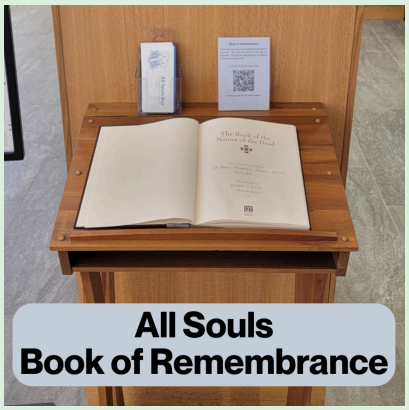
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Giving Portal

This Week

SATURDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ENTER NAMES INTO THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AND MAKE DONATIONS

*FOR ALL SOULS' DAY**



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.

ANNOUNCEMENT



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 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



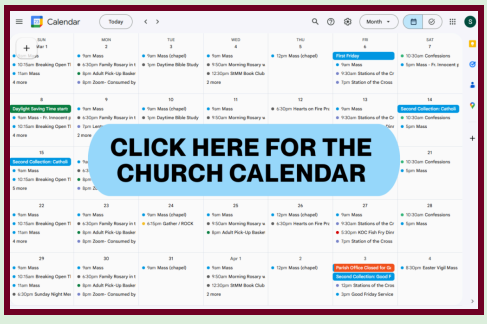
Saturday
10:30 AM - Confessions
5:00 PM - Mass
Sunday
9:00 AM - Mass
11:00 AM - Mass
6:00 PM - Youth Mass

All Souls Day, Monday, November 2
9:00 AM - Mass
7:00 PM - Mass

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

Music for the weekend Masses*

Entrance Antiphon
Gathering: Sing With All The Saints
Responsorial Psalm: 24 Lord we Long for your Face
Preparation: The Lord is My Light
Communion Antiphon
Communion 1: Litany of Saints
Communion 2: O God My Soul Is Thirsting
Sending Forth: Praise



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.

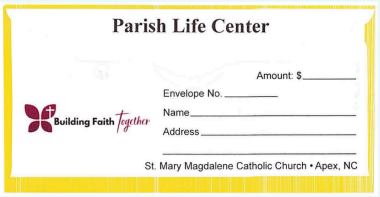
Flowers This Week

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**.

This week's altar flowers are donated by Karen Kovacs in loving memory of Donald A. Kovacs.

Magdala Stewardship





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.



Magdala Teen, Youth & Education



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



Magdala Ministry and Group Events

NOVEMBER

Altar Server Training

Fr. Randy invites all **new and current altar servers** to attend training in the church on **Wednesday, November 4, at 6:30 PM.** Stay afterward and enjoy pizza for dinner in the narthex!

An alternate training session will be held on Thursday, November 5, at 3:15 PM.



Please RSVP by emailing **prewitt@stmm.net**. A sign-in sheet will also be available at training.

Parish Athletics Shop Weekend - 20% OFF Throughout the Store! Friday, November 6 through Monday, November 9- Coupon valid at ALL Raleigh area DICK'S & DICK'S House of Sport Store Locations

Save the date! Our partner, DICK'S Sporting Goods, is offering all our members an exclusive discount of 20% off throughout the store! Be sure to grab all the things you will need for the upcoming season as well as all the other items that you have had your eyes on! To access exclusive savings, click the coupon linked below. The coupon is valid in-store on the dates above and must be shown at the register during checkout.

CLICK HERE FOR YOUR IN-STORE COUPON

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's 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 **7:00 PM on 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 and 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!

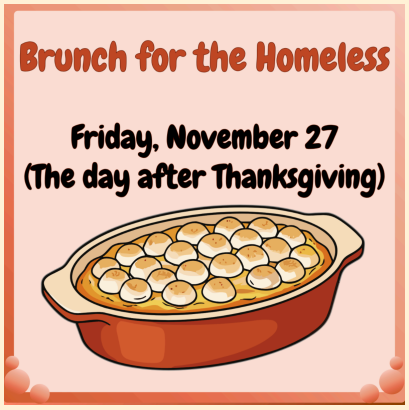


Catholic Senior Organization

The Catholic Senior Organization (CSO) invites women and men ages 60+ to join us for fellowship, faith sharing, outings, and fun! CSO meets on the third Monday of each month, September through May.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 16, from 10:30 AM to noon in the Church Narthex.

Interested in joining? For more information and a complete meeting schedule, please contact Jim Schultz at **954-649-0194** or Fran Hughes at **gmomfran@gmail.com**.



For the third consecutive year, four Catholic churches in the Apex/Cary area will come together to provide a Thanksgiving brunch the day after Thanksgiving for 300 neighbors experiencing homelessness at **Oak City Cares**.

St. Mary Magdalene has been asked to provide 37 pans of French Toast Casserole, and we need 37 individuals or families to help! Pans and recipes will be distributed after Masses the weekend of November 14 and 15. **Prepared and fully cooked casseroles should be delivered to St. Mary Magdalene School on Tuesday, November 24, between 3:00 and 6:00 PM.** The Knights of Columbus will handle storage, reheating, and delivery.

Christmas cards and $15 gift cards to **A Place at the Table** will also be available for purchase on November 14 and 21 to be given to brunch guests.

Sign up to prepare a casserole

Questions? Contact Mark Swallow at **mswal2846@gmail.com**. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!



Orientation and Training for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMCs)

We sincerely thank all parishioners who **recently signed up to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMCs).**

There will be an orientation and training intended for those who have just signed up to become EMCs. We invite you to attend on **Monday, November 30, at 7:00 PM in the church.**

The session will include a reflection on the sacred meaning of this ministry, an explanation of its responsibilities, and practical training to help you serve with reverence and confidence.

If you have not yet signed up but are curious to learn more about this ministry, you are most welcome to join us! This is a wonderful opportunity to discover what it means to serve Christ and our parish community through the Eucharist, without any obligation to commit.

PARISH LIFE



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?

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!



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

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, prayer, and hope.

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 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.**
- **StMM School is seeking a Part-Time Aftercare Assistant Teacher for PK3 through Grade 8 students in the afternoon.**
- **We Saved YOU a Seat! Watch this short video announcing that applications are now open for prospective students at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School!**
- **Would you like to learn more about what happens at StMM school? There are some exciting new programs this year and lots of ways our students are putting their faith into action.**

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.
- 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.
- The next Power and Purpose conference will be held June 11 - 13 at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio.
- 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.
- Project Rachel Support Group: hope and healing after an abortion.
- Project Rachel is hosting a retreat January 8 through 10, offering confidential support and guidance. For more information and to register, please go HERE.
- 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.
- 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



Congratulations to Natalie and Sean Briggs, who celebrated their wedding on October 24, 2026, with Fr. Francis and Fr. Roman presiding.



This past Monday morning, 12 parishioners joined Fr. Francis outside a Raleigh abortion center to pray the Rosary for an end to abortion as part of the 40 Days for Life campaign.



Names left to right:
Father Randy, Mike, Ryan Peterman, Kenneth Niebauer, Tyler Hirt, Trevor Hirt, Damon Tragni, Austin Hill, and Jacob Hill

The Knights of Columbus reverently welcomed 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 Ryan Peterman, Kenneth Niebauer, Tyler Hirt, Trevor Hirt, Damon Tragni, Austin Hill, Jacob Hill as they begin their journey with our Order.
We also recognize and thank David Tate, who served as the 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.
If you are interested in joining, please sign up online **HERE** referencing Council 7186 or email our membership director **stevefitzhenry@outlook.com**

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